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NOT BY MIGHT,
NOR BY POWER,
BUT BY MY SPIRIT,
SAITH THE LORD

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The Lord Our Healer

A recent news item concerning the Red Cross reminded us once again of the mighty miracle-working power of our God. Who but He can restore sight to the blind, health to the sick, and life to paralyzed limbs?

We marvel at the ability of medical science to combat disease, but man's power is limited. There are damages to the human body that only the Maker can repair. Why then do Christian people run to the doctor every time they feel a pain instead of taking their troubles to the Lord in prayer? Does the Bible not say we should talk to God about everything? It may be, after we have prayed about our physical problems, that He will direct us to seek medical help at certain times, or it may be that He will ask us to leave the problem in His hands—He never asks His children to do anything foolish—but we should resort to Him first and be sure to do all the Word tells us to do before we resort to other sources of help.

The American National Red Cross has decided that the Biblical method of resuscitation is better than any of the complicated ways which have been attempted by modern medicine. The Red Cross, in announcing it is abandoning pulmotors, manual respiration, and other methods in favor of direct mouth-to-mouth breathing into the lungs of the unconscious drowning or shock victim, called attention to the story in 2 Kings 4:34, 35 concerning the Shunamite woman. Her son had died of sunstroke. The Bible says the prophet Elisha laid himself upon the child, put his mouth upon the child's mouth, and his eyes upon its eyes, and his hands on its hands, and the child's flesh became warm. Elisha repeated this, and life returned to the dead child.

The Red Cross decided two years ago that direct mouth-to-mouth respiration was more successful for infants and small children than the other more complicated methods. Now in a new supplement to the Red Cross First Aid Textbook it is recommending the method as best for adults too.

But let all first-aid workers be warned of one thing. The method will not revive a body that has ceased to breathe and is cold in death. It was not Elisha's breath or the warmth of his body that revived the Shunamite woman's son. The Bible narrative indicates that the child had been dead for many hours before Elisha ministered to him. Elisha's act in breathing into his nostrils was a symbol of the Source of all life. After God made man He "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Unless God breathes on a body it cannot live. Unless God lays His hand on a sick person it is useless for elders to lay their hands upon him. Unless God sends His blessing upon an afflicted body it is useless to lay blest handkerchiefs upon it. Oil, handkerchiefs, the hands of men—all these are but symbols. Only God can perform miracles of healing. Men may have a part to play, but God must have the glory. Our faith must be in Him, not in men, and not in methods and materials men may use. His word to us is, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

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The more we enlarge
our tent, the
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must be

ISAIAH BORROWED A FIGURE FROM THE tent life so well known to the people of his day when he wrote, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes" (Isaiah 54:2).

Nowadays when a family increases it may become necessary to build an extra room on the house. In those days, the tent was proportionately enlarged, requiring longer cords and stronger stakes.

In this text, God takes the illustration far beyond the individual family and applies it to the whole nation of Israel. To a discouraged people the prophet shouted a challenge to prepare for growth, clinching his message with a divine promise in the next verse, "For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited."

This passage has often been used to picture the growth of the Church, and certainly this is very fitting. It seems especially appropriate in relation to one of the religious world's youngest, most dynamic movements—Pentecost! How we do praise God for what has happened in a little over half a century. Pentecost had small, despised beginnings, but under God this movement



STRENGTHEN THE STAKES

By KENNETH BARNEY, Lubbock, Texas

has been breaking forth on the right hand and on the left! The Lord is doing a great thing in the world!

The lengthened cords are represented by our foreign missionary advance, our home missionary progress, our Sunday school growth, our evangelistic efforts, our literature program, our Speed-the-Light triumphs, and every other outreach for souls. The family is growing; there must be more room! It is a thrilling picture indeed.

But do not forget the other admonition: "Strengthen thy stakes." The larger the tent, the stronger the stakes had to be. Strong desert winds could uproot weak stakes or those not driven deeply enough. Had the man of the house merely lengthened the cords without making stronger stakes, he would have awakened some night in the middle of a storm to find that the whole tent had blown away!

Is there not an important lesson for us in this unique picture from the pen of the inspired prophet? Along with enlargement there must be *consolidation*. A multitude of armed men do not make an army. There must be training, learning, a dedication to leadership. A large crowd of people with Pentecostal expressions on their lips does not necessarily constitute a Pentecostal church after Christ's standards. We must strengthen our stakes as well as lengthen our cords. We must spare no effort to provide for *permanence and stability, as well as increase*.

Let us strengthen the stake of *personal spirituality*. We cannot go on momentum for long. Our daily devotions must be diligently observed.

Our prayer life and private Bible study must not be neglected. We need to keep the tide of spirituality high in our everyday living. There is danger that we may become occupied with the thrill of being caught up in something big and fast-moving and forget to keep our own souls fed.

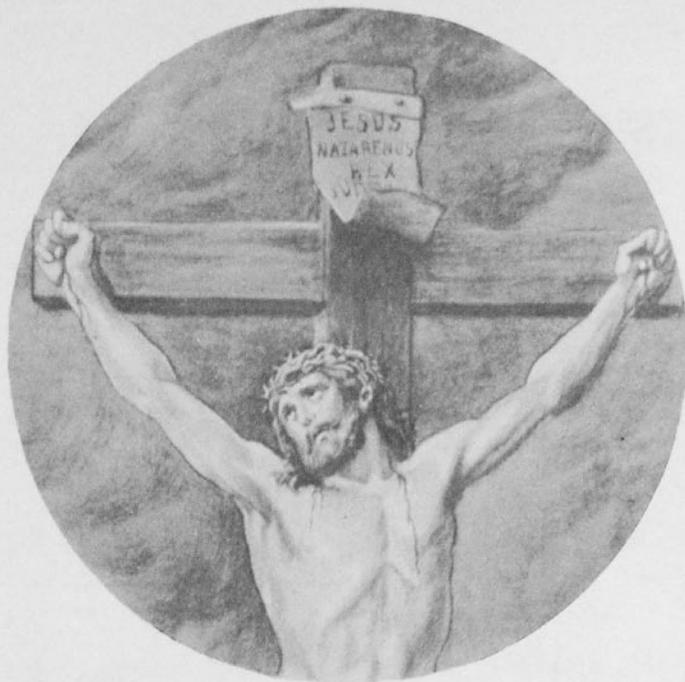
We must also strengthen the stake of *doctrinal integrity*. Doctrine is important. The Bible has much to say about it. Jesus warned His followers to beware of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees, which He compared to leaven. Paul told the Romans to "mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them." He cautioned the Ephesians against being "tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine." The Pentecostal movement, in the past, has had to withstand some severe storms generated by perverted doctrine. Some of these storms are blowing here and there today, and very likely will appear now and again until the end of time. Unless we strengthen the stakes of doctrinal integrity, these treacherous winds could quickly blow away everything for which our pioneers have labored. It is a matter to be taken seriously.

Then there is the stake of *local church loyalty*, which certainly needs to be strengthened if permanence is to be realized in our growth. Our movement stands or falls with the success or failure of the local church. It is well and sometimes necessary to expend time and money on programs

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BIBLE VERSE

HAGGAI 2:4 and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts.



The Holy Spirit and Calvary

By **ROBERT W. CUMMINGS**

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centrated their attack upon the Son of Man to destroy Him and the whole human race which He represented in the Atonement.

Therefore it was expedient that the Messiah go back to the Father in order that He might send the Holy Spirit, the Promise of the Father. This great divine Teacher would take the things of Christ and reveal them to those who should believe on His name. Human eyes, unless illumined by the Spirit of Light, could only see the superficial, surface happenings at Calvary. The great victories that were won in the real of the Spirit, the great issues that were settled, could never be comprehended by the natural mind of man.

Therefore, if Jesus wanted witnesses as to what took place in the spiritual realm at Calvary, He had to send heavenly power to those whom He chose as witnesses in order to enlighten the eyes of their hearts.

If the whole human race were in the grip of leprosy and slowly but inevitably approaching destruction, and if suddenly a cure for the disease were discovered, that discovery would become the most important event in history up to that time. So Calvary, God's remedy for all the ills that curse the spirits, minds, and bodies of mankind stands unchallenged as an event infinitely greater than any other event of human history. And wonder of wonders, it was for me personally! It was for you! Nothing of greater significance to any of us has ever taken place or could ever take place. This is the reason it is imperative that we know what occurred at that cross.

Consider the statements of the Word of God as to what took place when Christ suffered and died as the Lamb of God:

He took away the sin of the world. He bore your sins and mine in His own body on the cross (1 Peter 2:24). God made Him to be sin on our behalf, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21). The wrath of God was diverted from us and transferred to Him (Romans 5:9). Guilt and condemnation were removed from our consciences by His blood (Hebrews 10:19, 22; Romans 8:1).

The cruel crown of thorns, symbol of the curse that sin brought to this earth, was lifted from your head and mine and placed on His holy brow, for "He was made a curse for us . . .

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OUR HEAVENLY FATHER KNEW that no natural intelligence, however keen its perceptive powers, would ever be able to appreciate or even understand the crucifixion of the Son of God. He also knew that many would be astonished as they looked upon Him, arrested with awesome amazement in the presence of Him whose visage was marred more than that of any man. He knew that multitudes would cry out with the hymn writer:

*"Oh, teach me what it meaneth,
That cross uplifted high
With One, a Man of sorrows,
Condemned to bleed and die."*

The Son of God had prophesied that when He was lifted up, all men would be drawn to Him; and down through the ages and all over the globe that wonderful cross has transfixed the gaze of multiplied thousands. And because the Father knew that our souls would crave a true and deep understanding of the mystery hidden in the historical cross, He gave us His wonderful textbook, the Bible, and sent the Holy Spirit Himself to unfold to us the secrets of Calvary.

Before He went away, our Redeemer impressed upon His disciples the fact that they were to be His witnesses. They were chosen that they might go to every creature and witness to the things they had seen and heard concerning Christ. This testimony was to

center around four points which constituted the New Testament gospel:

1. That Jesus of Nazareth was the long-foretold, long-awaited Messiah, Redeemer, and Son of God.

2. That He died for the remission of our sins, according to the Scriptures.

3. That He was buried.

4. That He was raised from the dead the third day according to the Scriptures.

This was the unceasing proclamation of the early Christians. It was the theme of every sermon or statement made by Peter to the people of Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost and thereafter. It was the gospel that Paul preached, the theme of all his marvelous letters. The Early Church was gripped by this gospel and by a compulsion to tell it abroad. Moreover, the Holy Spirit had come down from heaven to be a witness along with them of these, the greatest events of human and divine history. Out of the supreme tragedy of the race, the rejection and crucifixion of their own God, had come forth the new creation, the Church of the Firstborn.

No human eyes could see the cosmic forces that were hurled against the Son of Man as He hung upon that cross. No human mind could understand the principalities and powers, the armies of the kingdom of darkness and evil, the forces of Antichrist which con-

The Believer's Glorified Body

BY HARRY J. STEIL
South Gate, California

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

THE BELIEVER IN CHRIST DOES NOT have to fear the dissolving of "the earthly house of this tabernacle" for we have "a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Blunt American colloquialism puts it this way on the tombstone of one Jonathan Pease:

*"Here lies the body of Jonathan Pease,
Under the sky, beneath the trees;
Pease is not here—only his pod,
Pease has shelled out and gone to God."*

Now let us examine in detail Paul's fourfold statement about our resurrection bodies, as set forth in 1 Corinthians 15:42-45.

1. *We shall have an incorruptible body.* Years ago we read a book entitled, "How to Live to Be a Hundred." The book had been written by a man who spent a lifetime devising a non-toxic diet to prolong human life. Unhappily, the author died at the age of sixty-seven! Like all other children of Adam, he had a corruptible body. Thank God, through the last Adam

we shall have an incorruptible one.

Some of us recall the amazing exploits of Harry Houdini, the great magician. He was inordinately proud of his "indestructible" body. Many times he would challenge someone in the audience to step up and strike him in the abdomen. He believed he had a cast-iron wall of muscles that was impervious to such blows.

The last such incident occurred in Detroit, Mich. A young man responded to his challenge and struck Houdini. The "indestructible man" doubled up in pain. He was rushed to a hospital and peritonitis claimed his life a few days later. None of Adam's race is exempt from this corruptible body.

How long would even the healthiest baby live if the divine Creator had not endowed it with skin pores, lungs, and other organs by which its body could throw off the toxins of corruption? We are born with the sentence of death in our bodies. "In the midst of life we are in death."

2. *We shall have a glorified body.* "That it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body," as compared to our present bodies of "dishonor" or "humiliation." A few years ago the writer officiated at the memorial service of a beloved friend, a deacon in the church. We committed his body to the ground, "earth to earth, dust to dust." If any man should have lived longer, it would seem that he should have. He scrupulously observed all the laws of diet and the eating of non-toxic foods. Still, he failed to reach "threescore years and ten" by some years. Why? Because, like the rest of us, his immortal spirit inhabited a body of humiliation. But one day he, along with all believers, shall have a glorified body, a body like that of our risen Lord,

eternally vigorous, eternally youthful, eternally incorruptible!

3. *We shall have a powerful body.* Our present body is one of weakness. We are told that it takes a million pounds of explosive fuel to orbit a thirty-pound satellite above our earth, plus the combined technical knowledge of thousands of scientists and engineers. We marvel at such power, but in contrast with the power of God who has flung into infinite space countless stars and planets it is so little. Man-made moons remain in space for a short time, then fail and disintegrate. God's planets have been whirling in orbit for *ages!* This same divine power will motivate our glorified bodies. They, like that of our risen Lord's, will defy the laws of gravity and density (John 20:19; Acts 1:9).

4. *It shall be a Spirit-energized body.* We must not construe the term "spiritual body" to mean that our resurrection bodies shall be ethereal, or that we shall be disembodied spirits. After His resurrection, Jesus invited His fearful disciples who supposed He was a disembodied spirit to "handle me and see. A spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have" (Luke 24:39).

Why did He not say "flesh and blood"? Our natural, Adamic body depends upon the blood stream for its life: "The life of all flesh is in the blood" (Leviticus 17:14). Our resurrection bodies shall derive their life and energy from the greatest source of energy in God's universe: the Holy Spirit of power.

The U. S. submarine *Nautilus* traveled over 100,000 miles under water, driven by atomic energy derived from material as small as a man's fist. But hallelujah, our energy will be derived from the One who *created* atomic power, the Spirit, Himself.

Now let us ask ourselves a question. Why is God going to endow us with bodies which will be a million times more powerful, more glorious, more energetic than our natural bodies? Since God abominates wastefulness, there must be a good reason. Might it not be that He has work for us to do, glorious missions to accomplish for Him in the ages to come? (Ephesians 2:7).

Years ago we read "The Tired Woman's Poem," which was written by an overworked housewife with a large family as she sat wearily contemplating the stacks of unwashed clothes and

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A Psalm of Testimony

BY BARTLETT PETERSON

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THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM IS DAVID'S testimony. "The Lord is my shepherd," he said, "I shall not want," and his recitation of God's blessings was coupled with rejoicing and deepest gratitude.

David's manner of testifying to the goodness of the Lord resembles that of the saints of all ages. Where did testifying originate? At the Tomb? At the Manger? With the Samaritan woman? With Stephen? With Paul before Agrippa? Nay, it antedates all of these!

Personal testimony has been characteristic of all who have walked with God since the dawn of Creation. It has been expressed by life, by words, by worship, and by glorious song. Wherever the Church has erected altars, people have assembled to testify and sing the praises of God. By spontaneous song and heartfelt testimony the Church has conquered where dogma, liturgy, and program have failed. We are told that a certain tribe of Indians which had protested that they could not accept the doctrines of the Church soon found themselves overcome by her inspiring songs.

While Israel stood safely on the banks of the waters which covered the enemy, Moses sang! In celebration of victory Deborah and Barak sang! At the Saviour's coming, angels sang; and Mary, and even old Simeon, must have echoed their joyful songs! But the Church can sing under trying circumstances too. With bleeding backs in a dark dungeon Paul and Silas sang the testimony of the One who is eternally faithful. Surely, song and testimony belong to the redeemed.

Both the Church and the world need the voice of song. The people with whom we mingle daily bear heavy burdens, often hidden from our eyes. The song of the Christian can lighten their load. Song, therefore, must be a large part of our daily program. Sing and

make melody within the heart! Sing louder! Sing victoriously!

Concerning the twenty-third Psalm, Alexander MacLaren said, "The world could better spare many a large book than this sunny psalm. It has dried many tears and supplied the mould into which many hearts have poured their peaceful faith."

The psalm falls naturally into two main divisions. The first four verses picture the Lord as *Shepherd*; the last two as a generous *Host*.

Observe that David speaks his own language without borrowing speech or expressions. In the same manner he declined to fight in borrowed armor. In verses one through four he speaks the shepherd's language. The expression, "He leadeth me," is suggestive of daily guidance. Could it be that this psalm may have suggested part of the Lord's Prayer, "Lead us not into temptation"?

The "green pastures" and "still waters" suggest daily sustenance as in, "Give us this day our daily bread."



The Hills Ahead

*The hills ahead look hard and steep and high,
And often we behold them with a sigh,
But, as we near them, level grows the road;
We find on every slope, with every load,
The climb is not so steep, the top so far—
The hills ahead look harder than they are.
And so with troubles, though they seem so great*

*That men complain and fear and hesitate,
Less difficult the journey than we dreamed,
It never proves as hard as once it seemed.
There never comes a hill, a task, a day,
But, as we near it, easier the way.*

—By Douglas Malloch



The expression, "I will fear no evil" in verse four, reminds one of "Deliver us from evil."

In verse five, David speaks as a *delivered Israelite*. This same testimony is taken up again in Psalms 75 through 78. The table prepared in the presence of his enemies speaks of security and ample provision. In Psalm 78:19, this same expression is associated with the delivered Israelites. Evidently, considerable geographical territory is under observation in this psalm, but the main setting is, undoubtedly, the wilderness. It is significant then that he speaks of the head being anointed. Oh, Hallelujah! This privilege is not limited to the exalted priest in the tabernacle or temple, but belongs to every child of God, regardless of circumstances or location. The *overflowing cup experience*, of course, has its fulfillment in the *abundant life* made available by our Lord in John 10:10. In verse six, David's testimony acknowledged the cherished privilege of *perpetual benediction*—"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

The ultimate state of satisfaction as expressed in verse six is to "dwell in the house of the Lord forever." What a chasm has been bridged—from the wilderness to the house of the Lord! From a transient camp to a permanent dwelling! From the presence of enemies to the presence of the Lord! This does not suggest an occasional meal, but it is *forever!* View this in the light of the fact that the greatest desire of David was to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of his life (Psalm 27:4).

On barren hillside under a canopy of stars, with pillow of stone, Jacob testified, "This is none other but the house of God!" Knowing the greatest desire of our hearts, Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions:

if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

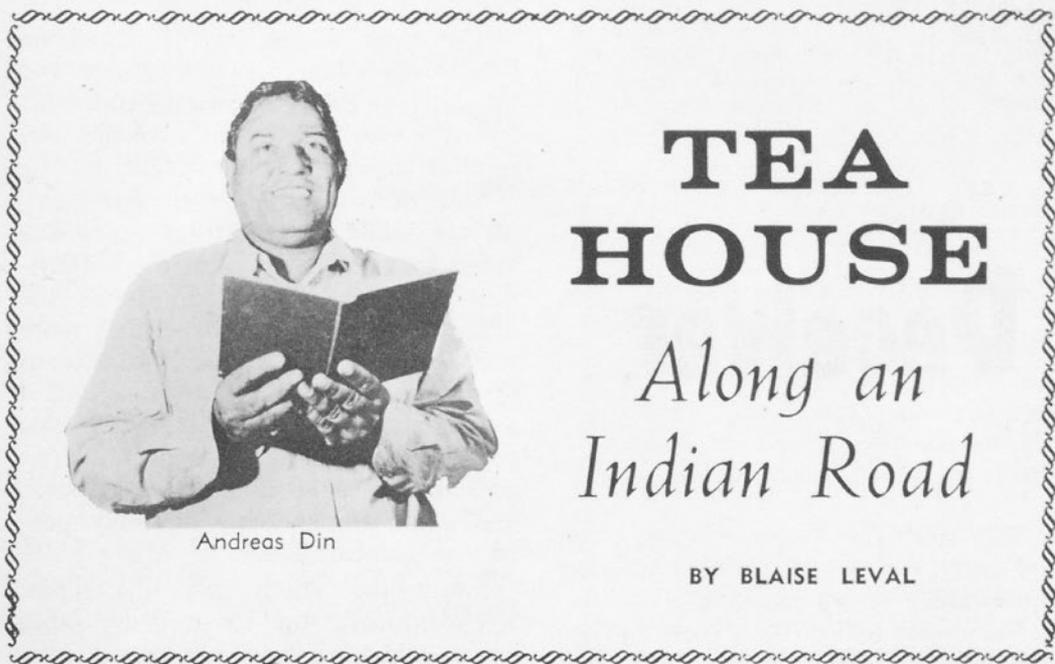
"*And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*" Here in sublime song is the eternal testimony of saints. This is the tenor of all choruses of weary, homesick pilgrims who here "have no continuing city," and who all their lifetime have camped by the

wayside. Now, home at last, their song will rise and swell as the "sound of many waters."

Who will direct us as we sing? Perhaps the sweet singer and author of the twenty-third psalm will be chosen to raise the baton of shimmering silver light and lead us as we sing with utter abandon and unrestrained delight, "I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!" Then will be heard the sturdy echo of a special bass section composed of saints who have often fled

as refugees from famine, pestilence, and sword. Mingled with these will be the voices of redeemed slaves shouting out in melodious, holy tones, "for ever and ever and ever!"

Will there be a soloist! Ah, yes! The clear high tones will likely come from the lone "sheep" who was once lost in bleak wilderness far from home. Make way, angels! Give space, cherubim and seraphim! One who was lost *is home* at last to "*dwell in the house of the Lord—forever!*" ◀◀



Andreas Din

TEA HOUSE

Along an Indian Road

BY BLAISE LEVAL

ANDREAS DIN WAS FORMERLY A Mohammedan priest in charge of a large Moslem temple in South India.

One day, while he was a patient in a mission hospital, he overheard an evangelist preaching. The earnestness of the man and his message haunted him for days afterwards.

Andreas was surprised and pleased when the evangelist visited him in the ward and prayed for his recovery. He was even more surprised when he learned that the evangelist was a former Mohammedan.

After Andreas was discharged from the hospital, he secretly purchased a New Testament. When some of the staunch Moslems discovered that their priest was reading daily from a New Testament they drove him out of the city.

"The shame and degradation of that experience," he said later, "I could not have borne alone. The Lord helped me, even as He promised in His Word."

After his conversion he boldly returned to the city where he had served

as a Mohammedan priest. In order to support himself he opened a tea stall near a crowded bus stop in the bazaar. Andreas decided that he would serve the finest-flavored tea, with an ample amount of undiluted milk and clean sugar.

Near the tea stall is a railway crossing where all buses and trucks must stop. While the bus waits for the train to pass, Andreas enters the bus that is crowded with people and luggage.

"Tea and the Word of God—all for two annas," he calls out as he makes his way through the bus with his portable tea tray.

"This gospel tells you the secret of life. It promises you peace and joy. The secret of life is contained here in this Book. It is nice to drink tea; but he who drinketh of God's Word shall never thirst," he continues, as he waits for them to finish sipping their tea. And the expression of inward peace and gladness in his own life is unmistakable.

Andreas sells on the average 400

printed Gospels each month. It is difficult to keep him supplied.

Occasionally someone in the bus rudely asks Andreas: "How can you possibly do this—you who served us as a Moslem priest? Aren't you ashamed?"

"Ashamed? No. I am gloriously happy. I never dreamed life could be so full of joy. I wonder how I ever was able to live without Christ. I want you to know Him, too," he answers.

Andreas has become a well-known figure, and is winning the respect of the villagers. He is one of the many distributors of the Bible Society of India and Ceylon, which, with the help of the American Bible Society, has distributed 1,297,686 volumes of Scriptures to travelers along the Indian road.

—American Bible Society

HEALED OF NERVOUS TROUBLE

Mrs. Harvey Edmiston of Alton, Ill., began having severe nervous trouble after her husband was called to the army in 1956. Doctors did their best to help her with medicine, but to no avail. When her husband came home on leave, Mrs. Edmiston decided to return with him, but she continued to be very ill.

Her condition became such that shock treatments were prescribed. Doctors gave her papers for her husband to sign, authorizing the treatments. Then, in desperation, this young couple reached out in united faith to touch Jesus for their need. Mrs. Edmiston was healed in answer to prayer, and the shock treatments were no longer needed. They are rejoicing in God's goodness to them.

Mrs. Gertrude Mohr, their pastor, says, "This was a wonderful healing."



SOONER OR LATER, EVERY HOME WILL FEEL THE CRUEL DESTRUCTIVE FORCE OF THE SPREADING LIQUOR EVIL

The Great Deceiver

BY RAYMOND L. COX

ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST DEVASTATING and growing problems is its liquor traffic. Drunkenness abounds. The nation's annual alcohol bill exceeds ten billion dollars.

Especially among young people is drinking on the increase. A recent survey indicated that over fifty per cent of drinking teen-agers learn to drink at home. Whereas in former times drinking parents usually discouraged the habit in their offspring, it seems that now they often pass their children the glasses.

Grace Sloan Overton, an abstainer from alcohol, found herself in a gathering where cocktails were served. The hostess' eight-year-old daughter asked for one, but her parents explained, "Honey, you are not old enough yet to drink."

When Mrs. Overton refused a cocktail, the child asked, quite logically, "Mother, isn't Mrs. Overton old enough to drink either?"

When the gaiety provoked by the query subsided the child's father observed ruefully, "Perhaps the lady is old enough to know better."

Well-deserved was the eight-year-old's innocent rebuke: "Well, Daddy, when will *you and Mother* be old enough to know better?"

The spirit of Paul's warning, "Be not drunk with wine," protests all other intoxicating brews as well.

But nearly half of the American population drinks today. Why? Some begin because it is the popular thing to do. Others yield to the high-pressure advertising which hypnotizes them into imagining that drinking is the trademark of the man of distinction. If that were the case, however, a bowery bum must be regarded as one who just tried too hard to become distinguished!

If John D. Rockefeller could become the world's wealthiest man while remaining a total abstainer, the excuse that drinking is necessary to business success is proved flimsy indeed. More often alcohol ruins promising careers.

Others turn to alcohol for a lift, for courage to face emergencies and problems. But no one has ever yet kept his own spirits up by downing distilled spirits. The man who supposes he is drowning his troubles in alcohol is merely giving them swimming lessons!

The only way a person can be entirely certain to avoid alcoholism is to avoid alcohol entirely. A famous doctor in England, when questioned about moderation, answered, "I can abstain, but I cannot be moderate." Five mil-

lion alcoholics in America have learned this truth to their sorrow. And a large number of America's seventy million so-called moderate social drinkers of today will join the ranks of confirmed alcoholics within the next ten years.

Lord Ryder spotlighted the finished product of the liquor trade. He said: "I recently met him. He was lying in the gutter. He had no hat. The hat trade was suffering. He had no shirt. The cotton trade was suffering. He was dirty. The soap trade was suffering. Indeed, I can hardly mention an industry which was not affected by that man's insobriety."

The man whose past is an open bottle began his dive to disgrace and the devil by taking his first drink. No one will ever become an alcoholic who refrains from the first drink.

Statistics show that ten thousand people are killed by liquor for every one killed by a mad dog. Yet the authorities shoot the dog and license the liquor! Alcoholism is five times more prevalent than cancer, thirty-two times more prevalent than tuberculosis, and a hundred times more prevalent than polio. Yet Americans spend millions annually to fight cancer, tuberculosis, and polio, while doling out only pennies to combat liquor!

Evangeline Booth said that liquor has "drained more blood, hung more crepe, sold more homes, plunged more people into bankruptcy, armed more villains, slain more children, snapped more wedding rings, defiled more innocence, blasted more lives, and dug more graves than any other scourge that has ever swept the world."

Many Christians fold their hands and say, "I don't drink. Liquor ads don't tempt me. Drunkenness doesn't bother me."

If you are one of these, you are to be commended because drunkenness doesn't bother you, *but are you doing anything to bother drunkenness?* Christians are responsible before God to resist this evil. Billy Graham says, "Christians have often been complacent about the liquor traffic, while such organizations as Alcoholics Anonymous have sprung up to do the job the church should have been doing all the while."

God is against the liquor traffic, and His children ought to be as vehemently opposed. Billy Sunday declared, "The curse of God is against alcohol. It is headed for hell. And by the grace of

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New Features Added to Sunday School Literature

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—The Gospel Publishing House has added several new features to its "Word of Life" line of Sunday school literature. One important addition is die-cut visual aid material for the nursery, beginner, primary, and junior departments. The new die-cut pictures will save teachers all the time and effort formerly required for cutting out the visual material with scissors.

The new die-cut material will be supplied for the fourth quarter of 1959, according to Ralph W. Harris, editor of Church School Literature for the Assemblies of God.

Another outstanding addition which will appear at the same time will be a Hi-Teen course for the senior department, ages 15 through 17. The new course will include three publications: an 80-page Hi-Teen Instructor quarterly, and Hi-Teen Visuals.

The Hi-Teen Visuals will offer a unique way of bringing pictorial emphasis to the Sunday school lessons. They are an easel-type presentation, designed to employ unusual methods of stressing important truths.

The Teen course, formerly used in the senior departments of many Sunday schools, will be revised to serve the Junior High age level, ages 12 through 14.

A third addition to the "Word of Life" series will be an undated course of study, "Fundamentals of the Faith," which will deal with the basic truths of the gospel. This is the third in a series of undated courses on "Great Themes of the Christian Faith," written for adults and young people. The two other courses are on "Christ" and "The Holy Spirit." Each course contains thirteen chapters and includes a teacher's manual and a student's manual.

"These new materials will enable Sunday schools and churches to teach more effectively," said Brother Harris. "All materials will be listed on the fourth-quarter order blank for Sunday school supplies." ◀◀

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Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

If a person attends a church of which he is not a member, ought he to observe communion with them?

Some churches restrict the communion to their members only. Where this is not done, I see no reason why we should not partake of the communion when it is served. In the eyes of God there is but one Church, "the church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven." We share the communion, not because we are members of a local group, but because we are all members of the Church, of which Christ is the Head.

What became of Daniel after he had been delivered from the lions? What became of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego after they came forth from the fiery furnace?

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were promoted in the province of Babylon (Daniel 3:30); we believe this means they held high positions of trust. As for Daniel, he "continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus," no doubt continuing in his high office (Daniel 1:21).

Was the earthly priesthood meant to continue to function after Jesus became High Priest?

For an answer I recommend that you study Hebrews, chapters 7, 8, 9, 10. In these chapters you will learn that the Old Testament priests and sacrifices were done away. All Christian believers are spoken of as "a kingdom of priests." We come to God through the merit of Christ, our great High Priest (Hebrews 10:19-22).

At what age does a child become accountable for his sins? Would you say at the age of six?

Accountability depends upon light. The child must have conviction concerning what is right and what is wrong in the sight of God before he can realize he is sinning against God. There are also degrees of accountability. It cannot be expected that the little child will evaluate his deeds with the same evaluation as persons more mature in years. With increased knowledge comes increased responsibility.

Why is the Catholic Church called the Roman Catholic Church?

"Catholic" means "universal." The Roman Catholic Church claims to be the one and only church of Jesus Christ, but it accepts the term "Roman" because (according to a Catholic book called *The Question Box*, page 129) "the Bishop of Rome [the pope] is the chief Bishop and head of the whole Church, and only those under his jurisdiction are within the one true fold of the Saviour. No one is a Catholic who is not a Roman Catholic."

What kind of gift was "Corban" as mentioned by Jesus in Mark 7:11?

Any gift or offering to God, particularly in fulfillment of a vow, was originally considered *corban*. See Leviticus 27 and Numbers 30 for details concerning vows. The Jews added many traditions to these original laws, one of which was that a person might, by dedicating something to God, keep himself or anyone else from having it. The thing thus set apart was called *corban*. Jesus condemned the practice of making such a vow when it was used as an excuse for not fulfilling one's obligations to his parents.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

How to Encourage Your Child to

MEMORIZE THE SCRIPTURES

BY CATHERINE CARRUTH

IN MANY CHRISTIAN HOMES TODAY, young children are more familiar with the wording of TV commercials than with the Word of God. Teen-agers do not recognize familiar quotations from the Bible. Adults are unable to quote enough Scripture to lead a soul to Christ, or to guide their own lives.

How important is the Word of God in your home? Do you spend some time each week helping your child to memorize Bible verses?

Telling your child Bible stories and teaching him about God's Word is good, but don't stop there. Teach him to memorize the words of the Bible. They will keep him from sin. The Psalmist said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11).

A fifteen-year-old boy had planned to take money from the cash register at the grocery store where he was employed, but the words, "Thou shalt not steal," came to his mind. Later he admitted that God had kept him from beginning a life of crime because his mother had helped him memorize the Ten Commandments as a small boy.

The verses a child memorizes will help him in meeting problems and in making important decisions. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

Four little girls were playing with dolls on the front porch when a quarrel broke out. Shrill voices were scolding and calling ugly names. Suddenly Linda ran into the house, returning a minute later with a large ball. "Let's play kick ball," she suggested. Soon the girls were happily playing ball, the quarrel forgotten.

At lunch time Mother asked Linda how she had thought of stopping the quarrel. "Well, you ought to know, Mother!" reminded Linda. "You

helped me learn the verse yourself, 'Blessed are the peacemakers.'"

Children will memorize any selection sooner if there is some reason why they *need* to memorize it. Try to figure out an incentive that will appeal to your child. It may be to win recognition in Sunday school or junior church. It may be to take part in a dramatization or to win some prize or award.

One mother I know gave her eight-year-old daughter a good-sized New Testament with large print as an award for memorizing 100 Bible verses. Of course this mother used many devices to keep up Mary's interest over the months.

One such device was a chart posted on the kitchen bulletin board recording each accomplishment. A blue star indicated one verse had been memorized, a red star two to five, and a gold star indicated a long selection of more than five verses. The chart was referred to often for review so that Mary didn't forget the earlier verses while working on the last ones. Her grandmother's pride in hearing all the verses memorized to date also helped keep Mary going.

Repetition is important in memorizing a passage; but how often I have heard a child repeat a verse five or six times, then be unable to say it half an hour later. This is discouraging to the parent, but it does not mean the child is incapable of memorizing. More likely he is a bright child whose mind is occupied elsewhere while he is mouthing the words. To avoid this, make sure there is a purpose for each repetition. For example, have the child follow in his Bible while *you* repeat the Beatitudes from memory. He will be sure to tell you if you have made a mistake! Or ask him to help another



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child memorize a verse or two. He will give the verse his full attention if he is "teacher."

Dramatization is another excellent means of holding the child's attention while he is memorizing. Our own children were very young when they memorized Luke 2:8-16 almost unconsciously by this method. Before Christmas each year I would read the story several times while they took turns being the angels and shepherds. It was so much fun that when our older daughter was six she called in the neighbor children and directed the play herself, giving the narrative part from memory and teaching the other children to say the parts of the angels and shepherds.

Try having your children memorize these stories from the Bible: The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-24); the Easter story (Matthew 28:1-10); the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37). Even before they are old enough to read, most children like to pantomime the story of the good Samaritan while you read it.

Another joyous approach to Bible memorization is through music. Teach your children to sing songs and choruses based on Scripture, such as, "Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart," "Fishers of Men," "For God So Loved the World," "Behold, I Stand at the Door and Knock." Recorded music can help, too.

Have you and your children ever made up your own tunes to the psalms? No one knows what David's tunes were, so why not encourage the children to make tunes that sound good to them? They love to do it, and it helps fix

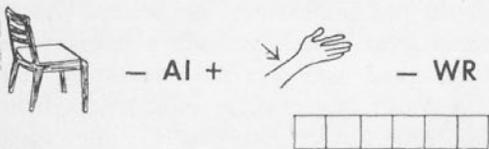
the words in their minds. We began with the first nine verses of Psalm 136.

Beautiful Bible pictures fascinate even the tiniest child. You can purchase attractively colored nine by twelve pictures, but small pictures from old Sunday school papers will do. If you display them with a Bible verse caption, your pre-schooler will be sure to ask what it says. Later you can ask him which picture says, "The Lord is my shepherd," "Let the little children come to me," etc. This becomes an interesting game for two or more children.

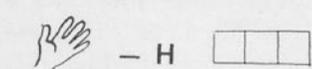
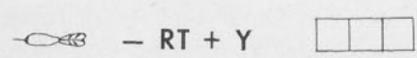
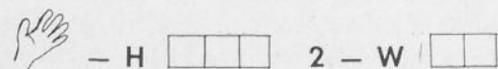
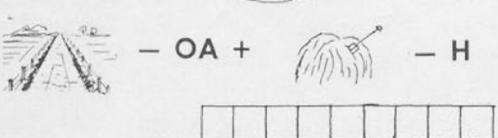
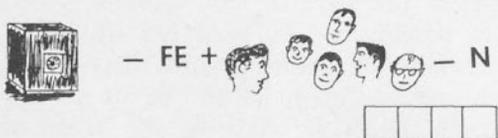
Older children will enjoy making a quiz game for the family. When we were reading the Book of Acts in our family devotions, we kept a record of
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PICTURE PUZZLE

For Junior Readers



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Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, August 24

Read: Psalm 39
Learn: "I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue" (Psalm 39:1).
For the Parent: In this psalm David: (1) remembered the great importance of watching what he said and how he said it, v. 1; (2) asked God to remind him of his human frailty and the uncertainty of life, vv. 4-6; (3) repeated that his hope was in God, asking God to deliver him from transgressions, vv. 7, 8; (4) asked God to hear and heed his cry for mercy and help. God is always ready and anxious to help us when we ask Him to.
Question Time: In what ways can we sin with our tongues? What does verse 4 mean to you?

Tuesday, August 25

Read: Psalm 40:1-8
Learn: "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart" (Psalm 40:8).
For the Parent: One of the important responsibilities of the Christian is to testify to others about what Christ has done for him. This passage is, in a real sense, a testimony. Discuss what David said the Lord had done for him. Also point out the way to have a ringing, clear-cut testimony is to be obedient to the Lord (v. 8). God has done many wonderful things for us (v. 5); we should tell others about Him.
Question Time: What does David say the Lord has done for him? How can we have a ringing testimony? (v. 8)

Wednesday, August 26

Read: Psalm 40:9-17
Learn: "I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer" (Psalm 40:17).
For the Parent: After knowing the power of God to deliver (vv. 1-8), we can count on God's faithfulness to help us in our present difficulties and trials. Stress this confidence that the child of God has. Also point out that we should be glad in the Lord regardless of circumstances and in all things seek to glorify God.
Question Time: What helps make us confident of God's help in the present? What does verse 10 mean to you?
Prayer: Pray for the General Council of the Assemblies of God which opens today.

Thursday, August 27

Read: Genesis 13:10-15; 14:14-26
Learn: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).
For the Parent: (Additional material on "Abram and Lot" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Point out the relationship between these two men, the cause for their separation (13:5-7), Abram's unselfish attitude (13:8, 9), Lot's selfishness (13:10, 11), and the difficulties which Lot's selfishness brought (14:14-20). Emphasize the importance of unselfishness.
Question Time: Why did Abram and Lot have to separate? (13:5-7) How did Abram illustrate unselfishness and Lot selfishness?

Friday, August 28

Read: Mark 7:1-7; Matthew 16:13-18, 21-27 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)
Learn: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24).
For the Parent: Use these passages to show how Jesus overcame some obstacles in His life. Mark 7:1-7 shows Him overcoming the objections of the scribes and Pharisees, then emphasizing the importance of worshiping God from our hearts. Matthew 16 shows him overcoming the hindrance of a well-meaning friend, Peter, by stressing the necessity of self-denial.
Question Time: How did Jesus overcome the obstacles mentioned in these passages? What lessons did He teach from them?

Saturday, August 29

Read: Acts 22:24-30; 23:19-35 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)
Learn: "God is... a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).
For the Parent: The Christian has the assurance that God will help him in times of difficulty. Illustrate this truth from the life of Paul, especially using the above passages. Stress: (1) we must be faithful to God; (2) we must believe His promises to help us; (3) God will help us in His time and in His way. Encourage members of the group to appropriate this help.
Question Time: What is the important lesson learned from this passage? (See above) How did Paul's life illustrate this?



They Preach Without Speaking a Word

By Ruth Lyon

LES AND JULIET HUNT ARE LIVING testimonies to the wonderful saving grace and keeping power of God. Both deaf, they have an ever-widening ministry taking the gospel to the Deaf through their clever "Gospel Truthful Tricks." Recently they were invited to tour the Scandinavian countries in the interest of the Deaf work there.

Les is a sleight-of-hand artist, having a pantomimic routine which is fascinating. When he was two years of age, a case of double pneumonia following whooping cough left him deaf. He studied under a lip-reading teacher who tutored him at home for eight years. This teacher was the first to notice his unusual ability with puzzles and tricks of all sorts. She helped him overcome his extreme shyness and he became very popular on theatrical circuits. For twenty-five years he was a successful entertainer in the largest night clubs, hotels, and theaters all through this country, Canada, and South America.

In Vancouver, B. C., he met Juliet Bell, who was also deaf and interested in magic. They were married in 1940. The Hunts toured the forty-eight states for four and one-half years, entertaining in many veterans hospitals. Although Juliet had been raised in a Christian home with a mother who prayed for her constantly, she was almost an

atheist. She always made it a practice, upon entering a hotel room, to place the Gideon Bible out of sight immediately. But her mother's prayers followed her.

She could not escape the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit who kept causing her to question whether she was ready to meet the Lord should something happen to her. She began to leave the Gideon Bible on top of the dresser. The day came when she opened it and her eyes fell on the verse, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). The words, "seek . . . God" remained in her mind.

At this time, Juliet did not know that her husband was a Christian Scientist. Once, when the train they were riding stopped alongside a Catholic cathedral, she thought of joining that church and approached her husband about it. He suggested that they attend a Christian Science reading room which they later did. But Juliet was not impressed by the people in charge, for they exhibited no joy and she remembered that her mother had always been happy.

One day, while the Hunts were sitting in a railroad station, Les found some tracts in a rack on the wall, and gave one to Juliet. After carefully

Les and Juliet Hunt sincerely appreciate the full-gospel literature provided for the Deaf by the Assemblies of God. Twila Edwards, national supervisor of the Blind and Deaf Ministries, writes the *Deaf Student* quarterly. Forty-five appointed Assemblies of God ministers to the Deaf are attempting to reach the more than 500,000 deaf and hard-of-hearing people in the United States. Pray that God will call more consecrated workers into this important ministry. Your offering clearly designated for DEAF WORK may be sent directly to the Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

reading the tract, she put it in her purse and decided that she would compare it with the Bible in her room. Through this tract and others sent in letters by her praying mother, Juliet was saved.

But Les, steeped in Christian Science, could not understand or believe. Some three years after his wife's conversion, God gave Les a vivid vision of hell. He could never erase this dream from his mind, and consequently sought God in Dayton, Ohio, and was saved. He had been a chain smoker for thirty-seven years. His food always tasted as though it had been heavily salted whenever he smoked. He determined to give up this habit and to his amazement, when he did so, the taste of salt left his food. This he knew to be another miracle of God.

The Hunts continued to travel in their professional work but began to have misgivings about it. Upon returning to New York City in 1948, they sought God about this and He showed them through the verse, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" that it was His will for them to give up the show business. Juliet wrote her mother requesting the name of a good church which they might join, for they felt the need of knowing more about the Christian life. Her mother recommended Glad Tidings Assembly in New York City, which they began attending. No longer did the marquees sparkle with the names of LES HUNT AND JULIET, from that time on. They made a clean break with the world.

The Hunts now are full-time evangelists, appearing in hearing churches and before deaf groups as they have opportunity. They are called primarily to present the gospel to the Deaf. Their "sleight of hand in object lesson form" is not meant for entertainment. The salvation of souls is the prime objective. The Hunts always have altar calls in their services.

Although Les and Juliet are not sponsored by any particular denomination at this time, they are in full cooperation with the Assemblies of God and other full-gospel denominations. Both have the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Their sincere desire is to win souls. These humble and dedicated servants of God have had excellent response in some Assemblies of God churches. Their efforts have been crowned with the salvation of souls among both the hearing and the deaf.

Strengthen the Stakes

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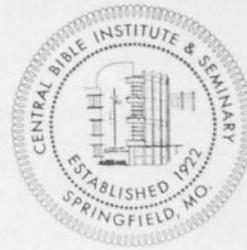
of a large scope, but let us never forget that if the local church is not kept strong, the movement as a whole will falter. It is possible to be so taken up with "big" events that we forget that the real foundation of any effort for God is the local church. It deserves our increased loyalty!

While we are pushing out on every front, let there ever be a strengthening of the stakes of *compassion*. We must never become cold and calculating. The work of the Kingdom is not a mere business. It cannot be totaled on the adding machine. It is a work that involves the *souls* of men. It is concerned with their eternal destiny. All of us need to feel again that crushing burden for the unsaved, which is all too easily forgotten in the rush and bustle of our work. Growth in numbers without compassion for souls will not be solid and stable. It will turn into a cold-blooded business proposition, lacking the warmth and the overflowing love that so characterized the earthly ministry of our Lord.

Finally, the stake of *sincerity* needs to be strengthened. In our fast pace we must be careful not to become professional. We must put our hearts in the task. The world can quickly dis-

tinguish between sincerity and professionalism in God's workers. We need to linger long at the Throne of Grace until the true fire from heaven burns within us. The apostle Paul dealt with the subject of sincerity on several occasions. In writing to the Corinthians he rejoiced that, in contrast to that of the false prophets who had invaded their midst, his had been a ministry of "simplicity and godly sincerity." In closing the epistle to the Ephesians, he pronounced a benediction on "all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

"Lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." We want growth, but we also want permanence. We want stability. We don't want the tent to blow away after it has been enlarged and the cords lengthened. As we grow in numbers, we ourselves must be enlarged—ministers and laymen alike. God has given us wonderful growth in the past, and there is no reason why the future should not see the greatest advance yet. God tells us to "spare not." He orders us to prepare for growth. And then He warns us not to use small stakes for a big tent!



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Denominations

MISSOURI SYNOD LUTHERANS MAINTAIN RESTRICTIONS AGAINST MASONS

A proposal that the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod lift its restriction against taking in Masons and other members of secret orders as members of the church, was voted down by the denomination at its triennial convention, held in San Francisco.

The denomination refuses Communion to anyone who advocates the "anti-Christian teaching" of secret lodges.

RELIGIOUS SPOKESMEN URGE RETURN OF GERMAN, JAPANESE PROPERTY

A Methodist bishop, a Lutheran pastor, and a Quaker spokesman joined at Washington, D. C., in urging Congress to return to private German and Japanese citizens nearly \$500,000,000 in property in this country which was seized during World War Two.

The religious leaders deplored the fact that years after peace has been concluded the personal property of private citizens of former enemy nations remains in the hands of the Alien Property Custodian because Congress has never decided what to do with it.

Temperance

LIQUOR BILLBOARD ADVERTISING NEAR CHURCH BANNED IN OKLAHOMA

Billboard advertising of alcoholic beverages within 300 feet of a church or school was banned by advertising rules adopted by the newly-formed Oklahoma State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

"Any reference to or illustration of any Biblical character" in liquor advertising also was prohibited. The rules also ban any references to schools, children, family scenes, and "any statement that is false or misleading in any manner."

YOUNG ENDEAVORERS CHALLENGED TO MASSIVE TEMPERANCE CAMPAIGN

More than 3,500 young people and their adult leaders were challenged to

a "massive campaign for temperance" by the outgoing president of the International Society for Christian Endeavor at its 45th biennial convention in Philadelphia. Dr. Earle W. Gates of Derby, N. Y., called on the American, Canadian, and Mexican delegates to make clear to all youth the dangers in the use of tobacco and narcotics, as well as liquor.

Pointing out that according to recent surveys the teen-age population in 1970 will be double that of 1955, Dr. Gates urged, "Let us be ready to bring these young people into the Christian life."

Obscenity

DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAYS COMMON LAW PROTECTS PUBLIC AGAINST OBSCENITY

In the absence of a protective state law against "those who traffic in filth," District Attorney Edward C. Boyle of Allegheny County (of which Pittsburgh, Pa., is the county seat) declared he will stand on common law "which protects the people from all acts of violence to their persons, morals, and general health."

"My hands are not tied," Mr. Boyle said, after the State Supreme Court nullified Pennsylvania's 20-year-old obscenity law by declaring its language too vague. "No statute is needed, in my opinion," he continued, "to deal with a type of crime which is worse than murder because it twists the minds of the young and innocent, on the one hand, and inflames perverted adults to prey, on the other."

LEADERS PLAN ANTI-OBSCENITY ATTACK

Religious and civic leaders of Springfield, Ill., met with their local postmaster and made plans for a community-wide attack on the mail order obscenity racket.

Postmaster William E. McElroy had urged support for the Post Office Department's stepped-up efforts to halt the mailing of obscene materials, especially to children.

He posted a display in the local

post office urging parents to save envelopes and contents of all obscene mail and turn them over to the postmaster at once.

He said that during the past year the U. S. Post Office Department has completed some 14,000 separate investigations and almost two-thirds of them were based on complaints from American parents whose children received lewd solicitations for sales of obscene materials through the mails.

Morals

OHIO KEEPS SUNDAY CLOSING LAWS

A strong attempt to repeal legislation governing Sunday business in Ohio was turned back when the state legislature acted on some proposed amendments. Although the law is now modernized, it still retains its original intent. It provides that no "firm or corporation" shall operate on Sundays except those engaged in works "of necessity or charity." It exempts public transportation, recreation, sports, exhibitions, state and county fairs, and public parks.

SUPREME COURT DECISION DRAWS SHARP CRITICISM

The decision of the U. S. Supreme Court regarding a controversial movie film is drawing severe criticism from many sources.

The decision upset a New York ban against the film. In upsetting the ban, the Supreme Court ruled that the Constitution's guarantee under the First Amendment "is not confined to the expression of ideas that are conventional or shared by a majority. It protects advocacy of the opinion that adultery may sometimes be proper, no less than advocacy of socialism or the single tax."

Representative Noah M. Mason of Illinois, in a speech to the House of Representatives, said the court's decision apparently means that "it is proper and legal to teach adultery because 'it is an idea' and comes under the head

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of 'free speech.' The decision that it is perfectly proper and legal to teach the sin of adultery," the Congressman continued, "should come as a shock to church people everywhere."

The court's opinion is cause for grave concern when the Bill of Rights is construed to permit the teaching of adulterous conduct. The court's ruling seems to contradict God's explicit commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

Foreign

LITERACY IN INDIA ON RAPID INCREASE

More people in India have learned to read in the past three years than in the 22 previous years, according to a report in *Floodtide*.

Literacy was eight per cent in 1931; that is, one person out of twelve could read. It increased to 12 per cent in 1941; 18 per cent in 1947, and the 1958 Hindustan Year Book says that now one out of every four men in India knows how to read.

BOYCOTT THREATENED IN ISRAEL

A mass rally of Orthodox Jews in Israel threatened to boycott the new Haifa subway, which begins operation soon, if its trains run on Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath.

RECORD NUMBER OF SCRIPTURES PRINTED IN EAST GERMANY LAST YEAR

A record number of Bibles and Scripture portions were printed in the Soviet Zone of Germany last year, thanks to foreign church bodies who donated large amounts of paper for that purpose.

Produced in the Soviet Zone were 73,858 complete Bibles, 78,804 New Testaments, and 387,191 Scripture portions, for a total of 529,853 pieces. This compares with some 842,000 volumes of Scripture printed in West Germany last year.

ANGLICANS PLAN CHANGES IN BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION RITES

Bold plans to change traditional baptism and confirmation rites of Anglicans were set forth recently by the Church of England Liturgical Commission.

The proposal calls for a complete revision of the rites to make them conform to both the Primitive and Reformed tradition. Two main principles guided the commission's decision: that adult baptism is normal New Testament procedure, and that infant baptism should merely be a modification of adult baptism.

NATIONAL C. A. SECRETARY DICK FULMER attended the eleventh annual world congress of Youth for Christ International at Mexico City, August 5 to 9, as official representative of the Assemblies of God. It was announced that Bristol, England, will be the site of the next youth congress to be held in 1960.

ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SPIRITUAL HEALING will be held in Philadelphia, Pa., September 13 to 16. Members of various denominations from this country and abroad are expected to attend the four-day meeting, which is being sponsored by a Protestant Episcopal organization called the Order of St. Luke the Physician. Host to the conference will be Dr. Alfred W. Price, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal church in Philadelphia, who prays for the sick each week at special healing meetings with remarkable success.

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION set an all-time record during July totaling \$85,000,000. This was an increase of \$6,000,000 over June and it topped July of 1958 by \$10,000,000. It was the largest volume of church construction in any single month in U. S. history.

SIX CONGRESSMEN JOINED RELIGIOUS LEADERS in urging a House subcommittee at Washington to support proposed legislation which would prohibit the serving of liquor on commercial airliners. At least thirteen large Protestant denominations have gone on record as favoring the legislation.

GOVERNOR CLINTON A. CLAUSON and bi-partisan legislative leaders in Maine decided not to call a special session of the legislature to enact a law permitting public transportation of parochial school children. Six communities which want to use public funds for this purpose had urged that a special session be called; the Maine Supreme Court had ruled that such use of public funds is illegal unless the legislature passes a new law. Legislative leaders, however, said it would be unwise to rush into the matter "without first requiring a careful study of the many aspects of the problem."

SOVIET OFFICIALS INSISTED THAT some 229 of the 8,000 volumes placed on display at the American Exhibition in Moscow be removed before the display opened. They permitted a Russian-language Bible to remain. However, some of the Russian visitors must have thought the books were souvenirs, for a number of volumes began to disappear. One of the first books to disappear from the display was the Bible, a very scarce book in Russia.

A TEAM OF NBC CAMERAMEN and a Southern Baptist official who hoped to film the worship services at the Baptist Church in Moscow had to change their plans when the Russian embassy refused to grant them visas. No explanation was given for the refusal.

PRAYER WILL BE OFFERED OUTSIDE EVERY LIQUOR STORE in Edmond, Okla., on September 1, the day liquor sales become legal in the state. M. E. Ramey, pastor of the First Baptist Church says he intends to offer a prayer outside the door of every store--a prayer that it will go out of business. He says he will pray that if the operator does not choose to close it, God will see that it is closed in any manner that seems good to Him.

GLOBAL CONQUEST

Our annual WORLD EVANGELISM DAY and GLOBAL CONQUEST merge this year. All offerings received for GLOBAL CONQUEST next Sunday will be divided according to the World Missions Plan. After August 30, GLOBAL CONQUEST will be a special project of the Foreign Missions Department. Offerings designated to GLOBAL CONQUEST will be used for that purpose only.



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The Inner Circle

BY GEORGE HOLMES
Palo Alto, California



STUDENTS OF THE EARTHLY ministry of Christ observe that He gave a threefold call to His followers. At times the call was a general invitation. Any hearer so moved was free to follow Him. At other times the invitation was more selective, but still the individual could make his own choice.

There were occasions, however, when Christ used His prerogative of choosing, from a limited number of followers, certain ones to share particular experiences with Him. Thus, it is clear,

there were three circles of acquaintanceship possible.

The first and most general invitation was the call to *fellowship*. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). This compassionate appeal was as broad as the entire range of human need. Many burdened souls responded and found the peace and rest the Saviour promised. And multitudes since that time have also come and found rest for their souls.

This step brings us into the first circle of fellowship and opens up possibilities of union with Christ: "Take my yoke upon you." It can mean the commencement of a new and intimate education: "Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart."

The second invitation was the call to *discipleship*. Christ "goeth up into a mountain and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. And he ordained twelve" (Mark 3:13). Here was a more selective process: He called whom He would, but still it required an individual response. This summons entailed a definite appointment, "that they should be with him" for more advanced instruction and closer fellowship. It also anticipated a commission: "That He might send them forth to preach." They came under divine discipline voluntarily, with a view to a commission.

Thirdly, let us notice the call to *intimacy*. At certain times, Christ took with Him three disciples to share experiences from which others were excluded. Peter, James, and John represented this inner circle. On what occasions were these favored three privileged above the others? The answer to this question will reveal that they were led into a threefold experience.

First, "Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John . . . and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart" (Matthew 17:1). The selection of the three was entirely Christ's. "He taketh." For an unforgettable instant these men were allowed to see the divine glory of the Son of God as it shone through the humanity of Christ. It was undeniable evidence of His deity. Thus, the favored ones in the inner circle were privileged to see *the glory of His person*.

Next came the "chamber of death" experience. In Jairus' home the hand of death had stolen away the little daughter. Outside, the mourners were making the ceremonial lament as heart-rending as possible. Jesus "suffered no man to follow him, save Peter and James and John" (Mark 5:37). Together with the parents of the child they were privileged to witness a demonstration of *the greatness of His power* as the child was raised to life.

The last of these experiences was in the Garden of Suffering. Leaving the other disciples to wait at a certain place, "He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy" (Matthew 26:37).



First Day of School

Will she be dressed as well as the other children? Will her

grooming be a compliment to the National Children's Home and the Assemblies of God? It's up to us, the people who support her and the other seventy NCH children who will enter public school in September.

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National Children's Home

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Hot Springs, Arkansas

GENERAL COUNCIL NEWS

Admitted to the holy of holies, the chosen three were allowed to witness the agony of the Son of God and to enter His travail. To them alone it was given to see *the gamut of His passion*.

Do you yearn to be in the inner circle? Have you realized what it would mean? The Bible tells us of one who did. Paul, when thinking of the personal testimonies of the twelve, sometimes felt he had been born "out of due time." There were desirable experiences that he had missed. Perhaps his appetite had been whetted by conversations with Peter, James, or John. They would surely have told him of these special occasions, and their re-told experiences became, in essence, the threefold longing of the apostle as expressed in Philippians 3:10.

"That I may know him." Though not privileged to witness the Transfiguration Paul longed to be among those chosen to know intimately, by revelation, *the glory of His person*.

"And the power of his resurrection." As a matter of fact, Paul had experienced this to a great degree, yet his yearning for the Ephesian believers was the same: "That ye may know . . . the exceeding *greatness of his power* to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead."

"And the fellowship of his sufferings." Paul had not been with Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane to glimpse His agony, yet he had learned that suffering with Christ provided one of the surest evidences and the strongest bonds of fellowship. He wanted "to fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ" (Colossians 1:24). Thereby he could experience, in measure, *the gamut of His suffering*.

Christ still seeks for intimates, and His inner circle today is not limited to a few, but is composed of all those who yearn for a closer walk with Him and so will follow Him all the way. All of us can belong to the inner circle of fellowship with Him if we will. Paul stated the terms in Philippians 3:7, 8: "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ." ◀◀

FIRST SERVICE AUGUST 26

The 28th General Council of the Assemblies of God will open Wednesday night, August 26, with a keynote address by the General Superintendent, R. M. Riggs. The council will continue with morning, afternoon, and evening sessions each day, ending at noon on Tuesday, September 1.

All sessions will be in the beautiful Municipal Auditorium at San Antonio, Tex., except the Sunday night evangelistic rally which will be at the Alamo Stadium. Evangelist Watson Argue of Santa Monica, Calif., will preach at the rally.

Another high point of the Council will be the colorful Foreign Missions rally at the Municipal Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, August 30. Churches throughout the nation will participate in a special offering for World Evangelism on that day. The offering goal for W-E Day is \$150,000.

DAILY PRAYER SERVICES

Each day will begin with a great early-morning prayer service conducted by one of our veteran executive presbyters, Aaron A. Wilson. These prayer services will be at the Travis Methodist Church, located 2½ blocks from the auditorium and in close proximity to all of the hotels.

MRS. ERICKSON TO ADDRESS WMC'S

Special speaker at the WMC breakfast will be Mrs. Arthur W. Erickson of Maywood, Calif. All women attending the General Council are invited to this breakfast meeting, which will be at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, August 29, in the large Crystal Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel. Price of a ticket is \$2.00, including gratuity. Those who wish to attend the Women's Missionary Council breakfast should obtain tickets at the WMC booth immediately upon arrival at the General Council.

CORRECTION

The meeting place for the Music Conference has been changed. Edwin P. Anderson, who has charge of this conference, says it will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, August 26, in the west wing of the Municipal Auditorium.

SPANISH BRETHREN TO ATTEND

There are many Spanish-speaking assemblies in San Antonio and vicinity, in addition to the English-speaking churches. It is estimated that 2,000 of these brethren will attend the General Council and their presence will be a great blessing in the meetings.

The annual youth conference of the Latin American District Council C.A.'s will be in San Antonio, beginning August 25. It will be at the Mexican Assembly of God at the corner of El Paso and South Calaveras Streets.

CHAPLAINS TO MEET

There will be a fellowship breakfast for Assemblies chaplains at 7:30 a.m. Friday, August 28, in Parlor B of the Hilton Hotel. A majority of all Assemblies of God chaplains currently serving on active duty are expected to be present. In addition to active duty chaplains, it is anticipated that a number of reserve chaplains will be in attendance. Also eligible for attendance will be Assemblies of God ministers who serve as contact chaplains and Civil Air Patrol chaplains. Wives of the chaplains are invited also.

FRIENDS OF EDUCATION LUNCHEON

The Education Department has scheduled a luncheon Friday-noon, August 28, at Mammy's Cafeteria for all "friends of education." Charles W. H. Scott will be speaking on the subject, "Spiritual Contributions of Our Schools," and C. C. Burnett will give a brief report on "Trends."

BENEVOLENCE BREAKFAST

The biennial Benevolence Breakfast is planned for Sunday morning, August 30, at the Hilton Hotel. This time of fellowship and inspiration is open to all who are associated with the Benevolence program of the Assemblies of God. Members of the Executive Presbytery, administrators of General Council, district, and other homes related to the Assemblies of God, board members of these homes, and members of district Benevolence committees will be in attendance.

R. M. RIGGS

WATSON ARGUE

A. A. WILSON

MRS. ERICKSON

E. P. ANDERSON





Diamonds in the Rough

By **CORDAS C. BURNETT**, *National Education Secretary*

DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH—UNCUT STONES—precious jewels. Such are the terms we often use to describe the Pentecostal young people God has given us. And yet we often act as if we knew nothing of their value—were unable to see beneath the rough unpolished surface of the raw stone.

If, by good fortune, an uncut diamond should come into our hands we would obviously take steps to bring out its real worth through the necessary operations of cutting and polishing. It is this same response we must be prepared to give to our Pentecostal youth and their need for "polishing."

The tragedy herein, however, lies in our failure oftentimes to recognize the worth of our own young people—while others recognize and capitalize on the same. Some time ago the president of a well-known evan-

gelical college commented regarding our Pentecostal young people: "We like them; send us as many as possible. We'll train them and use them, but they will not all return to your faith." This frank statement tragically is only too true and represents part of the dilemma our young people find themselves in when making their decision for college.

Not only those who are less fortunate financially, but others as well, are being tempted by the "scholarship bait" being offered them by other schools, both private and public. In a day when costs of schooling are of necessity rising higher and higher, these young people in our churches—many of whom are valedictorians or salutatorians—are being hard pressed to attend schools where financial assistance is available in the form of scholarships. As a result we are losing scores of these precious assets to

secularly minded institutions where many lose their faith and moorings. If proof of this is needed, witness a statement in a recent issue of *Time* quoting the student paper of a prominent Eastern university. The article stated that an 82-question survey in two institutions of higher learning showed that 21 per cent of the Roman Catholics and 25 per cent of the Jewish students admitted they had "apostatized," while 39 per cent of the Protestant students said they had fallen away from their faith.

Recognizing this tragic problem, our Assemblies of God educational leaders are making a two-fold attack. First, the various schools are stepping up as high as possible their practice of offering some financial assistance to certain groups of students, which of necessity has been very limited in the past. Almost all our schools are granting 50 per cent tuition privileges to children of *bona fide* missionaries approved by the Foreign and Home Missions Departments of the Assemblies of God. Several are granting minor discounts to ministers' children, while others are making help available to a number of valedictorians and salutatorians. In doing this they are cutting their own possible revenue, but they recognize the urgent need of salvaging the "cream of the crop" young people now being lost to other institutions.

Secondly, the National Department of Education, in cooperation with the Christ's Ambassadors Department, has just finished the

The Holy Spirit and Calvary

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that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ" (Galatians 3:13, 14).

His suffering was for the healing of our bodies, for His body was wounded in the place of ours, and His flesh was bruised for the healing of our bodies. The statement, "The chastisement of our peace was upon him," can also be correctly translated, "On him was the chastisement that made us whole." "And by his stripes we are healed." "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses" (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:17).

By that cross, not only was the grip

of self upon the throne of my life broken, but self was crucified and buried with Christ. Now I can say, "I am crucified with Christ." I am united with Him in the likeness of His death. Hallelujah, that tyrant has been destroyed!

The world's power over us was ended at Calvary. "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me" (Galatians 6:14). The powerful control of the flesh was nullified and the flesh was crucified. Because of the might of the Cross we are no longer under the control of the flesh.

The claims of the Law over me and against me have been met by Calvary and brought to an end. "I through the law am dead to the law that I might live unto God" (Galatians 2:19).

Principalities and powers that had taken us captive and were oppressing and mocking and torturing us were openly put to shame and routed (Colossians 2:15). He has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the good news of the Cross and the Resurrection (2 Timothy 1:10).

The veil that separated us from God, the gulf that existed between us and our Creator, was done away by the precious Blood. We who were far off have been brought nigh by that Blood (Ephesians 2:13; Hebrews 10:19).

All enmity between man and his fellows has been done away in the Cross where we have been reconciled not only to God but to one another in one body (Ephesians 2:14-20). Every hindering power, every claim against me, every hold of any enemy upon my life was put out of the way by the Cross (Colossians 2:14).

WHAT A PERFECT SACRIFICE! WHAT A GREAT SALVATION! WHAT A MIGHTY DELIVERER! No wonder Paul exclaimed, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ!" "For by one suffering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified." By one offering we are freed from sin! By one offering sanctified! By one offering made perfect!

Hallelujah for the Cross! He whose eyes have truly comprehended Calvary seeks no other fount for cleansing his

second year in a program entitled "Mr. and Miss CA-USA" in which scholarships are granted to our Assemblies of God young people to attend the Assemblies of God school of their choice. In 1958, ten such scholarships were provided. In 1959, twenty were granted in an amount exceeding \$2,300 and several others in the Honorable Mention group have been honored by the schools directly. (Full details of the winners of this year's competition were published in the August C. A. Herald.)

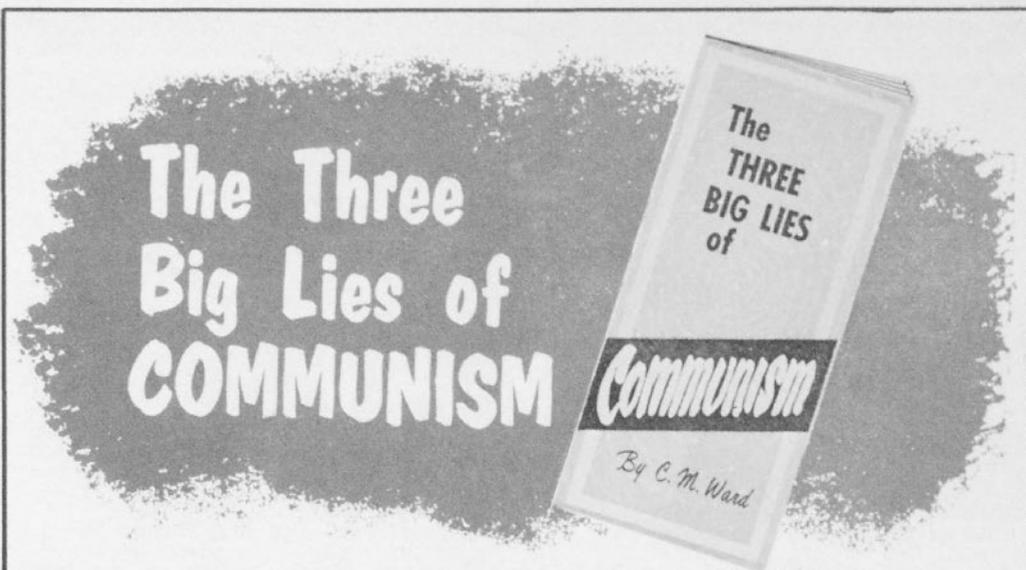
As the judges weighed applications from over 125 of the choice young people of our churches, one of them remarked, "I could cry at the need and character represented here." It was almost impossible to select the winner, of such uniform excellence were the applicants. Even now, plans are under way for 1960 hoping that this number can be increased manifold.

September has been set aside as EDUCATION EMPHASIS MONTH by our Executive Presbytery. How better to observe it and to help our own Pentecostal youth than by setting aside some funds to help a worthy student through college. You may send your offering to the Department of Education, 434 West Pacific, Springfield, Missouri, specifying the school or individual, or you may send it directly to any of our Assemblies of God schools. Your contribution will be given Co-operative Plan credit and will go a long way towards "polishing the uncut stones."

sins, for sanctifying and perfecting his life.

The Holy Spirit's descent at Pentecost, fifty days after the Resurrection, coincided exactly with the beginning of the world-wide proclamation of the Christian gospel. God knew that without the Holy Spirit's illumination, Christ's disciples would only interpret the Crucifixion according to what they saw with their natural eyes. So He sent the Promise of the Father in order that Christ's witnesses would see the extent of the great victory at Calvary, and give significant witness of that event.

Did Christ die in vain? Or did His blood accomplish in you and me what it was intended to accomplish? Have we in truth become "the righteousness of God in him," or did His sacrifice fail to accomplish its objective? The Holy Spirit came to demonstrate the effectiveness of Calvary to solve all your problems and mine, by making real to our hearts the efficacy of the blood of the everlasting covenant. This is the greatest ministry of the Holy Spirit who came to be a witness of Christ along with His disciples (John 15:26, 27). ◀ ◀



A Sermon in Tract Form by C. M. Ward

NONE OF US CAN ESCAPE the fact that communism is right at our door. In fact, through many organizational fronts it has infiltrated our country until we are endangered from within.

Are we really aware of the tactics, the claims, and the beliefs of communism? Do we know what they want and how they are going after it?

Unless the Church of Jesus Christ rises to the challenge of these troubled times, who knows how far the diabolical forces of communism will go? Unless we as Christians rise up against these forces of evil in our day, we may soon awake to find it is too late to do anything about it.

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THIS WEEK'S COVER

WILMINGTON CHURCH DEDICATED

This beautiful new home of First Assembly in Wilmington, Calif., was dedicated during the Southern California District Council which convened there in March.

The new church seats 900, and has a total of 21,000 feet of floor space. It is valued at \$250,000. Three local contractors (members of the church) donated time, labor, and equipment for the building project.

Pastor Thomas Ming, Sr., who came to the church in 1957, is assisted in the work by his son, Thomas Ming, Jr., who serves as associate pastor.

In addition to its many other ac-

tivities, First Assembly also operates a Christian elementary school for kindergarten through the eighth grade. School property is valued at \$100,000. Mrs. Lena Cross is principal of the day school, which has 243 students enrolled, and Thomas Ming, Jr., serves as assistant principal.

First Assembly was started thirty-five years ago with a tent revival. Through the years it has had an effective ministry in the community, and seventeen ministers have gone out from the church to both the home and foreign fields.

THE GLORIFIED BODY

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dirty dishes in her kitchen. She requested that the "poem" be put on her tombstone, for she felt sure she would die of overwork:

*"Here lies a poor woman who always was tired,
For she lived in a place where help wasn't hired.
Her last words on earth were, 'Dear friends,
I am going
Where washing ain't done, nor cooking, nor sewing;
And everything there is exact to my wishes,
For where they don't eat, there's no washing of dishes!
I'll be where loud anthems forever are ringing—
But having no voice, I'll be rid of the singing.
Don't weep for me now; don't weep for me never,
For I'm going to do nothing for ever and ever.'"*

Undoubtedly many overworked housewives would relish the thought of doing nothing for ever and ever—for a week or two! But to have nothing, really *nothing* to do through all eternity would be torture indeed to a resurrection body, pulsating with the glory and power and energy of God's Spirit. The fact is that our real work for God will begin when we get to heaven!

The Lord will make some of us "rulers over much" (Matthew 25:21); He will assign some to govern five cities, others to govern ten cities (Luke 19:17-19). Others will be assigned to judge the world of mankind; still others to judge the angelic world (1 Corinthians 6:1-4). Again some will be kings and priests unto God, and with Him will reign over the earth (Revelation 5:9; Romans 8:17).

Notice again the vast implications of Ephesians 2:7—"That in the ages to

come [not in the brief span of an earthly seventy years] he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."

Our present bodies have not the capacity to receive all this—we shall need glorified bodies. May not the same thing hold true of that tremendous passage in Ephesians 3:19, "That ye might be filled with all the fullness of God"? Can anyone claim to enjoy this experience completely now? Will it not take "ages to come" for us to fully realize it? What a future lies out ahead for the children of God, as with glorified bodies, capable of moving with the speed of light, we shall visit any point in God's great universe on divinely-appointed missions to all His redeemed creation!

When shall we receive our glorified bodies, our "house" which is from heaven? Scripture indicates that all believers shall enter into this thrilling experience together at the Rapture, at the second coming of Jesus. When this occurs, the "dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them" (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17). At that glad and glorious time all shall *together* receive their glorified bodies. Mortality shall be swallowed up of life!

It seems to the writer that the present furor among earthlings concerning the possibility of space travel to other planets is but a feeble substitute being offered by Satan in order to divert men's attention from the glorious prospects that lie ahead for the children of God. Scientists use vast amounts of high explosives to send even one satellite beyond the pull of gravity into outer space. By contrast, our Lord in His glorified body which could be "seen and handled" rose above this same gravitational pull, simply by the power and energy of the Holy Spirit resident within Him. He ascended above the planets into heaven itself. Furthermore, He went there as our forerunner, and as He told the disciples, "To prepare a place for you, that where I am there ye may be also."

Christ's resurrection, the guarantee of the Word of God, promises that we shall have a body like our Lord's glorified body. "He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Romans 8:11). Perhaps the hymn writer envisioned this when he sang:

"Or, if on joyful wing, cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly—"

Many of the joys and wonders of life in the glorified body are still mysterious to us, but we know that our joy will center in the One who redeemed us by His blood.

"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people and nation; AND HAST MADE US UNTO OUR GOD KINGS AND PRIESTS: AND WE SHALL REIGN [OVER] THE EARTH" (Revelation 5:9, 10).

The End

THE GREAT DECEIVER

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God every Christian ought to give it a push with a whoop for all they know how."

Some say, "Give liquor enough rope and it will hang itself." That isn't true. It uses the rope we give it to bind its victims. Temperance will never be promoted by leaving the liquor traffic alone or by reeling out rope to it.

How can we effectively oppose this foul foe? We should support every endeavor to curtail the advertising of alcoholic beverages. We should work tirelessly to restrict in every possible way the number of liquor outlets. They outnumber the churches now!

Christians should insist on strict enforcement of laws against the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors. This becomes increasingly important as homes are constantly bombarded via radio and television with advertisements which are subtly-designed to tantalize young people into early drinking.

When any question concerning alcohol is put to a vote in your city, county, or state, get the facts and vote against the liquor interests. True, each of us has only one vote, but we have one. Let's use it against this fearful enemy of civilization.

The *Methodist Advocate* of Mississippi once charged: "Whiskey is as innocent as a cotton-mouth moccasin, as gentle as a saber-tooth tiger, as kind as a man-eating shark, as beneficial to the human system as the virus of hydrophobia, and as sweet and pure as a dead buzzard on a nest of rotten eggs."

What will you do to oppose so noxious a menace? ◀◀



God Pardons Sinners

By Charles H. Spurgeon

YEARS AGO A GREAT MAN WAS TAKEN to see some French galley-slaves. He was given the authority to set free any man whom he found at the galleys to whom he cared to give his liberty.

He went to one man and found that he was committed for ten years, and he asked him about his crime. He said that he thought that he had been treated very unfairly; he didn't know that he had done much amiss. Perhaps he had, once or twice, taken a little that was not his; but the temptation to which he had yielded was very strong, and he had done so much good in other ways that he really thought he was treated badly in being sent to the galleys. So the gentleman passed him by; he was too good a man to receive a free pardon.

There was another who said that he was perfectly innocent; he even swore that he was as innocent as a new-born babe of every accusation that had been brought against him. The gentleman also passed him by, for he too was too good to be freely forgiven.

Then he came to another, who said that he might have tripped, perhaps, but much more was made of it than was true, and there were liars in court. He said perjury had been committed by a great many of the witnesses against him, and he knew a great many men who were twice as bad as he was, yet they were at liberty while he

was there in chains. That man was not the one to be pardoned.

At last the visitor came to a poor fellow who said to him, "I have a long sentence to serve, but I fully deserve even more than that sentence. I wonder that I was not condemned to death, for, had they proceeded to extremities, they might have proved me guilty of murder, so I look upon my sentence as much lighter than I really deserve to suffer." Then he who had received the authority to pardon whom he pleased said, "I pardon you, for, according to your own confession, you appear to be the only man in the whole place who is really receiving justice; and therefore I will show you mercy, so you may go as a free man."

In like manner, the Lord Jesus Christ is always ready to bestow His mercy upon those who confess that they deserve the heaviest sentence of His justice; but as long as we kick against that, we cannot expect Him to look upon us in love.

If you are a sinner and know you are, then you are in a position to receive pardon from the Lord Jesus. It is possible for you to go your way free from the bondage of Satan. You have only to confess your sins, and believe on the One who alone is able to make you free. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was *lost*." ◀◀



ABRAM AND LOT

Sunday School Lesson for August 30, 1959

GENESIS 13:1-15; 14:14-16, 18-20

ABRAM YIELDS TO LOT

1. *The Problem* 13:1-7. Both Abram and Lot had become wealthy. Both had great flocks and herds. Dwelling together was becoming exceedingly difficult; so much so that a quarrel had arisen between the servants of the two men. "And the Canaanite and the Perrizite dwelled then in the land." That is, the heathen were beholding this quarrel among the followers of the true God! Abram was concerned about the matter and took the initiative.

2. *Abram's Generosity*. 13:8,9. Faithful Abram! Though the land had been promised to him, he generously offered Lot first choice of the land. He could afford to be big-hearted because God was real to him. It was not worth the loss of this fellowship with God to contend for earthly rights. We may defend ourselves for the sake of earthly gain, and find it has cost us eternal loss. The meek shall inherit the earth—not the contentious and self-vindicating!

3. *Lot's Unwise Choice*. 13:9-13. "And Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan...and pitched his tent toward Sodom. But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly." Lot's choice was made with no thought of God's will, but only from the standpoint of personal gain. Like many today, he made his decision without weighing eternal values. He was a materialist.

4. *Abram's Reward*. 13:14-17. What was it? A fresh revelation of God. When did it come? (1) After an act of separation, after "putting to death" a desire of the flesh. (2) When Abram was in danger of the reaction of depression and doubt which often follows a great moral decision.

Note the aspects of this revelation: (1) *The prospect afforded*. Lot had "lifted up his eyes"; now God says to Abram, "Lift up thine eyes." (2) *The promise given* (vv. 15, 16). Here God renewed His covenant with Abram. (3) *Possession encouraged* (v. 17). "Arise, walk through the land." In other words, "Appropriate by faith." Are we doing it? See Joshua 1:3.

5. *Abram's Gratitude*. 13:18. Abram showed his gratitude by building an altar. His tent and altar speak of the pilgrimage and devotion of a Christian.

ABRAM RESCUES LOT (Genesis 14:1-16)

1. *The Occasion*. 14:1-11. Five kings of Palestine, who had been subject to Chedorlaomer, rebelled. In the battle which followed, the five kings, among whom were the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah, were defeated.

2. *The Capture of Lot*. 14:12, 13. How was it that Lot was taken captive? He who at first had only "pitched his tent toward Sodom" now dwelt in Sodom and shared in its downfall. Those who venture the border line of worldliness eventually land back in the world.

3. *Abram to the Rescue!* 14:14-16. In the previous chapter we saw Abram yielding; now we see him taking action. Let us spend our energy in a spiritual offensive against the powers of darkness which ensnare our brethren rather than waste it defending ourselves and opposing our brethren. Lot's soul was in danger as well as his body. Abram, with a small army of servants, rescued his nephew and put to rout the enemy!

Abram harbored no "root of bitterness." Divine love is always eager to help the fallen, regardless of who they are or what they have done.

ABRAM MEETS TWO KINGS (Genesis 14:17-24)

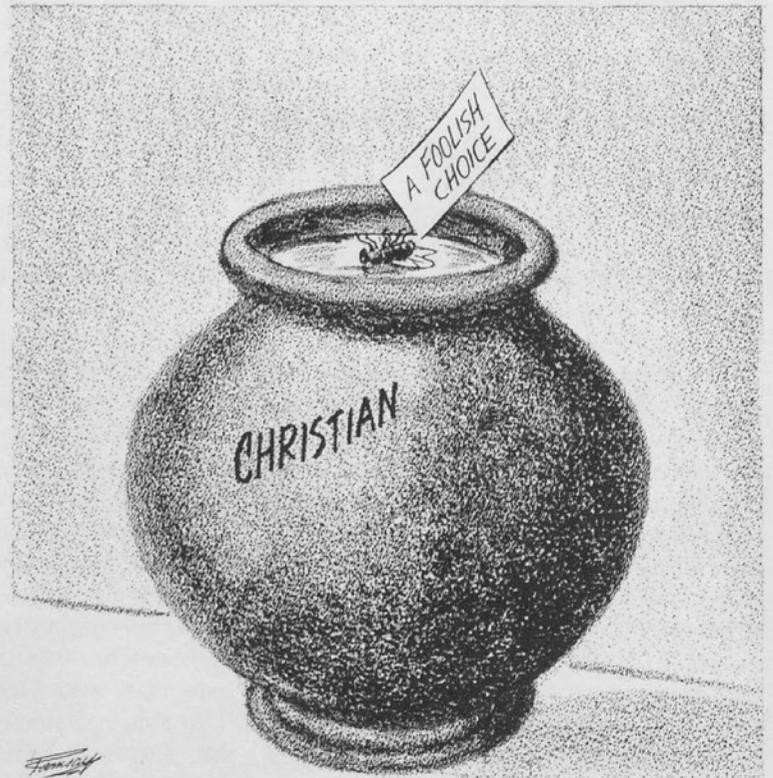
Success, as well as adversity, is a good test of character. How a man behaves in the moment of spiritual exaltation often affords an insight into his character. This is illustrated in Abram's meetings with the two kings.

1. *Melchisedec*. 14:18-20. An air of mystery enshrouds this priest of God Most High who comes forth to bless the conqueror of evil forces, but he is a perfect type of Jesus, according to Hebrews 5:6; 6:20; 7:1-28. Abram paid tithes to this king. Tithing is thus shown to be of grace, not of law, for the law was not yet given.

2. *The King of Sodom*. 14:17, 21-24. Sodom's king went out to meet Abram and to offer him a reward. But divine blessing was received before spiritual testing, and prepared Abram for the interview with the king of Sodom.

Sodom's king proposed to divide the spoil of battle with Abram. But Abram would have none of Sodom's gifts. "I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord God Most High." Have we had such a revelation of Jesus that we can say an unequivocal "No" to the subtle offers of the world, the flesh, and the devil? —J. Bashford Bishop

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Spotlight on Evangelism

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, 434 WEST PACIFIC ST., SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

► **SANTA MONICA, CALIF.**—The Assembly of God here just closed a week of revival services with Evangelist Bill McPherson of Toronto, Canada. Some were saved and others reclaimed.

—*Philip H. Hawtin, Pastor*

► **SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIF.**—Evangelist Sam Klein of Sacramento, Calif. just concluded three weeks of revival meetings here. The church will long remember this move of God. The tarrying around the altar brought His blessing upon the services and several were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—*Vernon H. Ragsdale, Pastor*

► **LINTON, IND.**—The Assembly here has been stirred afresh by the anointed ministry of Evangelist Fred Numrick of Springfield, Ill. Many people attended the church for the first time and three came to the altar for salvation. The entire church was stirred and revived. The meetings lasted for two weeks.

—*Harry Vibbert, Pastor*

► **WICHITA, KANS.**—The Glad Tidings Assembly of God recently enjoyed a very precious time of refreshing. Evangelist and Mrs. G. P. Hertweck of Hattiesburg, Miss., were greatly used of the Lord in three weeks of effort. Souls were saved, several received their Pentecostal experience, and many testified to healings. Three were baptized in water on the last night of the meetings and one new member was added to the church roll.

—*Floyd L. Dennis, Pastor*

► **NORFOLK, ARK.**—The Galatia Assembly of God just closed a wonderful revival with Evangelist H. G. Hanks of Calexico, Calif. Eight were saved and three were gloriously healed. Many received a physical touch and a spiritual one as well. The evangelist has now accepted the pastorate of the church.

► **BROCKTON, MASS.**—The Brockton Assembly of God will never be the same because of the impact of special services held here recently by Evangelist Ronald Ripley of Elmira, N.Y. At least 12 individuals came forward for salvation and the hearts of many Christians were stirred. The all-night prayer meeting will be long remembered as a time of God's blessing.

—*Arne T. Thomassen, Pastor*

► **CADDO GAP, ARK.**—A new church has been established here. The pastors just closed a revival in which ten were saved, four were filled with the Holy Spirit, and many others were brought closer to God.

—*Arlie Francis, Pastor*

► **READING, MICH.**—At least five knelt at the altar for salvation and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit during a recent revival campaign conducted here by Evangelist Gene Allen of Dallas, Tex. Hearts were searched and many made a new consecration to the Lord. Brother Allen preached Christ in a unique manner. It was truly a time of refreshing and reviving for the congregation.

—*Herman Maloney, Pastor*

► **INDEPENDENCE, KANS.**—Evangelist Earl Manning recently conducted a union tent revival here with churches from five Pentecostal organizations co-operating. From the very first service the evangelist cemented the fellowship, making all to realize that they were one body. Souls were saved, the sick healed, and some were filled with the Holy Spirit. All of the churches profited from the meeting.

—*Max Manning, Pastor*

► **HAMBURG, IOWA**—The Assembly of God here recently enjoyed a very successful revival with Evangelist Donald L. Payne of New Hampton, Mo. During the three weeks of meeting nine were saved and several were healed. One outstanding miracle was the salvation and healing of a sixty-five-year-old man. He had heart trouble and had not been able to work for two years. He came to the service after having suffered two heart attacks that day, and God saved him and healed him. He is now able to hoe his garden and walk several miles and is faithfully attending Sunday school and church. The revival fire is still burning in the church. Last Sunday a new family of seven came to Sunday school and church and were at the altar for salvation.

—*Dean D. Gillespie, Pastor*

► **MARION, IND.**—Evangelist and Mrs. John W. Higginbotham recently concluded a wonderful revival meeting in the West Side Assembly here. The meeting was reminiscent of days gone by as people came weeping to the altar under the mighty conviction of the Holy Spirit. Many were saved; others were filled with the Holy Spirit, some refilled, and still others testified to definite healings. Though this church is not quite two years old, the Sunday school is now averaging 140.

—*A. W. Thomason, Pastor*

► **McALESTER, OKLA.**—Recently the First Assembly of God here enjoyed a revival with Evangelist Joseph De Grado of California. Some 70 came to the altar for salvation, 12 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and 21 were baptized in water. There were healings from deafness and arthritis, and the lame were made to walk. Two canes were left because they were not needed any more. One man who had used his for 25 years walked off without it. The whole church was blessed and stirred as they saw God move in a miraculous way during the three weeks. The results of the meeting are still being seen in the regular services, especially among the young people. Testimonies of healing are still coming in. The revival has left a real testimony in this city.

—*H. G. Powell, Pastor*



Altar services at a Saturday-night service during the meetings with Evangelist Joseph De Grado at the First Assembly in McAlester, Okla.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Calif.	Garden Grove	Westside	Aug. 25-Sept. 6	R. W. Hastie Family	Dale C. Hastie
	Long Beach	¹ First	Aug. 16-23	Christian Hild	Fulton Buntain
Ga.	Thomaston	First	Aug. 23—	G. Lucky Roper	Leon Comer
Ill.	Granite City	City Temple	Aug. 25-Sept. 6	Kenneth Roper & wife	J. R. Randolph
Iowa	Muscataine	Glad Tidings	Aug. 26-Sept. 6	G. A. Snaveley & wife	A. A. Buntentbach
	Spencer	A/G	Aug. 25-Sept. 6	Paul Sandgren & wife	Leo Miller
Kans.	Kansas City	Full Gospel Tab.	Aug. 31-Sept. 6	John French	U. S. Grant
Minn.	St. Paul	Full Gospel	Aug. 23-28	Robert Olson	Melford A. Olson
Mo.	Lathrop	A/G	Aug. 25-Sept. 6	Frank E. Martin	A. L. Schoonover
N. Y.	Binghamton	First	Aug. 25-30	Musical Wellards	R. D. E. Smith
	Elmira	² Pent. Tab.	Aug. 21-30	W. V. Grant	John Bedzyk
	Schenectady	First	Aug. 18-23	Musical Wellards	R. L. Kleinstauber
Ohio	Tiffin	A/G	Aug. 25—	John Higginbotham	James Earls
Okla.	Jones	A/G	Aug. 17-30	Marcus Alexander	G. W. McCoy
Tenn.	Nashville	West Side	Aug. 23-Sept. 6	Carl Walker, Jr.	F. L. Davis
Tex.	Amarillo	San Jacinto	Aug. 17—	Ted Stephens Party	J. E. Burkhalter
	Ft. Worth	Bethel Temple	Aug. 30—	Gene Martin	Chas. R. Jones
Wis.	Richland Ctr.	³ A/G	Aug. 30-Sept. 4	Robert Olson	Carl O. Swanson
		¹ Youth Revival		² Tent Revival	³ Children's Revival

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► **YERINGTON, NEV.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Caudle of Tulare, Calif., recently conducted a very successful revival in the Indian church here. Many were reclaimed or saved. Two were filled with the Holy Spirit, and many were healed.

—*Luther A. Cayton, Pastor*

► **NORFOLK, VA.**—The Little Creek Assembly of God has just experienced one of its greatest revivals. Five were saved within a week's time. The convicting power of the Holy Spirit was prevalent in every service. Some individuals came to the altar during the singing.

—*James L. Allen, Pastor*

► **CHAPPELL, NEBR.**—Seventy-three teen-agers registered for the annual Youth Week here. They were given instructions and Bible teaching each evening. Evangelist Richard Ussery preached like a veteran twice his nineteen years. During the five nights some 15 teen-agers were gloriously saved. In the past seven weeks the Sunday school record has been broken four times.

—*Floyd Garrett, Pastor*

► **LIVONIA, MICH.**—The Bethel Missionary Assembly of God just concluded a revival meeting with the Musical Vanderploegs. Some 50 came to the altar for salvation and two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. During the meetings there were 150 first-time visitors to the church. The congregation is praising the Lord for this good revival.

—*J. J. Traub, Pastor*

► **POMONA, MO.**—Seven came to the altar for salvation and one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost during two weeks of meetings here with Effie and Allen Barker of Oklahoma City, Okla. The church was helped in every way and a new record attendance for Sunday school was established.

—*Wayne L. Hayes, Pastor*

► **JEFFERSON, OREG.**—The Lord graciously poured out His Spirit during the successful meetings conducted here by Evangelist Kenneth Roper from California. There was a real stir among the young people and several gave their hearts to the Lord. There were two outstanding healings. On the closing Sunday of the revival the Sunday school record of 111 was broken by an attendance of 161. In 3½ years this church has grown to an average attendance of between 90 and 100. To God be all the glory.

—*Bob Roberts, Pastor*

► **DENHAM SPRINGS, LA.**—A most profitable revival campaign has just been concluded here with Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Reed of Monroe, La. The dynamic messages and the outstanding musical ministry was a blessing to all. Several new people visited the church for the first time during the revival. Some of them are continuing to attend regularly. The crowds were the largest ever to attend any meeting here. Several came forward for salvation; on the closing night the altar was full of young people renewing their experience with God and seeking Him for the first time. During the week following the revival three young ladies received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

—*Lloyd L. McGuire, Pastor*

ANNOUNCEMENT

HOME COMING—Aug. 30 at Grace Assembly of God, 2051 Park Ave., St. Louis, Mo. All former pastors and members invited.—*Pastor Dolman Roderman.*

SUCCESSFUL CAMP IN SOUTH MISSOURI

ELDON, Missouri—There was a mighty move of God at the Southern Missouri District Camp Meeting on Lake of the Ozarks. From the opening service the Holy Spirit moved upon the people in the old-time way.

The first service on June 25 ended with a great altar service and these continued nightly, several being saved and many filled with the Holy Spirit.

God gave us an outstanding team of camp speakers in C. M. Ward and Harry J. Steil. Brother Ward was at his best in the evangelistic services, and Brother Steil inspired his hearers each day with his outstanding Bible teaching and preaching.

The high tide of blessing ran over into the boys and girls camp that followed, in which 398 children were registered as campers. Out of this number 62 sought the Lord for salvation and 91 were filled with the Spirit.

—*By Bartlett Peterson, district secretary*

MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL ORDAINS SEVEN

JACKSON, Miss.—The Mississippi District Council concluded its annual session June 11 by ordaining seven to the gospel ministry. District Superintendent J. C. Burks presided at the council which was held at First Assembly of God, Jackson, Miss. T. F. Zimmerman, an assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, was the council speaker.

Officers and departmental leaders chosen to serve the district are: J. C. Burks, supt.; R. C. Davis, asst. supt.; E. E. Noland, sec-treas.; R. C. Davis and James F. Ballard, general presbyters; Simon Lynn, C. A. pres.

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It was a splendid council and enjoyed by all who attended.

—*E. E. Noland, sec-treas.*

TAKES PASTORATE IN FLORIDA

Ernest P. Pruett, after serving the Georgia District as superintendent for the past seven years, has now accepted the pastorate of the First Assembly of God in Panama City, Fla. Jesse S. Smith is now superintendent of the Georgia District; S. J. Westbury is assistant superintendent; and George Klarman is secretary-treasurer.

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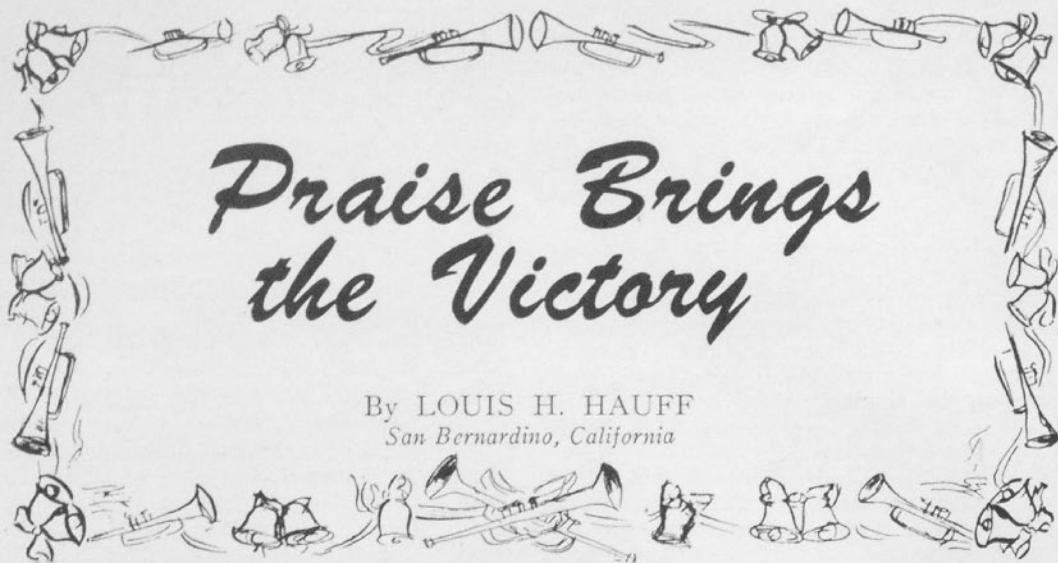
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Praise Brings the Victory

By LOUIS H. HAUFF
San Bernardino, California

THE PSALMIST HAD BEEN PRAYING and crying out to God in despair, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? . . . O, my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest me not." Then with sudden inspiration he interrupted his prayer to exclaim, "But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel." And herein a great truth is revealed.

We can build a dwelling place for God with our praises, for He inhabits the praises of His people. Full-gospel people have enjoyed much of the Lord's presence because they have offered much praise to God. The Lord delights in the praises of His people. When Jesus entered triumphantly into Jerusalem, the multitude began to praise God with a loud voice. Some of the Pharisees asked Jesus to quiet them, but He replied, "I tell you that if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." The Lord desires the praises of His people. "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name" (Hebrews 13:15).

Praise brings Pentecostal blessing. The last words of our Lord to His disciples were, "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). They obeyed Him—"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. . . . And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

A spirit of praise brings showers of spiritual blessing both upon individuals and upon groups. Many have been baptized with the Holy Ghost as they have lifted their hands and fervently praised the Lord. When we are prais-

ing God, He is foremost in our thoughts.

Murmuring and complaining make room for Satan. When Israel spoke against Moses and against God, fiery serpents came among the people and bit them, and "much people of Israel died." Spiritual death also results from murmuring, complaining, and unthankfulness. Spiritual life is the result of praise and thanksgiving. Let us make room for the Lord instead of Satan.

Praise brings deliverance. The praises of Paul and Silas in the Philippian jail made a habitation for the Lord and He wrought deliverance by sending a great earthquake that shook the prison to its foundations. The presence of the Lord then brought conviction to the jailer, and he was converted.

If you are in the chains of bondage and suffering, begin to praise the Lord and He will deliver you. Circumstances and feelings were against Paul and Silas praising God, but they praised anyway. And we must learn to praise God even when we do not feel like it. "Let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee" (Psalm 5:11).

Praise brings victory over the enemy. In 2 Chronicles 20 we read that when the Amonites and the Moabites came against King Jehoshaphat of Judah, the king prayed for help. God's answer was, "Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourself, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord." The next day King Jehoshaphat "appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord: for his mercy endureth forever."

To the natural man this would seem a flimsy defense, but their praising God in such an hour was evidence of faith in His Word. "And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Amon, Moab, and mount Seir, . . . and they were smitten." This event in Judah's history should encourage us to praise God in every situation.

A familiar story has been handed down from the days of Napoleon. It is said that Massena, one of Napoleon's generals, suddenly appeared with eighteen thousand Frenchmen at an Austrian town which had no means of defense. The town council had almost decided to surrender when the dean of the church reminded them that it was Easter. He begged them to hold services as usual and to leave the problem in God's hands. This they did, calling the people to worship by ringing the church bells.

The French soldiers heard the bells and concluded that an Austrian army had come to defend the village. Before the bells ceased ringing, all the French soldiers had vanished. *As we ring the joybells of praise in the face of pain, sorrow, sickness, trials, fear, and doubt, these enemies will be routed and victory will be ours.*

The prophet Habakkuk found himself in a very trying situation. The Chaldeans were on the march through the land, leaving desolation and famine in their wake. In the face of this distressing situation the prophet sang, "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the food, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hind's feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places."

It is a good thing to pray through in times of difficulty, but we can also praise through when prayer seems to fail. This was the experience of Habakkuk, for he had prayed, "O Lord, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear!" It was when he began to praise God that he was lifted up in spirit. Let us praise through our times of trial, temptation, sickness, fear, and perplexity. Are you in need of the Lord's gracious presence? Remember that He is the Holy One "that inhabitest the praises" of His people.

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How to Encourage Your Child to Memorize the Scriptures

(Continued from page eleven)

famous quotations, where they were found, and the author. Later we typed each quotation on a three by five card with the reference and author on the back. We took turns trying to give the author and reference as our younger daughter read the quotations: "God is no respecter of persons," "It is more blessed to give than to receive," "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge," "We ought to obey God rather than men," etc. In a few days we all knew the answers to our "Who Said?" game.

Your child is different from every other child. He may learn best through hearing a verse read, through seeing the printed words, or through associating the verse with a picture, a tune, a game, or a dramatization. It takes a little time and effort to try these dif-

ferent methods with your child, but don't put it off until he is older. Begin now to store in his mind and heart the priceless treasure of God's Word. The words you teach him today will be a light in the darkness tomorrow, a sword of defense in temptation, a comfort in sorrow, and an anchor to hold him steadfast on some distant troubled sea.

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National Secretary Explains Sunday School "Checkup Expedition"

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—The theme for this year's observance of Checkup Month is "Checkup Expedition," according to C. W. Denton, national secretary of the Assemblies of God Sunday School Department.

He explained that September has

been designated "Checkup Month" in order to encourage pastors and officers to take a close look at their Sunday school. Plans for "Checkup Expedition," he said, center around a systematic search of local Sunday school activities. Each Sunday will be given a specific emphasis, beginning with "Explore Your Promotion" and continuing throughout the month with "Explore Your Personnel," "Explore Your Program," and "Explore Your Potential."

"Every Sunday school needs a designated time to explore its potential," said Brother Denton. "Weak points cannot be improved unless they are recognized as such, examined, and measures taken for improvement.

"A sure way to discover a bigger, better, and more efficient Sunday school program," he said, "is to make a conscientious effort to observe Checkup Month. Diligence in accepting the weekly themes and examining the specified areas Sunday by Sunday throughout September may well determine the future growth of the Sunday School."

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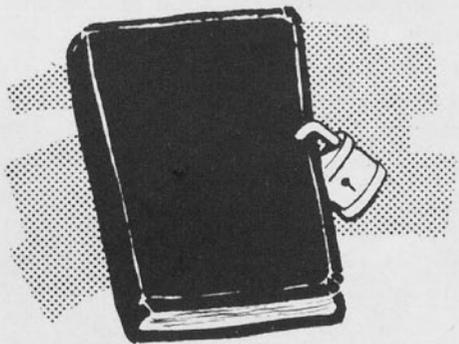
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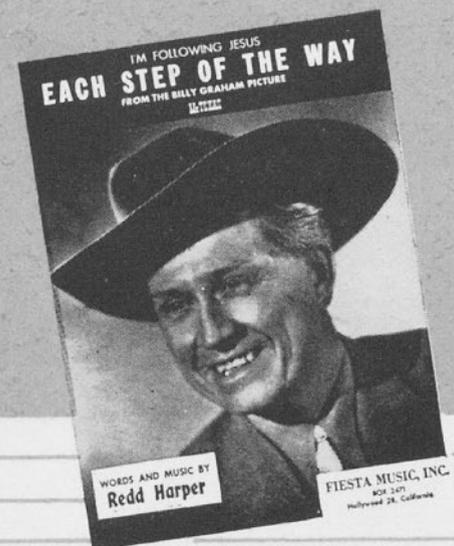
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Beautiful Sunset Years

BY NATHANAEL OLSON



GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, ON HIS SEVENTY-FIFTH birthday, made this thought-packed observation of age:

"Youth is not entirely a time of life; it is a state of mind. It is not wholly a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips, or supple knees. It is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions. . . . Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old only by deserting their ideals.

"You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

"In the central place of every heart there is a recording chamber. So long as it receives a message of beauty, hope, cheer, and courage—so long are you young. When the wires are all down and your heart is covered with the snow of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then, and only then, are you grown old."

Another prominent leader, King David, voiced his outlook on life in Psalm 37:25: "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

Sunset years need not be years of loneliness, remorse, and despair. The same God who helped you and cheered you in the morning of youth, in the noontime of middle age, can and will give you "beauty, hope, cheer, and courage" which keep the heart young, even at life's sunset. Sunrise and sunset are both lavished with God-chosen colors. Each day must have its sunrise and sunset; so must each life. Remember, for the Christian an earthly sunset must come before a heavenly sunrise.

Keep this in mind:

You are as young as your faith. Faith is trust. What are you trusting in? Fame? Fortune? Friends? Good works? All these bubblelike things can burst and leave only the spray of despair! How much better it is to take the Biblical advice: "Have faith in God" (Mark 11:22). Do you have true, Bible-centered, Christ-honoring, soul-saving faith?

You are as young as your hope. Your dark nights of despair can be brightened by the star of hope. Without eternal hope, life has no meaning. But with hope, life is one exciting adventure after another, and even the here-

after holds no fear for the hope-filled soul. You cannot find it without; you must find it within your own heart and soul. "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27). What wonderful hope filled David's heart. The reason? He declared, "My hope is in thee" (Psalm 39:7). He had his hope in the right One—in God!

Sunset years...yes, they can be beautiful! But the heart of man needs that "message of beauty, hope, cheer, and courage," to tint those years with joy, hope, and satisfaction. The message man needs is the Bible.

"Bring me the Book," said Sir Walter Scott as the light of life's day was fading.

"What book?" someone asked.

"There is only one Book," replied the famous author—and he made it clear that he wanted God's Book, the Bible.

The Bible gives a message of beauty. It glorifies the Lord Jesus who is "the Rose of Sharon," "the Fairest of ten thousand," "the Lily of the valley," "the bright and morning Star." Do you know this "altogether lovely One" as your own personal Saviour? The Bible says that "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. . . . Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:8, 1).

Yes, God offers in His precious Word hope for the hopeless, help for the helpless, and Christ for the Christless. May the pages of the Bible brighten all your days. Love it. Read it every day that you live. And may the Saviour make your sunset years the happiest years of your life!

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