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SAITH THE LORD



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**H**ere is a young man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman.

**H**e grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to a college. He never put his foot inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He has no credentials but himself.

**W**hile he was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat.

**W**hen he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

**N**ineteen centuries wide have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

**I** am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that One Solitary Life.

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... **We believe** the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule over the nations. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ. WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

Something very wholesome and desirable is disappearing from American life. It is the practice of reading a few verses of the Bible each day in the public schools.

In some circles this is considered a great step forward in the "fight for religious freedom." We see it as a tragic step backward, for it indicates a spreading liberalism that is too willing to sacrifice precious moral and spiritual values in order to satisfy vocal minority groups. In a day when Juvenile crime is increasing and millions of children are being brought up without any knowledge of the laws of God, we need more and not less of the Bible in our public schools. The future stability of American society requires a respect for law, and our laws are based upon the Bible.

The Bible is the Book that has made America a great nation. It is the one recognized Book that lifts humanity to higher moral standards. The most respected and beloved of our nation's leaders have lived by this Book and have died by it. And yet, eleven states have actually prohibited the reading of the Bible in the classrooms of their public schools. They consider this time-honored custom unconstitutional.

Twenty-four states permit Bible reading in the classrooms but make it an optional matter, to be decided by each public school administration. Three states have no mention of the subject in their Constitutions or school laws. This leaves only twelve states in which American children are sure to have the opportunity to hear a few verses of Scripture read by the teacher each day.

A Unitarian family in Pennsylvania raised the issue and it has come up through the courts until it now rests at the doorstep of the U. S. Supreme Court. A three-judge Federal Court ruled it was an unconstitutional infringement upon religious liberty for the Bible to be read in the public schools of Pennsylvania. The school district of Abington, Pa. contested the decision and appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court. If the Supreme Court rules on the case it will be a historic decision, for up to now it has never taken up the issue. No act of Congress has ever prohibited the use of the Bible in tax-supported schools, nor has any state legislature done so. In fact, the National House of Representatives opens its sessions each day with a verse or two of Scripture, followed by prayer. Well did the Philadelphia *Evening Bulletin* ask editorially, "Will someone argue that the swearing in of presidents and supreme court judges ought to be on Webster's Unabridged Dictionary?"

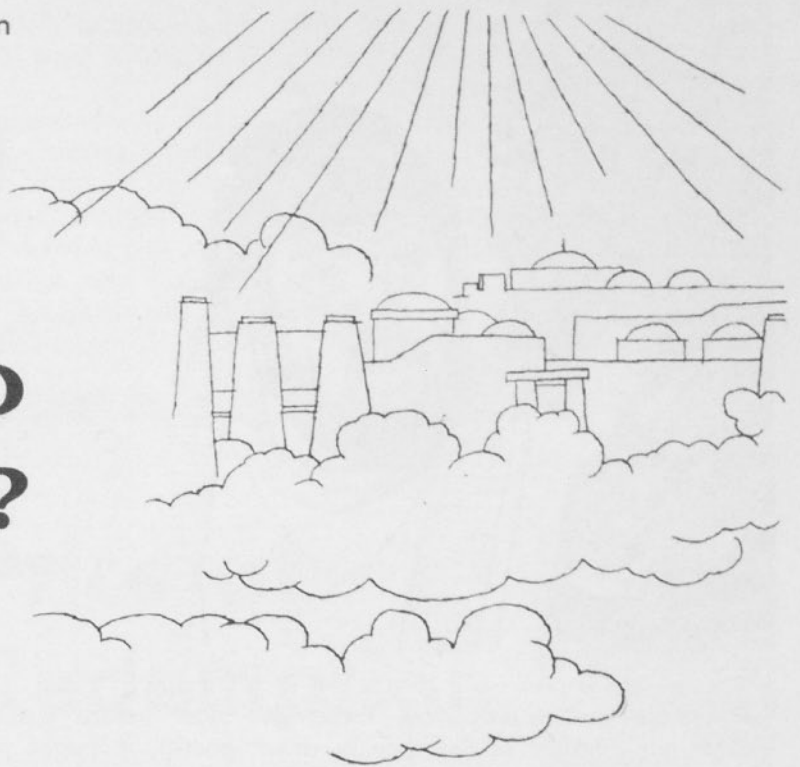
The purpose of public schools is to make good citizens and this cannot be done without moral training. Education without moral training is a house built upon sand. No parent need be afraid of an open Bible. The Bible can be read in the classroom without sectarian remarks, and no child need be compelled to listen if his parents object. We believe it would be a moral catastrophe for our nation if the Supreme Court should rule that the reading of the Scriptures in a public school is a violation of the American Constitution.

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# Will Most People Go to Heaven?

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**C**ONTRARY TO THE POPULAR IDEA that most people will somehow be saved and get to heaven, the Bible teaches the vast majority of men will be eternally lost.

Jesus was not speaking idle words when He said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13-14).

From the earliest history of man until the present hour, the greater part of mankind has rejected the way of life. Take, for example, the old world in the days of Noah. Then, as now, men corrupted themselves to the point where they did not wish to retain God in their knowledge, and every imagination of their hearts was only evil continually. To them God sent Noah, a preacher of righteousness; yet, in spite of long years of faithful warning, there was no turning to God. Finally the cup of iniquity was full. God saw there was no hope or remedy, and His Spirit ceased to strive with men. The result was the Flood in which the ungodly multitudes perished. Only eight souls were saved.

Sodom and Gomorrah were little different. Not unlike the great cities of today, these two cities had become cesspools of iniquity. Immorality and godlessness reigned, and the souls of the

few righteous within them were vexed every day. The hour arrived when God could bear with it no longer. The ceaseless cry of the shameless iniquity could only be answered with judgment. When Abraham learned of God's intentions, he pleaded with God, "Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty that are righteous?" And God said He would spare.

But Abraham became worried, and pleaded for the cities in the event only forty-five righteous were found; then forty, thirty, twenty, and finally, in a last desperate bid he cried, "Peradventure ten shall be found there." Tragedy of tragedies, there were not even ten righteous to be found, and God sent fire and brimstone to destroy the wicked cities from off the face of the earth. Yes indeed, *few there be that find it!*

Nor are the illustrations confined to the Old Testament. On one occasion it is recorded that Jesus ministered to a great multitude, numbering about five thousand. He healed their sick and provided food for them when they were hungry. The people loved it and would have gladly made Him their king. Why not? If a man can provide all our material needs, they reasoned, surely he is the one to be sought. But Jesus recognized their only concern was material benefit, and that His miracles had failed to awaken their interest in eternal matters. Out of His

agony for their spiritual well-being came His unparalleled discourse on the bread of life. And His audience began to leave. When He finally concluded, only twelve men remained. Little wonder that He cried in anguish, "Will ye also go away?" Peter, reflecting the true sense of values in his own heart and in the hearts of his fellows, responded to the Master's question with the immortal words, "To whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." Five thousand were interested in material and earthly blessings, but only a few were genuinely concerned with eternal life.

Though great changes have transpired since the Old and New Testaments were written, the heart of man is the same. The ever-increasing multitude still blatantly resists the strivings of God's Spirit as in Noah's day. Man continues to plunge on in his mad pursuit of the sensual as in the time of Sodom and Gomorrah; and, while he is still attracted by the miraculous and spectacular as in Christ's day, he is equally as unconcerned with the truth about eternal things. According to the Scriptures, there is little hope his attitude will change. The broad way which leadeth to destruction will remain well-traveled, but the strait and narrow way which leadeth to life will be sought by only a few. *Most people will not go to heaven but all can. Will you?*

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." ◀◀



# GASHMU the Gossip

BY PAUL S. REES

*"It is reported . . . and Gashmu saith it" (Nehemiah 6:6)*

**G**ASHMU IS A CHARACTER WITH A double name. Part of the time in this chapter he is called "Geshem," part of the time "Gashmu." But I am all for the "Gashmu" form of his name. Being the sort of person he was, "Gashmu" suits him much better. There is a kind of slashing harshness about the sound of it that well fits the hurtful role he played.

Gashmu was a man who long ago hired out his tongue in the service of *rumor, suspicion, and slander*. Following the long captivity of the people of Judah in Babylon, certain Persian rulers came to power in the East who were friendly to the Jews and permitted their return to the homeland. One of these rulers had a Hebrew attendant of whom he was fond—a man by the name of Nehemiah. When Nehemiah requested permission to go to Jerusalem and supervise the task of rebuilding its walls, the king consented.

Here enters Gashmu. Along with some others, he cared nothing about the restoration of the city. He wanted no success to crown Nehemiah's efforts. So he helped circulate the baseless rumor that Nehemiah was trying to organize a following for the purpose of leading a rebellion against the Persian ruler. This mischievous gossip enabled the leader of the opposition, Sanballat, to say cunningly and correctly, "Nehemiah, do you realize that the report is going around, and I heard it from Gashmu, that you are rebuilding the walls because you want to be the new king of the Jews."

"It is reported . . . and Gashmu saith it." That is the entry that occurs in the Book after the name of Gashmu.

Now before we dismiss Gashmu the gossip, it might profit us to think of him as a *symbol*.

### *A Word of Honor*

Someone has said, "Lilies, when they fester, smell worse than weeds." The word "gossip," which Gashmu so well symbolizes, began its life as a word of honor and beauty. My dictionary says that it comes from an old Anglo-Saxon word, "godsib," which means literally "related in God." The meaning given to it was that of "sponsor," especially when the sponsorship had some solemn or sacred associations.

From that high level it first descended to the state where it meant harmless, idle chatter.

### *Shabby Business*

Finally it reached the lower stage where, according to the main definition now given, it meant "groundless rumor, tattle; especially, scandalous, half-confidential, ill-founded remarks." Such has been the deterioration and demoralization of a *once splendid word*. All of this present and ugly meaning of the term belongs to the shabby business in which Gashmu was engaged twenty-five hundred years ago.

Gashmu, much as we loathe to admit it, is the symbol of something that too many of us love to do. If we were more honest, we should be saying to ourselves, "Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue" (Psalm 52:4). We have a fondness for the verbal morsel that means chewing on somebody's name or character or reputation. The more the gossipy tidbit is surrounded with an air of secrecy and confidence—the

"please-don't-breathe-a-word - of - this" sort of thing—the better we like it. Our eyes light up with a strange glint and our ears become very alert. Yes, we love it. And we'll never be anything but members of the Gashmu clan until we admit it.

### *Cheap Gabbling*

Gashmu is the symbol, also, of something wasteful. When the faculty of language is so astounding a gift from God, what a pity it is to debase it by pressing it into the services of gossip! I was struck recently with the Williams translation of our Lord's admonition in Matthew 12:36, "So I tell you, for every worthless word that men utter, they will have to give account in the day of judgment." I hope no super-sensitive soul will misread this word of the Master, taking it to mean that you must never engage in any conversation of gaiety or humor. I assure you that there is a place for lighter moods in conversation—a place so wholesome and relaxing that every one of us needs it from time to time.

But talk that lowers the rating of someone else, cheap gabbling that gratifies someone's vanity by making him appear to have the upper hand over another, a senseless carrying on of conversation in a negative vein—this is simply wasting the breath God gives us and the endowment of speech which He has entrusted to us.

*Words, words, words, words—  
Words that come in endless herds!  
Words in print and on the lips,  
Words like stately-moving ships;  
Words of bitterness and pain,*

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**I**F THE VALUE OF A COMMODITY CAN be measured by the price paid for it, our salvation is of infinite worth. And so it is. A tremendous, fearful, incalculable price was paid for our redemption.

If sin had not entered the world there would have been no need of salvation, neither would there have been suffering of any kind. When sin entered, suffering followed in its wake. In sorrow the guilty pair were driven out of the garden. "In sorrow" Eve was to bring forth children. By the sweat of his brow Adam was to eat bread all the days of his life.

However, the sinning ones were not the only ones to suffer. An innocent lamb was slain to cover their nakedness. And thus doubtless began the institution of animal sacrifice as the only mode of worship acceptable to God. And for many centuries these sacrifices continued. Thousands of little helpless creatures were offered up for man's sin, foreshadowing the great vicarious offering up of God's Lamb once for all.

Herein lies the greatest of all mysteries—the suffering of God for the salvation of men. That God can suffer is a mystery. That He chose to suffer is perhaps a greater mystery. What lay behind that choice? It was the mighty, unfathomable love of God. God's choice to suffer was made before the foundation of the world. We read that the "Lamb [was] slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8). God knew when He made man that he would sin and would need a Saviour. Therefore God purposed to save him, although it would break His heart.

Goethe once said, "If I were God, the sorrow of the world I had created would break my heart." This is just what it did do. But God didn't have to suffer. God *chose* to suffer. He could have wiped out sinful man and his dwelling place with one breath of His nostrils. But God chose to save him, and that salvation was to be accomplished through the blood of His only begotten Son.

And how He suffered! Have you ever gone through the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, noting carefully the words used to describe His suffering? Despised, rejected, stricken, smitten of

God, afflicted, wounded, bruised—here we have a glimpse of what it cost God to save us.

*"But none of the ransomed ever knew  
How deep were the waters crossed,  
Nor how dark the night  
That the Lord passed through  
Ere He found the sheep that was lost."*

Our Lord suffered not only in Gethsemane and Pilate's judgment hall and on Golgotha, but throughout His en-

ness few of us even begin to comprehend. There alone, with the wild beasts His companions, He fiercely struggled with the adversary and conquered him. Satan then left Him, but only "for a season." He dogged Christ's footsteps, losing no opportunity to tempt Him by the scribes, Pharisees, rulers, and even His own disciples.

The tempter was present even at the

# The Price of Our Redemption

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tire earthly life. He emptied Himself to become a man, limiting Himself to a man's measure of wisdom, power, and strength. He humbled Himself to become a servant of all. He was misunderstood, contradicted, and blasphemed by His own creation. Finally, He consented to the death of a cross. These were some of the "waters crossed" for our salvation.

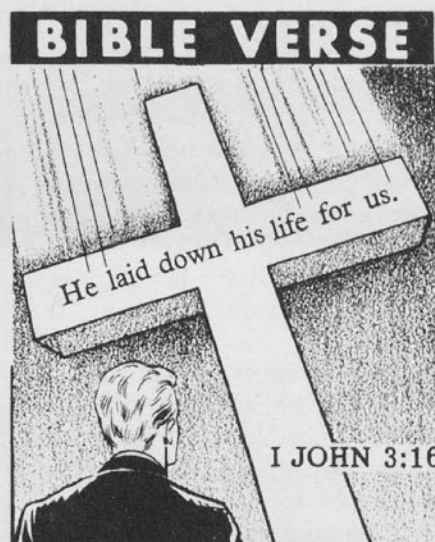
One phase of His sufferings which we often forget is His temptations. In Hebrews 2:18 we read that "he himself hath suffered being tempted." There is a depth of suffering in His forty days' temptation in the wilder-

last supper Jesus had with His disciples. It was there that Satan entered into Judas, who went forth to betray his Master. Satan was in the Garden, not only lulling the disciples to sleep, not only in the betrayer's kiss and our Lord's apprehension by the mob, but in seeking the very life of the Son of God. In Hebrews 5:7 we read that Christ "offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death."

From what death did our Lord pray to be saved? Not the death of the cross, for He was not saved from that. Many Bible students believe that Satan sought to take the life of the Son of God in the Garden, that He might not offer it up as a vicarious sacrifice on the cross. But for this prayer, the exceeding great sorrow of His soul "even unto death" and the physical agony that caused Him to sweat drops of blood might have taken His life. And at this juncture of unspeakable agony, Satan sought to dash the cup from His lips by suggesting that it might be "possible" for His Father to save the world in some other way.

Was it not Satan who stirred the Roman soldiers to mock, ridicule, and insult Him? Satan had looked forward

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Missionaries Paul and Virginia Weidman collaborate on their studies in the Evangel College library

# To the Greeks and the Barbarians

*By Betty Chase*

**F**ROM THE MISSION FIELD TO THE college class room is the road traveled by the Paul Wiedmans, Assemblies of God missionaries to Upper Volta, Togoland, and Ghana for the past twenty-two years. The Weidmans, currently on furlough, are enrolled as seniors at Evangel College, Springfield, Mo. Three-year graduates of Central Bible Institute (class of 1930), they have taken work at two state colleges during previous furloughs sandwiched between their four terms in West Africa.

Both Paul and Virginia Weidman are members of families with strong missionary traditions. Paul's sister is Mrs. Ruth Plymire, currently under appointment to the Republic of China (Formosa). For years Mrs. Plymire served with her late husband in northwest China and Tibet. Another sister, Mrs. George Wood, has also been a missionary. An aunt of Virginia Weidman served in Japan for forty-five years.

The Weidmans' children share their parents' missionary vision. Their son John has been approved for appointment to Voltaic Republic (formerly Upper Volta). Their daughter Faith is a student at Central Bible Institute preparing for the mission field. Their oldest son lies buried in Africa.

As in many other missionary families, the Weidman children "went to

school" in Africa through correspondence courses, with Mother and Dad as teachers. This practical teaching experience plus their college work on previous furloughs has kept the Weidmans accustomed to study, and made easy their adjustment to the classes at Evangel College, even though most of their classmates are young enough to be their children.

After attending other colleges, the Weidmans are impressed by Evangel's high standard of scholarship and the quality of the student body. "Many of the teachers at Evangel are ordained ministers," Mrs. Weidman remarks. "Christianity becomes very vital as the instructor integrates it into science, history, or English."

An awareness of the increasingly important role of education on the mission field has led the Weidmans to prepare for qualification as teachers. At Evangel, Paul is majoring in secondary education and Virginia is specializing in elementary education. After graduation next spring they will be eligible for Missouri teaching credentials.

Doors have been opened to Christian education by nationalistic African governments. Unable to provide an adequate school system but anxious for their people to become educated, African leaders welcome missions of any

denomination who will agree to operate elementary schools, high schools, colleges, and clinics. On the other hand, certain fundamental organizations who failed to keep their commitments to start schools have been forced to withdraw all their missionaries.

In Ghana, God has enabled the Assemblies of God, with over 4,000 believers, to found a Bible school, publishing plant, four clinics, and four schools. The schools are sponsored by local African churches. Qualified Christian nationals serve as teachers, but missionaries trained in school administration are needed to give direction and encouragement.

The schools present a unique opportunity for evangelism. Local Pentecostal believers have no other place where their children may be educated and they respond eagerly. Nonbelievers willingly agree to attend the Assemblies of God church in order to get schooling. As a result, they are being won to Christ!

Paul Weidman believes the time may come when a missionary will be unable to get into most foreign lands without professional qualification in teaching, nursing, agriculture, or some other field in addition to the ministry. The national governments are trying to lift their people out of poverty and social degradation, and they expect mis-

sionaries to assist them. Not only are missionaries who co-operate given freedom to preach; they are also enabled to reach many hungry souls.

The conception of a missionary who conforms to such requirements in order to preach the gospel is not new. The apostle Paul, one of the greatest missionaries of all time, wrote, "Yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews... to the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" (1 Corinthians 19-22).

If a young person cannot go as a regular missionary due to lack of missionary funds or a country's unwillingness to admit him, "he will find scores of opportunities for service as a self-supporting foreign missionary," Brother Weidman emphasizes. Bible training is recommended, plus a college education to qualify the candidate in a profession such as teaching, nursing, science, business, agriculture, engineering, or diplomacy. The U. S. Government and large American corporations offer thousands of overseas jobs to men and women trained in these and many other fields.

Young men and women who are willing to "endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" will be challenged by the ministry of the self-supporting missionary. After preparing themselves through patient study they will be thrown into a difficult environment. Surrounded not by saints but by sinners perishing for lack of a Christian witness, they can let their light shine through personal work.

Many outside the pale of Christianity consider it a religion for Sunday only, since they see only the preacher. Watching Christ in the everyday life of the self-supporting lay missionary will impress them as a sermon never could.

A real ministry for the missionary or layman abroad, adds Virginia Weidman, is to have a home with an open door. Those who are "not forgetful to entertain strangers" can influence people of all nationalities for Christ.

Evangel College offers unique opportunities for the prospective missionary or lay missionary to be educated for a profession. In a Pentecostal atmosphere the student can take an undergraduate major in one of the many fields offered, including education,

chemistry, math, biology, accounting, secretarial science, psychology, economics, sociology, and political science.

Missionaries of today and tomorrow must follow in the footsteps of Paul the apostle, who was "debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise" (Romans 1:14). Also needed are modern-day disciples of Aquila and Priscilla, the tentmakers and personal workers who aided Paul. ◀◀

## Healed of Leukemia

In February 1950 Mrs. Virginia Sanders of Richmond, Ind., had a malignant tumor removed by surgery. She did not regain normal strength. Although the doctor took frequent blood tests, he did not tell her that she had leukemia until later.

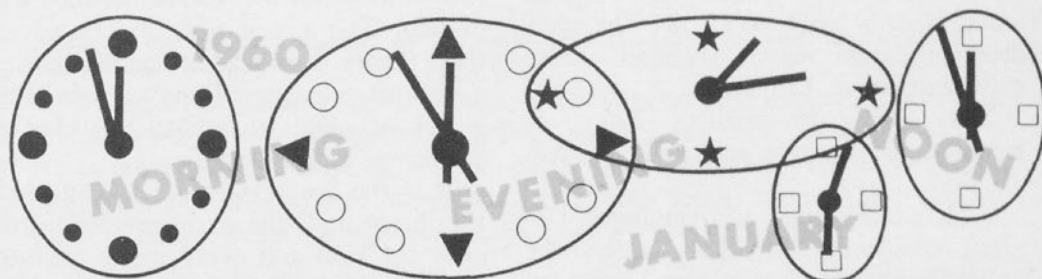
When Evangelist Velmer Gardner came to the city in November 1950 to

conduct a revival, Mrs. Sanders went to the services and prayer was offered for her recovery.

"I went back to the physician for a blood test a few days after I was prayed for," she writes. "It always took several days for the laboratory tests to be completed, but I was feeling so good I could hardly wait for the results. When I went back the doctor said, 'Something wonderful has happened to you.' I told him a man of God had prayed for me. Then I learned for the first time that I had been suffering from leukemia.

"The doctor said there was now only a trace of pus in my blood, and asked me to come back for another test in twenty days. I did so. This time he did not wait for me to come in for the results, but telephoned me and said, 'Mrs. Sanders, your blood is normal.' Subsequent tests proved that God had indeed worked a miracle and I was well."

*("Mrs. Sanders is well today, and is a living testimony to the grace of God."—Pastor Noble L. Ballew, First Assembly, Richmond, Ind.)*



# TIME!

### JANUARY IS TRAINING MONTH

Of course there is still time! With proper planning and organization your church *can* sponsor a training course in January. *Now* is the time for all good pastors to come to the aid of their Sunday schools. Plan to conduct a training course during the latter part of January and feature the new Training Month book, *The Church Begins*, by D. V. Hurst and T. J. Jones. This book, which spotlights Pentecost, provides a commentary on the first twelve chapters of the Acts.

Time is limited, but you can accomplish the task. Select a competent instructor and make the entire church aware of training values in the Sunday school. January is the time to conduct a workers training course!

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It is a God-given instinct that draws  
Christian people together

# Joining the Church

By R. M. Riggs

Former General Superintendent  
of the Assemblies of God



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**W**HY DO LITTLE CHICKS CROWD under their mother's wings? Why do sheep huddle together in a storm? Why did the animals all gather together and enter Noah's ark? Why did the children of Israel march together under their respective banners?

They did it by instinct. They responded to nature's call and the will of God.

God has classified and cataloged His great creation. "All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another

star in glory" (1 Corinthians 15:39-41). All the different species of plants, bugs, birds and animals hold strictly to their own kind for companionship and mating. The proud and widely advertised theory of evolution has yet to find a natural crossing of the various categories of plant or animal life that is fertile or reproducing.

It is the law of Genesis and of God: the herb and the tree yielding fruit after his kind and every living creature after his kind. "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." And any Israelite who dealt with "familiar" spirits was to be put to death.

Of human beings there are two kinds: redeemed and unredeemed. The children of God are manifest and the children of the devil. "Come out from among them, and be ye separate." "For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? Is it not in that thou goest with us? So shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth" (Exodus 33:16). It is God's will that His children shall associate together, and not with people of the world; He has given them this instinct.

"Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard,

with the ensign of their father's house" (Numbers 2:2). "Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war... fifty thousand, which could keep rank: they were not of double heart... All these men of war that could keep rank" (1 Chronicles 12:33, 38). It is of great value to be able to keep rank, to march with others and to keep step. It always has been so and still is so. It is true among Christians as well as among soldiers. It is the difference between a mob and an army, between a solitary fighter and a drilled company of soldiers.

All armies consist of smaller groups and units: regiments, battalions, companies, and platoons. But all soldiers are attached or assigned to some unit; all have fellow soldiers that belong to the same unit and all have a commanding officer. It is human instinct to organize and to fall in line. It is just as true an instinct for Christians to do so. We all belong to God and have our names written in heaven. For that reason we also belong to each other and should belong to some unit in God's army. We should have our names written here too. The people who object to having their names written down on a church roll or roster are telling God they don't like His system. They want their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life but don't want their names written here as enrolled among

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God's redeemed children. They are not consistent.

Jesus said, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32, 33). "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9, 10). What better way is there to confess Him before men than to be baptized publicly and "join the church"? If you love a girl, the logical conclusion is to propose to her and lead her to the altar and publicly take her as your wife. Don't dabble with her affections if you are going to stop short of the logical conclusion of being in love. Why tell God you love Him and then stop short of stepping right up to the altar and telling the world you belong to Him and His people?

Why do some people not want to join the church? It's low-pressure love for Christ, or else it's a deliberate dodge to avoid toeing the line for God and righteousness. They are not "on the spot" to live a clean, consecrated Christian life. They do not want any tie that binds them to church attendance, to membership in a Sunday school class, to support of the church or its missionary program. Is this playing the game? Why ride if you don't pay your fare? Why eat if you don't pay the bill? Why order goods from the store if you don't intend to pay for them? Churches don't have signs saying "No Riders" on their windshields, for they want these riders to become real members.

The church needs you. You are "one of them" in your heart and possibly already in public identification. Why not go all the way? The pastor is waiting for your application. It will gladden his heart and the heart of your fellow Christians to have you publicly take your stand with them. It will strengthen the cause of Christ that you really love down deep in your heart, and help spread His wonderful Kingdom. Come on, brother, sister, join the church of your choice the very next chance you have. ◀ ◀

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# Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

## Who were the first and last kings of Judah?

The first king over all Israel was Saul (1 Samuel 10:1). The first king over Judah (after Israel, the ten tribes, separated from Judah) was Rehoboam, son of Solomon (1 Kings 12). The last king of Judah, an appointment of the king of Babylon, was Zedekiah (2 Kings 25:7).

## How can we believe we go to heaven when we die when Peter showed that David had not yet ascended to heaven? (Acts 2:34)

Peter was explaining that Jesus had been raised from the dead. The body of David was still in the grave, but this does not mean that his soul was in the grave with the body. Concerning his soul David had said: "I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever" (Psalm 23:6).

## What does "straining at a gnat" mean?

The R. V. says "strain *out* a gnat" rather than "strain *at* a gnat." The Jews were very careful in their eating and would strain liquids through a cloth before drinking them, lest a gnat or other insect that was unclean might have gotten in. The meaning for us is that we must not be contentious over very little things while condoning greater evils.

## Are we correct in saying the Bible is the Word of God, or should the term "word" be used only when speaking of Christ?

The Greek which is translated *Word* in John 1:1 is *Logos*. The same word *logos* is used about two hundred times concerning the spoken or written word. "The sower soweth the *word*" (Mark 4:14). "He cast out the spirits with his *word*" (Matthew 8:16).

## Please explain the meaning of "reprobate" (2 Timothy 3:8) and "castaway" (1 Corinthians 9:27).

Young's Analytical Concordance gives to *reprobate* the meaning of being "disapproved." To *castaway* it gives the meaning of "not approved." It is my conviction that he who is reprobate or castaway is one whom God rejects. "Reprobate silver shall men call them, because the Lord hath rejected them" (Jeremiah 6:30).

## Will believers be judged at the judgment seat of Christ only for services rendered, or will it be for the character of their lives? 2 Corinthians 5:10

In my opinion it will cover both. They will be judged as to whether their lives and deeds have been good or bad. Strong's Analytical Concordance gives several meanings of the Greek word "kakos," which is translated "bad." They are: worthless, depraved, injurious, bad, evil, harmful, ill, noisome, wicked. These are strong words, expressions of character. The Amplified New Testament brings out the idea that the judgment will be according to purpose and motive.

## Did Jesus deliver the Sermon on the Mount to the multitude, or to His disciples?

The sermon seems to have been specially directed toward the disciples, teaching them how they ought to conduct themselves. Only disciples would be reviled for the sake of Jesus (Matthew 5:11), and only they would be the salt of the earth or the light of the world (vv. 13-16). The sermon, however, was so delivered that it was a message to the multitude who were warned to build on the rock, not on the sand (Matthew 7:24-27).

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).

# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Morals

### CONGRESS TO DEAL WITH OBSCENITY

It is expected that Congress will take steps early this year to deal with the growing problem of obscene literature.

The House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service issued a blistering 58-page report on its investigation of obscenity in the U.S. mail. The report said juvenile acts of violence are increasing in the suburbs as well as in the slums, and it declared that the widespread dissemination of pornography is a major factor in the crime increase.

### CITIZENS AROUSED OVER PRINTED "SMUT"

Across the U.S. groups of citizens are banding together to rid their communities of filthy literature. A group in Ohio known as the Citizens for Decent Literature is crusading for enforcement of city ordinances against obscene publications and has obtained a number of convictions. One of the convictions was against Cincinnati's largest magazine distributor.

The California Federation of Women's Clubs, aroused by all the indecent

literature and picture magazines, has announced a campaign to "get our women up in arms about the traffic in pornography." Members of women's clubs are being urged to protest to newsstands wherever necessary.

At Omaha, Nebraska, the attorney general of the state told a citizens' group he would campaign to make violation of Nebraska obscenity laws a felony instead of a misdemeanor.

One citizens' committee has drawn up a list of about 100 magazines and pocket-size books which are not fit to be sold to young people and is demanding that newsstand dealers put them out of reach. It charges these publications "minimize patriotism, flout law and authority, exploit sensational sex, ridicule marriage and the family, and present sadistic brutality in such a way as to destroy in youth the ideals that will keep America strong."

Another problem is the use of lewd and indecent language on the telephone. The Pennsylvania legislature recently passed a law that provides for fines up to \$500 and up to six months in jail for persons using foul language on the telephone.

## Foreign

### MEXICO'S SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS LYNCHING CONVICTIONS

Mexico's Supreme Court has upheld 25-year prison sentences for ten villagers who were convicted of assisting in the lynching of a convert to Protestantism in 1956.

### NATIONS ADMIRE ISRAEL'S PROGRESS

Israel has gained a remarkable degree of world prestige since it became a self-governing state. Other nations are taking a keen interest in its army. Denis Warner, writing in the *Advertiser*, a newspaper published in Adelaide, Australia, reported that the South Vietnamese regard Israel's army as the best in the world and they are very anxious to get Israeli instructors and weapons. The Burmese government, according to Warner, has sent a contingent of army officers to study Israel's defense system.

"In terms of manpower and wealth, Israel is tiny," the correspondent said, "but in terms of brain-power it is probably, man for man, the richest country in the world."

Psalm 102:16 says "the Lord shall

## ASSEMBLY FLOAT WINS TOP HONORS IN DELANO, CALIFORNIA

At the invitation of the Harvest Holiday committee the local Assembly entered a float in Delano's annual parade. It won the two highest honors—first place in the senior division (\$100 award) and also the sweepstakes trophy.

The committee had requested that floats for this parade be built around the past, present, or future of Western civilization. The Assembly decided this was an ideal opportunity to remind the public that Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). They depicted three generations on three separate levels—past, present, future. They covered the front with red and white roses, and made the cross of red roses. Pastor R. A. Wilkerson was delighted with the good publicity the church received both in Delano and in the Fresno and Bakersfield newspapers.



RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE PHOTO

# EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

build up Zion," and in Isaiah 60:11 we are told that men shall bring the wealth of the nations into Israel. Evidently we are seeing the beginning of the fulfillment of these Bible prophecies and it may not be long until all the prophecies concerning the days of Christ's second coming are fulfilled.

## YOUNG GERMANS PARTICIPATE IN ATHEISTIC "DEDICATION" CEREMONIES

The Communist Radio in Berlin reported that an "increasing number" of school-age children in East Germany are participating in the atheistic "dedication" ceremonies despite opposition to the practice from religious organizations and churches. It boasted that about 80 per cent of the youngsters are now taking special courses preparing them for the ceremonies. (The rites were inaugurated by the Communists as a substitute for Christian baptism and confirmation ceremonies.)

## COMMUNISTS WORK TO ELIMINATE RELIGION FROM SATELLITE SCHOOLS

A long-range program aimed at eliminating religion from schools was worked out at a recent conference in Moscow, according to the Warsaw Radio. Representatives of secular school societies in Poland and other Communist countries were present.

The radio station said the program will be based on close collaboration between all the satellite countries, with Moscow supervising the details. The program, it added, includes printing great numbers of anti-religious pamphlets for distribution among school children in various countries.

## LUTHERAN CHURCHES IN DENMARK INDULGE LATE SLEEPERS

Lutheran churches through Denmark have agreed to start Sunday morning services a half hour later than formerly so that worshipers can sleep later, the Copenhagen Radio announced. It said services will now start at 10:30 instead of 10 o'clock.

The station reported authorities of the State Lutheran Church as saying that "we have to recognize the fact that Saturday is now the big night out, when people have parties and go to the movies. They like to sleep a bit late on Sunday, the only day they can do so."

(Churches who are handicapped by late sleepers usually have themselves to blame. When church members love parties better than prayer meetings, and prefer movies to the moving of the Holy Spirit, it is time to weigh the church and its message in God's balances and see what is wrong.)

POSTMASTER GENERAL ARTHUR E. SUMMERFIELD warned Protestant church leaders against any let-up in the campaign against obscenity. He told leaders of the Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications, meeting in Washington, that progress is being made in the fight, but warned that "many of the operators may lay low for a while, and they will re-appear as soon as they think the heat is off."

"WE NEED TO KEEP THE PUBLIC STIRRED UP about this," the head of the Post Office Department said, "for if we relax and let them think the battle is over, we will only have to begin all over again in a few months to reawaken their interest."

TO SHOW THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION, Mr. Summerfield personally escorted the churchmen to an exhibit of some of the photographs, movies, advertising circulars, and publications that the postal inspectors have seized recently. The church representatives, shocked by the depravity of the material, praised the postal chief for "having the courage to get into this dirty business."

POAU (PROTESTANTS AND OTHER AMERICANS UNITED for Separation of Church and State) opened a Chicago office this month. The move followed closely upon an expansion of the organization's head offices in Washington, D. C., to house a larger staff of legal experts.

ONE NEW CHURCH A DAY is the new goal of the Conservative Baptist Association of America. Dr. Myron Cedarholm of Chicago said that his Conservative Baptist denomination is establishing a new church every thirty-six hours at the present time.

IT IS "PARADOXICAL" that America should permit roadside advertising of beer and liquor--"the cause of most highway accidents"--in the opinion of Clayton Wallace, executive director of the National Temperance League. He says that 40 to 50 per cent of all the nation's billboard advertising is devoted to alcoholic beverages.

THE METHODIST BOARD OF TEMPERANCE has broadened its field of concern to include smoking, in light of mounting evidence that tobacco is harmful to health. The board is distributing free copies of the booklet, "Should You Smoke?" issued recently by the American Cancer Society, pointing out the research findings which link cancer and heart disease to the frequency of smoking.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES--The Treasury Department says there are more twenty-dollar bills in circulation today than any other single piece of currency. Twenty years ago the most prevalent piece was the ten-dollar bill.

"I WAS AN ALCOHOLIC" is the title of an outstanding article in next week's Evangel which tells how God transformed a drunkard into an Assemblies of God church officer after thirty years of drinking.

OTHER FEATURES IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE, in addition to articles for Christians and non-Christians too, include the story of a man's deliverance from a nervous breakdown; the personal testimony of an ex-prisoner; and an individual account of divine healing.

WE'VE BEEN DOING SOME FIGURING and have discovered that more than 210 million copies of The Pentecostal Evangel have been distributed since it was begun in 1913. Our goal for 1960: 10 million more.



PHOTOS BY PAUL PIPKIN

Left: Mrs. Leonard Nipper and Mrs. Paul Pipkin accompany the radio staff in "Singspiration Time." Right: Japanese secretaries assist nearly 100 students enrolled in the Radio Correspondence School. Three full gospel courses are offered.

# Evangelism Via Radio

BY PAUL PIPKIN

*Tokyo, Japan*

WITH THE HEATHEN BIRTH RATE continuing to skyrocket, to say nothing of the Iron and Bamboo Curtains limiting conventional missionary methods, a short cut must be found to evangelize the world. Radio is the answer.

The electronic age is upon Japan. In 1957 this small island country manufactured \$555,000,000 worth of electronic equipment and they now claim this will be doubled by 1962. They have come through the electronic baptism of fire in Hiroshima and Nagasaki determined to be neutral in international politics and to prosper by exporting their products to the West.

More Japanese homes have radios than all the rest of Asia and Africa combined. The radio manufacturers of Japan are boasting that they will turn out 26,000,000 radios in the next five years. Throughout the country there are 100 private commercial radio stations, most of which welcome Assemblies of God evangelistic programs.

Two Assemblies of God Japanese workers have been awarded radio educational scholarships and are now training to assume a larger percentage of directing responsibilities in our Tokyo studio. The radio studio is located on the campus of Central Bible Institute in Tokyo.

The immediate target area is one of the world's most heavily populated areas. These masses are almost a captive audience to the few radio stations

serving several small islands. The Tokyo station alone can potentially reach 25,000,000 precious souls. Is fifteen minutes a week enough? No, of course not. But radio costs \$10 a minute. More sponsors are needed. We should give the world's largest city a full-gospel broadcast every day.

Recently a 10,000-watt private radio studio on Kyushu extended to the Assemblies of God an invitation to preach to 9,000,000 people. Nearly every home in that area has a radio. Missionaries and national workers in that region have appealed to us to accept the radio studio offer and to put the full gospel on the air quickly. The station has offered us a discount contract of over \$5 a minute or only \$30 a broadcast. This is an almost unheard of concession to a Christian radio producer in Shinto Japan. Needless to say, this opportunity won't last. Will the Assemblies of God be able to accept it, or will a Buddhist priest agree to sign the contract?

All across America we want to mobilize 10,000 Pentecostal believers who will take a definite part in reaching the world with the full gospel and who will pledge an additional twenty-five cents a week during the next twelve months toward this goal.

Editor's Note: Paul Pipkin has been asked by the Foreign Missions Department to serve as promotional director

for the Assemblies of God Japan Radio broadcast. At the present time, Paul Pipkin is in the United States and available for services. If you would like to have him visit your church for a missionary radio rally, please contact the Foreign Missions Dept., 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo. Offerings are urgently needed to maintain the present Japan radio broadcast. Send your offerings to the Missions Department and designate them for "Japan Radio." What a tremendous help this will be in reaching millions of lost souls through "evangelism via radio"!

## MISSIONARY News Notes

**GOINGS:** Miss Phyllis Wagner and Miss Carol Wingren, newly-appointed missionaries, are now in Nigeria. They are teachers in Hillcrest School, our school for missionaries' children in West Africa.

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**HOME AGAIN:** The Harold Headricks have returned from Hawaii and are living at 334 W. Halesworth St., Santa Ana, Calif.

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**BIRTHS:** Paul Gene was born to Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Cunningham on July 28 in Mexico.



Phyllis Wagner



Carol Wingren

# Egyptian National Workers Open New Churches

BY JOSEPH BROWN  
Missionary to Egypt

A SHORT TIME AGO WE HAD OUR yearly convention in an area where one of our students has been working to establish a church. We were pleased to see the fine group of people who have come to the Lord as a result of his ministry. Christians from surrounding villages had been invited for the three days of meetings, and a wonderful time of Christian fellowship and feasting on the Word of God was enjoyed by all. At the close of the last service, about thirty persons came forward to give their hearts to the Lord.

Native worker Zaki Saad has been having a very fruitful ministry. He has been visiting the poorer section of the city several times a week and holding services in a rented room. The room contains no furniture except a

bench and small table. New grass mats were purchased for the people to sit on. Not more than two or three of the people can read and all are extremely poor. They do not have any church and know nothing of the Bible or salvation. There have been about forty saved.

One man, a policeman who used opium, comes regularly to the meeting and expresses a desire to find God. His wife has been gloriously saved and at every opportunity gives a glowing testimony. She walks two miles to the meeting place, carrying her baby, and very seldom misses a service.

Many people have been delivered from demon possession. Brother Zaki has a large bag of charms that were handed over by those who have been delivered from evil spirits.

In a few days we are expecting to baptize fourteen women who have recently come to the Lord. They are earnestly seeking to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

We need to build a proper chapel for these two villages. Please pray that the Lord will supply the \$10,000 needed.

The past few years the Assemblies of God in Egypt has seen some wonderful revivals. Pentecostal believers are numbered in the thousands. The Assemblies of God has about 120 churches. However, much of the result of the revival was lost to our churches because of the lack of trained pastors and workers to feed the new converts. There were calls for workers from dozens of towns which were wide open to the gospel at the time, but we did not have sufficient workers to send.

The Bible school at Port Said is helping to meet this real need. We now have eighteen splendid young men



PHOTO BY JOSEPH BROWN

C. A. group led by national worker in Egypt

enrolled as students. Some thirty graduates are working in various pioneer areas. Do pray for our students. In each one there are possibilities for great things in the Lord's service. Pre-  
vail in prayer with us for a mighty Holy Ghost revival in Egypt. ◀ ◀

Janice Evelyn was born on August 19 in El Salvador to **Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hopkins.**

On September 29 Adurell Lee was born to **Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mattox** of Voltaic Republic.

**Mr. and Mrs. Norman Campbell** welcomed Jeffrey Paul into their home on October 15. They are serving in Costa Rica.

In Switzerland, Terry Lee was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Dean** on December 1. The Deans are taking language study for service in Voltaic Republic.

**INJURED: Mr. and Mrs. John Andresen and son** were seriously injured in an automobile accident in Chile recently. Brother Andresen suffered contusions of the thumb and index finger of his left hand. Sister Andresen's right thigh and left ankle bones were broken. She is facing a series of operations to set pins in the broken bones. Robert, their son, suffered a broken collarbone and several cracked ribs. The Andresens are much in need of prayer. Friends who wish to help the Andresens financially at this time may send their offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation: John Andresen—Medical expenses.



PHOTO BY JOSEPH BROWN

National workers in training at our Bible School in Port Said, Egypt

## Church Participation In Missionary Giving

October 1959

District	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
N. Dakota	49	48	98%
Nebraska	79	74	94%
Potomac	172	151	88%
Minnesota	146	128	88%
New Jersey	98	84	86%
Michigan	174	148	85%
Kansas	164	139	85%
New York	154	129	84%
Rocky Mtn.	127	105	83%
Wis.-N. Mich.	137	113	82%
New Mexico	79	65	82%
Northwest	276	226	82%
Ohio	172	140	81%
S. N. England	63	51	81%
S. California	382	309	81%
Montana	67	54	81%
Oregon	199	159	80%
Mississippi	94	75	80%
Eastern	266	210	79%
Illinois	209	164	78%
N. Carolina	74	58	78%
W. Texas	132	103	78%
S. Dakota	50	39	78%
S. Florida	161	125	78%
N. Calif.-Nev.	337	261	77%
W. Central	221	171	77%
N. N. England	57	43	75%
S. Texas	268	196	73%
Wyoming	37	27	73%
Arizona	91	65	71%
Kentucky	63	45	71%
Tennessee	113	80	71%
Indiana	162	113	70%
N. Texas	521	362	69%
S. Missouri	353	245	69%
Oklahoma	489	339	69%
W. Florida	143	99	69%
Alabama	249	172	69%
Louisiana	149	97	65%
S. Idaho	57	37	65%
Arkansas	438	274	63%
Appalachian	73	45	62%
S. Carolina	54	28	52%
Georgia	136	65	48%



# Mission USA Targets Announced

BY R. L. BRANDT

National Home Missions Secretary

**G**OALS ARE AS IMPORTANT TO SUCCESS as wings are to eagles. Much of failure in any area can be chalked up to a lack of clearly defined objectives. Therefore, some definite goals have been established for the *Mission USA rallies* which are to be conducted throughout the country early in 1960.

Attendance at the 1959 rallies reached approximately 30,000. The target for 1960 is 60,000, and prospects are excellent that the goal will be reached.

In order to facilitate the accomplishment of the national goal, each district will have a target which will represent a reasonable share of the national goal. District Home Missions representatives have been co-operating with the National Department in determining the goals.

District goals will also be divided so that each section may have an attendance goal of 1,000. Within that district there are ten sections. Thus each section would have a goal of 100. There is nothing arbitrary about these goals. They are being established pure-

ly for the purpose of guidance and inspiration.

In addition to *attendance* targets, some definite *offering* goals are also being projected. A national target of \$60,000 has been set. To attain it will require an offering of only \$1 from each of the anticipated 60,000 who will attend the rallies. District and sectional goals will be determined on the basis of attendance goals. The district whose attendance goal is 1,000 would have an offering goal of \$1,000, and similarly, the section with an attendance goal of 100 would have an offering target of \$100.

Now, the above-described goals take on significance only as they are related to some higher objectives. Attendance and offering mean little unless they are the means to more important ends. *The paramount objective for the forthcoming Mission USA rallies is the reaching of America's lost millions for Christ!*

At the rallies, those in attendance will be charged with the great respon-

sibility of taking the gospel to 110,000,000 unchurched Americans. They will be encouraged to strengthen the spiritual foundations of their home churches and to foster new churches in surrounding communities.

Offerings received at the rallies will be used in the establishing of new churches across America. They will be divided on the Share Plan. That is, twenty-five per cent will go to the districts wherein they are received; fifty per cent will go to the Krause Revolving Loan Fund, which is administered by the National Home Missions Department and will be available to pioneer churches in all districts for building program loans. The remaining twenty-five per cent will go to the Emergency Fund of the National Home Missions Department work in general.

## Gospel Light Penetrates Silent Darkness

By Maxine Strobidge

**P**AULINE MANSFIELD, A RADIANT Christian attending the Calvary Temple Church for the Deaf in Seattle, Wash., is both deaf and blind. For her there is no glimpse of a loved one, no comforting voice in time of trouble. She can never see the lovely rose unfolding to catch the morning dew, or the sun setting in the western sky. She can never hear heart-warming music except through vibrations. However, with Jesus as her Saviour, Pauline has a Friend to help her in her dark and silent world. She knows that the unfulfilled longings of this life will some day be gloriously satisfied in heaven.

Pauline was born deaf with very poor vision. The loss of vision progressed until now at twenty-eight she has only pinpoint vision in one eye. Through the personal influences of Helen Keller, Pauline attended Perkins Institute (for the Deaf-Blind) in Boston, Mass.

There are 6,000 deaf-blind persons in the U.S.A. Many deaf-blind children enter school at a very early age and must be treated as a one-and-a-half-year-old child. Some of the children have completely lost their sight and hearing.

**MISSION USA** → **TARGET '60**

**NATIONAL GOALS**  
**Attendance at Rallies - 60,000**  
**Share Plan Offerings - \$60,000**

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Mrs. Lancaster (both deaf and blind) of Phoenix, Ariz. follows with her left hand the signs made by her deaf husband as he interprets the message given in sign language



Mr. Corby (left) and his sister, Mrs. Collins, both deaf-blind Christians enjoy the Michigan Camp for the Deaf. Mr. Collins (right) is deaf but not blind



A deaf-blind man, Mr. Hartz of Gehring, Nebr., enjoys reading the Braille literature sent free to the blind by the Home Missions Department

Others may be partially afflicted in either or both senses. Vibration is used as the medium of correspondence. This process of learning is very interesting. By placing his hand on the teacher's face, the child can feel the vibrations from the teacher's nasal passages, mouth, and throat. Through this method the child learns to distinguish various sounds. Thus he is able to *feel* the teacher's words. The hours are long, tedious, and patience-wearing. The teacher is thrilled when, after a few months of training the child responds to given commands. As the pupil develops and progresses, other subjects are taught to equip the deaf-blind person to make his own way in a world of silence and darkness.

Among other subjects such as typing, Braille, cooking, knitting, etc., Pauline learned to weave. This is her means of livelihood and she is rated one of the best weavers in the firm where she is employed.

Paul and Kathern Carlstrom, pastors for the Deaf in Seattle, first met Pauline six years ago. Although she did not know sign language at that time she was anxious to learn so she could converse with other deaf folk. It was a big undertaking because she had to feel every movement of the hands. She learned very quickly and began taking an active part in the services and activities of the church.

Although struggling under the double handicap, Pauline is one of the most faithful members and consistent tithers. Even in bad weather she often walks two miles to attend the services. This deaf-blind young lady is admired by all who know her and have seen her life of dedication to the One she loves. The influence of her godly mother, who passed on to her eternal reward several years ago, has been a constant inspiration and blessing to Pauline.

For the Deaf-Blind who accept

Christ as Saviour a world of darkness is transformed to a world of light. Some "hear" the story of Jesus by placing their hands on the speaker's throat. Others feel the interpreter's hands as he "speaks" to them through the sign language. Some Deaf-Blind persons accept Jesus through the reading of Braille literature.

William Hartz, a deaf-blind man of Gehring, Neb., writes the following about the Braille literature received from the Home Missions Department: "I'm so happy for the books that tell me about Jesus and God's love. They are so clear to me." Contributions of friends make it possible to continue the ministry of sending free Braille literature to those who cannot see.

The mother of two deaf-blind persons in Trenton, N. J., writes: "My son has asked me to write as it is quite difficult for him. He wants me to tell you how much he enjoys reading the *Pentecostal Digest* and the *Adult Student* quarterly. He spends much of his time reading as he is entirely deaf and almost blind. Braille magazines are a real comfort to him." Alfred was born deaf and his sight began to fail when he was thirty years old. His sister, who was also born deaf, lost her sight at the age of nineteen. They first learned about Jesus from their mother and are now faithful Christians attending the services for the Deaf-Blind conducted each week in Trenton by Croft Pentz of Elizabeth, N. J.

A question often asked about the Deaf-Blind is, "Do they receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and speak with other tongues?" Mrs. Leonard Lancaster of Phoenix, Ariz., is one example proving that God is no respecter of persons. She was gloriously filled with the Holy Ghost in 1940, speaking in other tongues as the spirit gave utterance. She was saved thirty-seven



Pauline Mansfield (left), a deaf-blind young lady, feels Kathern Carlstrom's throat vibrations as they converse

years ago under the ministry of the late Paul Meachem. Each Sunday Mrs. Lancaster follows with her hands as her husband, who is also deaf, interprets the Word of Life given in the sign language by Kenneth Swenson, minister to the Deaf at the First Assembly of God in Phoenix.

Jesus has great compassion upon the Deaf-Blind. In a parable concerning the gospel feast, Jesus said: "Go out quickly into the streets and the lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind" (Luke 14:21). The forty appointed Assemblies of God home missionaries and the twenty-eight lay workers among the Deaf are contacting these needy folk. Braille literature is also bringing the gospel to those who can neither see nor hear.

May we who are blessed with sight and hearing have compassion for those who have not yet feasted upon the blessings given by the Light of the World. Pray for this needy field of ministry. If you wish to help financially you may send your offerings to the Home Missions Department designated for DEAF AND BLIND MINISTRIES. ◀ ◀



# Are Your Children Saved?

BY CHARLES NORTHCUTT

Jonesboro, Arkansas

**M**ANY A POLITICIAN HAS OPENED a speech with one of the two stereotyped phrases, "pointing with pride..." or "viewing with alarm..." The relation of the speaker to the party in power determines which extreme position is adopted.

Those who speak on the subject of today's children very often follow the same pattern. And it is doubtful if we can escape being classified in one of the two categories. However, this is a problem that all of us must face; so let me state the problem in my own way as a Christian parent and teacher. In personal observations I have noticed, with anxiety, that children and young people from Christian homes lack a vitality, virility, and reality in their Christian faith. (Youth leaders are aware of this and are voicing apprehension in very clear, forceful language.) On the other hand I have noticed that young people from non-Christian homes, when they do make a profession of faith, often seem to have a dynamic and genuine testimony for Christ. This is contrary to what would be expected as the normal pattern.

As an alarmed parent and pastor, I have groped for a solution, and in doing so I have made three observations. These may point the way for other anxious Christian parents who have sought for a solution to this serious problem.

*First of all, conversion of the child*

*should be the careful concern of Christian parents.* This vital matter should not be left to others, nor should it be taken for granted just because the child has learned the vocabulary of a Christian from his Christian environment. It is assumed by many that the child in a Christian home has some sort of relationship to God and in time will automatically come to the place of decision. There is a real danger that too much is assumed or taken for granted. Some parents even feel that since God is their Father, it makes Him the Grandfather of their children. Those who hold to a liberal theology do not feel that their children need to be regenerated by the Spirit of God.

Some groups have stressed out of all proportion the meaning of Paul's

words, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31). They believe in "household" salvation, interpreting Paul's statement to the Philippian jailer to mean that not only would he be saved by believing in Jesus, but that all his children would be saved *in his act of faith* as a parent.

The teaching of this verse is patterned after the covenant that God made with the nation of Israel. All Jews were children of the covenant according to natural birth; but each individual had to appropriate the blessings personally. Surely Judas could make no claims because he was the son of Abraham; yet Zacchaeus, the chief among publicans, and Saul of Tarsus, a proud Pharisee, could receive Christ joyfully.

What Paul actually said to the jailer (who was very personal when he asked, "What must I do to be saved?") was that the other members of the household could likewise be saved by believing: if you believe, and your household believes, you will all be saved. Each was saved by a personal faith in Christ. So each was baptized—not just the jailer. No man can go to heaven tied to his mother's apron strings. The child born in a Christian home needs to be born again just as much as the Hottentot of Africa, or Nicodemus, a child of the covenant.

Nevertheless, the danger in the average Christian home, where the parents are definitely born again, is that the salvation of the children is taken for granted. There often is not the travail of soul for the new birth of the child which characterized Job. "And it was so, when the days of their fasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morn-

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## Code Message . . . For Junior Readers

There is an important message for you, but it is in code. To de-code it, give each number the letter that appears directly after it in the code.

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(To check your answer, look up Romans 12:21.)





# The Family Altar



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

## Monday, January 18

**Read:** Psalm 66:1-9

**Learn:** "Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of his name: make his praise glorious" (Psalm 66:1, 2).

**For the Parent:** The heart of the Christian should be filled with praises to God, vv. 1, 2. Also stress: (1) God has great power, v. 3; (2) the whole earth shall worship God, vv. 4, 5; (3) God controls the destinies of men and nations, v. 7; (4) He gives us life, v. 9; (5) He keeps us, v. 9. In this psalm the writer uses the illustration of Israel crossing the Red Sea on dry ground as an example of God's power, v. 6.

**Question Time:** How will God's enemies finally submit to Him? (v. 3) What happening does the psalmist use to remind us of God's great power? (v. 6)

**Missionary Birthdays:** Wheeler W. Anderson, Ghana; Waldo E. Nicodemus, Cuba.

## Tuesday, January 19

**Read:** Psalm 66:10-20

**Learn:** "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (Psalm 66:18).

**For the Parent:** Review the material studied yesterday. The blessing of verse 9 has been brought about through faithfulness under testing, vv. 10-13. Deliverance through God's power reminds the psalmist of vows he has made to God, and he pays them, vv. 13-15. The last five verses of the psalm are the psalmist's testimony of what God has done for him. Stress the truth of v. 18—the importance of having a clear channel between us and God. Let us seek and find forgiveness for our sins.

**Question Time:** What hinders our prayers from getting through to God? (v. 18) When did the psalmist make his vows? (v. 14)

**Missionary Birthdays:** Mrs. Victor G. Plymire, Formosa; Raymond A. Fox (Indian), Ariz.; J. Burdette Wiles, Ghana; Mrs. Wesley Hansen, Alaska.

## Wednesday, January 20

**Read:** Psalm 67

**Learn:** "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee" (Psalm 67:3).

**For the Parent:** The first verse of this psalm is a request for God's blessings and mercy. Verse 2 points out the purpose for these blessings—a testimony to all the earth. Verses 3 and 5 are identical, stressing the importance of praise to God. Verses 4 and 6 look forward to the time when the Lord shall reign upon the earth. Then all nations shall be glad and righteous

judgments shall prevail. Verse 7 expresses a confidence in God's blessings, with the result that all the earth will fear Him.

**Question Time:** What is one purpose of God's blessings upon us? (vv. 2, 7)

**Missionary Birthdays:** Mrs. J. S. Kessler, Ghana; Mrs. Virginia Lee Ramsey (Indian), Ariz.; Harold H. Landrus, Liberia; Charles B. Anderson, S. India.

## Thursday, January 21

**Read:** Luke 7:1-10; Romans 10:9-13

**Learn:** "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "Christ and the Centurion" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review this story, stressing the situation and the great faith of the Roman centurion—faith that caused Jesus to marvel. This faith brought a miracle—the servant was healed by the power of Christ. Faith also plays an important part in an even greater miracle—salvation (see Romans 10:9-13). Point out that Christ is able to heal our bodies and our souls.

**Question Time:** What is the outstanding lesson in the story of the centurion?

**Missionary Birthday:** Mrs. Gertrude Clonce (Jewish), Ill.

## Friday, January 22

**Read:** 1 Chronicles 11:4-9; 14:1-8, 13-17; 2 Samuel 6:17, 18; 8:1, 10-14 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "As long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper" (2 Chronicles 26:5).

**For the Parent:** Review last Sunday's lesson of how David was chosen king. After many struggles, he finally became king. This lesson deals with how his kingdom spread—and it did so only as he kept God at the center of his life. Stress the importance of keeping our lives centered in God—of doing the things He wants us to do and of being the kind of individuals He wants us to be.

**Question Time:** Why did David's kingdom prosper? (See above) What lesson does this have for us? (See above)

**Missionary Birthdays:** Richard W. Palmer, Peru; Herbert W. Butler, Voltaic Republic; Carl S. Glick, Alaska; Oliver Treece (Indian), Ariz.

Not for one single day  
Can I discern my way;  
But this I surely know—  
Who gives the day  
Will show the way,  
So I securely go.  
—John Oxenham

## Saturday, January 23

**Read:** Matthew 4:1-11 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "Jesus, the Son of God... was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15, 16).

**For the Parent:** Review the story of Jesus' baptism of John—studied last week, see Matthew 3:1-17. Following this, Jesus went through a time of fasting, then a period in which He was tempted by Satan. Discuss the various temptations and the way Jesus used God's Word to conquer Satan in each temptation. Because Jesus was tempted and emerged victorious, He is able to help us when we are tempted (Hebrews 4:15, 16).

**Question Time:** How did Jesus defeat Satan? (See above) How does Jesus' defeating Satan affect us? (Hebrews 4:15, 16)

**Missionary Birthdays:** Mrs. C. B. Anderson, S. India; Mrs. Bernard Tewell, Alaska.

**Missionary Birthdays for Sunday:** James Vigna, Formosa; Mrs. John Stetz, Korea; Mrs. C. O. Hirschy, Alaska; Mrs. Elsie Watson (Indian), Calif.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Bayoma, Cuba, a city of 30,000, has no Assemblies of God church. The people there are requesting one. Pray that the Lord will supply funds so that a Spirit-filled worker can be sent in and a church started.

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Pray for the church in Cordova, Alaska, where the Byron Persones minister. They desire that Assemblies of God people will obtain employment in Cordova and come to help in the Sunday school work there.

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Twenty-eight states still do not have a single Assemblies of God minister to the Deaf. Pray that God will call more workers into this needy field of service.

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From El Salvador comes the report that students of the Bible school have distributed 2,000,000 tracts in the past eighteen months. Reports from the area indicate that the people come running for blocks when they see tracts are being distributed. Please continue to pray for this literature saturation campaign in El Salvador.

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The 1960 BGMC emphasis will focus on the Latin American field. The the goal is \$20,000 for BGMC Day, February 7. Please pray that this goal will be met.



# Ministers Write to Revivaltime for Spiritual Help

BY STANLEY MICHAEL

**A** PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER IN MISSISSIPPI sent this inquiry to *Revivaltime*:

"I want to ask two things of you. Please send me copies of your sermons for the past six months. Also would you please briefly state your position (or rather, the Biblical position) on Paul's statement in 1 Corinthians 12, 'Do all speak with tongues?'"

"I find this statement hard to reconcile with the overwhelming evidence in Acts that seems to substantiate the fact that speaking in tongues is the Bible evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Some have said that in one instance speaking in tongues is merely an 'evidence,' and in the other a 'gift.' But this is too facile and hardly capable of support. Now I know that the nine gifts are for today. But Dr. McC..... makes a strong argument for prophecy as an alternate evidence.

"Personally, I lean in the direction of tongues as the only evidence, yet my arguments to support this position are not strong enough to convince some of my inquiring Reformed friends. Do you recognize a difference between the 'gift' and the 'evidence'? If so, how do you support such a contention?"

It was a joy to send this minister a Biblical answer to his problem. Ministers from more than thirty-four denominations have written to *Revivaltime*. Many of them ask for answers to similar scriptural problems or request prayer for healing or copies of sermons to assist them in their ministry. Many have expressed their deep spiritual hunger for more of God's power. They have wondered at the anointed messages preached on *Revivaltime*. These pastors and evangelists know that they will receive real help when they

write, because *Revivaltime* is a full-gospel voice.

Some ministers have written to report blessings received from the broadcast. Let us share some of the letters with you.

*Foursquare Pastor, British Columbia, Canada:*

"I have just been listening to *Revivaltime*. We enjoy this blessed privilege each Sunday afternoon, and are blessed in our souls in the fellowship of the Word. The radio services are a real source of inspiration to us as we endeavor to lead precious souls to Christ."

*Church of God Minister, Washington:*

"I enjoy your broadcast so much. Thank God for men that are preaching the truth without fear or favor, and are unveiling the Christ of the cross to a lost world."

*Retired Baptist Preacher, Texas:*

"I listened to your sermon last Sunday, and it was such an inspiration to me. I would love to have several copies of it; some to pass out to my friends. I am an old retired Baptist preacher, but this is just exactly the way I believe. It makes no difference what name the people of God take, just so long as they are His children and stay with the Scripture."

*Armenian Full Gospel Church of God Pastor, California:*

"This morning your message on Russia gave me a new hope and a new faith for the gospel work in Russia. Thank God for it. Please send me some copies of the message that I can distribute among my congregation."

*Pentecostal Church Minister, Amersfoort, Holland:*

"I'm a regular listener of your broad-

casts from Tangier, North Africa. I'm so blessed by your sermons. This is what we need for today—Holy Ghost preaching, calling men to repentance, bringing comfort to thousands of souls, and giving them power to go on through until Jesus comes."

*Baptist Minister, Vermont:*

"I have been informed by a fellow worker that some of your messages and other literature are made available to pastors. If this is still true, would you kindly let me know how to secure these. Your radio program comes on here in Vermont on Sunday mornings, and I am sure it is used of the Lord."

*Christian Church Pastor, Pennsylvania:*

"I am taking a minute this morning to write for the booklet you offered last Sunday. I am a pastor, and hear your messages on Sunday mornings. I'm busy preparing to go to Sunday school when you are on, and so I put off writing until a later time, which never seems to come. However, I am taking time now to tell you what a blessing your program is."

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No one can judge the extent of the influence of these contacts. By ministering to pastors *Revivaltime* ministers to entire churches; for the pastor will take the inspiration, blessing, and help he received with him as he steps behind the pulpit and thus lead his congregation to greater victories in Christ. The broadcast has been an effective tool in ministering to ministers and encouraging them to seek a life filled with and anointed by the Spirit.

Wouldn't you like to share in this great ministry? *Revivaltime* needs your help to continue its ministry to those who are hungry for a Spirit-filled life. Send your letters and offerings for the broadcast to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

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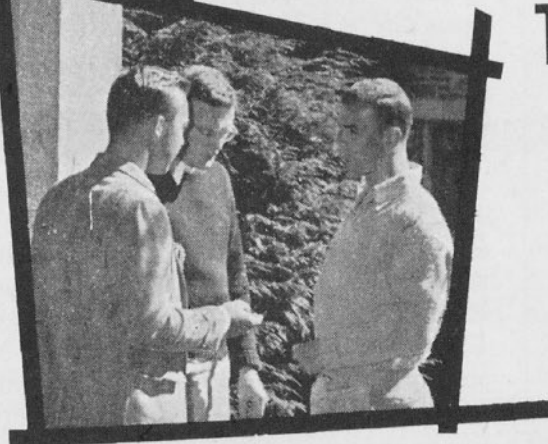
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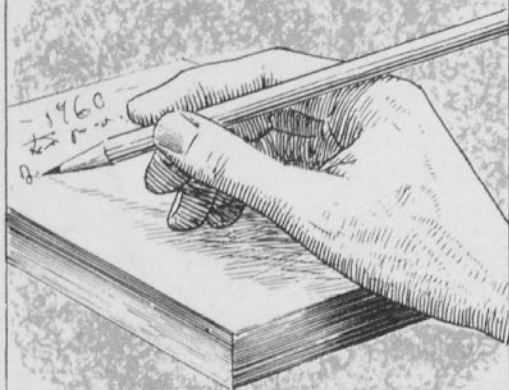
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## A New Year's Resolution for 1960



*"I will remember the aged and contribute regularly to their support"*

Those churches which made this fine resolution in 1959 did much more than put a check in the mail each month or twice yearly.

**They gave to our aged ministers and missionaries** a feeling of security, so vital to the happiness and well being of the aged.

**They gave to us** the assurance that we could rely on them for regular offerings. As these church names appear we breathe a special "thank you" to God for their faithfulness.

**That gave to themselves** the warm satisfaction which comes from knowing that they are doing their part in caring for the aged of our great movement.

Make your resolution now to write Aged Ministers' Assistance into the church budget for 1960!

**Department of Benevolences**  
434 West Pacific Street  
Springfield, Missouri

# He Careth— Do You?

By Noel Perkin



**O**NE OF THE PRIMARY NEEDS OF man is to feel that he has significance and that someone cares for him. And so it is that one of the tragedies of societies is the large group of people for whom no one seems to care. It is stated that each year in the city of New York there are four thousand people who go to nameless graves—unknown and friendless.

An aged missionary who has spent fifty years of unbroken service on the mission field of Argentina, has now decided that she cannot continue any longer. For the first time in fifty years she has asked to come home. At eighty-four years of age she has added to her accomplishments the establishing of a church in the town of 25 de Mayo, Argentina, as well as the starting of meetings in a number of outlying points.

This lady missionary, to our knowledge, has never owned an automobile. Her first automatic washing machine was given to her but a short time ago through the kindness and generosity of WMC groups in the United States. Her body is tired, yet it is with sincere regret on her part that she feels she must find some place of rest. On the mission field she will be greatly missed, but she can do no more.

Thank God, when our missionary returns she will be given a place to rest. We have made provisions through the co-operation of our fellowship and by our Department of Benevolences for a "Bethany" to be provided for her and other tired ministers and missionaries who have reached an age where they cannot carry on active ministry. In this "Bethany"—the Assemblies of God Retirement Home situated in southern Florida—they may have the joy of spending their remaining years in comfort and in a Christian atmosphere

where they can devote time to prayer for others as their continuing ministry. The least we can do is minister to them by supplying for their physical needs.

For many years our aged ministers and missionaries have resided in Pinellas Park, Florida. This Home is now inadequate in many ways for the demands which are being made upon it. By God's gracious guidance and the help given by many friends, a new Home is being rushed to completion. The new Home in Lakeland, Florida, will be modern and as fireproof as can be properly arranged. It will adjoin the South Florida District camp grounds and the South-Eastern Bible College campus, fronting on beautiful Lake Holloway.

The Home at Pinellas Park is being sold and it is imperative that the new Home be completed before we can move the residents. This will require \$40,000. If each church would answer the appeal with an offering of \$15, this most urgent need will be met. Fifteen dollars would not be very much for the individual church budget, yet some churches, we fear, will not answer the appeal. So may we suggest that individual gifts would be very much appreciated. To furnish a room (this would cost \$500) would be a wonderful way in which to establish a memorial to some loved one who has passed on to be with the Lord.

We cannot help remembering the woman who cared enough for our Lord to give Him what she could. Let us not fail to give what we can in working with God to care for our aged ministers and missionaries who have done so much for the building of the Church.

Offerings and requests for information should be addressed to: Retirement Home, Department of Benevolences, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

# Gashmu the Gossip

(Continued from page four)

*Words that have a selfish strain;  
Words of ostentatious show,  
Words to make a friend or foe;  
Words that stray like witless sheep,  
Words destroying peace and sleep;  
Words of bombast, words austere,  
Words that spread disease and fear;  
Words of every length and hue,  
Words that threaten and pursue;  
Words as sharp as two-edged sword,  
Words that stride like stately lord;  
Words like an engulfing wave,  
Words that harass and enslave;  
Words by talkers misapplied,  
Words in millions multiplied;  
Words, words, words, words—  
Words that come in endless herds!*

## *Unproven and Unprovable*

The symbol of something we love to do and something stupidly wasteful—that's Gashmu. But these fall short of the worst element we need to see in his representative character. He is the emblem of *something wrong*. His whisper that Nehemiah was getting ready, in all probability, to rebel against the emperor of Persia and to have himself made king of Jerusalem was unproven and unprovable. Did that stop him from spreading the tale? Not at all. He persisted in encouraging the fanciful charge.

"In the multitude of words," says Proverbs 10:19, "there wanteth not *sin*." It is worse than poor judgment. It is more serious than innocent error. It is *sin*. There is guilt involved.

Dr. R. F. Horton once said, "I would not allow a known talebearer to come to the Lord's table." It was that seasoned minister's way of conveying how deep a sin he felt it to be for one person to spread unverified tales about another or to make un-Christian use of them even if verified.

## *Deadly Sins*

Medieval Christianity worked out a list of what it called "The Seven Deadly Sins": pride, anger, envy, impurity, gluttony, slothfulness, avarice.

Not so familiar to most of us is a

list of deadly sins in Judaism, with *idolatry* first, *adultery* second, *murder* third, and in fourth place, *gossip*. Gossip, moreover, is defined in this list as any sort of rumor or report that would defame or mar the reputation of another human being.

Whether you put it in one position or another in the scale of sins, certain it is that we'll never deal with it seriously enough unless we see it as a wrong to be confessed and not merely as a weakness to be lightly admitted. Its ugliness and viciousness in God's sight must be faced. "It is reported . . . and Gashmu saith it," is one of the devil's trademarks.

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While Gashmu is in our spotlight, let's make a second observation regarding him. More than a symbol, he is a *warning*.

## *Words Are Deeds*

He stands as a warning against the *mistake in thinking that words are only words*. The fact is that words are deeds. We dismiss the matter far too superficially when we say, "Words, just words! It's action that counts." Or when we give out with the remark, "Well, *say* it. You might as well say it as to *think* it!"

From one point of view—God looks into our hearts—that may be true. But from another viewpoint it is quite wrong. Once you have said it you have, in some measure, committed it to the public. You have loosed it into the stream of history. For the inescapable fact is that a word *is* a deed.

Furthermore, Gashmu stands as a warning that gossip is a way of *doing damage that goes beyond all possibility of repair*. Hear me carefully. I did not say that it goes beyond the possibility of *your* repentance or of *God's* forgiveness, but only that it exceeds even God's ability to wipe out its consequences.

## *The Worm of Suspicion*

Take an example of how subtle and far-reaching this can be. An army chaplain said that one day he was talking to another chaplain about a third—a colleague of both of them. When he remarked that the absent chaplain had been very fine and co-operative on the post, the chaplain being addressed replied, after a few seconds' pause, "Well, he feels that you have the ear of the higher-ups, and he's bucking for a promotion." What was the effect? The chaplain said that, although he resented

such a remark and had no reason to believe there was the slightest truth in it, he found that the worm of suspicion had been placed in his mind. In spite of all he could do to talk himself out of it, he was forced to admit that it spoiled something fine in the friendship he had enjoyed with the comrade who had been downgraded in that momentary remark.

It's the old story of the peasant and the monk. The peasant, having told an unkind story about another, asked the monk what he could do to atone for his sin. "Fill a bag with chicken feathers," said the monk, "then go to every house in the village and drop a feather in each yard." The peasant did as he was told. Returning to the monk, he asked if this completed his penance. "No," said the monk, "you must now take the empty bag, go back to every house, and pick up the feather you dropped there." "But that is impossible," protested the peasant, "for by this time the wind has blown most of them somewhere else." "And so it is with your slanderous stories and evil words," replied the monk, solemnly. "They are easily spoken, but, no matter how hard you try, you cannot bring them back again."

That is the warning that I beg you to see in the unpleasant figure of Gashmu. There are Gashmus in every community and church. God forgive their sin! But—let it be said reverently—God Himself cannot undo all the *effects* of their sin.

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Let me add a more positive note: Gashmu can render us service not only as a symbol and a warning, but also—if you will forgive an overworked word—as a *challenge*.

## *Examine Ourselves*

The bad example of Gashmu should serve as a stern summons to examine ourselves and our speech.

*Ourselves!* Why? Because the habit of gossip often reveals much more about *you* than it does about the person about whom you are carrying on your tittle-tattle. Many a woman has said concerning another woman who has a larger wardrobe than she, "Don't you think she overdoes her dressing?" without realizing that what she is really saying is, "I'm envious of her." And many a man has jibed concerning another, "Look at him—always hogging the limelight!" without understanding that his real meaning is, "Look at me

—I'm uncomfortable because his success is greater than mine!"

### *The Mirror of the Cross*

This behavior in people of the world is bad enough; in Christians it is serious. It comes from our not holding before us the mirror of the Cross long enough for us to see—and be horrified at—this wretched ego-mindedness. Then, with self-awareness and conviction, to surrender wholly to the power of the Cross! Calvary is so hot a flame that when we consign ourselves to it, it sears to a cinder the self-importance that lies behind our gossipy tongues.

And then our *speech*—that, too, should be examined in the light of Gashmu's sorry spectacle.

### *Live on the Heights*

Put your speech about others to three tests, said Alexander Whyte, if you want to live on the heights with your Lord.

Test one: is it *true*? Do I know it to be true? If it is hearsay, the test

is not passed. If it appears in print, the test is not necessarily passed. Many a misrepresentation has found the light of print that belongs to the darkness of the pit.

Test two: is it *necessary*? Granting that it is true, is there any need of its being made the subject of idle chatter in *this* situation or before *these* people?

Test three: is it *kind*? How does it fit in with our Saviour's statement of the second greatest commandment: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself"? How does it harmonize with Paul's appeal to the Christians of his day: "Accept life with humility and patience, making allowances for each other because you love each other. Make it your aim to be at one in the Spirit, and you will inevitably be at peace with one another"? (Ephesians 4:2, 3, Phillips)

"*'They say!'* Ah, well, suppose they do;

*But does that make the story true? Suspicion may arise from naught*

*But malice, envy, want of thought. Why count yourself among the 'they' Who whisper what they dare not say?*

*"'They say!' But why the tale rehearse, And help to make the matter worse? No good can possibly accrue From telling what may be untrue. And is it not the better plan To speak of all the best you can?"*

*"'They say!' Well, if it should be so, Why need you tell the tale of woe? Will it the bitter wrong redress Or make one pang of sorrow less? Will it the erring one restore Henceforth to 'go and sin no more'?"*

*"'They say!' Oh, pause and look within, See how thy heart inclines to sin; Watch, lest in dark temptation's hour Thou, too, shouldst sink beneath its power.*

*Pity the frail, weep o'er their fall, And speak of good or not at all!"*

—Free Methodist

## Are Your Children Saved?

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ing, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, it may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually" (Job 1:5).

Every Christian parent should remember that his child is in the field which is white unto harvest, and he comes into the family of God only by regeneration. We should never treat Christian truths as commonplace, nor speak glibly, lightly, and easily about holy things in the home. No parent should take it for granted that the child is a child of God until that parent has had the great joy of leading the child to make such a testimony.

*The second observation is this: A child in a Christian home needs a special kind of discipline.* "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nur-

ture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

The child of today is something of a cross between an orchid and a piece of Dresden china; the parent dare not spank for fear of breaking something. Child psychology has turned an about-face since the twenties. Correction has become taboo. Discipline has been discarded. Parents are afraid to interfere with the little personalities, for fear complexes may develop.

It may be true that some parents merely take out a bad temper on their children. All agree this is wrong. Nevertheless, discipline is part of the program of a Christian home.

Let us look at Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." If parents are to lead a child in the way God has outlined for his life, it requires that the parents be close enough to God to find out God's way for the child. The faithfulness of the parents will largely determine the "faith" of the child.

"Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell" (Proverbs 23:13, 14). There must be discipline in the Christian home. It should be strict but not severe. It should be sympathetic, but

not relaxed. There is grace in discipline. The child who has accepted Christ as Saviour should be taught that his conduct ought to be better than that of the child who is a non-Christian.

*The third observation is that the example of a Christian parent is the greatest single factor in the spiritual growth of a Christian child.* There is no substitute for consistent Christian parents. Look at the remarkable account of Noah, in Hebrews 11:7. "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."

Noah had a clear-cut witness in a world where every thought and imagination of man was evil continually. He announced the coming judgment of God and the way of escape. It is wrong to say he did not have a convert. He was ridiculed, but his testimony made a profound impression on his sons, resulting in their being saved from destruction.

Surely you and I have a right to claim our own children for God. We can ask Him to help us give them the kind of example which will bring them into the ark of safety before it is too late.

—Sunday School Counselor

IN ALL RANKS OF LIFE THERE ARE THOSE WHO THINK THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE MINISTERED UNTO, BUT CHRIST TAUGHT HIS FOLLOWERS TO "MINISTER UNTO" OTHERS.

WHEN THE TEN DISCIPLES HEARD that James and John had asked for the chief places in the Kingdom they proved by their indignation that they also nurtured the same ambitious desires which they condemned in their fellow apostles. Jesus quietly called them to His side, for it was the natural time to teach them a much-needed lesson. He did not condemn James and John because they were ambitious and sought the chief places in His kingdom, neither did He rebuke the others for being so hot-tempered and full of bitter feelings when they heard of the request of their fellow disciples. He simply taught them the meaning of true greatness, and the conditions on which it may be attained.

The greatness of the world is measured by authority and lordliness. Those appointed to rule over the Gentiles exercised authority over them, and sometimes acted ruthlessly and cruelly, while they in turn were under men of greater rank and authority who on occasion would peremptorily dismiss a subordinate who displeased them. But the divine greatness is a meek and gentle influence.

To minister to one another is better and greater than to command one to go here or there, to do this or that (see Matthew 8:9). In Christ's kingdom it is the humble man, the man ready to be the servant of all, who is truly great and who exercises an influence greater, wider, and deeper than a ruler with a lust for power. Our Saviour teaches us that the greatness of lowliness, to which we are called, is His own greatness. "For verily the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28).

There are two modes of life open to us. We may think we have been born into this world "to be ministered unto," in which case we shall expect to be waited on and have others do us homage and to give strict and immediate attention to our whims and commands. There was a time when those born to be rich regarded it as a divine appointment. It was ordained that the poor, who were regarded as being of inferior rank, should minister to their least wishes and needs. The

# Two Ways of Living

By ARTHUR HEDLEY

more servants the rich could afford to keep, the greater would be their prestige in social circles.

Today the situation is entirely reversed. A friend whom I accompanied to some large mansions where he had business appointments, told me of the reversed position of many who once had a large retinue of servants. Mansions and estates were sadly neglected, and in many instances the man and wife were doing all their own work and confining themselves to two or three rooms to save labor.

But in all ranks of life, even in the poorest homes, there are those who think they have the right to be ministered unto. They assume an officious, domineering spirit and are easily ruffled and angered if proper respect is not paid to their assumed importance. They live to be recognized and served. It ministers to their pride and sense of superiority when they are waited on by others. Let us ask ourselves the searching question, "Do I live to be ministered unto or to minister and to give?" How often we have seen individuals rise to places of position and power within the church and become so self-important, dignified, and conscious of position that now they have

no time or place for those with whom they were friendly in other days. When we consider it beneath us to do some small service for another, or to humble ourselves to minister instead of being ministered unto, we run the awful risk of hearing our Lord say: "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these, ye did it not to me" (Matthew 25:45).

It is possible to live our lives on a very different plan, which if carried out, will make us great in God's sight and will give far greater satisfaction and peace of mind. We may belong to the company who are willing "to minister." In that case we shall not be ever seeking our own but "the things of others," and we shall "esteem other better" than ourselves (Philippians 2:3, 4). Self will be forgotten in a life of service for others. "By love" we shall serve one another. The good of others will be our supreme concern in life.

Paul writes of his deep gratitude to Epaphroditus, the messenger from the church in Philippi, who risked grave danger and suffered in health that he might "minister to my wants" (Philippians 2:25). When our life's aim is to minister we shall be ready to do the lowliest service to all sorts and conditions of men. We shall devote ourselves to the advantage of those around us, recognizing their claims upon us, instead of insisting on their recognition of our claims upon them. Dr. F. B. Meyer, who seemed to live a life of entire self-forgetfulness and ministered to his fellows in a hundred different ways, said of himself: "Why, I am just God's errand boy."

As we live not to be ministered unto but to minister, so shall we bear some resemblance to our Saviour. His life was all giving, and finally, "He gave Himself for our sins" (Galatians 1:4). In the Lord Jesus there was not the slightest trace of selfishness. He often used His almighty power for the benefit of others, to heal the sick, feed the hungry, comfort the bereaved; He never once used it for Himself. There is not a single action of His life to which you can point and say: He did that for His own advantage or for a selfish purpose. In five brief words Peter summarized our Lord's life on earth: "Who went about doing good" (Acts 10:38). As we follow in His footsteps so shall we experience the joy of heaven, and at the last His smile and commendation. ◀◀

## We Have Only Begun To Fight Against —

# OBSCENITY

BY O. K. ARMSTRONG

**T**HE TEEN-AGE SON OF A FRIEND OF mine who is a pastor in a southern city recently answered an ad in a sports magazine for a small trinket, for which the boy sent twenty-five cents. Back came the trinket—and half a dozen unspeakably obscene pictures. Letters followed, from an “art” company in California, telling the boy he could get more such pictures and that he could sell them to his schoolmates at a profit.

Shocked and angered, the parents of that boy turned the pictures over to their local postmaster, who sent them to the Post Office Department in Washington. I learned from an official in Washington that a quick check found no “art” firm at the address given. The merchants of smut had shifted to another place.

The incident discloses a comparatively new angle of the big traffic in indecent publications of all kinds—a drive to sell pornographic prints to teenagers in junior and senior high schools.

“This is one of the most vicious and criminal activities of the whole pornography business,” Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield told a group of churchmen. “I urge every parent, every teacher, every person who finds such filth coming through the mails to send it immediately to the Post Office Department. We shall try our best to catch up with these merchants of obscenity.”

Mr. Summerfield estimated that one million children would receive obscene

material through the family mail box during 1959, and that if the vicious racket is not checked the volume of this smut will double within four years.

It is time for people who believe in decency to take stock of our battlelines. Are we gaining—or losing—in this fight to combat the moral corruption and spiritual destruction caused by pornography?

Some hopeful progress has been made. The Churchmen’s Commission for Decent Publications, organized in April 1957, representing 30 Protestant denominations, has led a vigorous crusade to arouse Christian people to their responsibility to enforce the laws against obscenity in our states and communities. It now enlists leaders of groups as divergent as the National Council of Churches, the National Association of Evangelicals, Latter Day Saints and Seventh Day Adventists.

“Why should not all church people join in this common crusade against pornography and for decent publications?” asks Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, NAE Public Affairs Director, who served as the commission’s first secretary.

Progress was made also on the legislative front during the 1959 session of Congress. This writer had the privilege of appearing before the subcommittee of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service last May, to plead for stronger penalties for the mailing of obscene publications. Other officials of our group appeared, and I am happy to say that the legislation we backed was passed and signed by the President.

Chairman of the subcommittee, Representative Kathryn E. Granahan of Pennsylvania, declared: “Obscene publications serve to impair the years of training that parents have devoted to their children.”

Both the Southern Baptist and the American Baptist Conventions in their annual meetings last spring passed resolutions vigorously condemning the traffic in pornography and urging families to provide and utilize literature that is pure and wholesome. Numerous other denominational bodies have taken similar action. Many are shaping plans for specific activities in the crusade against smut.

Last September in Chicago, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers called upon its eleven million members to start a concerted drive to wipe out the distribution of pornographic literature, under the leadership of Dr. J. C. Moffitt of Provo, Utah, chairman of the P.T.A. committee on comics, movies, radio and television.

On the other hand, the forces benefiting financially from the vile traffic in printed materials, including magazines, pictures and obscene “comics”, estimated at \$500 million a year, seem more determined than ever to force their wares upon the public. Besides the drive to create a demand for obscenity among teen-agers, they are stepping up the distribution of indecent reading material and obscene playing cards for young men in military service. Also, the market for pornography among college students, young men and women alike, is being cultivated.

Most alarming of all, perhaps, is the turn toward obscenity in moving pictures and television shows. A dispatch from Hollywood dated last August 17 by the *Chicago Daily News* service says:

“The barriers (to pornography in movies and TV) are down. Court decisions have opened the gates for Hollywood. Daring new movies are being prepared. One film has as its theme rape and the problems of a girl made pregnant by it.” Then followed a long list of subjects, ranging from bad taste to downright vicious, being filmed.

Yes—the bars are down. The book *Elmer Gantry*, by the late cynical agnostic Sinclair Lewis, a brazenly false portrayal of preachers in general and their alleged motives, in particular, will be ready for showing this winter. Reports from Hollywood recite numerous other such films.

Television shows, which come more intimately into the family circle for every home that has a TV set, are following suit, and in many instances leading the way in abandoning all inhibitions and showing “sex for sex’s sake,”

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“torrid love scenes,” and suggestive, dirty glorification of prostitution and adultery.

What has become of the “moral code” which used to govern the content of moving pictures, radio programs and television shows? What about the “self-policing” which these industries used to do, in order not to violate the laws of decency or offend religious principles? They are out the window. They are *passé*—no longer in force. The reason? “Court decisions have opened the gates,” says the Hollywood reporter.

Legal censorship has been dealt a crushing blow by recent decisions of federal courts. A New York judge ruled that *Lady Chatterley's Lover* cannot be barred from the mails because “Victorian” ideas of morality should no longer apply in modern society! Here is a book so dirty in its unabridged edition that it offends the sensibilities of every person who respects womanhood and who seeks to protect the minds of impressionable youths from smut; yet a federal court says it cannot be barred from circulation because our morals have changed!

In its last term the U. S. Supreme Court reversed a court of appeals in barring obscene moving pictures, and here are some of the words of its astonishing decision: “Its guarantee (the Constitution's guarantee of free speech) is not confined to the expres-

sion of ideas that are conventional or shared by a majority. It protects advocacy of the opinion that adultery may sometimes be proper, no less than advocacy of socialism or the single tax.” To which Justice Douglas and Black, the well-known “liberals,” add: “I can find in the First Amendment no room for any censor whether he is scanning an editorial, reading a news broadcast, editing a novel or a play, or previewing a movie.” In other words, anything goes, the sky is the limit, and so let the smut go through!

Meantime, juvenile delinquency and crime are increasing by almost a steady seven per cent a year! Courtrooms are congested with cases of teen-age assault, violence, and even rape and murder. There can be no disputing the words of FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover that “obscene literature is a major factor in the growth of juvenile delinquency.”

Chief Postal Inspector David H. Stephens declares: “That juvenile delinquency stems in large part from the demoralizing influence of exposure to obscenity and pornography is well known to all law enforcement groups. Time after time in our investigations of armed robbery, extortion, embezzlement and forgery it is learned that those responsible for such crimes were early collectors of obscene pictures and films. Also in many vicious murders and crimes involving sex is often dis-

closed that the criminals were addicts to pornographic and sadist material.”

Are we Christian people going to shrink from this challenge that comes from the smut merchants, the entertainment industry and the courts as well? Or are we going to rise up to carry the battle, unitedly and courageously, on every front?

What can we do? I suggest this program of action:

1. We who are parents can watch for obscene materials through the mails and see to it that our children are protected by the postal authorities.

2. We can write a letter to our two United States senators and the congressman from our district, asking what they are doing to strengthen the laws against obscenity and the distribution of indecent materials by mail, truck or any other means of transportation, and pledging support to their efforts to protect the public from this immoral tide. We can contact our state senators and legislators, our district attorneys and municipal police, to become familiar with state and local laws against obscenity and see to it that they are enforced.

3. We can organize Decent Literature Councils in our communities, composed of outstanding men and women of all faiths, representing business and labor, education and welfare, and so on. We can help them make surveys of the newsstands and bookstores to determine what publications violate the laws against indecency and pornography, and call upon law-enforcement officials to take proper action.

4. Without any official censorship, we can unite in our communities to protest to our local newspapers against lurid and suggestive advertisements of sex movies; to our local radio and TV stations against lewd and dirty programs; to our movie proprietors against films that present in an attractive manner crime and sex.

5. We can support the efforts of the Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications in its program of education and legislation.

6. We can demand that moral codes be revived, to govern the output of every film, every radio, television or other entertainment production, with respect to decency and morality.

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. It is likewise the price we must pay to combat the aggressive forces of organized indecency, crime and immorality. ◀ ◀



FIGHTING OBSCENITY—Postmaster William E. McElroy of Springfield, Illinois, stands beside a local exhibit set up to call attention to Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield's campaign to crack down on the mailing of obscene publications. The painting shows the arrow of "P. O. Dept. Raids" piercing the head of the serpent which is labelled "Obscenity Racket." The Post Office Department is asking all citizens to co-operate in its effort to eliminate filth from the U. S. mails.



# Spotlight on Evangelism

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► VALLEY PARK, MO.—Evangelist Lolita Thompson recently conducted revival meetings at the First Assembly of God here. Thirteen prayed through to salvation, and two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.  
—E. L. Glenn, Pastor

► SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—The First Assembly of God here just closed two weeks of revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Glen Shinn of Fort Worth, Tex. The people were blessed as this splendid young couple ministered in song, music, and the Word. One young man was filled with the Holy Spirit and a number were refilled.  
—A. L. Todd, Pastor

► SOUTH ROXANA, ILL.—Evangelists Sarah and Peggy Williamson of Steele, Mo., recently conducted four weeks of revival meetings in the church here. Twenty were saved and 24 were filled with the Holy Spirit. Most of these were young married people. The Sunday school attendance climbed to 252. The church was greatly blessed, and the revival fires are still burning.  
—C. M. Twente, Pastor

► BENTON HARBOR, MICH.—The First Assembly of God here just closed a very profitable series of meetings with Evangelist William Andrews of Ewing, Mo. At almost every service people responded to the message and came to Christ. The sincere, heartfelt ministry was greatly appreciated and the people are rejoicing in the blessings of the Lord.  
—Alvin Sprecher, Pastor

► HODGE, LA.—The church here recently enjoyed a very successful revival with Evangelist D. C. Ogden of Tulsa, Okla. God moved in a wonderful way. The attendance was excellent, and many people visited the church for the first time. A goodly number sought God and found salvation. Brother Ogden's ministry in the Word, coupled with his chalk talks and singing, proved a real blessing to the church.  
—F. C. Chamberlain, Pastor

► HUNTINGDON, PA.—Over 60 sought the Lord for salvation and record crowds filled the church during an evangelistic campaign with the Musical Vander Ploegs. At least 150 people attended the church for the first time during the 17-day crusade, and the meetings made an outstanding impression not only upon the church but upon the general community. The fruit of the meetings remains, and the gracious spirit of revival burns in the hearts of the people. Several entire families are now attending the church regularly as a result of the revival.  
—Edward B. Berkey, Pastor

► MOULTRIE, GA.—Evangelist Johnny Barton of Madison, Ill., recently conducted outstanding meetings here. During the seven weeks of meetings 150 were saved and 90 filled with the Holy Spirit. Every night there were many visitors, and many of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. On the sixth Sunday of the meetings the evangelist raised enough money to get new furniture for the church.  
—Rossie Palmer, Pastor

► GLENWOOD, MINN.—Recently the churches of Glenwood observed a "Spiritual Emphasis Week" with the theme, "Life in Christ," taken from Ephesians 2. Each church co-operated by having special meetings during that week. The Assembly of God engaged Eddie Lothar from Crosby, Minn., for that time. Many felt that this was one of the best series of meetings ever held in the church. There was a good spiritual move and souls were saved.  
—L. D. Kramer, Pastor

► TAIPEI, FORMOSA—Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue recently held two weeks of evangelistic meetings here. The first two nights crowded out the small church, necessitating the rental of a public hall. The attendance was the largest ever seen at the church. The messages of Brother Argue were inspiring and convicting. There were many souls at the altar each night seeking God for salvation. A follow-up program is being carried out by the church workers. It was Brother Argue's privilege to minister at the government leprosarium where care is given to over 1,000 lepers. When he preached the Leper Chapel was

filled. The evangelist presented an illustrated sermon which made the way of salvation very clear, and he had the joy of praying with many seekers at the close of the service.

—Alice Stewart and  
Palma Ramsborg, Missionaries

► DYESS, ARK.—The church here recently enjoyed a great revival with Evangelist Louie Shultz of Blytheville, Ark. Forty were saved, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and there were also a number of healings.  
—Lloyd Henson, Pastor

► BUCKEYE, ARIZ.—The church here was greatly blessed under the inspirational singing and anointed preaching of Evangelist and Mrs. Lorn Underwood of Phoenix, Ariz. Souls were saved, believers filled with the Holy Spirit, and many sick bodies were healed.  
—Leroy Cloud, Pastor

► SANTA PAULA, CALIF.—The Assembly here just closed a series of wonderful meetings with Evangelist Johnny Barton of Granite City, Ill. For more than three weeks God blessed. More than 25 were saved and some 18 were baptized in the Holy Ghost. There were also many notable healings in answer to prayer. Every department of the church enjoyed growth and spiritual upsurge. Sunday school averaged 268 during the revival. The annual Sunday school parade was held during the meetings. More than five blocks of decorated cars, floats, trucks, and bicycles paraded down the main street of the city. The people are praising God for a good meeting, dynamic preaching, and fruitful altar work.  
—Paul M. Wells, Pastor



Crowd gathered in Huntingdon, Pa. to hear the Musical Vander Ploegs. Edward B. Berkey is pastor.

► **CACTUS, TEX.**—Evangelists Glenetta and Arlene Johnson recently concluded a very wonderful revival here. Some were saved, filled, refilled, healed, and the entire church was revived. Revival fires are still burning.

—Glen H. Lester, Pastor

► **NOCOMA, TEX.**—The Assembly here enjoyed two weeks of revival with Evangelist C. J. Hurley of Lancaster, Tex. Souls were saved, believers filled with the Holy Ghost, and some were reclaimed. The entire church was greatly blessed.

—M. L. Milton, Pastor

► **HUNTINGTON STATION, L.I., N. Y.**—Pastor Lyman Jolley and Pastor John Brown were greatly used of the Lord recently in a fine revival at the Assembly of God Pentecostal Church. Much good was accomplished and the church was greatly encouraged.

—Charles Martin Shaffer, Pastor

► **WHITESBORO, OKLA.**—Six were saved and two were filled with the Holy Spirit during special meetings conducted here by Evangelist B. W. Morgan of Hartshorne, Okla. The crowds were wonderful, and people who had not visited the church before came during the meetings. The whole church was stirred to a deeper walk with God.

—Ray Rush, Pastor

► **BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.**—A recent series of meetings conducted in the Panama Lane Assembly here by Evangelist O. D. Burkett was one of the greatest moves in the history of the church. Souls were saved, refilled, and healed by the power of God. The young people were particularly blessed and are showing a greater interest in the things of God. Amid this great interest the Christ's Ambassadors are ready to occupy their new chapel.

—Donald R. Hallford, Pastor

► **PENN YAN, N. Y.**—Recently Evangelist L. C. Robie concluded four weeks of meetings in this pioneer church. Some 35 to 40 came to God for salvation or reassurance. Several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and there were some outstanding healings. One lady who had been away from the Lord was healed of an internal hernia. She now has a radiant testimony. An elderly man accepted Christ as Saviour and then received physical healing of a blood clot in his leg which had confined him to taking only necessary steps for two years. The clot completely disappeared, and he began walking and rejoicing.

—Mearl Morse, Pastor

► **DINUBA, CALIF.**—God has given many wonderful victories to the First Assembly here in recent months. Evangelist Paul Riggs conducted a three-week evangelistic meeting and much was accomplished in the hearts of the people. Backsliders came to renew their consecration and the Holy Spirit drew all closer in a bond of Christian love and fellowship. The Hobbs Family of Richmond, Calif., also were special guests and were used of the Lord in a wonderful way to bring blessing to the church. Many new people came to the services, and some came to the altar seeking the Lord.

—Lloyd J. Cagle, Pastor

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Franklin	Faith Chapel	Jan. 6—	Michael Lord	Mary A. Watford
	Selma	Calvary	Jan. 18-31	Bobby Jackson	Sammy Mizell
Calif.	Campbell	A/G	Jan. 19-31	Lloyd Christiansen	Herbert Johnson
	Caruthers	Full Gospel	Jan. 24—	Merel Thornton	Ronald C. Davis
	Corcoran	A/G	Jan. 12—	O. D. Burkett	H. A. Fowler
	Eureka	Bethel	Jan. 24-Feb. 7	M. R. Boatright & wife	Gene Riggs
	Fillmore	A/G	Jan. 24—	G. A. Snavelly & wife	Neville Carlson
	Manteca	A/G	Jan. 19-31	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Don Annas
	Modesto	Neighborhood FG	Jan. 19-24	John French	Roy Blakeley
	Rio Dell	A/G	Jan. 19—	Sam Klein	E. L. Snyder
Conn.	Wilmington	Boulevard	Jan. 11-24	Stenhouse-Miller Team	Herbert Ezell
	Hartford	Gospel Tab.	Jan. 19—	Sid Regnier Party	Oliver Collier
Fla.	Miami	Central	Jan. 24-Feb. 7	W. Clifford Nelson	J. D. Buchanan
	Pace	A/G	Jan. 24-Feb. 7	W. O. Stephens & wife	Glyn Lowery
Iowa	Fort Dodge	A/G	Jan. 17—	W. S. Barham	D. D. Underwood
Kans.	Hays	A/G	Jan. 19-31	Ivan Christoffersen	Eldon Powers
	Wichita	Trinity	Jan. 20-31	Jesse Shaw	Dean Nygren
Ky.	Louisville	A/G	Jan. 20-31	Tommy Barnett	W. L. Rodgers
Miss.	Columbus	First	Jan. 17-31	Lolita Thompson	Wm. T. Fountain
Mo.	Kansas City	Sheffield	Jan. 19-31	G. L. McKinney	C. W. Quattlebaum
	Rolla	First	Jan. 24—	Donald Lunsford, Jr.	Carl Roberts
N. Mex.	Sullivan	First	Jan. 19-31	William Ihnisky	O. H. Virgin
	Roswell	First	Jan. 19—	Don George	Edgar Newby
N. Y.	E. Aurora	A/G	Jan. 17-24	Byron D. Jones	Chas. A. Thomas
	Elmira	A/G	Jan. 3-17	Tommy Barnett	John Bedzyk
Okla.	Hollis	A/G	Jan. 24—	Leo S. Gaston	Ralph A. Staggs
	Woodward	A/G	Jan. 24-Feb. 7	Frank Martin	C. A. Nicholson
	Wynona	A/G	Jan. 24—	Keith Belknap & wife	Norman Wilburn
Pa.	Roaring Spring	Faith	Jan. 19-Feb. 7	Jack Peters	David Weyandt
Tex.	Jacksonville	Pierce Chapel	Jan. 5-17	Oren Paris	George Stotts
	Memphis	A/G	Jan. 24—	L. C. & Oleta Eldridge	V. C. Sparks
	Mincola	A/G	Jan. 24-Feb. 7	Leon Morrow	O. B. Cook
	Sequin	A/G	Jan. 17-31	Gene Allen	J. O. Martin
	W. Columbia	A/G	Jan. 20—	Glen & Faithe Shinn	B. B. Hankins
	Aberdeen	Calvary Temple	Jan. 21—	The Quanabush Team	N. F. Langford
Wash.	Coulee City	A/G	Jan. 18-22	Ward & Dixie Tanneberg	E. A. Welk
	Medical Lake	A/G	Jan. 3-17	Ward & Dixie Tanneberg	Earl R. Jones
	W. Seattle	A/G	Jan. 24-Feb. 14	Wesley W. Fleming	R. E. Southard
	Yakima	West Side	Jan. 19-31	The Tanner Team	John H. Clark
Canada	Cobourg, Ont.	Glad Tidings Tab.	Jan. 19-31	J. W. Beam & wife	D. W. Ellis

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### WITH CHRIST

**HOMER BOYD**, 66, Poteau, Okla., passed to his reward on December 10, 1959. Death was due to coronary thrombosis. Brother Boyd had served as pastor of the Poteau Assembly for over twenty years. His wife survives.

**SAMUEL A. BENSON**, 77, Philadelphia, Pa., went to be forever with the Lord on December 4, 1959. Brother Benson was superannuated in 1955. He had served as pastor of the Kensington Pentecostal Church (now Kensington Assembly of God) in Philadelphia for over twenty years. He succumbed to bronchial pneumonia and heart failure.

**J. A. ALLARD**, 56, San Antonio, Tex., went to be with the Lord on November 10, 1959. Prior to his ordination to the ministry in 1952, Brother Allard was a successful businessman. He sold his business in order to devote full time to the ministry. At the time of his death he was pastor of the Hot Wells Assembly in San Antonio, which he organized in 1954. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

**FERRIS A. DODD**, 61, Harrisburg, Oreg., was crushed to death November 24, 1959 by a bull on his ranch. Brother Dodd had served for many years as a minister in the Northwest. He started a number of churches in the Oregon District. He is survived by his wife and five children.

**CHARLES D. TROTTER**, 59, Trenton, Mich., passed away December 4, 1959. Brother Trotter has served both as a pastor and as an evangelist since his ordination in 1936. He had been pastor of the Trenton Assembly of God Chapel for six years prior to his death. He is survived by his wife.

**ELMER ADAMS**, 74, Ceres, Calif., was called Home on December 10, 1959. He is survived by his wife. Brother Adams was ordained in 1935 in the Oklahoma District. He served as a pastor and evangelist before he was superannuated in 1954.

**STEPHEN ZUCK**, 82, Bronx, N. Y., passed away November 23, 1959. Before he was superannuated in 1952 he ministered for many years among the Slavic people in this country. He was a member of the Russian Branch.

# Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



## CHRIST AND THE CENTURION

Sunday School Lesson for January 24, 1960

LUKE 7:1-10; ROMANS 10:9-13

### FAITH GENERATED (Luke 7:1-3)

Christ had just entered into Capernaum, the scene of many of His miracles—miracles which that city, like many today, rejected as a call to salvation. In Capernaum however, was a Roman centurion (a man in charge of a hundred soldiers) in whose heart dwelt the faith which Christ could not find among His own countrymen.

Observe the following evidences of grace in the life of the centurion: (1) His kindness toward the Jews. Instead of hating and despising the people of this conquered nation, he loved the nation and had built a synagogue for them. (2) His kindness toward his servant. Neither the prestige of his military position, nor the usual unconcern for slaves, had made this centurion indifferent toward the human suffering of those beneath him in rank. His servant was actually dear to him! We must not think that all people of wealth and position are heartless—nor that all professing Christians show real compassion when it comes to the need of others! This centurion loved God and had heard of the wonderful miracles of Jesus and faith was generated in his heart! "Faith cometh by hearing."

### FAITH'S HUMILITY

The centurion's position and authority had not puffed him up. He was a man of reverence and respect for others. One would have expected him to order Jesus to come and do his bidding; instead he did not feel worthy to approach Jesus directly nor that Jesus should enter his house! Says one writer, "Christ sat down in the houses of many (Luke 7:36) . . . whose hearts were empty of His presence. But the centurion received Him into his heart, whom he did not receive into his house."

The centurion is an example of the really "big" man. Big people do not parade and flaunt their authority. They don't have to do so! Their strength of character speaks for them. Humility, modesty, and kindness—three cardinal Christian graces—characterized this centurion.

### FAITH'S REASONABLENESS

Faith is not contrary to reason, but is really common sense carried to its highest degree. Jesus often demonstrated the reasonableness of believing. If God clothes flowers and cares for birds, will He not clothe and care for His own children? If an earthly father, with all his human imperfections, will supply his children's needs, how much more will the Heavenly Father, who is all-loving and all-wise, supply the needs of His children? See Matthew 6:25-34; Luke 11:5-13; Luke 18:1-8.

How simple and powerful was the reasoning of the centurion who said, in other words, "Lord, there is no need for you to come in person to execute your commands. I am an officer with the authority of Rome invested in me, so that I can, by my word, send servants out to do my bidding while I sit at home. Now, I know

you have infinitely more authority than I do—the authority of Jehovah Himself. I know you are in command of the unseen world and can send angels to do your bidding. So just speak the word of authority and I know my servant will be healed!"

### FAITH COMMENDED

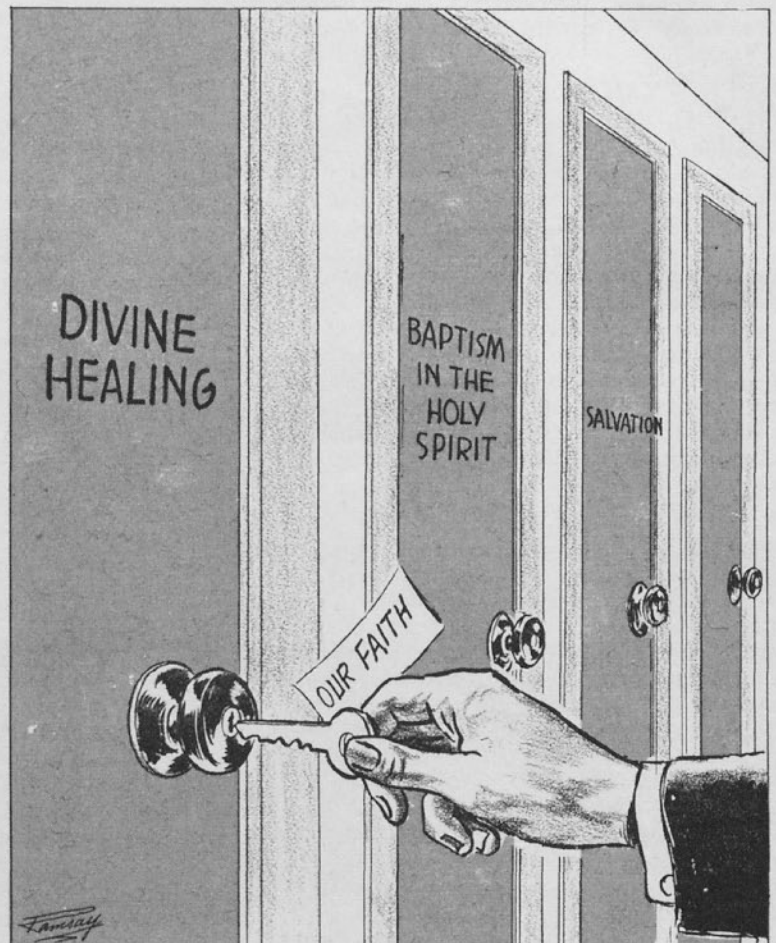
"When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said . . . I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel." Twice in the Gospels we read that Jesus marvelled, once at the faith of this Gentile who had such limited spiritual privileges and background, and once at the inexcusable unbelief of Jews who had centuries of training along faith lines! Jesus said, "I have not found," indicating that He was plainly searching for faith (Luke 18:8). Without faith it is impossible to please God. On the other hand, nothing can please Him more than simple faith from pure hearts. Such faith is "great" because it glorifies God, brings God's power into play to bless mankind and extend God's kingdom on earth.

### FAITH REWARDED

"As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee." The centurion believed Jesus could heal at a distance, by simply saying the word; and according to that faith his need was met and his servant healed. The principle is still the same. When we go to a well, the size of the bucket determines the amount we shall draw out. And it is the quality and quantity of our faith in Christ which determines what we receive from Him and the extent to which we are used of Him. What might happen if all of us instead of groping for feelings, looking at circumstances, or seeking for signs, would simply believe and act upon the Word of Christ and of God!

—J. Bashford Bishop

### MASTER KEY TO EVERY DOOR



# The Price of Our Redemption

(Continued from page five)

to this hour when he would have an opportunity to smite Him with his hand and spit into His face. Perhaps he thought Jesus would retaliate, but He answered not a word.

Did Satan follow Jesus to the cross? Do you think for a moment that he would be absent at this, the most crucial hour in all history, the hour that the prophets had predicted and our Lord had foretold on so many occasions? Oh, yes, he was there with diabolical hatred, strengthening the hands of the soldiers as they drove the nails into His hands and feet.

But now that He was really on the cross, Satan feared. He would arrest the victim at the very altar of expiation and tempt Him to come down from the cross. "Save thyself and us," cried the impenitent thief. "He saved others; let him save Himself if He be the Christ, the chosen of God," cried the people standing by. "Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross that we may see and believe," mocked the chief priests and scribes.

He could have saved Himself. He well knew that. Satan knew it. Since Satan could not cause Him to save Himself, at least he could make Him appear helpless in the sight of the people. This was Christ's last temptation.

Christ, our Substitute, bore the agony of hell for us on Calvary. There, in a few hours, He knew the fierceness of our eternal hell. The fires of hell itself kindled on His torn, bleeding body as He writhed in agony. The sun hid its face, not only that men might not gaze upon Him, but that He Himself might taste the outer darkness and the awful loneliness of hell, the "forsakenness" that caused Him to cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" And there was no answer but the echo of His cry. He suffered thirst, such as that of the rich man tormented in the flames of hell, so that He cried out, "I thirst."

Beloved, all this and much more was the price our Redeemer paid for our salvation, that it might be free to us. Our hearts cry out in praise to Him, "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests

unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen" (Revelation 1:5, 6).

*"O Christ, what burdens bowed Thy head,*

*Our load was laid on Thee.  
Thou stoodest in the sinner's stead,  
Didst bear it all for me.  
A Victim led, Thy blood was shed—  
Now there's no load for me.*

*"Jehovah bade His sword awake—  
O Christ, it woke 'gainst Thee.  
Thy blood, the flaming blade must slake,  
Thy breast its sheath must be—  
All for my sake, my peace to make.  
Now sleeps that sword for me."*

—Poem by Mrs. Cousin

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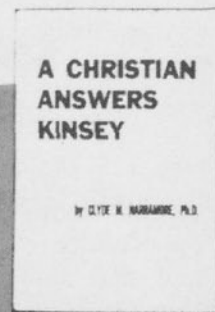
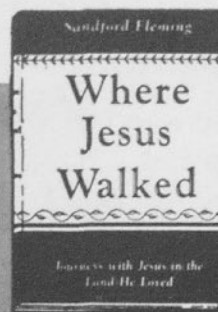
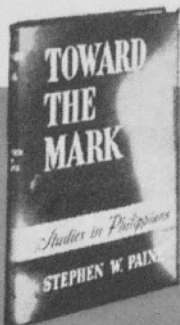
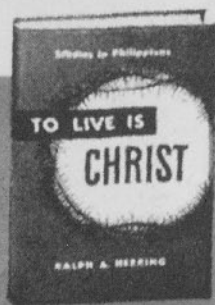
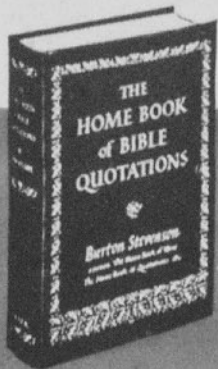
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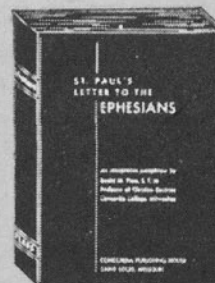
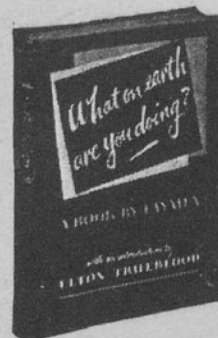
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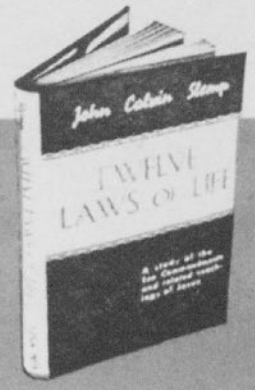
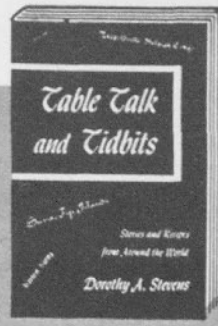
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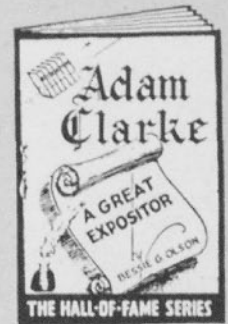
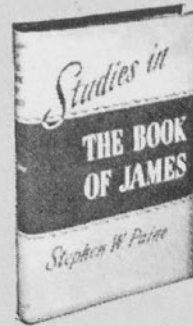
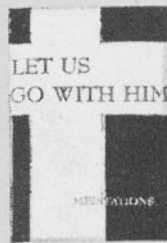
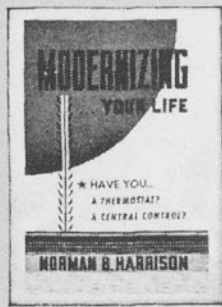
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# When the World Is Still

BY MARGARET GRAHAM



**I**N OUR TOWN THERE IS NO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION system and I haven't a car. That means I walk, and I'm not sorry that I do. I've learned to appreciate all the goings-on in the world of nature that I would never observe from inside a car.

Some of the greatest revelations have come on the evenings when I have walked beneath a canopy of stars and watched the beauties of the night unfold. The rutted road leads past the marshes and the glimmering black ponds, through the black piney woods, and one's feet cannot resist following the road all the way.

There in the dark depths of the woods, the voices and the silences provoke all one's imagination. Walt Whitman described such darkness as the "huge and thoughtful night."

The steady bass rhythm of the frogs seems to set the tempo of all the night. The crickets pick up the counterpart and the owl rounds out the score. And the silent creatures also take part in the symphony of darkness. The delicate tread of the deer is as imperceptible but as scintillating as the thin pipe of the flute. The fat, clumsy possum waddling across the road is as lugubrious as a bass viol. The woodcock swinging low stirs the air with the flutter of woodwinds. And all of this is held together by the repeated note of the nightingale which puts lyric to the froggy basses and the silent harmonies of darkness. These are among the treasures of natural darkness.

Isaiah spoke of another kind of treasures of darkness. He wrote, "I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places" (Isaiah 45:3).

He also mentioned the "bread of adversity, and the water of affliction." Adversity and affliction would be fateful calamities at best if they did not bring more than pain and sorrow. But they deepen and widen our capacities far more than idle happiness. Even the animal world seems to learn from adversity.

Archibald Rutledge in his book *The Beauty of the Night* tells of a visit to a stock farm where blooded horses are raised. The owner pointed out a very fine mare. "That's a very valuable mare," he said, "but her case is a strange one. For a long time she was mean and real ornery. We couldn't do a thing with her; in fact, she was dangerous. Then her first colt was born. That seemed to sober her, but still we couldn't handle her. Then her little colt died. That kind of broke her heart, and it quieted her. She used to think she knew it all; now she keeps wondering if she knows anything. She's so tame a child can ride her... I guess her trouble gentled her."

Her trouble *gentled* her. It gentles us all if we will let it. That is something of what Edwin Markham meant when he wrote:

*"Sorrow may serve as well as victory  
To shake the soul and let the glory out,  
When the great oak is straining in the wind,  
The boughs drink in new beauty, and the trunk  
Sends down a deeper root on the windward side.  
Only the soul that knows the mighty grief  
Can know the mighty rapture. Sorrows come  
To stretch out spaces in the heart for joy."*

In the dark places in life—the night time of human experiences—look for the treasures there. "When it is dark enough, you can see the stars."

Have you ever wondered why God made the night-blooming cereus plant, which blooms but once a year, to open in the dead of night? Don't you think it might be because such exquisite beauty belongs only to those who are willing to wait and watch for it?

I sometimes think God has planted a night-blooming cereus in the life of every Christian. Though painful and costly, the treasures of the dark places are for those who will not give in, but will watch and wait. ◀◀