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## We Ought to Pray

Prayer is not an optional matter. It is an obligation that is laid upon every Christian. The Bible says that "men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). There would be much less discouragement and defeat among God's people today if there were more praying—for prayer brings the soul into the blessed warmth of the fire of the Holy Ghost and infuses it with the divine life that is unconquerable. Prayer lays hold of the precious promises and enables God to display His mighty power on the earth.

The Word of the Lord also tells us to be "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit" (Ephesians 6:18). It commands us to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Obviously this does not mean we should never stop praying to sleep, or eat, or attend to our livelihood. We cannot "pray without ceasing" in that sense, but we can live in an attitude of prayer, and we can pray regularly until prayer is as much a habit as eating or sleeping. We can set aside regular times for prayer and we can observe those times without ceasing.

It is scriptural, therefore, for our church leaders to proclaim a Week of Prayer for all the Fellowship, and for all our assemblies and constituents to enter into it wholeheartedly. The week begins this Sunday. We hope the church doors will be open every day for all who can gather to do so. Some pastor's may be announcing prayer meetings in private homes in various neighborhoods. Others may be announcing a "chain of prayer." Whatever the plan, the believers need to search their own hearts first to see if they are right with God. "Am I fully surrendered to the Lord? Am I living in the power of the Spirit?" There may be some sins to be confessed. Let's mean business. Then we can say that our hearts no longer condemn us, even we will have confidence toward God, and we will be able to pray effectively.

Pray for yourself, your pastor, your church, your family, your neighbors. Pray for government officials in cities, counties, states, and nations. Pray for missionaries, gospel radio broadcasters, and Christian publishers. Intercession is the key that opens the windows of heaven, as in Elijah's day, for it is still true that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

Bring your burdens to the Lord this week and let Him show you His saving grace, His healing power. Give yourself to prayer during the Week of Prayer and it will be the beginning of a very blessed year both for you and for those on your prayer list.

Prayer has divided seas, quenched flames of fire, muzzled lions, disarmed vipers, marshalled the stars against the wicked, and stopped the course of the moon. Prayer has burst open iron gates, raised the dead, bridled the raging passions of man, and destroyed vast armies of atheists. Prayer has brought one man from the bottom of the sea, and carried another in a chariot of fire to heaven. *What has prayer not done!*

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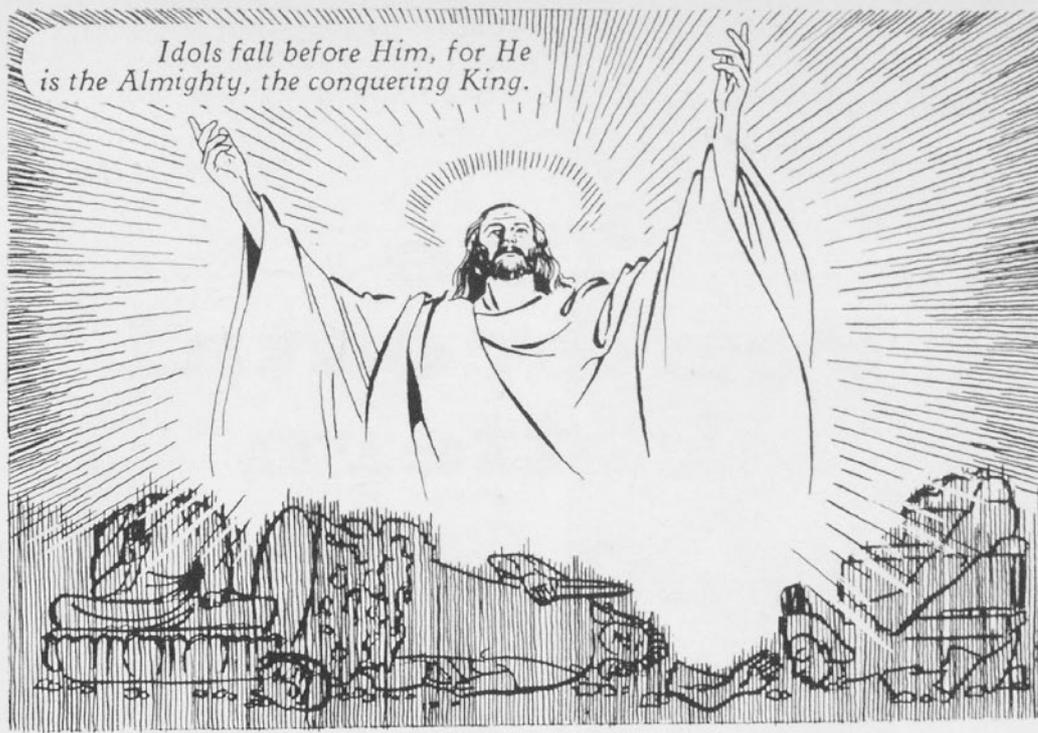
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but God in search of an unrepentant man.

God found a cure for Ephraim's idolatry. Not by punishment, nor by threatenings, nor by destruction of the idols, but by the revelation of Himself! In that light Ephraim saw his darkness; in that beauty he saw the hollow sham of man-made idols and in glad surrender cried, "What have I to do any more with idols?... I have observed him."

God still has the same cure for idols. Here in India we grieve to see multitudes who bow down to gods of wood and stone, because the human heart must worship something, and they have not yet caught a glimpse of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## "What Have I To Do Any More With Idols?"

IN WALES, EARLY IN THE TWENTIETH century, the Holy Spirit came one Sunday morning into a quiet, ordinary service, to begin a work that was to bring ten per cent of the nation's population to the feet of Christ.

The worshipers had assembled when suddenly the Holy Spirit fell! A group began to sing, "Worthy is the Lamb." The professional singer who had been engaged to sing could only use his beautiful voice to cry out in agony, "Mercy!" A Presbyterian minister with ashen face cried out in awe, quoting the Scripture verse "Who is this that cometh from Edom?" And a young girl, with radiant face uplifted to heaven, called out in loving challenge, "What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard Him; I have observed Him."

This cry, the response of a broken heart confronted with the vision of Christ, was an echo of Hosea 14:8. Ephraim had turned away from God, had "perished" from lack of knowledge of God, until God had to say, "He is joined to his idols, let him alone." Not that God would let him alone in apostasy. No, it was as if the divine Lover said, "He is joined to his idolatry, you let him alone. Do not become partaker of his sins, but I will yet devise a means to bring him home to myself!"

What a picture of eternal love we see in the words, "Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee?" This is not a hungry man crying, "What must I do to be saved?" but the hungry God crying, "What must I do to save you?" Not man in search of an unresponsive God,

But Westerners can be idolaters too. Never forget that an idol is *any* thing, *any* concept, *any* person which receives the love, loyalty, or devotion that should be poured out before Jesus Christ alone. Only the vision of Christ in His all-satisfying beauty can deliver us from the snare of idolatry. Let us, with Ephraim, "observe him," so that we may sing,

### "MY PRESENCE SHALL GO WITH THEE"

(Exodus 33:14)

My presence shall go with thee—  
So calm thy troubled fears  
My promise is unchanging,  
Throughout the changeful years.  
Mid scenes of gloom or gladness,  
When weary or distressed,  
My presence shall go with thee  
And I will give thee rest.

My presence shall go with thee—  
Most blest assurance here,  
While in this lower valley  
Beset by doubt and fear.  
No evil shall befall thee,  
Close sheltered to My breast.  
My presence shall be with thee,  
And I will give thee rest.

My presence shall go with thee—  
Though in a foreign land,  
Afar from home and kindred,  
This covenant shall stand.  
Nor time nor space can sever;  
Love knows not East or West:  
My presence shall go with thee,  
And I will give thee rest.

—H. Isabel Graham

*"What has stripped the seeming beauty  
From the idols of the earth?  
Not a sense of right or duty,  
But a sight of peerless worth;  
Not the crushing of those idols  
With its bitter pain and smart,  
But the beaming of His beauty,  
The unveiling of His heart."*

I. OBSERVE HIM ON HIS CROSS, that sin may be cast down. Paul gives a marvelous description of that cross in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. "First of all... Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures."

*First of all, Christ.* This was the revelation that came to Paul after he was filled with the Holy Spirit, and "straightway he preached Christ... that he is the Son of God."

*First of all, Christ died for our sins.* "Who is this on Calvary's mountain,  
Dying there such shameful death?"

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*"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."*



# The Pentecostal Pattern

BY T. J. JONES

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**T**HE BOOK OF ACTS IS THE BOOK of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost is mentioned upwards of sixty times. It is the Gospel of the Holy Spirit, what God accomplished through the Church by the Spirit. The only inspired record of primitive Christianity is here. This is a Pentecostal book. Pentecostal people and Pentecostal preachers should be thoroughly versed in this book. It is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord." This is the secret of effective service. It is imperative that we be endued with power from on high.

The pattern for us is found in "The Acts of the Apostles." Let us go to this book to find our procedure. The Church begins with men and women anointed with the Holy Spirit. Immediately upon being endued with the Holy Spirit, they begin their witnessing. Jerusalem sees three thousand, then five thousand, and then multitudes turning to God. It spreads like a flame. No one can stop it.

Healing of the body and signs and wonders have their God-appointed place. In fact, these things often open the door for the preaching of the gospel. Pagan cities filled with corruption and vile sins are attacked by the gospel preachers, and despite opposition, people are saved and delivered, and assemblies of Blood-washed people are left in these cities.

T. J. Jones collaborated with D. V. Hurst in writing *The Church Begins*, the 1960 Training Month book selection. *The Church Begins* is a commentary of the first 12 chapters of the Book of Acts, reliving the days of the early church foundation and expansion.

God has given us in The Acts a pattern of Christian testimony. A pattern which we should do well to follow. The deeds of the Church in the first century were not intended to be her last and only achievements. Each decade and century must add new chapters of The Acts. Our charter is The Acts; not modern methods of churches. As God said to Moses regarding the Tabernacle, "See that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount," so God says to His preachers today, "Follow The Acts."

The Acts is a missionary book—a textbook on missions and methods of the apostles. They established assemblies of converted people. They chose strategic centers, captured the cities, and spread to the villages. The Acts is an important book showing us how Judaism passed and Christianity took its place. See how the book comes after the Gospels and before the Epistles. These endued people were His witnesses in an expanding sphere that must reach to the farthest places. This is still God's program—witnessing till Jesus returns.

We have nothing to hold back. They spoke in tongues then and when endued with the Spirit today we will do exactly the same. "This is that," and only "this is that" (Acts 2:16). We must be swept by the wind of God, touched by the fire of God and intoxicated with the wine of God. As a result of this mighty power, the cries of the convicted are heard, the sick are healed and leap from their beds, the demons are cast out. Hell is enraged, religious professors are bitter



T. J. Jones

and persecute the Holy Ghost preachers and imprison them, but the gates of hell cannot prevail against this Blood-bought Church. She moves on. Hallelujah!

Remember, most of these men were unlearned and ignorant; that is, unlettered, without technical training, yet they were men of ability and courage. Oh, what God can do with consecrated men! We must not forget chapter 5 of The Acts. A man with a lie on his lips could not live in that church. *Who can live in devouring fires? Who can dwell in everlasting burnings?* The Church must retain her purity, her holiness or else she is finished.

The murmuring of Acts 6 is dealt with fairly and wisely. We need men "full of wisdom," as well as full of the Holy Spirit. But don't forget the price to be paid for faithful witnessing. Stephen's bloody, battered face tells us that "the man with the angel face" must know the bruises and blood al-

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**I**T IS SIGNIFICANT THAT EVERY OLD Testament hero "rose up early in the morning" to obey God, not once, but habitually. The kingdom of darkness is Satan's kingdom, out of which we are translated by God's dear Son. We—the children of light—keep looking up for that Bright and Morning Star that shall soon break through the dim shadows of the dawn.

Night is foreign to the ultimate purposes of God. So are the tears that flow in the night. Sleep is a blessing and a necessity in this cursed earth until the redemption of the purchased possession, but it is dangerous if prolonged, something akin to death. Drowsiness, both physical and spiritual, is the devil's most insidious weapon whereby he defeats us without a struggle. Drugged into sleep, the saints are quietly disarmed.

"Job... rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings" (Job 1:5).

"And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the Lord" (Genesis 19:27). And when his son, his beloved son, Isaac, was to be sacrificed, "Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass" (Genesis 22:3).

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh... And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the Lord... And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar... And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai... and Moses rose up early in the morning, ... as the Lord had commanded him" (Exodus 8:20; 16:7; 24:4; 34:2).

"And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord" (Joshua 6:12).

David rose up early in the morning; he was a man of the morning. "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up... Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early... But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning... But unto thee have I cried, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee" (Psalm 5:3; 57:8; 59:16; 88:13). Stabbed



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## In the Morning

By LUCILE ENLOW

awake by the recurring anguish through which he sings to the heart of the world, David beheld Christ in the day of His power (Psalm 110:3).

Isaiah saw the Lord and, with unrivalled majesty, tells of the Saviour and of all who know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: "He wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned" (Isaiah 50:4).

Nothing is more delightful than to be awakened by the Lord, while the world is in a stupor from the night's revelry, long before the intrusion of telephone and doorbell, duties, and distractions within or without—to feel His gentle touch, His sweet, reassuring presence; to worship Him and commune with Him, time forgotten; to hear His voice clearly calling to prayer for definite needs which He confides—who would miss that exquisite joy for hours of sleep?

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"—not they who sleep. The Lord's compassions fail not; they are new every morning. David rose up at midnight to praise the Lord for His righteous judgments, and went out to conquer in His strength. He was a man of action, as well as a poet, but it was in the night watches and very early in the morning that he met God.

The Lord Jesus, beset by the multi-

tude, arose a great while before day to pray. He was weary, even as we, when He sat on Jacob's well, and the fountain of living water that emanated from His being came from the same source as the rivers that were to flow from every Spirit-filled believer. The secret springs of life are not discovered in the bustle and stir of this noisy world, but in the holy hush of dawn, alone with God. "The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark" (John 20:1), and on that sacred morning, it was she who first saw the risen Lord, who heard that dear, familiar voice speaking her name: "Mary!"

Too many of us are sleeping, heavily drugged with the devil's opiates. We have to be tortured awake that we may learn to pray. We cry out for deliverance from pain, not realizing that the alternative is death. We will not touch God for others until we are forced to find Him for our own deep need.

Night and day are all one to the suffering. It is no effort to call upon God at any and all hours when our own case is desperate. Thus we become acquainted with the beauty of the morning. It is in these early hours that the worn old Bible becomes a living companion, and every word precious. "Thy words were found, and

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# "That They All May Be One"

BY T. E. GANNON

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**I**N REVELATION 3:17 WE ARE GIVEN Christ's description of the self-sufficient Laodicean church, unaware of its real poverty: "Thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked..."

The word *nothing* here can properly be translated *no man*, indicating that isolation was part of the sin of Laodicea.

This same spirit of proud, selfish independence described by Jesus has cropped up repeatedly throughout the Church Age. Certain individuals or groups, whether under the illusion of superiority or in the security of material independence, have broken away, little by little, from the fellowship of other believers. Whenever this has occurred, both the main body of believers and those who seceded have suffered loss.

In these days of pressure from many sources, we are in danger of subscribing to the fallacy that we do not have time for fellowship with others. Our own local church programs are often full and the budget limited. Where once some congregations joyfully crowded into cars and drove fifty or even a hundred miles to the monthly sectional fellowship meeting, some now find it convenient to ignore these gatherings completely. In other areas, thank God, the sectional fellowship meetings still flourish, and there is a mutual enrichment through the contact with others of like precious faith.

Our district councils and the General Council are places where the fellowship of saints in the world-wide ministry of the church results in broader vision, greater understanding, and



deeper appreciation for one another.

No church is so large that it cannot profit by the fellowship of other churches, and no minister is so great that he no longer needs the fellowship of his brethren. The Scripture does not imply that the Laodicean church was wretched because it was rich, *the catastrophe was that they had no sense of their need.*

Paul, writing to the church at Rome, said, "No man liveth to himself." We are a fellowship, and our growth and progress have been on that basis. Let us keep it that way. When we cooperate in our church program of missions, radio evangelism, benevolences, education, and other ministries, we prove that we can do great things together.

Every time we attend our camp meetings, sectional fellowship meetings, C. A. rallies, district and General Council gatherings, we tell the world that we Christians have a precious fellowship and that we need and help each other. The spirit of the church at Laodicea would cause us to absent ourselves from such gatherings unless they are in *our* church; it would cause ministers to attend only those

meetings in which they are to participate publicly.

Strange as it may seem, it is not always the largest churches that are gripped by this spirit; sometimes it is a comparatively small group. It is not the size but the attitude that God condemns. Such a spirit of independence will lead to setting up standards and methods of operation with little or no concern as to their effect on other churches or on the movement as a whole. Not only will this spirit defeat our fellowship, but it is repulsive to God Himself.

God does not condemn growth, efficiency, and a well-organized local program, but He does condemn the spirit that considers itself so sufficient that it has no need of the fellowship of others. Brethren, regardless of how capable we are, and how great the program we have developed, *we need each other.*

One of the strongest rebukes ever to fall from the lips of our Lord was directed to those who are stumbling blocks to others. We are a fellowship and everything we do bears fruit (either good or evil). Let us do a little individual heart-searching to see if the spirit of the Laodiceans could be invading our lives and our churches. First John 1:8 emphatically states, "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, *we have fellowship* one with another." The prayer of Jesus recorded in John 17:21 reveals that the effectiveness of the ministry of His Church is contingent upon co-operative fellowship: "*That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*" ◀◀

## WEEK OF PRAYER - SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, TO SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

The executive officers of the Assemblies of God, impressed with the great need of a spiritual revival in America and around the world, have proclaimed a week of prayer. All members and

friends of the Assemblies of God are urged to make this week a time of deep heart searching in prayer that God will send a revival among us in our generation.



# Are You Looking for a Sign?

*No need to "put out a fleece" if  
we are led by the Holy Ghost*

By **HARRIET P. WILSON**  
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**S**INCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME GOD has given miraculous demonstrations of divine power on numerous occasions. The seal of approval on Abel's sacrifice, the rainbow over a flooded world, the angelic wrestler proving Jacob, the burning bush attracting Moses, the beast rebuking Balaam—all these were signs of God's concern and interest in His people. And the Bible is full of such. Signs have been given to all mankind. Every time you see a rainbow it is a sign of God's promise.

Another sign was given on the Day of Pentecost, eight hundred years after it was foretold. It was speaking in new tongues. To the Corinthian church Paul wrote, "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not." To attract the seeker after truth, God has used the miracle of utterance in a language the speaker has never learned. Whether it is this phenomenon of tongues or the miracle of a broken bone instantly mended, the purpose is to draw men to God. *We are in error if we suppose that the chief purpose of signs and wonders is to prove a high degree of spirituality, an exalted position in the kingdom of God, or a superior brand of faith.*

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What is the New Testament standard for mature believers concerning signs? Jesus promised the Spirit of Truth would guide us into all truth. Paul admonished Timothy, saying, "Study to show thyself approved unto God," and in both the Old and New Testaments we read, "The just shall live by faith." It is God's plan that we live close enough to the Lord to hear His voice. Certainly it is His will that our faith be strong enough to act in obedience to His known will without the aid of signs.

A timid person once found it necessary to spend several weeks unprotected and with small children. Putting her confidence in the Lord, she selected this scripture: "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me to dwell in safety." The first night, sleep came quickly. Then in the darkness she awoke in terror. With clenched hands and pounding heart she lay rigid with fright. Crying out to God for help she recalled the verse of Scripture she had memorized to use as her weapon against fear. Immediately the presence of God enfolded her, the fear left, and she fell asleep. The following night the experience was repeated. The third night came and the same terror gripped her. Then as she cried to God for deliverance from this oppression it seemed the Spirit of God chided her by whispering, "How long must I carry you? When will you believe?" Thanking God for this lesson she again quoted the promise of peace and safety, and sleep came. She had experienced a lesson in faith never to be forgotten.

God leads us in different ways. At one time Paul heard the Macedonian call and accepted it as God's voice. Another time an angel of the Lord stood by him, encouraging him not to fear even though his ship should be wrecked. But whether with these signs of God's leading or simply as he felt moved in his spirit, Paul went forward. We, as Spirit-filled, Spirit-led, and Spirit-anointed children of God, are to be moved by that same Spirit. There is no place for such childish demands as that the breeze blow the curtain on a day when there is no breeze, in order to confirm God's will; or that the telephone ring at a certain time to verify the conviction one should attend the service on prayer-meeting night. Some things are obvious. In other matters, God's will is made plain as His Word is read and as we seek His face in prayer. Jesus rebuked His generation for seeking a sign. He declared that no sign should be given except His resurrection after three days in the grave.

Sign seeking may reveal a spiritual lack in one's life. The backslider turns to these means because he has lost touch with God. Saul went to the witch of Endor. Sign seeking may indicate an unwillingness to go God's way. Sign seeking may be a desire to exalt self by the occasion of supernatural visitation. Therefore, the only safe course for the sincere heart to take is to seek the will of God through prayer and His Word, trusting in the promised leading of His Spirit. Signs will follow the believer, but they need not precede. ◀◀



# Let Us Go On to SPIRITUAL MATURITY

BY KENNETH BARNEY

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**P**AUL EXPRESSED THE HEART CRY OF many a pastor when he pleaded that we "henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine" (Ephesians 4:14).

It is God's plan that each of us *grow* in grace. The giant oak in the forest was once a mere sapling, struggling for existence; but the passing years brought steady growth, and finally maturity. So it should be with the Christian. He should come to a place in God where his roots are down; where he does not bend with every wind that blows; where he can support the weak and encourage the faltering. He should reach a place of dependability.

Strong home ties aid greatly in a child's maturity. Likewise, strong ties to a church are invaluable in this matter of spiritual maturity. One authority on juvenile delinquency says that "rootlessness" is a major cause of teen-age delinquency. Surely this principle carries over into the spiritual realm. Many a Christian has remained spiritually juvenile and perhaps delinquent in his experience simply because he is "rootless." He has refused to settle down in one church and share its blessings and join in its outreach for souls. Instead, he drifts from church to church and misses the continuity of worship and responsibility which work together for his maturity and stability.

Pentecostal people used to be characterized by the fact that their church was more than incidental to them. It was the hub around which their life

revolved. Each service was important. The lack of such strong ties to the church on the part of some people today has undoubtedly produced much of the spiritual immaturity we now see.

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There are some characteristics of childhood that are also marks of spiritual immaturity. First of all, a child is easily influenced and deceived. A tragic example was the kidnaping of a little boy by a stranger who professed to be a relative. It is disturbing to see believers who are still young spiritually, absorbing false doctrine and

accepting leadership which takes them in the wrong direction.

Then there is the lack of knowledge that exists in childhood. The child's field of information is limited. There are many subjects of which he has never heard, but if he expects to be a normal adult he will have to add continually to his store of knowledge. Likewise the child of God must constantly be seeking more knowledge of his Saviour, especially through the pages of the Scriptures. The Bible knowledge of some who have professed Christ for many years is so meager it is embarrassing.

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Childhood is marked by a lack of balance. The mind of a child runs pretty much in one channel to the exclusion of other things. If someone interrupts his play by asking him to do something he does not relish, he becomes quite upset. Some immature believers get a good deal of enjoyment from blessings in the services, but the suggestion that they might do a little church visitation, or spend some extra time in prayer, or come to the church on "work night," brings out the childish nature very suddenly!

This matter of spiritual balance is a tremendously important thing. There are those who want to shout constantly and some who believe it is entirely unnecessary. Some think a service has reached the climax of spirituality if there is no preaching; others want every service to follow a precise order without ever being disturbed. But our God is a God of variety—of balance. If there is one thing the Holy Spirit delights to do as He leads us on into spiritual maturity, it is to develop in us a life of spiritual balance.

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Fickleness characterizes childhood. A

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## The Quest

I asked for bread!  
Life led me to a plain,  
And put a plough in hand,  
And bade me toil until my bread  
I earned.

I asked for drink!  
Life led me to a sand  
As dry as tearless grief—  
Forced me to find the springs of  
sympathy.

I asked for joy!  
Life led me to a street  
And had me hear the cries  
Of wayward souls that waited to  
be free.

I asked for words!  
Life led me to a wood,  
Set me in solitude  
Where speech is still, and wisdom  
comes by prayer.

I asked for love!  
Life led me to a hill  
And bound me to a cross  
To bear and lift and to be hanged  
upon.

—Chester E. Emerson

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child can get tremendously excited over something for a moment, then lose his enthusiasm just as quickly. Until he gets older he cannot be given much responsibility because of this instability. Sad to say, we have many in the Christian ranks who can be seemingly "on fire" for the Lord one week and completely indifferent the next. In one service they are "on the mountain top;" then for the next several meetings they are conspicuously absent. Why? They have not grown up spiritually. They need to heed the admonition, "That we henceforth be no more children."

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It is impossible to over-estimate the influence of the *Bible* on spiritual maturity. The believer who never opens the sacred Book cannot expect to grow. He will always be a spiritual juvenile. He will never be able to carry a load in the church, for he will be constantly in need of help himself.

Neither can we say too much about the power of *prayer* in the matter of Christian maturity. The prayerless Christian will be a childish one. He will find it difficult to stand in the face of opposition.

Maturity requires also that we follow on to receive the *baptism in the Holy Spirit* and to walk in the Spirit. If given His rightful place the Holy Spirit will strengthen, establish, and settle the believer in the Christian life.

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Spiritual maturity brings its rewards. One is the reward of *partnership*. A successful businessman is happy when a son is born to him because he expects some day to make him a part of his business. But during early years he must treat him as a child, until he attains the age when he can be trusted with responsibility. It is a happy occasion when the father can say to his boy, "You are a part of this now. You are my partner." One of the rewards that comes with spiritual maturity is the deepening consciousness of partnership with God—an understanding of our place in His plan and purpose. It is a reward unknown to the one who never leaves his spiritual babyhood.

It is also an unending source of joy to the mature Christian to know that he has *the ability to influence others toward God* and righteousness. My memory often carries me back to times in my life when I have been influenced by great saints of God. Some are still living; others, like W. I. Evans and

Wesley Steelberg, are with the Lord. But their influence remains not only in my life but in countless other lives. It will be a glorious day when, before God's throne, we discover that our spiritual stability and maturity influenced some faltering believer to stand true to God. But our own experience must be mature before we can exert such a wholesome influence on others.

May we realize that the Christian

life, while unquestionably the most joyous in the world, is more than a jubilee. The work of the Kingdom is serious, wonderful work. It is a job for spiritual men and women, not children. May the Spirit of the living God lead us on into the depths of Christian living that will develop fully in us the very life of the Lord Jesus. Thus shall we satisfy the great yearning of the Spirit through Paul, "that we henceforth be no more children." ◀◀



## God Is Always Near

BY KATHERINE BEVIS

**H**AS THE DAY BEEN LONG AND hard? Are you exhausted? Are you troubled about what will happen tomorrow, and do you doubt that you will be able to meet its problems? Then take a moment to commune with the Master of your life. He is right there at your side. And after you have poured out your heart before him, listen! Listen to His still small voice. Believe in His nearness. Realize His power as He says, "Be still, and know that I am God."

The one who created you has a definite plan for every day of your life. Just a few minutes in consultation with Him can give you more direction than many hours spent alone in struggling with your problems. It will do more to free you from the problems and the troubles of life than you can do for yourself in days of fighting with them in your own strength.

Jesus tried to teach us the meaning of God's nearness when He said, "The kingdom of God is within you." He was telling us that God is not merely near—He is *here!* He did not tell us to have a vague faith *about* God, but to have faith *in* God.

There is a little book written by an unlettered layman known only as Brother Lawrence who lived in a French monastery in the seventeenth century.

The book is titled *The Practice of the Presence of God*. Its writer caught such a vision of the goodness of God and of His constant nearness that his entire life was changed.

From the first moment of that vision, this man wanted nothing on earth but to please this loving God, his soul's companion. Untroubled now, he ceased to think about terms of theology, about ceremonies, even about the rules of his superiors and associates in the monastery.

He talked to God quietly. He listened to God until this became as much a habit as breathing. His peace and joy were so complete and perfect that they surpassed the understanding of his human companions, and at times even his own.

As we read this little book we are made to feel that it is possible for us too to be lifted to a new level in living; a new plane on which life is free from all fear, victorious in pain and sorrow. A life overflowing with happiness is ours for the taking; for at any moment, in the midst of any occupation, the soul that wants to know the nearness of God can know it.

Let us say with the Psalmist, "In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul" (Psalm 94:19). ◀◀

# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## United States

### MEN'S COMPANIONS SEEK LICENSE

A proposal that the city of Seattle, Wash., should license a commercial service which would provide dine-and-dance companions for men ran into opposition from the churches. The executive committee of the Greater Seattle Council of Churches declared: "We believe that this commercialized relationship between men and women is unwholesome. It can be assumed that some of the men who will want to take advantage of such a service will be married men. . . . The proposal is a prevarication of what is otherwise a natural relationship."

### SMOKING BLAMED FOR LUNG CANCER

Dr. Daniel Horn, an officer in the American Cancer Society, has recommended that new literature be published to show the latest findings concerning the connection between cigarette smoking and lung cancer. Medical research has now established the fact that smoking is an important factor in many cancer cases, and Dr. Horn says this information should be put in the hands of teen-agers.

According to an article in *The Missouri Cancer Crusader*, a study of high school smokers conducted recently in

Portland, Oregon, has shown that when the danger is made clear to them most teen-agers are intelligent enough to accept the warning and refrain from smoking.

### LESS WOMEN DRINKING TODAY

The greatest change in drinking habits in recent years has occurred among the women of this country, according to a temperance official in Washington, D. C. He says that latest Gallup poll statistics indicate that 55 per cent of the nation's women now abstain from intoxicating liquor, compared to only 46 per cent two years ago. If this present trend continues, by 1960 nearly 60 per cent of American women will not drink.

## Israel

### OVERTIME IN ELECTION BOOTH

In Tel Aviv, during the recent national election, voting officials were worried about an elderly woman who entered a curtained booth to cast her ballot. She was 91 years old and not very strong. It seemed to them that she was staying unnecessarily long, and yet they were reluctant to invade the privacy of the voting booth to see if she needed help.

Finally they did investigate and they

found that she needed help all right—but not the kind they could give. They found her with a shawl over her head, praying. And her explanation was simple: "I need God's help to decide who will govern us for the next four years."

### MONKS IN ISRAEL WANT IT QUIET

The government of Israel has received a complaint from the Franciscan Terra Sancta monastery at Genesaret, on the shores of Lake Tiberias. It seems a neighboring cafe owner wants to build a dance hall close by the monks' chapel, and the authorities of the 700-year-old monastery complain that the noise of revelry beneath the chapel windows would disturb the prayers of the monks.

## Russia

### ANTI-SEMITISM SPREADS IN RUSSIA

News leaking out of Russia tells of increased anti-Semitic violence in recent weeks.

In the Moscow suburb of Malakhovka an attempt was made to burn down a Jewish synagogue. A woman reportedly was killed in the violence that accompanied this event. On the eve of the Jewish New Year, windows in the great synagogue of Moscow were

## ISRAEL'S LEADERS SHOW KEEN INTEREST IN NATIONAL BIBLE QUIZ

The photograph shows Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion of Israel perusing his Bible during the finals of the national Bible knowledge contest in Tel Aviv recently. Winner of the contest was Dr. Yehoshue Yeivin, 68-year-old retired physician who emigrated from Russia thirty-five years ago.

Interest ran high throughout the entire nation in the Bible quiz, the second annual event of its kind in Israel. Some 3,000 persons packed Mann Auditorium to witness the finals. Thousands more gathered around their radios in every city, village, settlement, and military camp in Israel to follow the outcome of the contest.

The Prime Minister himself put the last question to the final contestants. The next to the last question was read by Israel's President Yitzhak Ben-Zvi.

The finalists were congratulated by Mr. Ben-Gurion. He said the national Bible Tournament, which will continue to be an annual

affair in Israel, is not so much a competition as an assertion of a national passion for the

Book that records the Israeli's religion, his history, his philosophy, and his ethics.



RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE PHOTO

broken, and this was repeated several days later. In another town, hoodlums broke into an apartment that was being used for a Jewish service and reportedly beat the worshippers.

Anti-Semitic leaflets have been published by an organization calling itself "Kill the Jews and Save Russia." Copies have been distributed in at least three large Ukrainian cities. One of the leaflets that has reached this country criticizes the Bolsheviks for having rushed to give the Jews equality.

Several anti-Jewish articles have appeared in the Russian press this fall. On the other hand, the Soviet press has quoted Premier Khrushchev's tribute to the role certain Jews have played in Soviet rocket successes.

#### **BIBLES IN RUSSIA AVAILABLE TO 'SPECIALISTS' ONLY**

Russian libraries have Bibles but they are not accessible to the ordinary Soviet citizen. This statement was made to the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society by Miss Barbara Wolfe, who served as a Russian-speaking guide at the U. S. Fair in Moscow last summer. Miss Wolfe says that all religious books in Soviet libraries are classified as research material—available to "specialists" only—so that one has to be a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church in order to check out a copy of the Scriptures.

Bibles are scarce in Russia, Miss Wolfe pointed out; nevertheless many people want them—as evidenced by the way in which Russian visitors "helped themselves" to the Bibles at the American Fair which were for display only.

#### **"WEDDING PALACE" OPENS IN LENINGRAD**

A new "wedding palace" on the banks of the Neva River at Leningrad opened for business with the holding of nine solemn marriage ceremonies in non-Christian fashion.

Instead of an altar and a minister there was a deputy mayor sitting at a desk beneath a bust of Lenin. Instead of sacred music the strains of Tchaikovsky selections rang out over a loud-speaker system. But several of the brides wore long white wedding dresses. The city official presented the wedding certificates and gave rings to the newlyweds.

The building formerly was a Russian nobleman's home. Its opening as a Communist "wedding palace" marked the culmination of a well-organized effort to make civil marriages in Russia "more beautiful" and to replace all "religious and bourgeois habits."

# EVANGEL DEADLINE

LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

THE 1960 COMMENTARY on the Adult Sunday School Lessons is now ready for mailing. Bound in hard covers, it includes all the study material that will appear in the Adult Teacher quarterlies during the calendar year. (It can be purchased for \$2.50 from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri.)

THIS YEAR'S VOLUME includes an accumulative index of scriptures treated in the 1958 and 1959 volumes, the first to be offered by the Gospel Publishing House. Incidentally, a limited number of 1958 and 1959 copies are available at \$2.25 each. These volumes will be rare study items in years to come.

THE BEER ADS CARRYING THE SLOGAN "Good for You" were conspicuous by their absence last month. Originally the U. S. Brewers Foundation planned a long series of these magazine ads, but protests from religious and temperance groups alerted the Government to the fact that Federal law prohibits misleading advertising or claims that alcoholic beverages have beneficial effects. Under Government pressure the Brewers Foundation agreed to bring the series to a sudden halt in November.

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OPENED 239 NEW CHURCHES in 1959, bringing the total number of new churches in the past five years to 1,432. The goal this year is one a day, the Home Missions Department has announced. Since 1960 is a leap year, this means 366 new churches.

"TIME" MAGAZINE RECENTLY DEVOTED A HALF PAGE to the work of Nicholas Bhengu, the noted Assemblies of God evangelist in South Africa. "Time" referred to the 50-year-old Zulu preacher as "the black Billy Graham." It described the phenomenal success he has had in various South African cities where hundreds of criminals have repented of their sins, turned in their weapons, and become born-again Christians. Many converts have turned themselves in to the police, confessing their crimes. After one evangelistic crusade the police carted away three truckloads of knives, black-jacks, brass knuckles, and similar weapons that had been laid upon the altar.

THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF MISSIONARY WORK by the Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee) is being inaugurated by a four-day caravan from Florida to the Bahamas, January 1 to 4. A group of several hundred persons was to start the trip from Durant, Florida, home of a pioneer missionary, R. M. Evans, who sailed to the Bahamas on January 1, 1910. The caravan was to cross the state to Miami, then travel by chartered ship to Nassau where the Church of God began its foreign missions work fifty years ago.

THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION has obtained permission from the Ethiopian government to build a 50,000-watt short-wave radio station in that country which will reach much of Africa and Asia.

THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME at Hot Springs, Arkansas, has added the word "Hillcrest" to its corporate title. In the future it will be known as the Hillcrest National Children's Home of the Assemblies of God.



# Meet the New Executive Director



J. Philip Hogan

On January 1, J. Philip Hogan became executive director of the Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God. He succeeds Noel Perkin who resigned after 33 years of fruitful service.

For the past seven years Brother Hogan has served as secretary for promotions in the Foreign Missions Department. Before joining the headquarters staff he served as an evangelist and pastor in Ohio, Michigan, and South Carolina, and as a missionary in China and Formosa.

In 1947 Brother Hogan sailed with his wife and two children for Ningpo, China. In spite of the infiltration of communism from the north, Brother Hogan was able to build a new Assemblies of God church in Ningpo, and he traveled extensively in East China, ministering to refugees and residents of the area. When it became apparent that communism would force missionaries from the Chinese mainland, Brother Hogan made an exploratory trip to Formosa with Garland Benintendi. Seeing the large number of Chinese nationals on the island, the two men felt that it would be advisable to move their families from the mainland to the island. As a result, both families moved to Taipei, Formosa in March, 1948.

In a short time the church in Taipei

was established and Brother Hogan went into the hills to minister to the aboriginal tribespeople, former head-hunters, in central Formosa.

In less than a year the political situation became such that Americans were forced to leave Formosa. After a night of deliberation and prayer it was decided that Sister Hogan should return with the children to the United States and that Brother Hogan should remain in the Orient. Brother Hogan was able to remain in Formosa until May 17 and was on the last plane to leave the island with members of the American diplomatic corps.

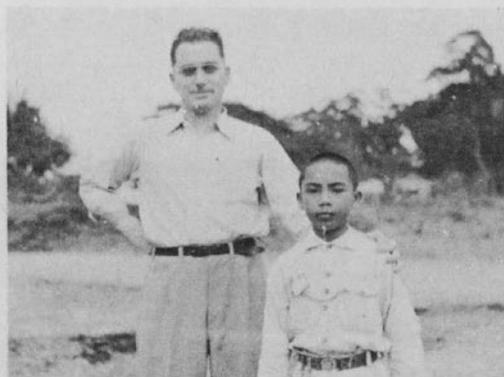
Prevented by world conditions from returning to the Orient, Brother Hogan was appointed promotional director for the Foreign Missions Department. He has traveled extensively throughout the United States in missionary conventions and has done much to promote the work of the Foreign Missions Department. He has also represented the Department in Europe and the West Indies. Recently Brother Hogan has

given most of his time to launching the new GLOBAL CONQUEST program.

Brother Hogan and his wife Virginia, daughter of Assistant General Superintendent and Mrs. Gayle F. Lewis, live in Springfield with their daughter, Phyllis Lynn. Their son Richard was killed in an automobile accident three years ago.

Brother Hogan brings to his new position a wealth of experience in both home and foreign ministry. In his new position he serves as an assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God and chairman of the Foreign Missions Committee.

—R. T. Brock



Brother Hogan with Tain Sek, son of the head chief of the Pai-Ummi tribe



Street meeting conducted by Brother Hogan while organizing the first Assemblies of God church in Taipei, Formosa



PHOTOS BY JARMILA WAGNER

Left: Sunday school group in Singapore. Right: Young people in front of the old Singapore mission. They now have no place of worship.

# The Challenge of Singapore

BY MRS. J. K. WAGNER  
*Missionary to Malaya*

TIME IS RUNNING OUT IN SINGAPORE. Since the last election we have a left-wing government and we do not know just when the curtain will fall. My heart aches when I think of the time, money, sweat, and tears spent here to bring our church into being. Now we are facing the future and the possibility of being turned out onto the street with no place to have services!

We need a permanent sanctuary, especially at times like these—a church building where the people may come and pour out their hearts to the Lord and find help and strength for the coming trials.

When I think of the eighty people who gather for the Sunday night serv-

ices and the young people's group of over forty—and the three groups of boys and girls who come to the different children's services—I wonder, "How can we abandon all these and let them be scattered again?"

To leave them now to face the future without the help of getting together and praying through to God would be tragic. They are so crowded in their houses that there is hardly a place where they can pray. We must have a sanctuary and have it as soon as the new rules and regulations may permit. Already the new government prohibits Bible clubs and the using of school premises for services. Won't you pray with us?

The Ohio District is assisting the Arthur Sholtises in preparing for service in Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark are itinerating in South Carolina for service in Japan.

Approved for service in Malaya are the Fred Seawards from the Southern California District.

The Southern Missouri District has approved the John Weidmans for service in Voltaic Republic.

Before the election the British government was favorably inclined toward missions, but the new government definitely has been hampering Christian work. Today is the day of opportunity in Singapore.

If you should like to have a part in building a permanent sanctuary for these Christians in Singapore, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Dept., 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., designated: "Mrs. Jarmila Wagner, Singapore Church Building."

## Church Participation

### In Missionary Giving

September 1959

District	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
N. Dakota	49	47	96%
Nebraska	79	72	91%
New Jersey	98	87	89%
Montana	67	58	87%
Minnesota	146	124	85%
Ohio	172	143	83%
Kansas	164	136	83%
W. Central	221	180	81%
Potomac	172	140	81%
S. Idaho	57	46	81%
Michigan	174	140	80%
Rocky Mtn.	127	101	80%
Wis.-N. Mich.	137	108	79%
S. Texas	268	211	79%
Northwest	276	217	79%
S. Dakota	50	39	78%
W. Texas	132	102	77%
S. California	382	295	77%
New York	154	118	77%
Eastern	266	203	76%
S. N. England	63	48	76%
Illinois	209	157	75%
Oregon	199	148	74%
N. Calif.-Nov.	337	250	74%
N. Carolina	74	54	73%
Mississippi	94	65	69%
S. Florida	161	111	69%
S. Missouri	353	242	69%
N. N. England	57	39	68%
New Mexico	79	54	68%
Oklahoma	489	325	66%
Tennessee	113	74	65%
Appalachian	73	47	64%
W. Florida	143	90	63%
Indiana	162	99	61%
N. Texas	521	316	61%
Arizona	91	55	60%
Louisiana	149	90	60%
Alabama	249	149	60%
Wyoming	37	22	59%
Kentucky	63	35	56%
Arkansas	438	226	52%
Georgia	136	64	47%
S. Carolina	54	23	43%

## NEWS NOTES

**GOINGS:** Mr. and Mrs. R. Charles Eason and family left for El Salvador on November 1.

The Dale Brown family returned to Ghana on October 13.

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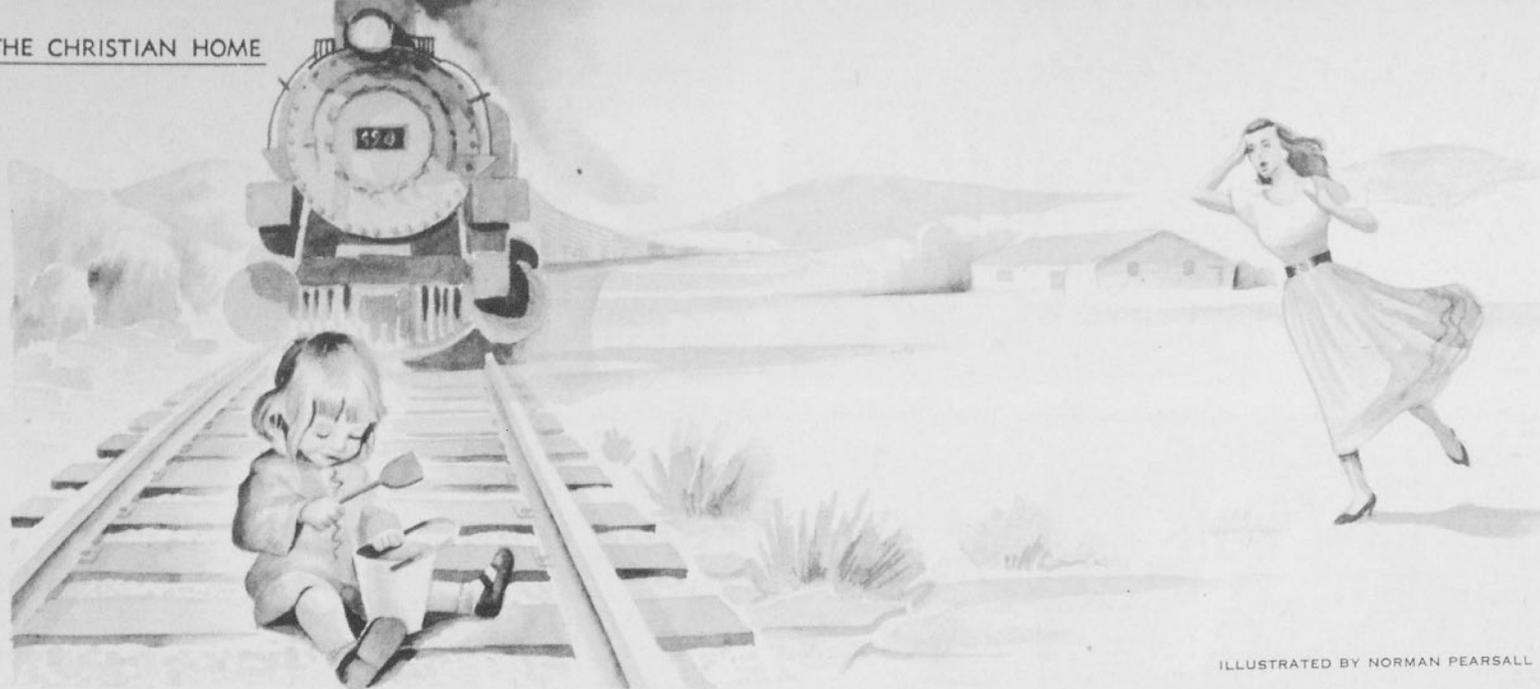
**NEW RECRUITS:** From the Northwest District, Miss Ruth Anderson is preparing for service in Belgian Congo; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Greisen, in Hong Kong.



Mr. and Mrs. R. Charles Eason and family



The Dale Brown family



ILLUSTRATED BY NORMAN PEARSALL

# Fifteen Feet Too Late

By F. HELEN JARVIS

**A** YOUNG MOTHER SCREAMED FRANTICALLY as she raced toward the railroad track where her two-year-old played happily, oblivious to any danger. Somehow the child had wandered from her nearby home, and sat between the railroad ties filling her sandpail with pebbles—while a train rushed toward her.

Horror-stricken, her mother exerted every effort to reach the little girl. Once she stumbled and fell, then scrambled to her feet and ran on, calling to the child. Only when it was too late for her to be saved did the little girl start to move from the tracks. The engineer mistook her for a cardboard carton and did not apply the brakes until it was too late to stop. The mother failed to reach her daughter *by only fifteen feet.*

As we read of the tragedy we thought of the millions of sons and daughters in far greater danger. They are those who play on the precipices of sin and romp heedlessly along the path of eternal destruction. Toying with the sands of evil while the holocaust of world tribulation draws near, they hear no voice of warning.

Pathetically few are the parents that realize this danger to their children in

an age of materialism. They sound no cry of alarm and make little constructive effort for the spiritual safeguarding of their children. They provide food and shelter and schooling for their offspring and may even offer sound social and moral instruction; but like the mother who failed to reach her child in time they fall short of saving their children from the Destroyer.

What then is necessary? How can we save them? Surely a godly parental example is needed. Faithful instruction in God's Word, and firm discipline have their place. Above all, there must be a desperate concern and intercession for divine intervention in rescuing the perishing loved ones from eternal death.

A number of years ago we heard of an incident which occurred in a Swedish community. The people had become concerned for the salvation of their families. They sought the face of God for a spiritual touch upon their own lives, and for a God-given burden of prayer for their unconverted loved ones. Day after day they greeted each other with the question, "Have you a burden?"

Time passed, and gradually one by one the people could answer "Yes" to

that question. As many received an anointing to pray and to intercede, a gracious revival came to the town. Entire families came to Christ. Many of the sons became ministers of the gospel, and eternity alone will reveal the far-reaching results.

Today we face another new year, conscious that time is running out, and that Jesus may come at any moment. Are your children saved or lost? Do they know the importance of deciding for Christ now, or are they so absorbed in the things and events of this life that they are oblivious to the urgency? God help all of us to win our children to Him who is the way, the truth, and the life, before it is too late.

FOR THE JUNIOR READER

## FIND THE QUEENS

Below is a list of women who lived in Bible times. Some of them were queens. Others were not. Can you select the names of those who were queens?

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| 1. MAACAH | 6. ATHALIA   |
| 2. MARY   | 7. RACHEL    |
| 3. RUTH   | 8. VASHTI    |
| 4. ESTHER | 9. MIRIAM    |
| 5. HANNAH | 10. TAHPENES |

### ANSWERS

Exactly half of these women were queens. If you selected Maacah, Esther, Athaliah, Vashti, and Tahpenes, then you correctly selected the queens.



# The Family Altar



PRAYER REQUESTS • DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION • MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

## Monday, January 4

**Read:** Ephesians 2:1-10

**Learn:** "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

**For the Parent:** From this passage point out: (1) the change from spiritual death to spiritual life, v. 1; (2) the characteristics of those spiritually dead, vv. 2, 3; (3) the way we have received spiritual life, vv. 4-6; (4) the reason God saved us, v. 7; (5) the way of salvation, vv. 8, 9; (6) one purpose of our new life in Christ, v. 10. If any of the family group have not received Christ, allow time for decisions.

**Question Time:** How can a person be saved? (vv. 8, 9) What follows salvation? (v. 10)

**Missionary Birthdays:** John Garlock, S. Africa; Mrs. Andrew Maracle (Indian), N. Y.; Mrs. Virgil F. Smith, Brazil; Garland E. Benintendi, Formosa.

## Tuesday, January 5

**Read:** Ephesians 2:11-22

**Learn:** "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13).

**For the Parent:** Review the material studied yesterday, stressing the new life that is ours through Christ. In this passage the Apostle urges believers to remember what Christ has done for them—we were without hope until Christ brought us to God, vv. 11-13. He did this through His death on the cross, vv. 14-18. We are now a part of a spiritual building—the Church—being built on Christ and joined with others who have accepted Him as Saviour and Lord, vv. 19-22.

**Question Time:** How do we have access to God? (v. 18) Who gained this for us? (v. 13)

**Missionary Birthday:** Mrs. E. W. Erola, Burma.

## Wednesday, January 6

**Read:** Ephesians 3:1-12

**Learn:** "For through him [Christ] we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father" (Ephesians 2:18).

**For the Parent:** Review yesterday's material, stressing that we are all part of the great spiritual Church if we have accepted Christ. This passage continues the explanation of this mystery. Paul points out that a special revelation brought this truth to him, v. 5. He likens the Church to a body v. 6; talks of his own part

in this body, vv. 7-9. He also refers to the Church as a fellowship, v. 9, and as fulfilling the purpose of God, vv. 10, 11.

**Question Time:** To what does Paul liken the Church? (vv. 6, 9)

**Missionary Birthdays:** Mrs. Clifford Herd (Indian), Ariz.; Paul M. Pugh, Uruguay; Mrs. Alberta Daniels, Uruguay.

## Thursday, January 7

**Read:** Luke 4:1-14; 1 Peter 5:8, 9

**Learn:** "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "Christ and the Tempter" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review this story, pointing out: (1) the time of the temptation, v. 2—Satan usually strikes when we are weakest; (2) the manner of the temptations; (3) the method Jesus used to overcome Satan, vv. 4, 8, 12. Also point out that it is not a sin to be tempted—sin comes in yielding to temptation. If we rely on Christ's strength, we can be victorious over the devil.

**Question Time:** When did Satan tempt Jesus? (v. 2) How did Jesus defeat him? (vv. 4, 8, 12)

**Missionary Birthdays:** Lester S. Kenney, Philippines; Calvin R. Zeissler, Philippines.

### Special Prayer Requests

The first Assemblies of God missionary is now going to Dutch Guiana. That field is ripe for revival due to the ministry of *Revivaltime* there for the past two years. Pray for this new work.

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Louis P. Richards, missionary in Korea, requests special prayer as he ministers to the soldiers of the Korean army. Many of them are being saved as a result of the services. Pray that God will continue to bless this ministry.

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An Assemblies of God Servicemen's Retreat is to be held at the General Walker Hotel, Berchtesgaden, Germany, in March, 1960. Pray that God's Spirit will be outpoured upon the servicemen and their families who gather for the meetings.

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Two of our national workers in Malaya were stoned recently while doing gospel work there. Please pray that these workers will be given more liberties to work for God.

## Friday, January 8

**Read:** 1 Samuel 13:8-14; 15:1-3, 9, 22-28 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" (1 Samuel 15:22).

**For the Parent:** Last week, in learning how Saul was chosen as Israel's first king, we noticed that one of his outstanding characteristics was his humility. How different Saul was when he gained power in the kingdom! Stress his pride and the terrible results it had—he lost out with God and he lost his kingdom. Emphasize obedience to God.

**Question Time:** Before he became king, what was one of Saul's outstanding qualities? But what happened? (See above)

**Missionary Birthdays:** Minnie Ecklund, Nigeria; B. Martin Kvamme, formerly of China.

## Saturday, January 9

**Read:** Matthew 2:16-23; Luke 2:40-52 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right" (Ephesians 6:1).

**For the Parent:** This lesson gives details about Jesus' early life. Discuss the flight into Egypt and the return to Nazareth. Then have the group talk about the trip to the temple in Jerusalem, Christ among the doctors. Emphasize His obedience to His parents—going with them and being subject to them. Christ is our Example. As He was obedient to His parents, so should children today obey their parents.

**Question Time:** Why did Joseph and Mary take Jesus to Egypt? (Matthew 2:13) What did Herod do? (Matthew 2:16)

**Missionary Birthdays:** Mrs. Roy L. Nelson (Indian), Nev.; Mrs. C. Leroy Williams, Peru; Gerald Lee, Alaska; Florence Steidel, Liberia; Claude V. Malcom, Alaska; Leonard G. Bolton, Formosa; Mrs. R. L. Dalton, Spain; Delores Lyons (Deaf), Oreg.

### MY PRAYER

From silken self, O Captain, free  
Thy soldier who would follow Thee;  
From subtle love of softening things,  
From easy choices, weakenings  
(Not thus are spirits fortified;  
Not this way went the Crucified);  
From all that dims Thy Calvary,  
O Lamb of God, deliver me.

—Amy Carmichael

**T**HREE OF THE BEST-KNOWN LEADERS of the Assemblies of God have retired from executive office. The heavy responsibilities they have carried so long and so well were transferred to younger shoulders on January 1, and now these veteran Pentecostal leaders are contemplating a change of ministry.

At this transition time we give thanks to God for these dedicated elders and their consecrated wives. They have served well. They are eminently worthy of that "double honor" which is mentioned in the Scriptures.

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R. M. RIGGS has served as pastor, foreign missionary, Bible school teacher, district superintendent, assistant general superintendent, and general superintendent. He has been an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God since 1916 and the contribution he has made to the Fellowship is beyond human estimation.

It was while serving as a missionary in Africa for six years (1919-25) that he married Lillian E. Merian, a fellow-missionary. The Lord gave them two daughters, both of whom are married to ministers of the gospel.

All who have worked with Brother Riggs have been impressed with his great zeal for Christ and his amazing personal drive. Combined with these excellent qualities is a gift for organizing his work and workers in such a way that every task he undertakes is done systematically, thoroughly, and efficiently.

For two years (1943-45) he directed the Home Missions work of the Fellowship with outstanding success. For eight years after that he was director of the Education Department. In 1953 he was elevated to the position of General Superintendent and during the past six years the Fellowship has expanded in many ways, both in the U. S. and abroad, under Brother Riggs' leadership. There have been important organizational changes that have brought greater efficiency and solidarity. Several new departments were established. W. I. Evans Hall was built at CBI. *Revivaltime* has made its mark as a live network broadcast. Evangel College has been established.

We thank God for what has already been accomplished in a long and varied ministry, and hope that Brother Riggs will be spared to continue to serve the Fellowship for many more years through his writings, teaching, and other lines of ministry.

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J. R. FLOWER has been a member of the executive presbytery of the Assemblies of God ever since the first General Council



Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Riggs

## HONORED SERVANT

"LET THE ELDERS THAT RULE WELL BE CO"

was held in 1914. Perhaps no man has been identified with the Fellowship quite so closely during these forty-five years as he.

Brother Flower was Secretary of the General Council 1914-16; Foreign Missions Secretary-Treasurer 1919-25; Eastern District Secretary 1928-30; Eastern District Superintendent 1931-35; Assistant General Superintendent 1931-38; General Secretary-Treasurer 1936-47; General Secretary 1947-59. His executive ability and his wise counsel have been a source of strength and stability to the Fellowship through the years.

It was in Indiana in 1909 that he began to preach. In 1911 he married Alice Reynolds and the Lord gave them six children, five of whom are living. All of the children are ordained ministers.

Brother Flower has served God in a variety of positions—as pastor, evangelist, Bible school teacher, printer, editor, and administrator. In 1913 he began publishing a weekly magazine called *The Christian Evangel*. This magazine was taken over by the General Council in 1914 and in due time the name was changed to *The Pentecostal Evangel*—so Brother Flower bears a unique relationship to our official weekly magazine as well as to the Fellowship as a whole.

Brother Flower is a gifted teacher and expositor of God's Word. We pray that the Fellowship may be blessed with his

ministry for a long time to come.

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NOEL PERKIN has been director of the Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God for thirty-three years.

When he accepted this position in 1926, there were 277 foreign missionaries. Today the missionary program has assumed vast proportions, with 777 appointed missionaries and ministers in foreign service and a world-wide network of evangelistic centers, Bible schools, printing presses, leprosariums, etc.

In addition, an army of 11,300 national workers is actively engaged in the task of world evangelization. Brother Perkin has always emphasized that the hope of evangelizing the nations lay in raising up strong native leaders, and now he is thrilled with the chain of 66 Assemblies of God Bible schools in foreign lands from which a new corps of trained national ministers is graduated every year.

Brother Perkin is dearly loved by all the missionaries. He himself served as a missionary to Argentina (1918-21) before entering a Bible training school in Rochester, N. Y. There he fell in love with Ora Blanchard, the school president's private secretary. They were married in 1922 and the Lord gave them three sons and two daughters. Both of their sons-in-law are Assemblies of God ministers.



Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Flower



Mr. and Mrs. Noel Perkin

## MEMBERS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

“CHURCHES WORTHY OF DOUBLE HONOR” (1 Timothy 5:17)

Although Brother Perkin is giving up the active duties of his executive office, his wise counsel and teaching ministry will continue to be sought by missionaries and churches everywhere.

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T. F. ZIMMERMAN, who has now assumed his new duties as General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, brings to this office thirty-one years of ministerial and executive experience. He began his ministry at a very young age as assistant pastor of his home church in Indianapolis, Ind. Five years later he married the pastor's daughter, Elizabeth Price. They have one daughter Elizabeth (who was married recently to Paul Tinlin, a minister), and two sons, Thomas F. III and David.

Brother Zimmerman has been pastor of Assemblies of God churches in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Ohio. He was Assistant District Superintendent in Illinois, 1941-43; director of the nationwide radio broadcast 1945-49; District Secretary-Treasurer of Southern Missouri, 1949-51; Assistant General Superintendent 1953-59.

During his six years as an Assistant General Superintendent he has become very familiar with the entire program of the Assemblies of God, particularly the publication work, radio, Men's Fellowship, and Christ's Ambassadors departments. He has just returned from a survey tour of Assemblies of God missions in Africa.

In addition to his denominational offices Brother Zimmerman is first vice-president of the National Association of Evangelicals; chairman of the NAE commission on radio; and vice-president of National Religious Broadcasters, Inc.

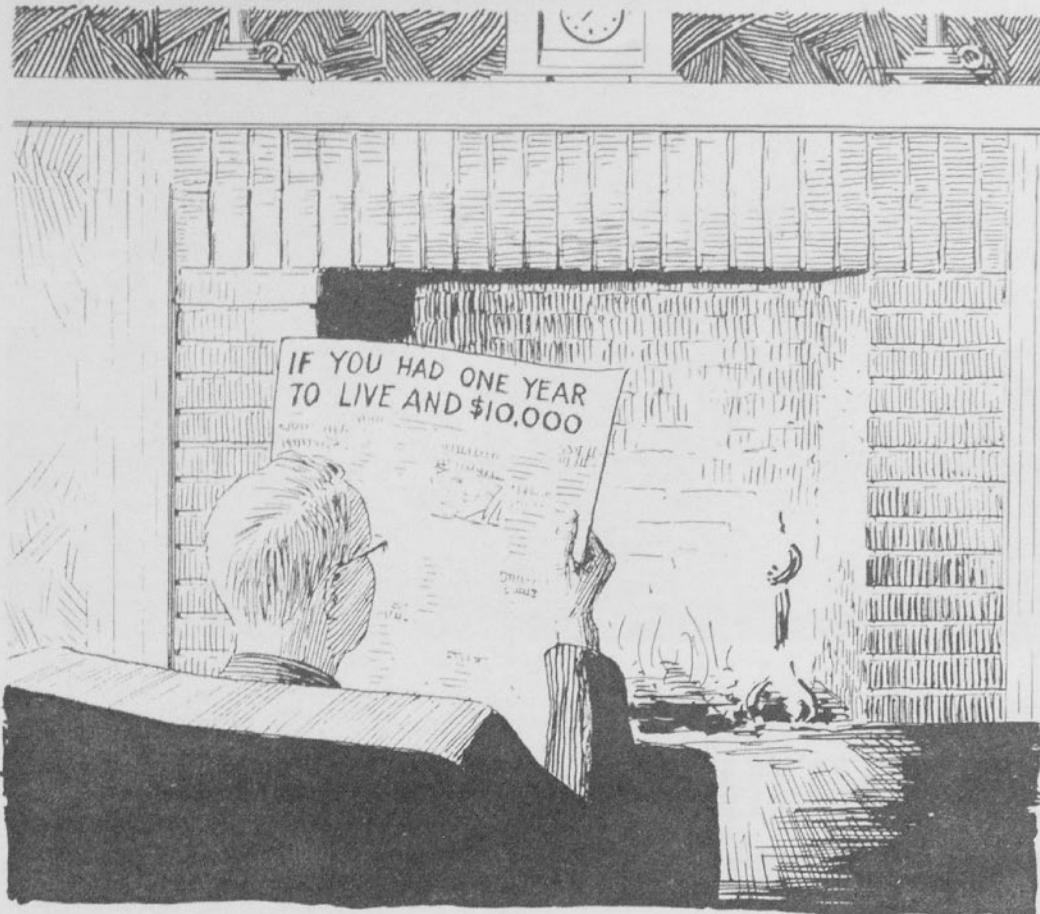
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We thank God for all the capable leaders He has given to the Assemblies of God. At

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Zimmerman



San Antonio the General Council chose Brother Zimmerman and seven other men “full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom” who will direct the work of the Fellowship from the national headquarters, and the Council selected eight additional men from various parts of the nation who will come to Springfield at regular intervals to join the resident officials in their regular executive sessions. These sixteen men constitute the executive presbytery. (Pictures of these brethren and announcement of the positions they will fill will be published in *The Pentecostal Evangel* in the near future.)



## One Year To Live

By NATHANIEL OLSON

A NEWSPAPER IN ONE OF OUR LARGE midwestern cities carried a sensational eight-column headline some time ago. It was—

IF YOU HAD ONE YEAR TO  
LIVE AND \$10,000,  
HOW WOULD YOU SPEND IT?

The query appeared rather ambiguous, for it didn't say whether it was a question of spending the year, or the \$10,000, or both. However, the story which followed made the idea clear.

Specialists had told a wealthy widow that she would probably die of a heart ailment within the next twelve months. As a result, the widow sold her business and gave part of her money to charity and part to her daughter. She still had \$10,000 left. "I want to know

how to spend it to get the most pleasure out of it," the newspapers quoted the woman as saying.

One paper offered \$200 in prizes for the best letters of advice. Thousands of responses from all over the nation were received; telephones were kept busy. So great and disturbing was the response that the distraught widow sought refuge in a friend's apartment.

The ideas offered were many and varied—people advised gambling, sight-seeing, traveling, drinking. However, no less than forty per cent advised this woman to seek comfort in God. These letters seemed more concerned that the woman would spend her last year wisely, than about how she would spend her money. They reasoned that a year spent without God was a year badly spent.

Every year presents a spiritual question. God does not give us the precious gift of time merely for our own personal pleasure. All our days are golden opportunities in which to seek God. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Mankind is made in God's likeness. Therefore, man must have communion

with God. Years spent without the Creator lead to frustration and eternal death. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36)

The Bible constantly warns against procrastination: "Today if ye will hear his [God's] voice, harden not your heart" (Psalm 95:7, 8).

It is not known whether this widow made her last year a righteous one. However, a study of the Bible clearly reveals the way. Consider John 14:6 where Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." He is the only way to God; He is the central truth for which men seek; He is the life which is eternal.

The solemn truth is that none of us can count on even a day to live, much less a year. For that reason it is important that we redeem the time and accept the Saviour *now*. Today is the day of salvation.

"As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

—American Tract Society

## IN THE MORNING

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I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart" (Jeremiah 15:16). Prayer for that loved one reaches heaven with an instant faith that rests in sure results which time cannot frustrate. The unseen becomes more real than earth—peace and quietness and assurance forever, present blessings.

If there is to be special trial, special grace is supplied in plenty of time. "I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me" (Acts 27:25) need not be immortal words spoken only by Paul, but the confident answer of any trusting heart who has listened for His voice above the storm.

We would not have missed those quiet hours with God for all the tears. It is at daybreak that the shadows flee away. Soon "shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings" (Malachi 4:2).

"Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light" (Ephesians 5:14). "Joy cometh—in the morning."

—Alliance Witness

**F**ROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE Christian church, laymen have played a vital part in the work of God.

Stephen, one of the first deacons, was a layman who preached mightily, even planting the seed of the gospel in the heart of Saul by his victorious martyrdom. Philip also was a very active layman in the early Christian church. Only eternity will reveal the fruits of his labors—and the vital role membership in the church of Jesus Christ played in his life.

Today laymen have the same opportunity for service. Thousands of men in many nations are serving Christ as laymen, helping win people to the Lord. Some are heads of giant corporations. Others are prominent executives in the business world. Still more are factory hands, truck drivers, office workers, newspaper editors and reporters; in fact, God has faithful laymen in every walk in life.

I count it a privilege to be a member of the church—a layman. By profession I am a newspaper man—but, first of all, a witness for Christ seeking to bring men and women, boys and girls, to the Lord.

Being a member of the church is one of the signs of our identification with Christ in the eyes of the world. And now, more than any other time in history, Christian men need to stand up and be counted. It is most imperative for every born-again believer to be affiliated with a Bible-believing church.

My choice is First Assembly of God in Memphis, Tenn., and it has been a real blessing to be a member of this congregation for almost a dozen years. Being a part of a local church provides a sense of security which may not be enjoyed by one who declines church membership. When one is not a member, he may visit one church after another or even attend one church regularly without ever becoming an integral part of its program. As soon as he becomes a church member this status changes. He *belongs*.

Of course, every Assemblies of God layman knows that joining the church in no way brings salvation. That must be accomplished through faith in Christ—then membership follows.

Once a layman becomes a member of a church he is identified with every

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Emmett Maum is well known for his work as a staff member of the *Memphis Commercial-Appeal*.



# WHY I BELONG TO A CHURCH

By EMMETT MAUM

Memphis, Tennessee

other member of that church. Since there is power in numbers when serving the Lord, this makes membership very important. Christ promised that where two or three are gathered together in His name, He will be in the midst of them. In these strife-torn days, when God's people must be solidly aligned against the forces of Satan, the increased importance of a strong church membership cannot be overestimated.

Then there is the God-given privilege of a church member to give his time to the Lord. A church officer definitely should be a member. Sunday school teachers certainly should hold membership in the church. If a layman feels no responsibility about becoming a member of the church, he is almost sure to convey the same feeling to the Sunday school class he teaches—or to any other group with which he works. As a Sunday school superintendent, it is important that I be a member of the church I serve. This opens the door for me to encourage others who give their hearts and lives to Christ to go a step further and become church members.

There is also the matter of paying tithes and giving offerings to support the work of God. Everyone ought to give to God's program, yet those banded together in church membership have a greater sense of responsibility in this matter. As a layman, I am glad that I can be a member and have a part by paying tithes and giving to support the ministry and outreach of our church.

The layman who is not a member of the church may "visit around" so much that he will neglect to meet his financial obligations to God. This is natural, for he does not realize the potential of his offering, when regularly pooled with that of others, for the work of the Kingdom. We can give most intelligently and satisfactorily when we give through a church with whose policy and goals we are identified.

These are but a few of the reasons why church membership is essential to me as a layman—whether I remain where I am or move to another city as thousands of our people are doing every year.

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## WALK BESIDE ME

by L. P. Lehman, Jr.

Walk beside me, O my Saviour,  
Through the morning's sparkling dew,  
Then as daylight grows still brighter,  
For each task my strength renew:  
When the evening spreads its shadows  
O'er the way that I must go,  
Still Thy presence close beside me  
Will to me sweet peace bestow.

Walk beside me, O my Saviour,  
Through this darkening vale of tears,  
For if Thou art close beside me  
Then my heart can keep no fears:  
When at last the morning breaketh  
In the land of endless day,  
Still my prayer shall be, dear Saviour,  
Walk beside me all the way.

# Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



## CHRIST AND THE TEMPTER

Sunday School Lesson for January 10, 1960

LUKE 4:1-14; 1 PETER 5:8, 9

The thrilling account of how Christ met the temptations of the devil and overcame them, is replete with suggestions as to how and why we are tempted and how we too may overcome!

### THE AUTHOR OF TEMPTATION (1 Peter 5:8, 9)

It does not help us to magnify the devil; but we certainly need to be fully aware of the fact that we "wrestle not against flesh and blood" in our battle against evil! We have a very powerful adversary! He is variously named Satan, the devil, the god of this world, the prince of the power of the air, the serpent, the dragon. He is everlastingly working to destroy men's souls. "As a roaring lion [he] walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." At other times he is disguised as "an angel of light." See 2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 Thessalonians 3:5.

### THE TIME OF THE TEMPTATION (Luke 4:1, 2)

Christ was tempted after His greatest blessing, after the reception of power which, if kept inviolate, would undermine Satan. Satan, well aware of this, sought to defeat Jesus before He could use His power. The time of spiritual exaltation is always a time of spiritual danger. Again, notice that Christ was "led by the Spirit" into the wilderness to be tempted. He was in the perfect will of God. Temptation, then, is not an indication that we have missed the way, unless of course we have foolishly or willfully invaded Satan's territory!

### THE PURPOSE OF THE TEMPTATION

(1) In order that Jesus might acquire experimental ability to help them that are tempted. See Hebrews 2:17, 18; 4:15. (2) In order that Jesus might receive a foretaste of what to expect from the adversary who was to oppose His every move once He entered upon His public ministry. (3) In order that Jesus, at the outset of His ministry, might deliver a smashing blow to Satan whose works He had come to destroy (1 John 3:8).

### A GENERAL ANALYSIS OF THE TEMPTATION

Compare the temptation of Adam and Eve with the temptation of Christ (Genesis 3:1-6). In both cases Satan appealed to the three fundamental desires of mankind; namely, the desire to enjoy things, the desire to acquire things, and the desire to be something or accomplish something.

These desires are God-given, and when kept within their intended limits are not only right and proper but necessary. However, these desires will produce sin under either of two circumstances: first, if they are carried beyond the bound set for them by God; or second, if they are satisfied in a manner which is contrary to the will of God. These principles are all illustrated in Satan's three-fold appeal to Christ.

In 1 John 2:16 John classifies sin as "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life." The lust of the flesh is the misuse of the desire to enjoy things. The lust of the eyes is the misuse of the desire to acquire things. The pride of life is the misuse of the desire to be something or to accomplish something.

### THE NATURE OF THE TEMPTATION

In the first temptation Satan appealed to Christ's desire to enjoy things. "Make bread," he said. This was a temptation to selfishness. Thus Jesus faced the issue, "Shall I use my power for self or for others?" Satan's method was to appeal to His physical appetite, weakened at this time through fasting.

The second temptation was an appeal to Christ's desire to acquire the kingdoms of the world, which did indeed belong to Satan. "Worship me and I will give them to you," was Satan's offer. Here was the temptation to compromise. And Christ faced the question, "Shall I set up my kingdom with the sword or with the cross?"

The third temptation was an appeal to Christ's desire to be something and to accomplish something. Here the temptation was to fanaticism. Christ faced the question, "Shall I use sensational methods, or simple?"

### THE VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION

Satan tempted Christ to act apart from the will of God, to doubt His Sonship, to step out of His humanity. Christ met the tempter with God's Word. Observe, too, that Satan uses Scripture in leading men astray. The safeguard is to know God's Word well enough to discern errors in interpretation!

We too may silence Satan with Scriptures. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you," is God's promise.

—J. Bashford Bishop

### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

 **SCHEMER**

 **ACCUSER**

 **TEMPTER**

 **ADVERSARY**

 **NUISANCE**

*Jamney*

# What Have I To Do With Idols?

(Continued from page three)

*Who for His tormentors praying  
With His last expiring breath?  
Who is this that earth should tremble,  
And the sun in darkness hide,  
Rocks be rent, and graves be opened,  
When He bowed His head and died?  
It is Christ, the King of Glory,  
Who His life a ransom gave;  
Bow before Him and adore Him,  
Jesus Christ, mighty to save."*

When the heart perceives the truth that the Son of God loved us and gave Himself for us, it can exult, "What have I to do any more with condemnation, with bondage; I have observed His cross!"

*First of all, Christ died... according to the Scriptures.* He died as Satan worked in the hearts of evil men. He died as the soldiers nailed Him to the cross. He died as the cross did its cruel work. He died as His precious blood streamed down in redemptive love. But behind all these "second causes," He died "according to the scriptures."

II. OBSERVE HIM IN HIS TOMB, that self may be cast down. Mary had been to the cross, but it left her with a broken heart until the work of the cross was consummated by the work of the tomb! The vision of the crucified Christ alone will never startle the world out of its idolatry, but thank God for the victory packed into the angel's invitation, "Come see the place where the Lord lay... he is not here... he is risen as he said."

We must come very reverently if we would learn the message of the tomb. The body of Christ which went into that tomb was marred, cursed, limited. But the body which came forth was a released body, and every trace of the curse was left buried behind.

That tomb is our tomb, and it is a blessed day when in personal experience the believer can point to the tomb in which the old carnal life lies buried and say, "I am not there; I am risen as Christ said!"

Recently a missionary leader was conducting an *ashram* in a beautiful retreat spot in the foothills of the Himalayas. During the week he dug a large grave out in the garden and invited each person present to stand be-

fore that grave. He said: "Whatever has hindered your witness for Christ, whatever has defeated you in ministry, cast it in by faith, and go out into a new life of release in Christ!"

*"Buried with Christ, and raised with Him too,  
What is there left for me to do?  
Simply to cease from struggling and strife,  
Simply to walk in newness of life."*

And, receiving the message of the tomb, the soul rejoices, "What have I to do any more with carnality, selfishness, and pride? I have observed His tomb!"

III. OBSERVE HIM IN HIS THRONE, that Satan may be cast down. "Christ crucified" is not all of the full-gospel message. Christ crucified, risen again, and exalted to the throne—only the complete message will empower us to be effective witnesses in this last age. When Elisha asked for a double portion of the spirit of Elijah, the answer was, "If thou see me taken up... it shall be so." And it was when Peter saw our heavenly Elijah taken up that the great dispensation of Pentecost began. "Being by the right hand of God exalted... he hath shed forth this."

So it is in personal experience. After the cross has done its work, after the tomb has received the old and released the new, we need to see the enthroned One and rejoice, "We see not yet all things under man's feet, but we see Jesus crowned."

Not after the Millennium, not after the last great conflict, but NOW, we

see Jesus crowned, exalted to the throne, to be head over all things to the Church which is His body.

In the face of all the challenge of the Antichrist, in the face of all the powers of unbelief which seem to pour like an unclean flood over our land, in the face of all the powers of evil which would drive the missionary from lands still bound in heathen darkness, in the face of all the skepticism and carelessness of the nominal Christian, God's pilgrim can encourage his heart with the words, "What have I to do with unbelief, with discouragement, with failure—I have seen His throne!"

The Philistines brought the ark of God into the temple of Dagon, their "fish god," and set it before the idol. When they awoke in the morning they found Dagon broken and maimed, lying on its face before the ark.

And when we bring the living Christ before the idolatry of our hearts there is only one outcome:

The Dagon of Sin falls before His cross.

The Dagon of Self falls before His tomb.

The Dagon of Satan falls before His throne.

"What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him."

*"'Tis that look that melted Peter,  
'Tis that face that Thomas saw,  
'Tis that heart that wept with Mary,  
Can alone from idols draw;  
Draw and win, and fill completely,  
Till the cup o'erflow the brim;  
What have we to do with idols,  
Who have companied with HIM?"*



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Yesterday was wonderful but it had its problems too. The trials of the present are no greater in God's sight than those of the past.

# "The Good Old Days"

BY R. E. FERGUSON  
Bay City, Texas



SOME TIME AGO I ATTENDED A REVIVAL where a very young preacher was the evangelist. In the sermon he referred to the beginning of his ministry, three years before, as the "good old days."

I thought, "You don't know anything about the good old days, because they were ten or eleven years ago when I began my ministry."

Then I began to think of older preachers who have used the same phrase in their preaching, and I began to wonder just when were the good old days.

Later I came to the conclusion that the reason we refer to the yesterdays with nostalgia is because we tend to forget, and at the same time our problems, trials, and temptations seemingly

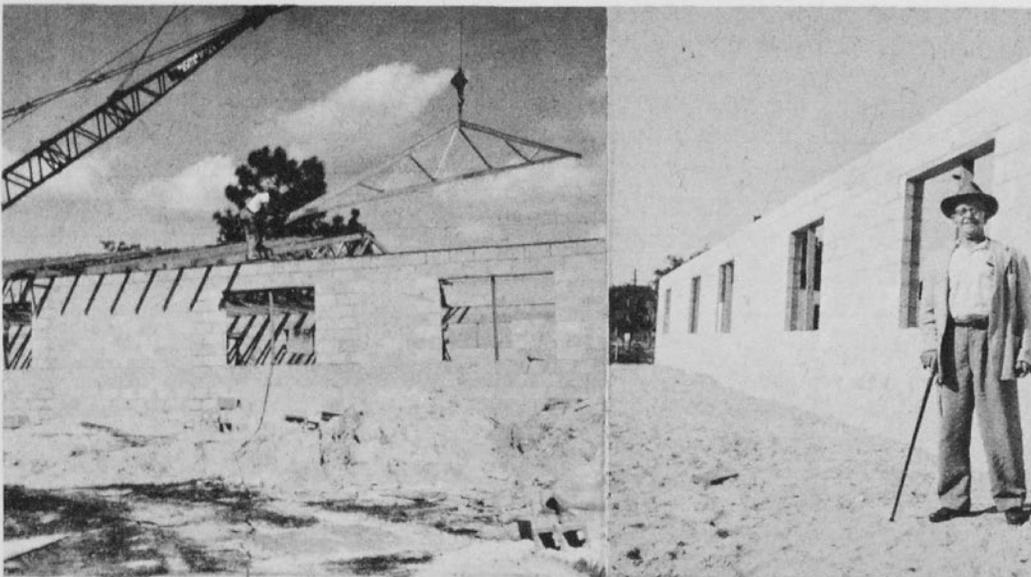
increase with time, or at least become more complex.

The Bible bears record that from the beginning of time man has had to face temptation. In the Garden there was the forbidden tree and the Devil came in the form of a serpent to bring temptation. After Eden there was a jealous brother—and famine and Egyptian bondage. Later there were the Philistines, the Herods, the Neros, the high priests, and the scribes. Jesus faced Judas and Pilate. The Church after Pentecost faced martyrdom, and at the turn of the century our pioneering Pentecostal brethren coped with criticism, opposition, and sacrifice. We still have opposition from evil forces although it takes a different form.

Indifference is one of the major hindrances today. This is causing some in the Church great concern. Pastors cannot begin to check on all the missing ones after roll call on Sunday mornings. Those who are lukewarm are careless in church attendance, indifferent to their responsibility in supporting the cause of Christ, and unconcerned for the lost. This condition causes some to look back to what seem from a distance to have been "the good old days."

Satan is also using the weapon of illness very effectively against many today. One day while in prayer during a long illness I had become desperate before the Lord. Then He showed me that He would make a way. Since that time I have refused to worry about my condition, even though the symptoms have recurred intermittently, because I have the assurance from heaven that everything is going to be all right.

I am beginning to learn that although "the good old days" were wonderful, this also "is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it," for Jesus Christ "is the same, yesterday, and today, and forever." With this outlook we can be sure that the best of our Christian inheritance is yet to come.



CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSES ON NEW RETIREMENT HOME

GOING UP! On beautiful Lake Holloway in Lakeland, Florida, the Hayes Construction Company is busily erecting the new Assemblies of God Retirement Home. "Just looking things over" is I. G. Shakley, retired missionary and resident of the present home at Pinellas Park which the new home will replace.

The first memorial room in the new Home will be furnished in honor of the late Alfred E. Blakeney, veteran foreign missionary. The Indiana District Women's Missionary Council is the first district group to finance the furnishing of a room. Bronze door plaques will be made for each such contribution.

The Christian Fidelity Insurance Company of Waxahachie, Texas, granted a loan and thus made it possible to begin construction. Various churches and interested individuals have given offerings for this worthy project. Offerings and requests for information should be addressed to: Lakeland Retirement Home, Department of Benevolences, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

## THE NEW YEAR

I do not know, I cannot see  
What God's kind hand prepares for me,  
Nor can my glance pierce through the haze  
Which covers all my future ways;  
But yet I know that o'er it all  
Rules He who notes the sparrow's fall.

Farewell, Old Year, with goodness crowned,  
A hand divine hath set my bound;  
Welcome the New Year, which shall bring  
Fresh blessings from my God and King.  
The Old we leave without a tear,  
The New we hail without a fear.

—Author Unknown



# Remember?

(A SHORT TRIP IN MEMORY THROUGH A TYPICAL TEEN-AGER'S "PAST")



## DEDICATION

Remember when the pastor took that little one from your arms and held him before the Lord? "Do you promise to raise this child in the fear of God; to lead him early to a knowledge of saving grace; to do all within your power. . . ."

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We now have nine Assemblies of God colleges. They need and deserve your support as the capstone of all our vast youth training program. On March 20 our whole Assemblies of God constituency is rising to meet the challenge of our educational financial need. This yearly drive is called Double Dollar Day. The recommendation is that everyone give at least a dollar for Evangel College, our four-year liberal arts college, and at least a dollar for another of our Bible schools or colleges. There is such a school in your region.

We want our young people to set up their homes and establish their adult lives within the influence of the Assemblies of God. We must not lose them by neglecting their college years.

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# Nine Rewarding Years of Prison Farm Ministry

By NORMAND J. THOMPSON

Porterville, California

**A**T NOON ONE DAY THE TELEPHONE rang. A familiar voice said, "Reverend Thompson, this is Clarence Barker, superintendent at Camp Two. Hate to bother you, but the boys need some bats and balls. They have a big game coming up, and they broke their last bat. I wonder if—"

"Sure, Clarence," I said. "If there's anything else I can do, just let me know."

Tulare County's Number Two Road Camp has been my burden since 1950, when Guard Ralph Pinnell, a member of the First Assembly in Porterville, Calif., spoke to me of the convicts' need of gospel services. W. M. Lamar, when pastor, instituted afternoon meetings. When he accepted a pastorate in Colorado, I continued the work.

Our services begin at 3 p.m. in the recreation building, when the weekly visitors depart. A couple of years ago, Superintendent Barker changed the ringing of the chow bell from 4 to 4:30 p.m. to allow us an extra thirty minutes. Both he and his guards have been very courteous and cooperative. They have furnished me with the names of homesick and sin-burdened prisoners, as well as names of those whose families needed a spiritual uplift or a basket of groceries.

Our theme song is, "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder." While Sister Thompson plays the little portable organ and leads the group singing, I step outside into the "bullpen" to announce that we are ready and invite the men inside. The response is always gratifying. Most of the seventy-five to eighty-five prisoners come in, twenty per cent of whom are Mexicans. Most of them have drawn short terms—averaging ninety days—for misdemeanors such as drunkenness or disturbing the peace. Our audience is

transitory, but regardless of who comes or goes the favorite hymns are the old ones such as "The Old Rugged Cross" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Assemblies in the nearby communities of Terra Bella and Strathmore have been very helpful in providing vocal and instrumental music and speakers. Lucy Harrison, pastor of the Church of God in Lindsay, brings a carload from her church, driving over thirty miles to be with us.

The greatest thrill for a prison chaplain comes from seeing the prisoners raise their hands to indicate they will accept Christ. One Sunday four men came to kneel beside us when we gave the altar call. Quite frequently we have one or more take this important step.

We have found that a simple, Christ-centered message is best. The men sit quietly and reverently during our services. Who can say what longings, what remorse may wring their hearts as they listen to the Word? Many times we have seen big husky fellows bow their

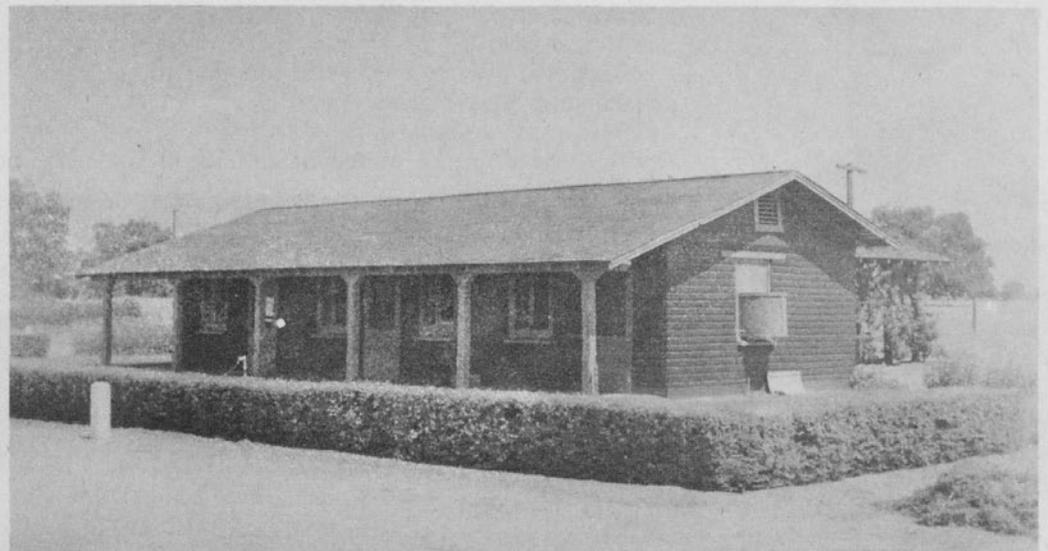
## SPECIAL NEED FOR ALASKA CHILDREN'S HOME

Gayle F. Lewis, Executive Director of the National Home Missions Department, is concerned about the high rate of interest we are paying on a \$4,000 mortgage on the Children's Home at Juneau, Alaska. It would be greatly to the advantage of the Assemblies of God work in Alaska if this \$4,000 mortgage could be paid at once. At the present time, there are no funds available for this purpose. Any offering God may lay upon your heart to contribute for the JUNEAU CHILDREN'S HOME MORTGAGE will be much appreciated by the national department and Alaska missionaries. The Lyle Johnsons, who operate the Home, are now caring for thirty-six fine children. Offerings may be sent directly to the Home Missions Department.

heads and furtively wipe away the tears.

During the song service we distribute tracts supplied by Claude Towns of the Pentecostal Tabernacle of Porterville. Brother Towns is leader of a group from his church that conducts a service at the city jail every Sunday. We are glad to report that no prisoner has ever refused to accept a gospel tract. We also give New Testaments to those who promise to read them.

Although some of the men wearing prison gray are still in their teens, most are middle aged, so the average age is thirty-seven. Most are sorry for their sordid, drunken lives, but some are defiant, cynical, or sullen. A few are chronic repeaters who have spent years on the prison farm. These usually end their criminal careers in the penitentiary at San Quentin, unless they open their hearts to the Saviour.



An adobe building constructed by prisoners of Tulare Industrial Road Camp Number Two in California



Prison guards, Mr. Gobel and Mr. Caulk

One night I received an urgent call from Superintendent Barker. I dashed out to the camp and found one of the prisoners "stir crazy." With a wild look in his eyes he told me over and over again that he couldn't stand confinement another minute. He asked me to pay his fine and win his release on parole. He threatened to go AWOL or to kill himself. I promised to see the judge who had sentenced him.

The prisoner's wife somehow managed to borrow the money to pay his fine. Both are now saved, thank God, and faithfully attending the Pentecostal Tabernacle.

Our gifts of baseball and table tennis equipment opened the way for other amenities for the prisoners. The Christian Businessmen's group has provided a library of some three hundred

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The Normand Thompson family  
Porterville, Calif.



# Convicted...

**I**n God's Book we all are sitting in death row. But man has drawn a different set of rules, and over 2,000,000 men, women, and juveniles are placed behind bars in this country alone. Unfortunately, many of the guilty on *this* side of the bars (reprieved only through Christ's atonement) consider this 2,000,000 almost beyond the reach of redemption.

The truth is, the grace of God recognizes no prison bars, no institutional walls. Three former inmates of one state prison alone are now successful ministers. Another still preaches from the "rockpile." Hundreds are busy in their cells studying the special courses furnished free to prisoners by our National Home Missions Department. These courses were prepared by our national Prison Chaplain, Arvid Ohrenell, after years of practical experience in prison ministry.

This entire correspondence program is supported by offerings. Five dollars will cover the cost of six books. As the demand for the courses is increasing, it is important that the PRISON LITERATURE FUND be replenished accordingly.

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# Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**In Mark 12:42 we read that a poor widow put "two mites" in the treasury of the temple while Jesus watched. How much money was this?**

A "mite" was the smallest piece of money used in Palestine at that time. It was worth about an eighth of a cent.

**Will the Holy Spirit be entirely taken away from the earth during the time of the Great Tribulation?**

There may be differences of opinion concerning this. It is my conviction that it is the Spirit's restraint on the "mystery of iniquity" that will be removed (2 Thessalonians 2:7). "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: but he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way." According to the R.V., this word *let* means to *restrain*. "Then [after this] shall that wicked be revealed" (2 Thessalonians 2:6-8).

**What is meant by "perfect" in Matthew 5:48—"Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect"?**

The Amplified New Testament gives the following meaning: "grow into complete maturity of godliness in mind and character, having reached the proper height of virtue and integrity." God would have us to seek to act like Him at all times. We cannot be absolutely perfect, since Christ is the only wholly perfect Man, but we can endeavor with our entire being to be Christlike in character and action.

**Is it correct that since we now have the New Testament Scriptures, prophecies shall fail and tongues shall cease? In other words, since we have the complete Scriptures, are spiritual gifts necessary? (1 Corinthians 13:8)**

If 1 Corinthians 13:8 teaches that gifts of the Spirit have ceased, it also teaches that knowledge is done away, since it says, "Whether there be knowledge it shall vanish away." Very few would like to acknowledge that they do not know anything.

When Paul spoke of "that which is perfect," he did not have in mind the Scriptures but the perfection we shall enjoy when we see and know even as also we are known (v. 12). It is the blessing of the better world which is "that which is perfect" (v. 10). When that perfection has come, spiritual gifts and our limited present knowledge "will be done away" (v. 10).

**Please explain Mark 16:18, concerning taking up serpents.**

Some have the idea that they should pick up serpents in order to prove that they have faith, but I believe that to take up serpents voluntarily is to "tempt the Lord." This Satan would have Jesus do when he took Him to the pinnacle of the temple and said, "Cast thyself down from hence." The devil quoted to Him the Scripture verse: "He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. Thy shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone" (Psalm 91:11, 12). It was a promise found in the Bible, but Jesus knew He could not claim it if He were *presumptuously* to cast Himself from the pinnacle of the temple. It is equally "presumptuous sin" for persons to defy the laws of nature and handle poisonous snakes for display purposes. We are never justified in willfully running into danger, but we may expect help from God when danger overtakes us as was the case when the viper came out of the fire and fastened onto the hand of Paul (Acts 28:3-5). Here was an appropriate fulfillment of Mark 16:18.

*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).*

volumes. And the recreation building now has a cozy big fireplace.

As the homes of most of the prisoners are in other towns, we seldom see or hear from the men after they are discharged. But Superintendent Barker and his guards frequently receive letters from them, telling how they have found jobs and are going straight and thanking "that Pentecostal preacher" for helping them.

We feel that this work is of the utmost importance. Vice and violence blight the bloom of our manhood and womanhood at an increasing pace. A major crime is committed every eleven seconds! One adult in every twenty-one is an alcoholic! The cost of crime, apart from the tears, misery, and heart-ache, is staggering. *It is estimated that the average criminal's career costs the nation's taxpayers enough money to operate a Sunday school of one hundred pupils for ten years!* Over sixteen billion dollars a year are spent by the U.S.A. to prosecute and curb crime! With God's help, we prison gospel workers are trying to salvage something from the wreckage of mis-spent lives.

Only Christ can cleanse sinful hearts. Only He can take away lust, murder, hatred, and the passion for liquor and gambling. Cozy fireplaces, books or recreation programs cannot reform a man. But, thank God, the Saviour is still saving the lost who put their trust in Him—even those in prison who, at first, might appear to be hopeless.

## The Pentecostal Pattern

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though the glory shines through.

Notice in chapters 8, 9, and 10, that God is interested in individuals as well as in crowds. We had multitudes in the earlier chapters, but now we come to individuals: Philip, the soul-winner. See how the Holy Spirit guides the man of God with the work of God to lead a longing soul to salvation. Then Philip is caught away. What a picture of the Rapture! One is busily engaged, leading a soul to Christ, then removed supernaturally by the power of God.

In Acts 9 another individual, Saul of Tarsus, is arrested by the risen Lord while journeying from Jerusalem to Damascus to persecute believers. No person could approach Saul. The Lord

himself apprehends him. Saul is led into the city blinded and broken; then Ananias lays hands on him and he is healed, filled with the Holy Spirit, and begins preaching.

In chapter 10 of The Acts, still another individual, an officer in the Roman Army, stationed at Caesarea, is directed by an angel to a preacher who will tell him how to be saved. See how God works at both ends, directing Cornelius and preparing Peter thirty miles away. God overcomes the preacher's prejudices; prepares him to preach to this Gentile. The centurion and the company in his house are saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues, too. God is no respecter of persons. See the blessed guidance of God in this story.

If the Church begins in Jerusalem, it spreads now to places farther afield. Wicked Antioch, capital of Syria, becomes a new hub of Christian activity.

Acts 12 gives us a picture of the mighty power of earnest prayer. The Church is vexed by Herod; James, John's brother, is slain. Peter is imprisoned; Herod intends to kill him as he did James. Peter's position is hopeless. It looks as though all is lost. "But prayer" is made intensely by the Church for him. In response to this desperate praying, angels begin to move. Light shines in the darkness, chains fall off, iron gates open automatically. Peter is out, free. Heaven plays a trick on Herod. The authorities are baffled. Boastful Herod is smitten. The worms creep out of him. The Church moves on. Hallelujah! ◀◀

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## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

BY E. S. WILLIAMS

### Dear Evangel Friends:

I respect and appreciate Brother E. S. Williams as one of the fine theologians of our times. His published works on systematic theology are modern-day classics and used widely now for the training of Christian workers.

Brother Williams is an elder among us. To thousands of us who have known him through the years and have had the privilege of working with him, he deserves the "double honor" spoken of in I Timothy 5:17. *No one has been more helpful to me in my own ministry than Brother Williams.*

A native of California, he entered the ministry in his youth and was ordained in 1907. He pastored various churches for 25 years. He served with honor and distinction as General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God from 1929 through 1949, at which time he voluntarily relinquished his post to give these latter years to a ministry of writing and teaching.

Besides extensive travel and ministry over the world Brother Williams has also served as an instructor in theology at Central Bible Institute. His common-sense Biblical answers to readers' questions appear regularly each week in the pages of *The Pentecostal Evangel*.

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# Spotlight on Evangelism

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► **TIFFIN, OHIO**—The First Assembly of God recently experienced a successful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. John Higginbotham of Cleveland, Ohio. Eight adults sought the Lord for salvation, and the Christians were greatly revived.

—James Earls, Pastor

► **EBONY, VA.**—Evangelist Floyd Cruse of Franklin, N. C., recently concluded two weeks of revival here. Some six were saved and reclaimed, and four young people received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

—Etta Baird, Pastor

► **DUGGER, IND.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Ludwig of Plymouth, Ind., recently conducted an old-fashioned revival at Calvary Assembly. Many were at the altars for salvation and reconsecration. The preaching and special music of this talented young couple was a real blessing and inspiration to all.

—William Bedwell, Pastor

► **ROSWELL, N. MEX.**—God moved in a wonderful way here during special meetings conducted by Evangelists W. V. and Aloha Bentley of Spearman, Tex. At least 14 were saved and some received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. One whole Catholic family was converted and they are very happy. The youngest son was filled with the Holy Spirit. These friends were brought into the light of the gospel when God healed the father about three months ago after three doctors had given him up.

—A. O. Simmons, Pastor

► **ALTON, ILL.**—The Alton Gospel Tabernacle has just concluded a great evangelistic crusade with Chief Bruce Thum and the Musical Sunshine Party of Indianapolis, Ind. Copious showers of Pentecostal blessing fell night after night. The illus-

trated sermons, music, and singing created interest among people of all ages. Well over 100 knelt at the altar for pardon and reclamation during the crusade. A number were filled with the Holy Spirit. Scores of new people were reached for the church. The Sunday school attendance reached a high peak, but did not quite equal the record that was set when the same evangelistic party was in the church six years ago.

—C. L. Gruver, Pastor

► **MASON CITY, ILL.**—The church here just closed three weeks of revival with Evangelist C. A. Kelly of Columbia, S. C. There were many testimonies of victories in the lives of the people and of outstanding healings. Among them was a three-year-old girl whose leg and foot were crippled with polio. She had to wear two different sized shoes and a heavy brace. She removed the brace after being prayed for, and within a week the crippled foot had grown to the same size as the other! Each night the evangelist ministered under a mighty anointing and his ministry was a real blessing to the church. Many visitors attended.

—Kenneth C. Wallace, Pastor

► **MARYVILLE, ILL.**—Three weeks of meetings here with Evangelist Bob McCutchen have made a definite impact upon the congregation of the Maryville Assembly. Some found Christ as Saviour, and several were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many others were refilled and greatly blessed. Brother McCutchen has a great compassion for the sick and prayed for them night after night. There were many testimonies of healing by the power of God. Even people from other churches in the community were healed and came back to give their testimony. The revival tide rose higher with each passing night.

—George O. Ankarlo, Pastor

► **DETROIT, MICH.**—Evangel Assembly of God enjoyed a very fine revival in which James Weaver of Dallas, Tex., served as the evangelist. Four received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and several were saved. A real spirit of revival was evident in the church. At the conclusion of the meetings six followed the Lord in water baptism.

—Fred Smolchuk, Pastor

► **KALISPELL, MONT.**—It is not often that a church has the privilege of enjoying such a rich, anointed ministry as the Assembly here enjoyed during two glorious weeks of revival with Evangelist W. J. Howells. The clear presentation of the truth will linger in the hearts of the people. Brother Howells is from Wales and is now an instructor in the Bible school in Vancouver, B. C.

—G. J. Mandigo, Pastor

► **ST. JOSEPH, MO.**—Evangelist and Mrs. G. A. Snavelly just closed two weeks of revival meetings here in the Wyatt Park Assembly. Special emphasis on visitation brought many new people to the church who had never attended before. There was also a marked increase in Sunday school attendance. The warmth of the Holy Spirit in each service challenged all the Christians to a deeper life in Christ. Many souls were saved, and the whole church was enriched by the anointed preaching and singing of the evangelists.

—W. B. Friend, Pastor

► **EGELAND, N. DAK.**—Revival fires are burning in Egeland. The Assembly here has just enjoyed three weeks of spiritual blessing and revival under the ministry of Evangelist James Tucker of Medina, Ohio. There was a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the altars were filled with those seeking the Lord. Many made new consecrations. A camp-meeting spirit prevailed in the midst of the people. In a particular way there was a move among the young people and the children. The entire church was stirred and revived, and many sick bodies were healed.

—M. J. Smith, Pastor

► **PLANT CITY, FLA.**—First Assembly just closed a most successful revival. The evangelists were Jimmie and Carol Snow. During the two weeks 87 people came forward for salvation and 10 were filled with the Holy Spirit. Over 500 came to the church for the first time. The Sunday school increased from 250 to 350. Over 1,000 people came out on a Monday night to hear the life story of the evangelist who is a son of the country music singer, Hank Snow. The crowds never fell below 300 during the meetings.

—J. W. Jordan, Pastor



Crowd attending the evangelistic meeting conducted by Evangelist Jimmy Snow at the First Assembly in Plant City, Fla. J. W. Jordan is pastor.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

SEVEN DISTRICTS PRAYER AND BIBLE CONFERENCE—Jan. 18-20 at Central Assembly of God, Calypso at Hall, Monroe, La. William R. Blair, host pastor. Begins Monday night.—by E. R. Foster, Secretary of Conference.

## WITH CHRIST

SILBY S. KILGORE, 62, Low Gap, Ark., departed this life on December 2, 1959. He was ordained in 1936, and ministered mainly in the Arkansas District. He was pastor at Low Gap at the time of his decease.

MISS LENORA ANNABEL, 70, Ann Arbor, Mich., went to be with Christ on October 29, 1959. Miss Annabel preached the gospel for over 45 years in Michigan. She was superannuated in 1957.

F. F. MILLER, 61, Haynesville, La., passed away on September 15, 1959. Brother Miller ministered mainly in Louisiana where he was ordained in 1950.

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CLARENCE W. TRENUM, 49, Fairmont, Va., went to his reward on October 6, 1959. He was ordained in 1945 in the

Potomac District, and held pastorates in Virginia, West Virginia and Ohio. He is survived by his wife and nine children.

JOHN E. STILES, SR., 69, Pacoima, Calif., went to be with the Lord on November 13, 1959. Brother Stiles served in the Assemblies of God for over thirty years as pastor and evangelist. He is survived by his wife and four children.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Atmore	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 17	Bobby Jackson	Robert Rogers
	Eufala	First	Jan. 3-17	W. O. Stephens & wife	Andrew Daniel
	Tuscaloosa	First	Jan. 6-10	Joel Palmer	Robert H. Spence
Ark.	Conway	A/G	Jan. 3—	Jerry A. King	C. E. Doan
	Dardanelle	First	Dec. 27-Jan. 10	Eldon & Donna Bryce	Don D. DuVall
	El Dorado	North Highland	Jan. 3-17	A. G. Calaway & wife	Murphy Smith
Calif.	Atascadero	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 17	Leroy Miller	H. P. Wilde
	Chula Vista	A/G	Jan. 3-17	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Minor Higgins
	Cutler	A/G	Jan. 3—	Merel Thornton	Cecil O. Branson
	Fontana	Bethel	Dec. 30-Jan. 10	Christian Hild	Hiram Brooks
	Gustine	* A/G	Jan. 5-17	John McPherson	Eugene Fields
	La Puente	Glen Grove	Dec. 31-Jan. 17	Arthur Arnold	Mel Bailey
	Richmond	Full Gospel Temp.	Jan. 1-10	John French	J. Boyd Wolverton
Colo.	Craig	A/G	Jan. 3-17	E. Dwayne Madsen	Raymond Raley
Fla.	Clearwater	First	Jan. 5-17	Ernie Eskelin	Art Shell, Jr.
	Lakeland	First	Jan. 10-24	Willie M. Stevens	J. Foy Johnson
	Plant City	Mt. Zion	Jan. 6—	Harold "Bo" Daniel	Ernest Holbrook
	Sarasota	First	Jan. 10-15	Bob Olson	H. H. Jenkins
Idaho	Rupert	First	Jan. 3-17	Bill & June Lambertson	Sheldon Slagel
Ind.	Elkhart	Bethel	Jan. 3-17	William Ilinsky	G. A. Uldin
	Indianapolis	West Side GT	Dec. 31-Jan. 17	Musical Vander Ploegs	Thomas Paino
	Sullivan	First	Jan. 5-10	Bob Ludwig & wife	Fred Rice
Iowa	Burlington	First	Dec. 27-Jan. 3	Jess & Judy Hammer	A. J. Sovern
	LeClaire	First	Jan. 10-24	Jess & Judy Hammer	K. E. Matschulat
Kans.	Lawrence	A/G	Jan. 3-10	Garfield J. Unruh	J. J. Krimmer
	Pleasant Green	A/G	Jan. 5-17	Ivan Christoffersen	M. M. Anspaugh
	Russell	A/G	Jan. 3-17	Neale Sheneman & wife	Frank Sabotka
Md.	Salineville	A/G	Jan. 5—	John Higginbotham	William Hilliard
Mass.	Leominster	A/G	Jan. 5-17	Sid Regnier Party	Woodrow Fletcher
Mich.	Midland	A/G	Jan. 1-24	A. F. DiMusto Party	Howard M. Burk
Mo.	Canalou	A/G	Jan. 3—	Glenna Byard	Blanche Virgin
	Houston	A/G	Jan. 3-17	W. O. Cox	Joe Combs
N. Y.	Syracuse	Grace	Dec. 31—	L. K. Dodge	Norman Farrington
Ohio	Akron	First	Jan. 3—	Harold W. May, Jr.	G. G. Barron
Okla.	Lindsay	A/G	Jan. 3—	Marcus Alexander	G. W. Hathcock
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# For Such a Time As This

By Estelleen N. Crisp

**Q**UEEN ESTHER AND HER MAIDENS lay prostrate before the Throne of Grace. Her royal vestments had been laid aside, her rich and beautiful surroundings obscured by a veil of tears and made insignificant by the great challenge that tore at her heart. Food and water were refused. Sleep had fled.

The captive children of Israel were condemned to die, and with them Esther's beloved uncle Mordecai! The lovely queen herself was not known to be a Jewess, but there was little hope that this fact could long escape detection. Upon Esther's young shoulders rested the responsibility of literally standing between the living and those as good as dead!

She must go before King Ahasuerus, without his having called for her, and plead for her people. If he should not extend the scepter to her, it would mean certain death! If he should, there would be hope. But if God heard the prayers and the crying of all the Israelites, surely He would prepare the heart of Ahasuerus to give her tender favor in his sight! Although her frame shook with fear, her soul burned like a flame with the inspired words of Mordecai: "...and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom *for such a time as this?*" (Esther 4:14)

You know the story. God did answer the prayers of His people and prepare the way for victory. She who lay before the King of kings until she found His favor, was enabled to stand

before the lesser king and receive her heart's desire!

We, too, live in dangerous and climactic times! Our whole world is threatened with annihilation. Our nation could be taken captive almost overnight. Individually, as Christians, we are known to the enemies of the gospel and marked for future liquidation.

All around us there is moral and spiritual declension. As the darkness presses in from every side it seems as though the breath of the pursuing serpent is hot upon our necks, bringing with it a lethargy, a bone-fatigue, an aching desire for a life of peace and ease. But this is no time for sleep-walking, or for appeasing the enemy! We must look to God constantly for grace and strength to do His will. And the words that challenged Esther's soul come flying as an arrow down the corridor of time and find their God-appointed target in your life and mine. Who knows but what *we* are come to the Kingdom *for such a time as this!*

We must awake to the danger and turn our attention resolutely away from that which will be hay, wood, and stubble in the world to come. Our loved ones (and all for whom God would burden us) can and will be saved if we will but pay the price of obedience and prayer! The King, whom we shall someday see in all His glory, lives to make intercession for us *now!* The heavenly scepter is extended in mercy to all who worship Him in spirit and in truth. The seeking, humble, yet importunate heart will never leave

the Mercy Seat still burdened and dismayed.

Throughout the ages, the course of human events often has been redirected through prayer. Our nation has been victorious in battle because the faithful of every generation have bombarded the courts of heaven night and day! Who knows what God will do in these closing days of time if those who love Him are willing to give their all that they might receive His promises?

Oh, that we might meet the challenge of this present hour with the determination to reach higher heights and deeper depths in God than we have ever known before! Oh, for a divinely inspired dissatisfaction that will accept nothing less! Surely we cannot help but realize that God had a purpose in letting us be born upon this earth, *in this present age*, and born again into His Kingdom at such an hour!

Regardless of the extent of our labors for the Lord, we know that we must add more intercessory prayer, pleading with our merciful Lord for those condemned to die! It is most imperative that we lay aside all non-essentials and wait before God, not only until there is nothing within us that will hinder the work of the Holy Spirit, but until there is an overflowing of His power that will liberate and bless all hungry souls with whom we come in contact. Each of us, personally and individually, *has* come to the Kingdom, unquestionably, *for such a time as this!* ◀◀