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Since October is Protestant Press Month, this probably is as good a time as any to talk about the ministry of *The Pentecostal Evangel*. We realize that this magazine is but a small fragment of the great Protestant press; yet its role is far from insignificant, for it has a remarkably wide circulation.

In fact, we know of only three Protestant denominational weeklies that have a larger circulation than the *Evangel*. It is estimated that over half a million people read each issue (on the basis of three persons reading each copy). A number of denominational magazines that formerly were issued weekly are now published monthly. There are definite economic advantages in publishing monthly, instead of weekly, but we believe that much of the spiritual force of the *Evangel* would be lost if we made this change; so we intend to hold to the weekly schedule and to keep the subscription price very low so that all who want the magazine may be able to afford it.

Incidentally, the *Evangel* probably is the best bargain to be found in the Protestant press, so far as price is concerned. We do not know of any other 32-page church magazine that can be bought for five cents a week. (One denomination charges \$8.75 a year for its 16-page weekly, as compared with the *Evangel's* rate of \$2.50 a year.)

No doubt the low rate is a big factor in the paper's high circulation. The readers order thousands of gift subscriptions for their friends each year. Many people order large bundles regularly to distribute in jails, hospitals, and from door to door. Orders for extra copies of last month's "Outreach Issue" are coming in by the hundreds and it is likely that the initial printing of half a million copies of this special issue will be exhausted very soon.

Your editorial staff is very much encouraged by the warm response indicated in the letters and orders that arrive each day. It is heartening to know that so many people enjoy strong spiritual "meat" and like to read about the moving of the Holy Ghost throughout the earth. A few days ago a man in California told us he found an *Evangel* at a Washateria and liked it so well he wanted additional copies. A lady in Illinois sent us \$7.00 to renew her subscription for three years and said, "Of all the different magazines I have seen, no other brings more inspiration and joy than the *Evangel*." A widow in Virginia who is employed at nursing told us how much she appreciates the *Evangel*. "My recreation is my spiritual reading," she said, and so she has been reading this magazine regularly for over twenty-eight years.

Some readers especially like one feature, some like another. Many have urged us to include articles for the unconverted because they wish to hand the *Evangel* to their unsaved friends. We welcome correspondence from our readers and we are grateful for the fine support we receive.

Many have commented very enthusiastically in favor of Brother Zimmerman's article, "A Protest Against Electing a Catholic to the Presidency," which appeared in the September 18th issue. We are happy to report that reprints of this article are now available. The price is \$1.00 for 35 copies, or \$2.50 for 100 copies, postpaid. This article deserves a wide distribution between now and November 8.—R.C.C.

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"When I see the blood, I will pass over you" (Exodus 12:13)

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS SAFE. But God's people are safe only through the blood; because He sees the bloodmark on their brows. They are bought with the precious blood of Christ. Nothing can hurt them, because "the blood" is upon them. It was so that night in Egypt; God spared, because He saw the bloodmark on the lintel and on the two sideposts. And so it is with us.

In the case of the Israelites it was the blood of the paschal lamb. In our case it is the blood of the Lamb of God—the blood of a divinely-appointed victim. Jesus Christ did not come into this world unappointed. He was sent by His Father. The blood of Christ is well-pleasing to God, for God Himself did choose Christ to be the Redeemer, and He Himself did lay upon Him the iniquity of us all. It was God's will that the blood of Jesus should be shed. Jesus is God's chosen Saviour for men.

Christ Jesus, like the lamb, was not only a divinely-appointed victim, but He was spotless. Had there been one sin in Christ, He had not been capable of being our Saviour; but He was without sin.

The blood was shed once for all, for the remission of sin. The paschal lamb was slain every year, but Christ died once to put away sin by the offering of Himself. He has said, "It is finished."

The blood of Jesus Christ is blood that has been accepted. Christ died—

He was buried; but neither heaven nor earth could tell whether God had accepted the ransom. Until God had signed the warrant for acquittal of all His people, Christ must abide in the bonds of death. The blood was accepted, and sin was forgiven.

For a moment try to picture Christ on the cross. Lift now your eyes and see the three crosses put upon that rising knoll. See in the center the thorn-crowned brow of Christ. See the hands nailed fast to the accursed wood. See His face, more marred than that of any other man. See it now, as His head bows upon His bosom in the agonies of death. He was a real man, remember. It was a real cross. Do not think of these things as fancies and romance. There was such a Person, and He died as I have said. Sit still a moment and think: *The blood of that Man, whom now I behold dying, must be my redemption; and if I would be saved, I must put my only trust in what He suffered for me.* God says, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you."

Nothing but the blood of Christ can ever save the soul. If some foolish Israelite had despised the command of God and had said, "I will sprinkle something else upon the door posts," or "I will adorn the lintel with jewels of gold and silver," he must have perished; *nothing* could save his household but the sprinkled blood. And now let us all remember, that "other foundation can no man lay than that is

laid... Jesus Christ." My works, my prayers, my tears cannot save me. The blood, and the blood alone, has power to redeem. Put anything with the blood of Christ and you are lost; trust to anything else with it and you perish.

"It is true," says one, "that the sacrament cannot save me, but I will trust in that, and in Christ too." That one is a lost man. So jealous is Christ of His honor that anything you put with Him, however good it is, becomes, from the fact of your putting it with Him, an accursed thing. And what is it that thou wouldst put with Christ? Thy good works? What! wilt thou yoke a reptile with an angel—yoke thyself to the chariot of salvation with Christ? What are thy good works? Thy righteousnesses are "as filthy rags"; and shall filthy rags be joined to the spotless righteousness of Christ? It must not be. Rely on Jesus only, and thou canst not perish; but rely on anything with Him, and thou art as surely damned as if thou shouldst rely upon thy sins. Jesus only—this is the rock of our salvation.

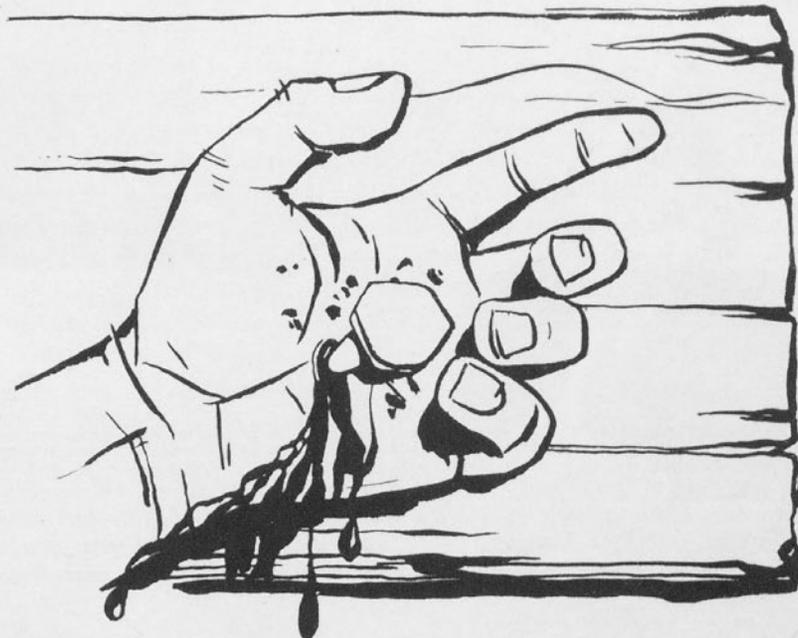
"Oh," says one, "I could trust in Christ if I felt my sins more." Sir, is thy repentance to be a part-Saviour? The blood is to save thee, not thy tears; Christ's death, not thy repentance. Thou art bidden this day to trust in Christ; not in thy feelings on account of sin. Many a man has been brought into great soul distress because he has looked more at his repentance than at Christ.

"Nay," says another, "but if I had more faith, then I should have hope." That, too, is a very deadly shape of the same evil. You are not to be saved by the efficacy of your faith, but by the efficacy of the blood of Christ.

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The Power of the Blood

BY C. H. SPURGEON





ACTION MANDATORY!

A Program of Evangelism for Assemblies of God Men

BY HOWARD S. BUSH

Executive Director of Men's Fellowship

THE APOSTLE PAUL RECOGNIZED that the followers of Christ needed to be stirred up from time to time. Therefore, after spending some time in Antioch "he started out again," according to Williams' translation of Acts 18:23, "and by a definite schedule travelled all over Galatia and Phrygia, imparting new strength to all the disciples." Or, as Phillips' translation reads, he "proceeded to visit systematically throughout Galatia and Phrygia, putting new heart into all the disciples as he went."

Fired with a passion for souls and a desire to see the churches revived, he "imparted new strength" to the disciples and "put new heart" in them. Wherever he went he encouraged men to stand up for Christ and to stand by the church.

Men's Fellowship, following the Pauline example, recently set out to

stir the fires of evangelism among the men of the Assemblies of God. We believe the Lord has given us a new plan of action which will "impart new strength" to our men and "put new heart" in them. It is a program of personal evangelism, called ACTION MANDATORY. We are persuaded that men need a dynamic spiritual approach to the immediate problem of world revival and we believe this new program will be a great means to this end.

Only a world-wide revival will save our generation from total destruction. It is therefore mandatory that we take action immediately. Men must share with men the gospel of Christ, which is the power of God to save everyone who will believe, and so Men's Fellowship is launching this full-scale evangelism drive this fall.

ACTION MANDATORY is a

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In the accompanying article Howard S. Bush, Executive Director, explains the Personal Evangelism phase of the new program. This first phase, which is called "Action MANDATORY," will be emphasized during November, December, and January.

three-phase program of (1) intercession, (2) instruction, and (3) fellowship. The purpose of this article is to spotlight the urgent need for men to be about their heavenly Father's business.

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Intercession must precede and permeate all our personal evangelism efforts. Conviction of sin comes by the Holy Spirit and by the Word. When men pray, sinners are convicted. When men pray, they themselves are moved upon with compassion for souls and with a passion to fulfill the will of God.

It is the will of God that "prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:1-4). It is our hope that men everywhere will enter wholeheartedly into this first

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National MF Advisory Committee members confer on plans for launching new MF program, ACTION MANDATORY. Left to right: Bill DeWitt, committee member; Burton Pierce, national secretary; and Howard Bush, executive director.

IN 2 CORINTHIANS: 7:1 WE HAVE the Spirit's exhortation to "cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

Filthiness of the flesh is easily discernible. It means uncleanness of the body, for one thing, and the Scripture exhorts us to have our bodies washed with pure water (Hebrews 10:22). It also includes the use of tobacco, for smoking surely is a filthy habit.

Uncleanness of the mind likewise comes under this category. Impure thoughts constitute lasciviousness and this is listed among the "works of the flesh" in Galatians 5:19.

Going a bit further we find suggestive speech and impure stories condemned in Ephesians 4:29—"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth." Again in Ephesians 5:3 we read, "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints..." Unclean thoughts and unclean speech are clearly included in this ban. We are told not even to touch the unclean thing (2 Corinthians 6:17).

So much for "filthiness of the flesh," but filthiness of the spirit is a little harder to define. We must understand what it is before we can cleanse ourselves from it and attain that holiness of which our text speaks.

Let us consider four sins of the human spirit which are contrary to the nature of the blessed Holy Spirit and which we therefore must classify as "filthiness of the spirit." They are (1) covetousness, (2) enmity, (3) an unforgiving attitude, and (4) pride.

I

Even back in Moses' day the Jews were given the commandment, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's (Exodus 20:17). This appears to limit the sin of covetousness to desiring to own things which now belong to another. However, the New Testament definition of covetousness is much broader.

As Jesus was speaking to His disciples in public one day, "one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covet-

BIBLE HOLINESS

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BY R.M. RIGGS

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ousness, for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:13-15). These brothers were guilty of covetousness because they quarreled over the inheritance which had been left to them.

Again, we read in 1 Timothy 6:10, "The love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

Jesus illustrated covetousness by telling the parable of the rich fool. This man had an abundance of "things" and was at the point of settling down to enjoy them when his soul was required of him. God asked, "Then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" The Master's comment was, "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." By this it is clearly shown that covetousness is the accumulation of "things" without being rich toward God.

On the basis of this broader definition which Christ gave of covetousness, Paul declared that "no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolator, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God" (Ephesians 5:5). That statement is confirmed in Revelation 21:8 where all idolaters are consigned to the lake of fire.

These facts should give modern-day Christians serious pause. To have our hearts enamored with the affairs of this life and our affections set upon earthly things easily develops into what the Bible calls idolatry, and from this point there is but one step to hell. People are not expelled from our churches because of covetousness—possibly because it is hard to define specifically, and difficult to prove in individual cases. However, it ranks with being a whoremonger and an unclean person, and is labeled as being certain of exclusion from heaven.

We must cleanse ourselves from this form of filthiness of spirit, for it is poison and could become spiritually fatal.

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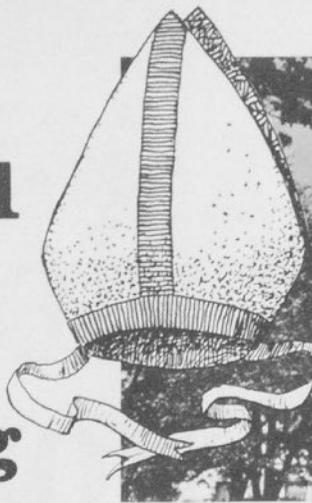
Another element that is filthiness of the spirit is enmity. This can be defined as a lack of love, which develops into active dislike. Of course, there are degrees in this sin. It ranges from secret resentment to violent hatred.

The prophet exhorts, "Let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart" (Zechariah 7:10) "...for all these are things that I hate, saith the Lord" (8:17). Imagining evil leads quickly into more violent enmity.

Peter asked Ananias, "Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart?" (Acts 5:4). Conceiving it in

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The Central Issue Concerning



A CATHOLIC FOR PRESIDENT

BY MARCUS GASTON

"To everything there is a season... a time to keep silent, and a time to speak" (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7).

IF ROMAN CATHOLICISM CONFINED itself to religion alone, it would be wrong to lift one's voice to oppose the nomination or election of a qualified Roman Catholic simply because he was a Catholic. But Romanism is more than a religion. It is an aggressive, militant political body, with the avowed intention of usurping control of government in every country possible.

RELIGION NOT THE ISSUE

As President Nathaniel Michlem of Mansfield College, Oxford, England, wrote: "The Roman Church, which is a school of saints and a... Church, is also an elaborately organized international pressure-group that takes its orders from Rome as the Communists take theirs from Moscow."

The National Lutheran Editors Association summed up the matter excellently when it stated: "If it were a matter only of the personal religion of the candidate, it would be contrary to the spirit of our Constitution to prejudice a man because of his church affiliation. The situation, however, is peculiar because of the claims, teachings and principles of the Roman Catholic Church which are antagonistic to, and irreconcilable with, the fundamental principles set forth in the Constitution of our country."

The Vatican is a sovereign state. It

has its own postal service, mints its coins, issues passports, flies its own flag; it receives ambassadors from thirty-four countries, and ministers from eleven others. It sends nuncios (with the rank of ambassador) and several lesser officers to about sixty different nations. According to the *Encyclopedia Britannica* the Vatican City State is "a sovereign and completely independent domain," and it "represents the temporal power of the Pope. The Pope in his function of temporal ruler, exercises complete legislative, executive and judicial rights over Vatican City State.... Within its confines all the affairs, spiritual and temporal, of the Roman Catholic Church as a world power are transacted."

Many Americans today are allowing themselves to be stupefied by current Roman Catholic propaganda into a blind acceptance of Catholicism as "just another religion" with no political ambitions or designs. Other misled persons have arrived at the foolish and illogical conclusion that they will prove they are not bigoted by voting for a Catholic candidate. Some have adopted a head-in-sand attitude that takes the position Catholicism couldn't possibly be a threat to our liberties so there's no reason to be alarmed about it. But Americans must become alarmed! We must awaken to the truth that in every predominantly Catholic country in the world today, Rome dominates the politics of that country. With the weapons of coercion, boycott, anathema and persecution, the Pope is the power behind the throne in every Catholic country on earth. We must recognize that the political aspirations of the Roman Catholic Church

are at the heart of the controversy over a Catholic candidate for President and are the real issue in opposing his election.

CATHOLIC LAITY NOT TO BLAME

One point should be made perfectly clear: without doubt there are millions of true-hearted Americans among the laymen of the Catholic Church. They love our country and the American way of life. They are our friends and neighbors who would not want to take away or suppress our freedoms any more than they would want us to suppress theirs. They have been taught the Pope and the Church are infallible, and the idea of questioning the actions of the hierarchy is foreign to them. Because from childhood most of them have been trained to accept the Pope's word as God's Word, they find it impossible to believe what they hear about the unholy political designs of the church to which they belong. No doubt if Catholics across America would take the trouble to find out through the Catholic Encyclopedia that the record of the Roman Church is self-incriminating, there would be an exodus from the church like unto the exodus of the children of Israel from Egypt.

But while we should manifest genuine kindness and love toward Roman Catholics everywhere, and should use every opportunity to witness to them that salvation is in Christ and not in a church, we must not forget that their own individual feelings and beliefs about our American liberties in no way affect the official position of the Catholic Church concerning those liberties. We must always remember that our Catholic neighbors, as noble

This article is part of a sermon preached at Calvary Assembly, Inglewood, California, by the pastor, Marcus Gaston.

as their personal attitudes and ideas may be, are blinded to the facts of papal history and to the current efforts of the papacy. They belong to a completely authoritarian church where all matters of policy and dogma are determined at the top. They are not consulted; they are told! So while they may love the freedoms we all enjoy under our democratic form of government, nevertheless how they think and feel about it really doesn't make any difference to the Roman Catholic ecclesiastical system. To safeguard our American heritage we must be informed as to the *real goals* of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and through eternal vigilance see that they are never realized in our country.

DANGEROUS DOGMAS OF ROMAN CATHOLICISM

Throughout history, the Roman Catholic Church has proclaimed itself the only true church, with the right to restrict or destroy "error" (non-Catholic beliefs), and even today demands to be recognized as superior to any government in the world. When a Pope is crowned, the senior cardinal placing the crown on the Pope's head says, "Thou art the Father of Princes and Kings, the Ruler of the World, the Vicar of Jesus Christ." A triple crown (the tiara with 252 pearls, 229 diamonds, 32 rubies, 19 emeralds and 11 sapphires) signifying he is lord of the earth, purgatory and heaven, is placed upon his head. The Council of Florence (A.D. 1439) decreed that "the Roman Pontiff possesses the primacy over the whole world," and repeatedly Popes have asserted themselves to be superior to earthly rulers, and, in fact, the supreme rulers of the earth.

On the subject of the cherished American principle of separation of church and state, Pope Pius IX decreed it is an error to say that the Church is to be separated from the state and the state from the Church (*Syllabus of Errors*, art. 55). Pope Leo XIII declared: "Those opinions cannot be approved by us, the sum total of which some indicate by the name of Americanism. . . ." For it raises a suspicion that there are those among you who envision and desire a Church in America other than that which is in all the rest of the world" (*Testem Benevolentiae*, p. 500).

From the *Catholic Manual of Christian Doctrine* we read the following:

Question: "May the state separate itself from the Church?"

Answer: "No, because it may not withdraw itself from the supreme rule of Christ."

On the matter of freedom of religion Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed, in his famous Bull "Unam Sanctum," it is "necessary to salvation to believe that every human creature is subject to the Roman Pontiff." In his *Syllabus of Errors*, Pope Pius IX pronounced that the Roman Catholic Church is the only organization authorized by God to teach religious truth and to conduct public religious worship; that no one has a real right to accept any religion save the Catholic religion, or to be a member of any church save the Catholic Church; that man has not an unqualified right to practice any religion he may choose; and that eternal salvation of any out of the true Church [Catholic] is not to be hoped for.

With respect to the Constitution of the United States and the many rights and freedoms it guarantees American citizens, official Roman Catholic policy is found to be in direct contradiction to those things true Americans have always counted to be as dear as life itself. Pope Gregory XVI, in his encyclical "Mirari Vos" of 1832, condemned liberty of conscience, freedom of thought, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and separation of church and state. Father Gerald C. Treacy in his book, *Liberty, Man's Greatest Gift* (which, by the way, has Cardinal Spellman's imprimatur) asserts bluntly, "Unlimited freedom of thought, speech, writing, and worship does not belong to man. These are not natural rights."

The following quotations are from an official Roman Catholic book, *Brief and Simple Explanation of the Catholic Catechism*:

Question: "What are liberal principles?"

Answer: "So-called national sovereignty, freedom of religious cults, freedom of the press, freedom of instruction, universal morality, and other such."

Question: "What does the Catholic Church teach about these?"

Answer: "That they are most disastrous and anti-Christian."

Question: "Then a Catholic must be anti-liberal?"

Answer: "Without a doubt; exactly as he must be anti-Protestant or anti-Freemason; in short, against all contraries to Christ and His Church."

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The election date is very near, so act at once.

The Roman Catholic Church in the Modern State, by John A. Ryan, which carries the imprimatur of Cardinal Hays, says: "But constitutions can be changed, and proscription of them may become feasible and expedient. What protection would they then have against a Catholic State?" This is the essence of the attitude of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to the constitution of our country.

Our constitutional guarantees of various liberties are accepted by the Catholic Church not as a matter of principle, but only as a matter of expediency, because Catholics are still a minority group in the United States. But if the Catholic Church ever represents a majority group in the country, it will work to alter the Constitution to suit its own particular plans and purposes. That this is so has already been demonstrated in such Catholic-controlled countries as Argentina, where the Constitution states: "To be eligible for office of President or Vice-President of the nation, a person must belong to the Roman Catholic Church"—and Paraguay, where the Constitution states: "The President of the Republic must profess the Roman Catholic religion"—and Spain, where the Constitution states: "To exercise the office of Chief of State or King or Regent, it shall be necessary to profess the Roman Catholic religion."

In Spain, also, no Protestant may hold public office or obtain a commission in the armed forces. Protestants are barred from the parliament,

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OVERCOMING PERSECUTION AT SCHOOL

BY JAMES E. ADAMS

WE IN AMERICA DO NOT KNOW what real persecution is!" Bob Newton said, after reading about persecution in China.

I told my friend I agreed that we are not being called upon to seal our testimony with our blood; but on the other hand, persecute means "to pursue in a manner to injure, grieve, or afflict." And this can refer to mental and spiritual pressures as well as to physical harm. In fact, Satan designed persecution not to separate soul and body but to separate the soul from God.

Failure to understand that the real battleground is in the heart of man can cause us to minimize the testings of this present hour. And by saying that Christians suffer little or no persecution we may weaken the hands of many who are afflicted, and some (of our youth especially) who are really overcomers may be deprived of the consciousness that they are bringing joy to the heart of God. The helper, the worker, the person who takes a stand for Christ and lets his light shine, does suffer persecution. "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12).

Communism is a deadly enemy of Christianity, and behind the bamboo curtain, particularly, Christians are giving their lives for their faith. But people who afflict Christians in America do not use the same tactics. For instance, some high-school students were under threats to dance or be "flunked" in Physical Education. Those young folk could have succumbed right there. However, this was a matter they were unable to handle alone, so they told their parents. The parents went to their pastor, and together they faced the teacher and principal. Those stu-

dents do not dance—neither have they been "flunked"—but we should remember that the battleground first and primarily was in their hearts, not the parents' or pastor's. They suffered persecution, and they overcame!

But Satan uses other means. It has been said that he noted how God caused the enemies of Israel to suffer defeat by becoming confused and fighting among themselves. Satan thought that was a good idea, and he has been trying ever since to pit one religious belief or opinion against another. In John 5:16 we read that the Jews, worshipers of God, persecuted Jesus. Day after day they buffeted Him with questions and arguments,

trying to catch Him in His words.

Several years ago a member of one local church told her fifth-grade pupils that evolution was a very sensible theory, and spoke at some length about it. Tommy secured permission to speak and he said he did not believe in evolution. Immediately, teacher and pupils laughed. That was persecution. And the teacher asked the lad to give his reasons. A tough assignment for a ten-year-old boy—to defend his faith before an adult and thirty-five pupils.

"Well," Tommy said, "the Bible tells us that God *created* man and named him Adam. He wasn't between an ape and a man either, for God gave him dominion over the earth. He must have been intelligent. But what makes me more sure that he was intelligent: God told him to name all the animals. My Sunday school teacher said there were more than eight hundred kinds then. Naming all of them would have been hard enough, but remembering what he called them would have been harder. Adam did it, so he must have been a very intelligent man."

The teacher told Tommy he had a good point. Tommy was and is an overcomer!

Persecution may come from godly friends. In Job 19:22 the old patriarch asked his three friends, "Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?" Those men would

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FOR THE JUNIOR READER

IN THE BEGINNING

How much do you know about when the world began? See if you can fill in the blanks in the following Bible verses about the beginning of the world. Each dash represents one letter of a word.

1. "And the _____ was without _____ and void; and _____ was upon the face of the deep. And the _____ of God moved upon the face of the _____." (Genesis 1:2).

2. "And God called the light, _____, and the _____ he called _____. And the evening and the morning were the _____ day. (Genesis 1:5).

3. "And God said, Let there be _____ in the firmament of the heaven to _____ the day from the night; and let them be for _____, and for _____, and for _____" (Genesis 1:14).

4. "And God said, Let us make _____ in our image, after our _____; and let them have _____ over the fish of the sea, and over the _____ of the air, and over the cattle,

and over _____ the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (Genesis 1:26).

5. "So God _____ man in his own _____, in the image of _____ created he him; _____ and _____ created he them." (Genesis 1:27).

6. "All _____ were _____ by him (Christ), and _____ him: and he is _____ all things, and by him all things _____" (Colossians 1:16, 17).

7. "Through _____ we understand that the _____ were framed by the _____ of _____, so that things which are _____ were not made of things which do _____" (Hebrews 11:3).

ANSWERS:

1—earth, form, darkness, Spirit, waters; 2—Day, darkness, Night, first; 3—lights, di-
 4—man, years, seasons, days, signs, seasons, days, years; 5—created, likeness, dominion, fowl, all; 6—things, created, image, God, male, female; 7—faith, worlds, word, for, before, consist; God, seen, appear.



The Family Altar



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

Monday, October 3

Read: 1 Thessalonians 1

Learn: "Ye were ensamples to all that believe" (1 Thessalonians 1:7).

For the Parent: When Paul wrote first to the church at Thessalonica, he commended them for three things: (1) their work of faith; (2) their labor of love; and (3) their patience of hope, v. 3. These three things are further outlined in verses 9 and 10. Their work of faith was turning to God from idols; their labor of love was serving the true God; their patience of hope was waiting for Jesus to come again. Show how these three principles apply to Christian life today. Also stress the importance of a good example, v. 7.

Question Time: For what did Paul commend the Thessalonians? (v. 3) How did the gospel come to these people? (v. 5)

Missionary Birthdays: Elroy M. Clark, (Indian) California; Malcolm W. Blakeney, India; Norman C. Campbell, Colombia; Ralph C. Cobb, Nigeria; Sybil H. Geisinger, India; Mrs. H. Landrus, Liberia.

Tuesday, October 4

Read: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-9

Learn: "We speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts" (1 Thessalonians 2:4).

For the Parent: For background of this passage have the group review Acts 16:12 to 17:9—Paul's experiences at Philippi and Thessalonica. Then emphasize: (1) in spite of difficulties, Paul boldly presented the gospel message, vv. 1, 2; (2) his message was straightforward, honest, v. 3; (3) he was more concerned about pleasing men than pleasing God, vv. 4-6; (4) he had a real love for the people and was anxious to do everything possible to help them, vv. 7-9. These characteristics are still needed by Christian witnesses.

Question Time: What happened to Paul at Philippi? at Thessalonica? (Acts 16:12 to 17:9)

Missionary Birthdays: Earl A. Taylor, Japan; Mrs. Violet Wilcox, British Honduras; Mrs. Joseph I. Peeples (Deaf), Arizona; Mrs. David R. Phillips (Indian), California.

Wednesday, October 5

Read: 1 Thessalonians 2:10-20

Learn: "Walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory" (1 Thessalonians 2:12).

For the Parent: Review yesterday's material. Then point out: (1) Paul's conduct among the Thessalonians was a good example for them to follow, vv. 10, 11; (2)

he reminded them to walk as worthy sons of God, v. 12; (3) they accepted his message as from God, v. 13; (4) this was unlike many Jews who hindered the spread of the gospel, vv. 14-16. Paul concludes this chapter with his personal sentiments of longing to see these people again showing them as the reward of his work.

Question Time: What do you think is included in the exhortation to "walk worthy of God"?

Missionary Birthdays: James E. Baker, Republic of China; Ray G. Jones, Bolivia; Mrs. W. E. Nicodemus, Cuba; Ernest A. Sorbo, India.

Thursday, October 6

Read: Genesis 17:15-19; 18:9-15; Hebrews 11:11, 12

Learn: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)" (Hebrews 10:23).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Sarah, the Mother of a Nation" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) The story of Sarah and of her son, Isaac, is another instance of God doing what man has called impossible. Have the group review the story. Point out that from a human standpoint it was impossible for Sarah to have any children. Yet, when God made a promise to her, she believed that promise and gave birth to a son. Use the lesson to emphasize the importance of faith in God's promises.

Question Time: Why was the birth of Isaac a miracle? How does it illustrate faith in God?

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. D. E. Barber, Hong Kong; Mrs. R. R. Webb, Liberia.

Friday, October 7

Read: Luke 4:16-32 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "All things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in

the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me" (Luke 24:44).

For the Parent: The purpose of this lesson is to acquaint juniors with the Bible Jesus used when He was here on earth. This is known to us as the Old Testament. The New Testament—a record of Jesus' acts and teachings—hadn't been written yet, of course. Have the group discover how Jesus used God's Word—not only in His teachings but in His actions as well. We too must both know and do God's will as it is revealed in His Word.

Question Time: Why didn't Jesus use the whole Bible as we have it today? (See above) How did Jesus use the Bible?

Missionary Birthdays: H. L. Griffin, Congo; Fred A. Merian (superannuated), North India; Mrs. William Sakwitz, Japan; Virgil F. Smith, Brazil.

Saturday, October 8

Read: John 4:46-54 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Believe in the Lord your God" (2 Chronicles 20:20).

For the Parent: Jesus has great power. That includes power to heal our bodies when we are sick. Have the group review the story of the rich man's son who was sick. Emphasize the faith this man put in Christ's words—and how his faith was rewarded by his son being healed. Also point out that this man and his family became believers in Jesus because of this miracle. We too can see miracles by taking Jesus at His word—just like this man did.

Question Time: How did this nobleman express his faith in Christ? (v. 50) How was his faith rewarded? (vv. 51, 52) What was a result of this miracle? (v. 53) What other miracle had Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee? (v. 46)

Missionary Birthdays: Ralph D. Hollandsworth, Liberia; Inez Kreiss, India; Anna Jean Armstrong (Deaf), Illinois; Mrs. Lucille Farmer (Indian), Arizona.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the churches of Alaska, many of which are meeting a great deal of opposition from other long-established denominations in that area. Some of the Christians who have begun attending Assemblies of God churches have been denied the right to bury their dead in the cemeteries on the church grounds. The Assemblies of God now has a cemetery of its own.

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Pray for the Emery J. Snyders (North India) whose seventeen-year-old daughter, Evelyn, died suddenly a few weeks after

she returned to the U. S. to enter nurses training.

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A revival is spreading in the Kingdom of Jordan. Pray for our national pastor, Ayoub Rihany, as he leads his people in a new spirit of evangelism.

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Pray for the literature ministry of the Home Study Division of the South India Bible Institute in Bangalore, South India. Hundreds of Hindus have found Christ through this ministry.



THIS PRESENT WORLD

National

EVANGELICALS TO "STAND UP AND BE COUNTED" THIS MONTH

The Assemblies of God and other evangelical denominations affiliated with the National Association of Evangelicals will "stand up and be counted" this month, especially during the period October 23-30.

October 23 will be "Christian Convictions Sunday" when the churches will give special emphasis to our Protestant heritage and religious freedom.

October 30 will be "Reformation Sunday" when church members will be reminded of the price that was paid for the spiritual privileges we now enjoy.

Special "Stand Up and Be Counted" buttons are available, to be worn during this eight-day period. Information concerning the buttons and special literature for this occasion may be obtained by writing to: National Association of Evangelicals, Box 28, Wheaton, Illinois.

ATTORNEY GENERAL WARNS AGAINST ANONYMOUS CAMPAIGN LITERATURE

Attorney General William P. Rogers issued a formal warning at Washington, D. C. that federal laws against the mailing or distribution of anonymous literature aimed at the Presidential candidates will be strictly enforced. He said that a considerable volume of "hate" literature is being distributed, attacking the religious or racial views of candidates, and much of this literature is anonymous.

The law provides a fine up to \$1,000 or a year's imprisonment for any person who mails or distributes any kind of political literature which does not list on its face the person or group responsible for issuing it.

CRIME AT ALL-TIME HIGH

Crime in the United States during the first six months of 1960 showed an ominous increase of 9 per cent to reach a new all-time high, the FBI reports. The attorney general called the report "startling."

The crime report, based on statistics from police department in cities over 25,000 population, showed that robberies were up 13 per cent, murders up 6 per cent, grand larcenies up 8 per cent, auto thefts 5 per cent, and aggravated assaults up 4 per cent over 1959. Forcible rapes were 5 per cent more numerous to reach the most alarming rate in the nation's history.

A total of 462,000 offenses involving theft of property were reported to police in the six-month period, an increase of almost 40,000 over the same period of a year ago.

Education

ATTEMPTS MADE TO ELIMINATE GOD FROM FLORIDA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Churches of all denominations are greatly disturbed by law suits now under way in Dade County, Florida, which they view as an attempt to eliminate God from all phases of public school activities.

The suits were brought against the county school district by a Unitarian, an agnostic, and three Jewish parents who threatened to take the case to the U. S. Supreme Court if necessary.

At circuit court in Miami a heated debate over the issue continued four full days. Under attack are such traditional practices as Bible readings in assemblies and classrooms; distribution of Bibles and religious literature to students; prayers and grace before meals; singing of religious hymns; Christmas, Easter and Hanukkah programs; use of crosses and other religious symbols

in schools; baccalaureate services; taking of a religious census among school children; and the imposition of a religious test for teachers and other school employees.

The suits also challenge the use of public school facilities for Bible instruction after school hours.

It is the first time in American jurisprudence that a whole constellation of religious practices in the public schools has been attacked in a single case.

Florida law provides for daily readings from the Bible and for recitation of the Lord's Prayer. School authorities contend that other religious practices are permitted by law, and point out that no student is required to take part in any religious ceremony to which he or his parents object.

Some Miami churches staged round-the-clock prayer services for the successful defense of the religious practices.

BIBLE COURSES AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS RULED ILLEGAL

Religious classes that have been going on in Ashland County, Ohio, for sixteen years were ruled illegal in July. Ohio's Attorney General, Mark McElroy, ruled it is unconstitutional to permit the teaching of religion on public school property.

A similar decision was handed down by the attorney of the school board at Hillsboro, Oregon. He ruled that religious courses that have been given in Hillsboro's three elementary public schools for fifteen years, violate the

THREE BIBLICAL KINGS APPEAR ON NEW ISRAEL STAMPS

Three of the foremost Biblical kings of Israel are featured on new postage stamps which were issued by the modern Republic of Israel to commemorate the High Holy Days which marked the beginning of the Jewish new year (5721) on September 21, 1960. Pictured from left to right are: Solomon holding the scales of justice; David playing the harp; and Saul in battle dress.



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First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U. S. Constitution. He said, however, it would be legal to release pupils desiring religious education for two hours a week to attend such classes if they are not held on public school property.

Miscellany

PROTESTANTS URGED TO PRAY FOR NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV

A recent issue of the NAE magazine *United Evangelical Action* calls on evangelicals everywhere to pray for the conversion of Nikita Khrushchev. The magazine points out that God can change the Russian leader just as He changed Saul the persecutor into Paul the apostle.

Urging the readers to pray for Khrushchev's soul, the article said: "We can forget that he is a dictator, an enemy of democracy, and avowed atheist. We can remember that he is a man for whom Christ died."

Arthur L. Bray, president of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church pointed out in an accompanying symposium that many tyrants were deposed through prayer.

Armin R. Gesswein, chairman of the NAE's spiritual life commission, added that "it is right and God-pleasing to pray for Mr. Khrushchev."

Frank Smith of Des Moines, representing the Open Bible Standard Churches, asked, "If our Lord prayed for His murderers, should not we also pray even for those who have designed our destruction?"

PASTOR'S WIFE KILLED IN MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION

An explosion of undetermined cause at the J. C. Penney store in Merrill, Wis. in July took the lives of eight persons. One was Mrs. George Erickson, wife of the pastor of the local Assemblies of God church. Another victim was Mrs. Amanda Eva, the mother of Mrs. Erickson.

The women were shopping when death struck suddenly, without warning. Such incidents ought to remind us of the importance of being ready to meet our Maker at any moment of the day or night.

MOSLEMS MEET IN CANADA

Some 1,400 Moslems attended a three-day conference at Windsor, Ontario, sponsored by the Federation of Islamic Associations in Canada and the U. S. The federation was formed nine years ago in an attempt to unite some 250,000 Moslems in the two countries.

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

I have a Christian son in military service who plans to marry a Japanese-American Christian girl. I think it awful, what do you think?

Where your son is stationed mixed marriages are common, therefore not frowned on. Should your son marry one of a different land and race, he might face some embarrassments when he brings her to the States where mixed marriages are not so readily accepted. Should they marry, try just as much as possible to make her feel she is part of the family. Encourage them to live together as devoted Christians. She may make him a very faithful wife.

If none is good but God and Jesus said, "Call not thou me good" (Matt. 19:17) how can it be said that Jesus was essentially morally perfect?

Jesus was "God manifest in the flesh." If the one addressing Him thought Him to be only an inspired prophet and a good man, he was mistaken in calling Him good. If He was good, absolutely morally perfect, He must be seen as the Son of God, not just as a Jewish prophet of a high order.

Ought women to have their heads covered when in church? 1 Cor. 11:4.

The custom of women wearing the veil that Paul spoke of is now done away, but, where it is customary for women to have their heads covered in church I think such custom should be followed.

How could Jonah be a type of Christ in His death and resurrection if Jesus was crucified on Friday and rose from the dead on Sunday? That would not be three days and three nights.

A part of a day was often counted as a full day. Even we do this. We say a man went to town three days ago when he went the day before yesterday. But he may have gone late in the afternoon and we might be speaking early in the morning, so the man really would have been gone one full day and two nights. Christ must go to Jerusalem and suffer "and the third day rise again." Matt. 20:19; Mark 9:31; 10:34; Luke 18:33; 24:7, 46; Matt. 27:64; Luke 24:21; 1 Cor. 15:4.

Where is the Church spoken of as a "remnant"?

In a number of places in the Old Testament the faithful in Israel are spoken of as "the remnant," but I do not know of any place where the Church is spoken of by that term. Isa. 1:9; 11:11; Rom. 9:27; 11:5.

There is a man in our church who divorced his wife and married again since he was saved. He is not an officer in the church, but he and his present wife are very active. Because of this some of the members have stopped supporting the church and the congregation is now behind in its obligations. Do you think this is because this man and his wife are allowed an active place?

A person living at a distance cannot deal with local church matters. To give a member who divorces his wife and marries another full freedom of expression in church activities is sure to offend many who believe divorce and remarriage is wrong. Such freedom should be taken up with the pastor and the official board. But let it not be an occasion for members to withhold their financial support of the church. If they retain their membership and attend the church, let them support the church. "Two wrongs do not make one wrong right."

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).

Hawaii Anticipates Districthood

BY M. L. KETCHAM

Field Secretary for the Far East

"It was therefore moved that the general presbytery believes that at present Hawaii should continue to function as it is under the foreign Missions Department, but that it should seek to establish and develop its work so that it can qualify for and apply for status as a district council. The motion was seconded and carried." (General Presbytery Minutes, September, 1959, p. 22)

Thus reads a resolution of momentous import adopted by the General Presbytery of the Assemblies of God in San Antonio, Texas. As soon as this decision was relayed to our pastors and church members in Hawaii, it created a burst of enthusiasm! Hawaii feels challenged and flattered at this expression of confidence. It feels that it can attain to the necessary stature within a five-year period. The whole field has buckled down to hard work: it is erecting new buildings; it is strengthening its existing work; it is definitely accepting the challenge contained in this particular resolution.

At the present time we have twenty established congregations in Hawaii, but some of these are meeting in entirely inadequate buildings or in rented halls or schools.

One of the larger denominations, with a very substantial annual appropriation for the development of its work in Hawaii, feels that it "might" develop its work to a place of autonomy within ten years! But our people say, "We can easily do it within five years."

At the present time new buildings are being erected in Kapaa, in Aiea, and in Kailua. Buildings are being finished in other places. Our Hawaiian brethren are working hard to construct these houses of worship. Some of the congregations are poor and are operating on a shoestring. A little timely help would "put them over the top." Offerings to help with the erection of needed church buildings in Hawaii would be greatly appreciated.

If you should like to help to complete these church buildings, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation: Hawaii—Church Buildings.



Breaking ground for Kapaa Assembly (Field Superintendent Harold Headrick at right)



Brother Headrick supervising the pouring of concrete foundations.

Saved by a Burning Bible

BY O. S. BOYER
Missionary to Brazil

HOMES WERE SEARCHED. BIBLES, Testaments and Gospels were wrested from the hands of the people. The pile of Scriptures to be burned in the public square gradually grew higher than one's head. That was in Northeast Brazil. A local priest near us was bent on purging the city of everything evangelical.

But a single sheet of one of those burning Bibles was carried aloft by the roaring flames and fell into the hands of a man over a kilometer away. This man, through curiosity, read the scorched page. God's Book has God's life in it. The Bible is the out-breathings of Almighty God; it is the mind of God, the will of God. Therefore this stray page had power.

The believers wept over the burning of the Bibles, but one man read one page from a burning Bible and was saved. He traveled to a distant capital to buy a Bible for himself. As he witnessed for Christ, the fire of evangelism spread to soul after soul until, within a few months, a large Assembly was built in Northeast Brazil.

How fitting that the ones that have become "epistles of God, known and read of all men," should be dubbed "Os Biblias," *The Bibles*. And they are "burning Bibles," witnessing everywhere they go.

Recently we were at a preaching point in the *Distrito Federal* where we had never been. What we saw is typical of many hundreds of meetings that were going on all over Brazil. The testimonies of marvelous healings and victories over trials and temptations were all pervaded with the predominant theme of the whole meeting, "Rejoicing in our hope" (Romans 12:12). There was not a sleepy eye nor a dull

moment from the beginning to the end of the meeting. These "*Biblicas*" are indwelt by the living God. In them one can see the presence of God, see His love, and feel His power. When the call was made to come to Christ, four boldly arose and made their way through that mass of humanity to reach the front. Probably they were the only ones packed in the building who were not saved. The main harvest had come from the open-air meeting where there was room for all who cared to listen.

There has never been such a time of reaping in Brazil. There has never been more need for Spirit-anointed literature than now. There has never been a time your prayers were more urgently required than now! ◀ ▶

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MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

June, 1960



Latin American Bible School Study Committee

A special committee of Latin American Bible school administrators met this summer on the campus of Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Missouri. Sponsored by the Foreign Missions Department, the committee was authorized to review our present Bible school operations in Latin America and to offer suggestions and plans to the individual schools which will help increase their efficiency, attain more uniform standards and curriculum, and be a guide in establishing new schools. The report of this committee is being shared with the administrators of our 66 overseas Bible schools. Members of the committee included (left to right) Melvin L. Hodges, field secretary for Latin America, chairman; Mrs. Elsie F. Blattner, Venezuela, secretary; Floyd Woodworth, Cuba; Verne A. Warner, Dominican Republic; Ralph Williams, El Salvador, vice-chairman.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 2,292.50	Northwest	30,959.94
Appalachian	2,290.92	Ohio	11,221.98
Arizona	2,354.31	Oklahoma	22,744.38
Arkansas	6,168.58	Oregon	13,980.10
Eastern	16,751.27	Polish Br.	313.49
Georgia	3,217.10	Potomac	8,969.62
German Br.	940.31	Rocky Mtn.	8,748.47
Greek Br.	131.80	Russian Br.	15.00
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Illinois	14,738.44	S. Dakota	3,206.09
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Italian Br.	2,646.48	S. California	79,007.94
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Nebraska	4,192.07	W. Florida	5,137.50
New Jersey	6,963.23	W. Texas	6,905.99
New Mexico	3,223.11	Wis.-N. Mich.	6,381.43
New York	17,499.47	Wyoming	1,150.46
N. Carolina	1,586.67	Alaska	188.46
N. Dakota	5,163.79	Canada	639.88
N. N. England	1,466.61	Hawaii	461.11
N. Calif.-Nev.	39,897.61	Foreign	22.60
N. Texas	14,635.93	Miscellaneous	538.75
Total Amount Reported			\$473,081.67
District Funds	\$11,557.78		
National Home Missions	2,633.24		
Office Expense	3,758.71		
WMC Cooperative Plan			
Report	35,212.26		
Given Direct to Missionaries	1,160.27	54,322.26	

Received for Council Missionaries	\$418,759.41
Received for Non-Council Missionaries	5,032.18
Missionary offering not allocated to any State	8,263.39
Total Receipts	\$432,054.98

DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$147,539.52
Equipment	55,795.98
Missionary Work	68,275.71
National Workers Abroad	16,751.87
Deputational Returns	223.14
Buildings in Foreign Lands	84,542.01
Missionary Transportation	70,562.52

	\$443,690.75
Transferred from "Hold" Accounts	11,635.77
	\$432,054.98

are the proud parents of a son, Stanley Mark, born July 9.

Stephen Harold was born to **Mr. and Mrs. William Lasley** (Senegal) on July 23.

MISSIONARY News Notes



GOING: The **Kenneth McCombers** have sailed for the Philippines. They were formerly stationed in Indonesia.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Palser have arrived for their first term of service in British Guiana.

The **Kenneth McIntyres** have returned for another term of service in Spain.

Marie Juergensen has returned to Japan for another term of service.

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COMING: **Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zents** have returned from the Republic of Up-

per Volta. Their address is 332 E. Philadelphia Ave., Youngstown 7, Ohio.

Miss Louise Davis has returned from Liberia and may be reached at 19 Grove St., Homer, N. Y.

Home from Hawaii are the **A. Walker Halls**. Their address is Mission Village, 3230 N. Grant, Springfield, Mo.

The **Richard L. Johnstons** have returned from Korea. Their address is 1115 Ninth Ave. W., Seattle 99, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. James Modder have returned from India and are living at 810 76th St., Kenosha, Wis.

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BIRTHS: Melody Rae was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stawinski** (Paraguay) on July 5.

A son was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Nicodemus** (Cuba) on July 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turnbull (Haiti)



Marie Juergensen



The Kenneth McCombers



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Palser and family



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McIntyre

Respectable . . . But Lost

BY JOE EMERSON

THIS IS THE STORY OF A HYMN singer, for, you see, hymns have made up a great part of my life. I can still remember going as a boy of eleven to the old City Rescue Mission in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and being asked by Mel Trotter to sing to those who were gathered to hear the gospel. Later I worked in the popular Chautauqua movement of that day; served in World War I as a naval aviator; then I went back into business, but finally in 1934 into radio with the program "Hymns of all Churches."

Now here is a part of my story which I deeply regret—that even though from a mere boy I knew the gospel, and for twenty years I was ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church, and all of my professional life I sang the gospel, yet I failed to really apply the truth to my own heart and life.

You may be sure that I was always reverent in my presentation of hymns,

and that I sang with what I thought was sincerity, yet I allowed dignity and respectability, rather than my Lord Jesus Christ, to be the standard and rule for my life.

A thousand times or more I must have sung, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me," yet I always thought of the hymn writer's experience of grace—that is, until the Holy Spirit began His own wonderful, convicting work in my heart; and then I began realizing that "respectable" sinners are just as needy as any other type. It struck me one day that it is one thing to sing the gospel and quite another to sincerely live it. But now I am happier than I have ever been, for now I know the joy of "Nothing between my soul and my Saviour," and I can sing with real gladness, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!"

The purpose of my relating this tes-

Persecution at School

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not have called themselves persecutors. They thought they were doing both Job and God a favor! And there is a way friends may persecute a fellow believer today; for example, to say God does not expect him to be so narrow. The world finds enough fault with Christians without believers making such a statement.

There was a Frenchman who was despised by the people of Marseilles because of his shabby appearance. No doubt they thought he had plenty of money to buy better clothes. He did. But when he died they were surprised to learn that his life's savings had been willed to the city for an aqueduct to supply direly needed water. Then they appreciated the narrow, miserly (?) viewpoint of their benefactor.

The people of Marseilles made a mistake. And if we see a Christian make a consecration we cannot under-

stand, we had best not question or ridicule him. God deals with us individually, and what one person feels his dedication should include may be quite different from another's.

These are situations our children meet. And they need the realization that they are overcoming persecution and pleasing God. Children differ greatly in the same home. Father may have to lay the rod to one boy, and he will still be defiant. To the other he may only say sorrowfully, "I'm disappointed in you," and the little fellow's heart is broken.

In persecution, what is a sore trial to one may not seem to be to another. But Hudson Taylor said, "In the easiest positions God must give me His grace, and in the most difficult His grace is sufficient." Be their injuries, griefs and afflictions great or small in the eyes of men, we have a great company of youthful workers and light bearers, overcomers by the grace of God. Let us commend and encourage them in their stand for God and right. ◀◀

timony of what a new personal experience with Christ has meant to me, and of what a change I feel in my heart since I have yielded my all to Him, is that you too may know Him as Saviour, and yield to Him as Lord.

You see, my experience is unique only from the viewpoint of a network radio hymn singer, but what about the millions of Sunday morning hymn singers who are perhaps only church members and who sing with "temporary" sincerity but have no actual experience of grace in their hearts?

If this is your case, friend, it is my prayer that you will realize that Christ's death on the cross was just as necessary for you, as for the world of sinners, and that when you have realized this, He stands ready to give you a new joy through being a yielded Christian, devoted to serving Him.

I do not know what lies a day ahead of me; but if I know my own heart I can say in all sincerity that as long as I have voice enough to sing, I shall sing for the glory of my patient, loving, and all-sufficient Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16).

—American Tract Society

Regional Prayer Meetings

"Spiritual Life" Prayer Meetings will be held in the following churches for the benefits of all believers in the surrounding regions. T. F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent, will direct each meeting personally.

In each case the first service will be at 7:30 p.m. Services of the second day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue throughout the afternoon, concluding with a night service.

DAYTON, OHIO, Bethel Temple, Oct. 17-18

COLUMBUS, GA., North Highland Assembly, Nov. 1-2

NEW YORK CITY, Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Nov. 3-4

SIOUX CITY, IOWA, First Assembly, Nov. 9-10

SPOKANE, WASH., First Assembly, Nov. 14-15

KANSAS CITY, MO., Evangel Temple, Dec. 8-9

FRESNO, CALIF., Full Gospel Tabernacle, Dec. 12-13

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, Northside Assembly, Jan. 16-17

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The date of the meeting in Sioux City, Iowa, originally was Nov. 7-8 but it has been changed to Nov. 9-10 to avoid conflict with the national election date.)



Overcoming SATAN

BY RAYMOND L. COX

OUT OF BITTER EXPERIENCE PETER warned, "Your adversary, the devil, goeth about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour." Had not Jesus cautioned the big fisherman, "Satan hath desired to have you"? Now, two thousand years later the devil is still on the prowl, tempting, torturing, afflicting mankind in every way possible. But the gospel of Jesus Christ keynotes the Christian's deliverance from *all* the power of the enemy.

Christians can conquer Satan! Believers need not yield to Satanic temptation. You are not compelled to submit to diabolical bondage. You can have victory, freedom, and a full and complete deliverance from every attack of the enemy. Holy Scripture furnishes a time-tested formula: "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony" (Revelation 12:11).

The devil is vulnerable. He is neither irresistible nor invincible. Jesus declared that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church (Matthew 16:17). He said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18). If all authority belongs to Christ, there is little left for the devil! Jesus broke Satan's power at Calvary. There He "spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them" (Colossians 2:15). He snatched the keys of death and hades from the devil, and now wears them on His own girdle.

All Christians assent to these facts. But more than mental assent is necessary to derive the personal benefits which are ours through the proper relationship to this victory. Jesus Christ overcame Satan in order to delegate

to believers His mastery over the enemy. He said, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke 10:19). The only way the devil can exercise authority against the saints is by usurpation. If believers fail to recognize and utilize their God-given prerogatives for victory, the enemy manages to maintain mastery. Thus Christians are commanded, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). This resistance, of course, must be continued until Satan does flee. The Bible does not guarantee that the devil will retreat instantly, or in one minute, or in ten minutes. He did not flee in a few minutes when he harassed Christ in the wilderness. Jesus "was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan" (Mark 1:13). But Christ kept on resisting until the devil departed. You too can force him to flee by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of your testimony.

The Christians' conquest of Satan is related to what Christ has done and what we do. Christ has shed His blood and, through faith in His blood, believers are enabled to overcome.

After Israel's decisive victory over the Amorites, Joshua paraded the five captive kings before the congregation. The doomed chieftains prostrated themselves at the feet of their conqueror, and Joshua invited the people, "Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings... fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage; for thus shall the Lord do to all your enemies against whom ye fight" (Joshua 10:24, 25).

A greater than Joshua issues the same invitation to the Church. He has al-

ready bruised the serpent's head. He has declared, "I give you power to tread on serpents." And Paul promises, "The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet" (Romans 16:20). Because of the blood of the Lamb, God has subjugated Satan and all his kingdom to the authority of believers, so that Christians are "more than conquerors."

But many Christians do not display this supremacy. It is often because they have not done their part. Christ has performed His part. The Lamb has shed His blood. But believers also have a part to perform. We must *work* to overcome the devil. Not by the blood of the Lamb alone, but also by "the word of their testimony," do Christians conquer Satan.

What is the "word of their testimony"? This is more than a brief testimony offered in the church. The word of testimony is nothing less than the believer's wielding of the Sword of the Spirit. It is the sum total of one's words and attitudes concerning the gospel. It is the saint's confession that God's Word is true and applies to his case personally. It is the unwavering profession of victory in spite of appearances, circumstances, and conditions. By the word of testimony a Christian confronts human evidences which may contradict what God says in His Word, and confidently declares that the Word is true! This is not presumption, but faith. The apostle exhorts, "Hold fast the profession of your faith without wavering, for he is faithful that promised" (Hebrews 10:23). As Jesus routed the enemy by using the Sword of the Spirit, so also may we. "It is written" is an attack the devil cannot stand.

Too many Christians look upon the devil as almost, if not quite, as strong as God. Instead, we should treat Satan as a defeated foe. A. B. Simpson exulted, "Jesus the Son of God has hung up Satan as a scarecrow that all the world may know that he is despoiled and defeated. It is our responsibility to reckon him a conquered foe as we hold over him Christ's Calvary victory, and in the name of the Son of God 'resist the devil.' Thus he will flee from us and we shall be 'more than conquerors.'"

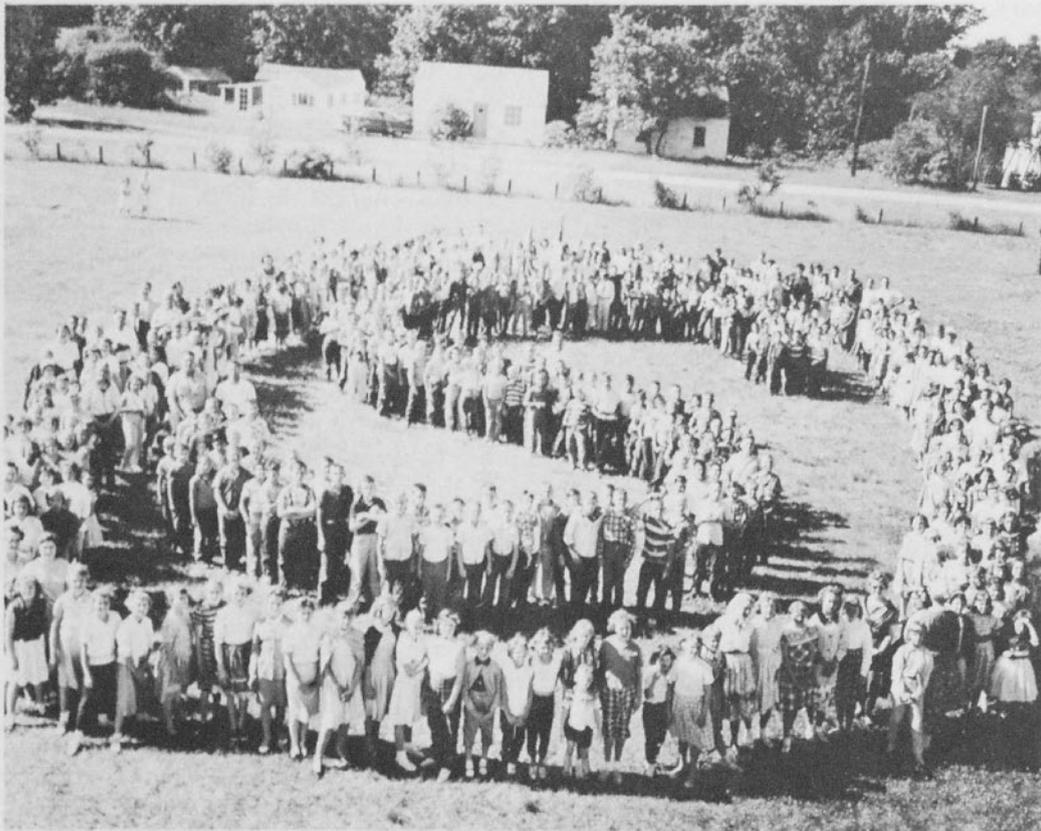
Do you want to overcome the devil? Christ has done His part. Will you do yours? Wield the Sword of the Spirit in faith and you will overcome Satan by the word of your testimony. ◀◀

BIBLE VERSE



In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. ROM. 8:37

News in Pictures



SPENCER LAKE, Wisconsin—These children lined up to form the ranch brand "S" designating their theme, "Circle S Ranch," during this year's Boys and Girls Camp. The 1960 camp was one of the most successful ever held in the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District, having 438 enrolled. Evangelist Paul Hild was the camp speaker.



JACKSONVILLE, Florida—The construction of the Jacksonville Expressway forced the Murray Hill Assembly of God to relocate in a new neighborhood last winter. It is now called the Evangel Assembly of God and meets in this beautiful new building. The pastor, Harold L. Tyus, was stricken with polio just a year prior to the move. For a time he was completely paralyzed on the left side of his body, but God answered prayer and today the pastor walks without brace or crutches.



VANCOUVER, British Columbia—Evangelist Louise Nankivill's revival campaign at Broadway Tabernacle. According to Earl, the power of saving, healing, and baptizing during the campaign was remarkable.



SAN PABLO, California—Mayor Arden L. Weathers (left) shaking hands with Evangelist Ray Rush at Calvary Church. Other city officials who attended the Rush revival meeting are in the picture. The pastor, J. S. Murrell, is standing next to the mayor.



WAYNE, Nebraska—Pastor Ivan Meyer and the congregation of the Wayne Assembly of God dedicated this new building recently. Ninety-five per cent of the labor was donated. The WMC's of Nebraska District contributed \$1,000 to the building fund of this pioneer church. The church began four years ago with cottage prayer meetings held in the pastor's home. From a nucleus of 13 the Sunday school has grown to a record attendance of 50.



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Louise Nankivell preached to a full house during her re-reading to Earl Vance, the pastor, God moved mightily in power during these special meetings.



SPRINGFIELD, Missouri—Officers of the Evangel College Ladies' Auxiliary are shown here. They are: Mrs. L. P. Safford, treasurer, Bethesda, Maryland; Mrs. Rollin Severance, vice president, Saginaw, Michigan; Mrs. C. W. H. Scott, president, Springfield; Mrs. William DeWitt, secretary, Springfield; and Mrs. Earl Foster, vice president, Springfield. The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet concurrently with the Evangel College Council, October 5-7, on the Springfield campus. Among their guest speakers will be Mrs. George (Billie) Davis of Costa Rica and Rana Nasir of Pakistan, a convert from Mohammedanism.



Feathers (left) shakes the hand of the evangelist. Meetings are shown in the photo next to the evangelist.



SPRINGFIELD, Missouri—Pastor James E. Radford and the congregation of Faith Assembly of God recently dedicated this new church building. N. Cleo Tapp, district superintendent, was the dedicatory speaker. This is one of twelve assemblies in the city of Springfield.



SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Council Member J. O. Strahan, Fort Worth, Tex., receives registration badge at annual meeting of Evangel College Council.



TERGNIER, France—The Protestant Vacation Bible School conducted this summer at the Laon USAF base was very successful. Enrollment reached 331 and the average daily attendance was 269.

The above photo shows the children in the Beginner Department. Photo at right shows Chaplain Harold D. Combs presenting diplomas at the VBS commencement. The VBS was directed by the Base Chaplain assisted by Mrs. Bertha Smith, Director of Christian Education, and Mrs. Elizabeth Oakes, Superintendent.



This interdenominational VBS was conducted for the benefit of the families of U. S. airmen. Theme of the school this year was "WAGONS HO! on the Christian Trail." The literature and supplies were purchased from the Gospel Publishing House in Springfield, Missouri. The forty teachers and helpers on the VBS staff, as well as the children themselves, were so pleased with the Gospel Publishing House materials that they voted to use them again next year when the theme will be "FULL SPEED AHEAD! with Christ our Captain."



SARAH, THE MOTHER OF A NATION

Sunday School Lesson for October 9, 1960

GENESIS 17:15-19; 18:9-15; HEBREWS 11:11, 12

GOD'S PROMISE CONCERNING SARAH.

"As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. And I will bless her, and give thee a son of her . . . and she shall be a mother of nations." On at least four occasions (see Genesis 12: 2, 7; 13:14-16; 15:4, 5) down through the years God had promised Abraham that he would be the father of a great nation. Now, when fulfillment of that promise was humanly impossible, it is made again, this time clearly specifying that it will be fulfilled through Sarah!

"Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?" Here was a laugh of happy amazement, a laugh of reverent faith. How do we know this? Because Paul says of Abraham—and he says it to encourage us to exercise the same kind of faith—"Abraham, when hope was dead within him, went on hoping in faith, believing he would become the father of many nations. . . . With undaunted faith he looked at the facts—his own impotence . . . and his wife Sarah's apparent barrenness. Yet he refused to allow any distrust of a definite pronouncement of God to make him waver. He drew strength from his faith, and, while giving glory to God, remained absolutely convinced that God was able to implement His own promise" (Romans 4:19-22, Phillips).

SARAH'S STRUGGLE WITH DOUBT. 18:9-15.

Three angels, one of them a personal manifestation of God in visible form, visited Abraham shortly after God's promise to him in 17:15-19. "And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life, and lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son." Notice that the angelic visitors knew Sarah's name. They also knew she was within hearing of the promise they made!

And what was Sarah's response? "Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?" Her laugh was different from Abraham's. He had laughed in joyful amazement but she laughed in unbelief. Notice the various kinds of laughter mentioned in the Bible. There is the laugh of rejoicing in God's deliverance (Psalm 126:2). There is the laugh of victory from those who have wept, prayed, and suffered for Christ (Luke 6:21). In contrast, there is the laugh of derision and scorn which shall turn to mourning over deserved judgment to come (Luke 6:25). Sarah's was a laugh of incredulity. She was unable to believe at the moment for the miracle implied. And her unbelief made a moral coward out of her. When she was accused of laughing, she denied it, adding one sin to another. So unbelief produces fear, paralyzes action, and pollutes character.

Observe how gently God dealt with her unbelief:

(1) *Reproof.* The Lord said, "Wherefore did Sarah laugh?" A good question indeed! And what reason do any of us have for doubting God's Word? The question was calculated to encourage and inspire faith rather than to condemn.

(2) *Repetition.* The promise of verse 10 is repeated in verse 14! Instead of withdrawing His promises in the presence of human unbelief, God endeavors to banish that unbelief by repeating His promises to us!

(3) *Reminder.* "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Thus Sarah was reminded of God's omnipotence.

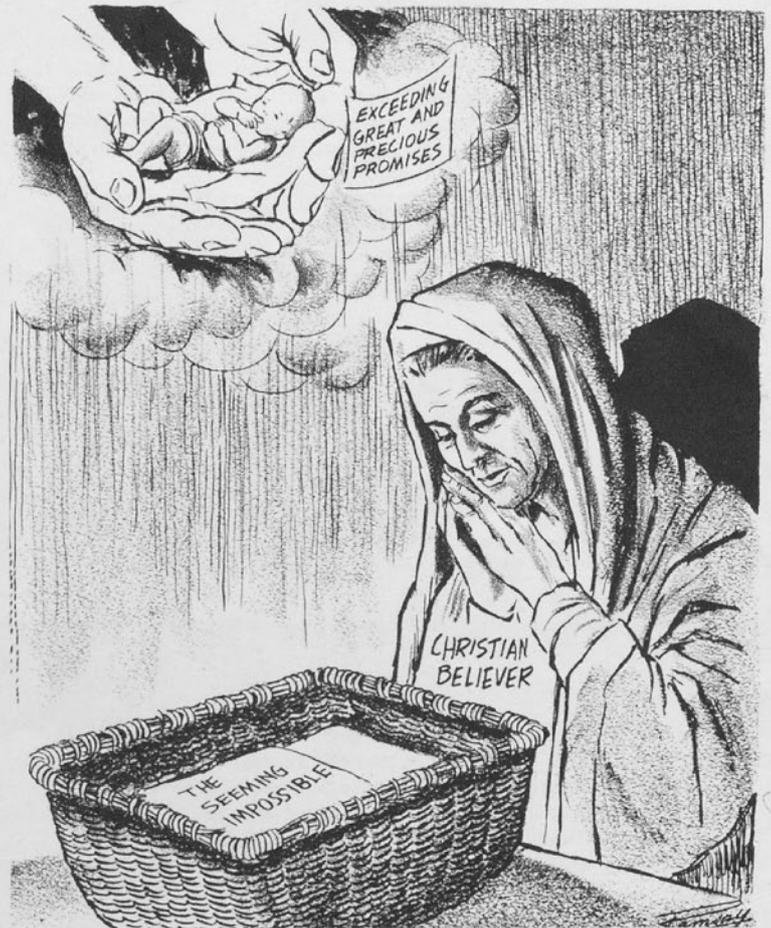
SARAH'S VICTORY OF FAITH. Hebrews 11:11, 12.

Though we have pointed out her unbelief, we must also recognize that it was only temporary. Sarah was not unwilling to believe. As God dealt with her, she responded to His Word. For we are told specifically that "through faith Sarah herself received strength to conceive," and that "she judged Him faithful who had promised."

Sarah, being dead, yet speaketh to all of us, and especially to those who find themselves in a wilderness of doubt and fear, surrounded by mountains of apparently unsurmountable difficulties. She tells us that if we refuse to be swayed by human reasoning, or to be occupied with the greatness of our difficulties, and if we become taken up with His Word, and we consider who He is who has promised, then we too shall find the strength that enables us to triumph in every circumstance and to face life victoriously!

—J. Bashford Bishop

THE ANSWER'S ON THE WAY



Action Mandatory

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phase of the new program and will pray with such fervor and soul yearnings that the windows of heaven will be opened and mighty revivals will break forth across the land.

Spiritual men are praying men. The Department of Men's Fellowship is calling upon men everywhere to seek the face of God. Men's prayer meetings in each church will have a two-fold effect: (1) they will tie the men together as a spiritual team, and (2) they will place the men solidly behind the pastor and the church activities.

The apostle wrote, "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting" (1 Timothy 2:8). When we pray earnestly and effectively for missions, for the church, for the pastor, and for the unsaved, the atmosphere of heaven fills our hearts and our minds are clarified to see our mission in life. We grow lukewarm when we allow our interests to be centered on earthly things. We need to intensify our burden to know Christ in the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, that we may be made conformable unto His will.

ACTION MANDATORY is being launched with a three-month emphasis on prayer. Members of Men's Fellowship are urged to participate one hundred per cent in the Regional Prayer Meetings that are to be held in eight strategic locations this fall. Furthermore, the men will take a leading part in the great *Revivaltime* prayer meeting throughout the country at Thanksgiving; and will spearhead the Universal Week of Prayer to be observed by all our churches during the first full week of 1961. A special feature of this program of intercession will be the ACTION MANDATORY services on New Year's Eve.

Instruction is a vital part of our program of personal evangelism. Men need to know the Bible and they need to know how to use the Word in leading souls to Jesus Christ. Many books have been written on *why* a person should be a soul winner, but very few on *how* to win souls. The Men's Fellowship Department is preparing a new book, to be released early in 1961, which will give complete instructions on *how* to do this. Written by C. M. Ward, the book will be entitled, *Win*

or Lose. Watch for it. The book will include many successful ideas and sound techniques for presenting Christ to men under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and for helping them to make their decision for Christ.

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Fellowship is an integral part of the ACTION MANDATORY program. The booklet *Purposes and Activities of a Men's Fellowship* has been revised and a copy may be secured by writing to the national MF office at Springfield. It contains many valuable tips about organizing a Men's Fellowship in the local church.

We invite every *Evangel* reader to pray for this new men's program. The purpose of Men's Fellowship is to unite pastors and laymen in a common task of winning the lost and building up the kingdom of the Lord. The time is ripe for this program. The potential among laymen is tremendous. Praying together and working together we can move this generation for God. May the Lord help us to evangelize our neighborhoods, cities, states, nation, and the world by interceding for the lost and bearing witness to the glorious gospel of Christ. ◀◀

CHECKUP DAY IS PAST!

Last Sunday was Checkup Day! If you haven't mailed your Checkup, there is still time to do so! Your Checkup is needed if your district is to have a 100 per cent return.

Your Checkup is important! It's important to you, your district, and the National Sunday School Department. Facts revealed by Checkups are the basis for much of the planning done in the National Sunday School Department. Projects are undertaken to meet the needs shown by the Checkup. Perhaps your Checkup will show an urgent need. It will definitely reveal weaknesses that can be easily corrected, since they were found in time. By taking the time to fill in the Checkup form and mailing it as soon as possible, you will be helping your Sunday school as well as the schools throughout the nation.

Possibly your Checkup is completed and someone merely overlooked dropping it in the mail. This reminder may help you. Check up on your Checkup! Make sure it's on its way!

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SURE HE'S PUZZLED !!



And it's not his fault! He's been handed a world that's confusing and frustrating. Everything seems temporary and insecure; nothing seems sincere or changeless. Perhaps he, like thousands of others his age, will become arrogant and contribute to the increase of America's Number One problem—Juvenile Delinquency! For he is only one of the 18,000,000 youngsters in this country who have had no religious training!!

He can be reached, however; he can be rescued! Someone needs to tell him about the unchanging love of God which can abide in his heart. Someone needs to take him to Sunday school—and once there, retain him with interesting and vital lessons. Where can you get such lessons? **Word of Life** literature brings you the finest, in JUNIOR TEACHER, JUNIOR PUPIL, and BIBLE EXPLORER. Here is all you need to captivate and win the Juniors! There are beautiful accompanying Visual Aids, interesting illustrations, and dynamic moral and spiritual lessons . . . which work! They work because **Word of Life** writers pray before they write! That's why JUNIOR PUPIL is one of the fastest growing quarterlies in the world. 150,000 Juniors are reading JUNIOR PUPIL every week. They're finding something that lasts! For more information and free samples, write to:

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SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS

BY EDITH ARMSTRONG

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HOW FLEETING, AND YET HOW SIGNIFICANT, is the sound of a footstep. A baby early learns to recognize his mother's approaching steps. A child hears his father's footsteps coming to him in the darkness and stops his crying.

Perhaps most emotions known to man have been experienced in response to the sound of a footfall. With *despair* the wounded man on the Jericho road must have listened to the passing steps of the priest and the Levite. What *terror* must grip the heart of the man in death row as footsteps near on the day of execution. Unbounded *joy* arises in the mother's heart as she hears the step on the porch of a wayward son returning home.

Recently, the Lord has been speaking to me through the sound of footsteps. He calls my attention anew to the sound of *His* footsteps. The last message in the Bible admonishes, "Let him that heareth say, Come" (Revelation 22:17). Let those who await His return listen for His soon appearing.

"The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills," cries the bride in the Song of Solomon 2:8. Can you picture her response to the approach of the One she loves? There is a sudden light that comes to her eyes. Eagerly she advances in the direction of His coming. Her innermost being cries out for Him—at last He is drawing near!

I hope I never shall slip into the

place where I'll say, "I'm not stirred as I used to be when folk talk of the second coming of Christ!" May I never become so deaf, spiritually, that I do not thrill at the sound of His step; that I no longer look for the Bridegroom with the anticipation that once characterized my love for Him!

In the past few months His approaching footsteps can be heard in worldwide events. Earthquakes of immense proportions; the almost limitless power of destruction now in man's control; riots and revolts, spreading as a forest fire fanned by anti-Christian communism—are not these signs significant? "Surely I come quickly," the Lord said (Revelation 22:20).

How tragic for those who say, by deed if not by word, "My lord delayeth his coming." The din of the world clamors in their lives making it impossible to hear His footsteps. All anticipation is gone; they begin to belittle the attitude of their brethren. It is then but a step to eating and drinking with the drunken (Matthew 24:48-51). And when He comes suddenly, they will be given their portion with the hypocrites where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then, at the sound of His steps, they will seek to hide as Adam and Eve because of their guilt, but their insufficient covering will be torn away. The materialism of a pleasure-mad generation will dissolve. It will be too late. They failed to listen for His approach.

How different it will be for the one who is faithful—who is listening for His approach. She who awaits her beloved is so alert she can hear Him tip-toe into her presence. Each day, in every circumstance, she is listening. With joy she seeks the hour of private devotion when He draws near to fellowship through the Word; when He unfolds His love in the place of prayer. From communion comes a greater sensitivity to His step. As the day progresses and the trials press, there is the constant realization that He walks close by to show Himself strong. Each hour is filled with anticipation of a new revelation of His beauty, of His power. She will be ready for Him at His coming.

I think there will be *others* ready at His coming because she has known His footstep. Let me illustrate. From my office desk I have learned to recognize certain footsteps, not because I am especially listening for them, but because my secretary has been listening. Though I've been unconscious of the approach of a person in the hall, I've been attracted to my secretary's sudden change in attitude. She becomes alert; a look of anticipation and joy comes over her face. Then I hear the sound of approaching steps—the same sound which has brought a similar response on other occasions. Now I too recognize those steps.

Is it not the same in the spiritual? How simple becomes the task of telling others of the One who is dearer than all! Unconsciously we betray our love for Him. The unsaved will sense His presence, not because they know His footfall, but because our lives show vibrant response to Him. The hungry person will know that we have found that which satisfies the longing of the heart. Then we have but to point that person to the Way.

There were times when I was engrossed with duties and did not heed the approach of a footstep even though it was the step of one I wished to see. Suddenly I looked up from my work as the person passed my door. I rushed into the hall only to find the person already entering another office. The door was closing. My opportunity for the present was past. I had not listened to the earlier sound of steps.

How important that we, day by day, listen for Christ's steps! Often He must linger in the corridors of our lives, anxious to meet with us. Yet we

are so engaged in the thoughts of our own, so taken up with the insignificant prating of the temporal, that we fail to realize He waits—until we hear His footsteps fading in the distance. He hoped in vain for an invitation to partake of fellowship with us; but now He passes on.

Let us, instead, respond quickly, "Pass me not, O gentle Saviour! Enter into every circumstance of my life!" Some day, perhaps very soon, such a call will be too late. He will pass on; His footsteps will be gone. The ears of the unprepared will not again hear His gentle steps. The thunder of His coming in judgment will be the next sound! It is better far to recognize His approach now; to open the door wide to Him in this day of grace! "Let him that heareth say, Come!"

The Power of the Blood

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No man will go to heaven if he trusts to his own faith; you may as well trust to your own good works as trust to your faith. Your faith must deal with Christ, not with itself. The world hangs on nothing, but faith cannot hang upon itself; it must hang on Christ. You must not think of your faith, but of Christ. Faith comes from meditation upon Christ.

I do not know how sufficiently to follow Satan in all his windings into the human heart, but this I know, he is always trying to keep back this great truth—the blood, and the blood alone, has power to save; but put anything with it, and it does not save.

"Oh," says another, "if I had such-and-such an experience, then I could trust." Friend, it is not thine experience: it is the blood. God did not say, "When I see your experience," but "When I see *the blood*."

"Nay," says one, "but if I had such-and-such graces, I could hope." Nay, but He did not say, "When I see your graces," but "When I see *the blood*." Get grace; get as much as you can of faith, and love, and hope; but, oh, do not put them where Christ's blood ought to be!

Yet again we may say of the blood of Christ, it is all-sufficient. There is no case which the blood of Christ cannot meet; there is no sin which it cannot wash away. There is no mul-

tiplicity of sin which it cannot cleanse, no aggravation of guilt which it cannot remove. You may be double-dyed like scarlet, but the blood of Christ can take out the stain. You may have blasphemed Him almost as many times as you have breathed; you may have rejected Him as often as you have heard His name; you may have denied His Godhead; you may have persecuted His servants; you may have trampled on His blood; but all this the blood can wash away. "The blood of Jesus Christ...cleanseth us from all sin."

There is no sort of man, there is no abortion of mankind, no demon in human shape, that this blood cannot wash. Hell may have sought to make a paragon of iniquity; it may have striven to put sin, and sin, and sin together, till it has made a monster in the shape of man—a monster abhorred of mankind; but, the blood of Christ can transform that monster. Magdalene's seven devils it cast out. The madness of the demoniac, the deep-seated leprosy, it cured. There is no spiritual disease which the Great Physician cannot heal. This is the great medicine for all diseases. No case can exceed its virtue, be it ever so black or vile. All-sufficient, all-availing blood!

He that hath this blood sprinkled upon him is saved completely. Not a hair of the head of an Israelite sheltered by the blood of the passover lamb was disturbed by the destroying angel. So he that believeth in the blood is saved from all things. I like the old translation of the chapter in Romans. There was a martyr once summoned before Bonner; and after he had expressed his faith in Christ, Bonner said, "You are an heretic, and will be damned." "Nay," said he, quoting the old version, "There is therefore now no damnation to them that believe in Christ Jesus." Sweet thought! No damnation to the man who has the blood of Christ upon him. Let the blood be applied to the lintel and to the door posts, and there is no destruction. There is a destroying angel for Egypt, but there is none for Israel. There is a hell for the wicked, but none for the righteous. Christ saves completely; every sin is washed, every blessing ensured.

I have dwelt upon the efficacy of His blood; but no tongue can ever speak of its worth. I pray that God the Spirit may lead you to put your trust simply, wholly and entirely on the blood of Jesus Christ. ◀ ◀

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"There Hath Not Failed One Word..."

This encouraging account of God's faithfulness during the erection of a new church will thrill you.

BY KENNETH CHOFLET

Adams, New York



The new Adams Assembly patterned after "The Conqueror," one of the Home Missions plans. Kenneth Choflet family (inset)

AS GRADUATION DAY WAS NEARING at Eastern Bible Institute in 1956, I was praying earnestly about the field of service in which the Lord would have me labor. Presbyterian William Dickinson of the north central section of New York state presented the challenge of the north country in a noon prayer session. This challenge was *my* challenge. I have never doubted that I have been in the center of God's will here in Adams.

My wife and I began our ministry here almost immediately after graduation. A group of about 25 people were meeting for six months prior to our coming, under the direction of Herman Yost and Presbyterian William Dickinson. Meeting in the second story of the Grange Hall would not seem conducive to progress; yet we praise God that a number of men and women, young and old, came to know Jesus Christ as personal Saviour in that place. The

highest attendance in this hall was 85. Our strong conviction is that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

Two families were reached and won through the vacation Bible school we held that fall. What an encouragement this was! Shortly after our coming we started a building fund. By the summer of 1957 we emptied that fund and borrowed \$300 on a bank note to buy an ideal building lot in a prominent place. We would acknowledge the sound advice of our district executives in the selection of this lot.

Immediately after liquidating the small bank note the congregation signed another note for \$4,500 in October of 1957. We had our ground-breaking service on October 6 and started grading and excavating immediately.

From this point it is a story punctuated with some worrisome moments and many thrilling experiences of di-

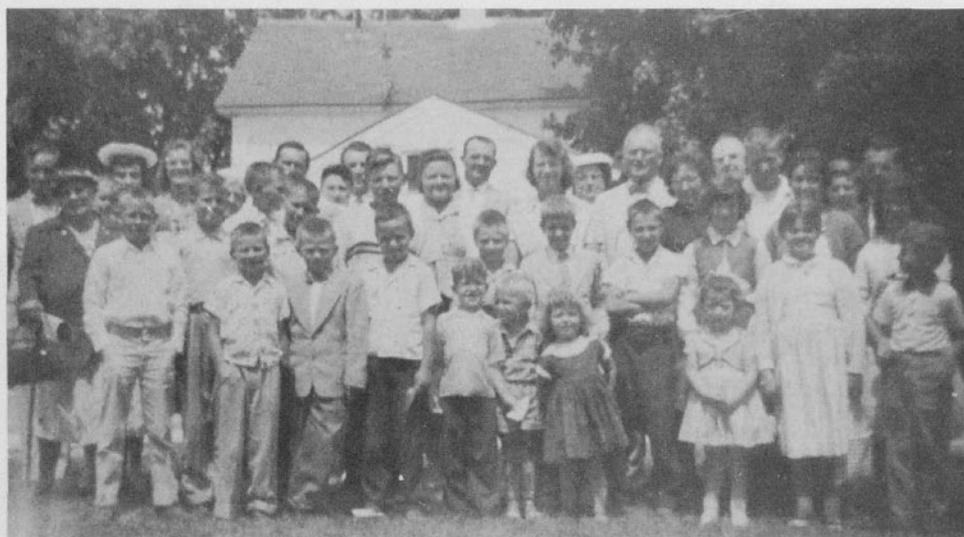
vine providence. During the construction period a number of our families moved away from the area, largely for occupational reasons. At times the financial burden seemed heavy. I remember one month when we lacked some \$50 of making the heavy payment on our short-term note, and we received a \$50 bill through the mail. Obviously from someone outside our church, it was a real God-send.

We found it difficult to secure a mortgage. After being turned down by a number of banks we returned to one of them asking for a smaller mortgage. After a short period of time elapsed, they contacted us informing us that the loan would be granted and that the delay had caused ours to be the ten-thousandth mortgage, thus entitling us to a \$250 bonus!

By the end of October we had begun work on the foundation. Many thanks are due Lewis Davis and Cecil Gates (now with the Lord) who, though not of the local Assembly, contributed many months of work; and also to the men of the congregation who sacrificed much time to make the present building a reality.

Progress was not especially rapid as we did the work ourselves; yet by January, 1959, we moved into the basement of our new church for services, and what a joy this was. During evangelistic meetings in June with George Miller we began to use the upper structure. Average Sunday school attendance is running about 44.

The debt remaining on the building, which has been evaluated at \$36,423, is a little over \$13,000. Our church is patterned after "The Conqueror" in



Congregation of the Assembly of God in Adams, N. Y.

"Plans for Pioneers" from the National Home Missions Department. The side entrance of the new church is designed in anticipation of an educational wing. We recently poured the sidewalk, which we will eventually outline with a hedge.

In December, 1959, the church purchased a parsonage just two doors away from the new structure.

An encouraging number of folk have been saved and several of our young people received the Baptism recently at Youth Camp. All our labors are to this end, that we might point men and women to Jesus Christ, their all-sufficient Saviour. Pray that God will anoint us with Pentecostal power to spread this Pentecostal message. Truly we can say, "There hath not failed one word of all His good promise..." (1 Kings 8:56). ◀◀

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CAMP MEETING GREATLY BLESSED

PASADENA, Calif. — The 1960 Camp Meeting at Pinecrest went by all too swiftly. These sacred days have left a fresh mantle of the Holy Spirit resting upon all our hearts, and with humility and gratitude we offer praise to the Lord. The Shekinah glory so descended! On one particular occasion after our district superintendent and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Halvorson) had reverently sung "He's Coming Soon," such a movement of the Spirit swept over the great congregation, such heart-searching, such weeping, such spiritual songs of adoration, that no sermon was possible. Like the dedication of Solomon's Temple, the cloud filled the tabernacle, so that the priests could not stand to minister.

Words fail to express the appreciation of the powerful and able ministry of our speakers, G. W. Hardcastle, Jr., night speaker, and Leland Keys, Bible Teacher. Love and unity prevailed. Every night the altars were lined with earnest seekers, and without fail prayer warriors rallied, staying with them faithfully, and every night the hungry hearts were filled. To God be the glory.

Expressions were heard that it seemed like the camps of "forty years ago." The near coming of our Lord was very real. From the early morning prayer hour (Zelma Argue in charge) and throughout the day, one was conscious of a definite visitation of God's glory resting upon the camp. Definite victories were granted, remarkable healings took place, sinners sought the Saviour, and hungry hearts were filled.

—The Informant (District bulletin)



V. A. Miller, pastor of the new Assembly in Security, Colo.



Congregation at the beginning of the new Assembly in Security

COLORADO SPRINGS ASSEMBLY SPONSORS NEW CHURCH

MARCH 27 WAS THE OPENING DAY for the latest home missions work in the southern section of the Rocky Mountain District. The five-year-old community of Security, Colorado, represents a harvest field of over 10,000 population now open to the Assemblies of God.

The First Assembly of Colorado Springs, of which Milton A. Newman is pastor, spearheaded the work with a cash investment and a loan from one of its members for a down payment on a house located on a large corner lot. By removing some partitions in the house they can seat 100 people in the chapel and there are three addi-

tional Sunday school classrooms.

Fourteen people from the First Assembly formed the nucleus for the first meeting and the attendance has reached 35.

The pastor and his wife, Vernon and Elaine Miller, are former members of the First Assembly where they served faithfully for over five years in various capacities.

Security is a suburban city eight miles south of Colorado Springs. The Assemblies of God is one of the last denominations to open a church in the area.

Several local families still attend the First Assembly in Colorado Springs,

so the new church is actually building its own congregation. There are a number of "ex-Pentecostal" families in Security. In moving into the area from other localities they have dropped out of church completely. The Millers have been working with them and praying that love for God and the church will be rekindled in their hearts. And, of course, the new Assembly is attempting to reach the unchurched.

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The National Home Missions Department maintains a fund to assist pioneer churches. However, the demands are many and the fund is so low that it has been impossible to take care of all the requests. Your offering, clearly designated **NEEDY DISTRICT FUND**, may be sent direct to the Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific, Springfield, Mo. ◀◀

Teen-agers Testify to Revivaltime's Spiritual Help and Guidance

BY LOIS HOKANSON

A FEW MONTHS AGO A BACKSLIDDEN sixteen-year-old girl from Flint, Michigan, was engaged to marry a Roman Catholic. Although Aletha Bolinger was raised in a Pentecostal home, saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, she began to turn away from God after she met this young man. As she said, "You don't know the misery I was going through. It was just like living in hell right here on earth."

However, one of Aletha's friends was concerned about her. This friend wrote to *Revivaltime* and requested that a copy of the book, *My Message to the Backslider*, and some literature concerning mixed marriages be sent to Aletha. When she got the literature she "laid it aside quite nonchalantly," she said.

"After a while I began to wonder who had sent in my name," Aletha wrote. "Then I began to wonder what was contained in the literature. As I read it, the Holy Spirit began to lay conviction upon me. Brother Ward, I just know that message was for me.

I made my decision for the Lord May 22. Since that night I have had the peace and joy that only the Lord can give. The wedding has been called off and I am so happy that I just can't express my thanks in words."

A month and a half later Aletha received "a blessed refilling of the Holy Spirit and a precious calling from the Lord to go into His ministry." She told Brother Ward, "It is God and you who are responsible for my happiness."

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Another sixteen-year-old girl, Judith Post of Newfoundland, New Jersey, gave her life to Christ through listening to *Revivaltime*. Judith, a junior in high school, listens to the broadcast over WABC each Sunday night.

"I want to compliment you on your dynamic sermons, beautiful songs, prayers, and letters. It is such a wonderful blessing to me," Judith wrote. "I enjoy hearing you preach the true Word of God, especially since I am a teen-ager just learning to do the will of God."

REVIVALTIME TESTIMONY

Storden Consolidated School
Cottonwood County
Storden, Minnesota

Would you please send me a copy of the radio sermon "Modesty" which I heard over Station WDGY, Minneapolis, Minnesota. I would like to use it in our school, with your permission. Enclosed is one dollar as a donation to your program.

(Signed) MARVIN MISCHKE
Principal

When she wrote to Brother Ward, Judith had a very special prayer request for the salvation of her family. This young Christian is very thankful for the spiritual food she receives through the broadcast.

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An honor graduate of Poughkeepsie High School, New York, and vice president of the senior class, Duncan Kilmartin has been a Christian for several years. He, too, listens to *Revivaltime* over WABC in New York City each Sunday evening.

"Usually I've come home from church, finished up some homework, and retired to bed by that time. Even if I have some homework to do after Sunday evening service, I take the half hour and listen to your program. The music is always inspiring and the messages are pointed, accurate and powerful." Duncan continued, "It seems as if *Revivaltime* prepares me to face the gang at school whom I haven't seen over the weekend. Without it, I feel as if I had missed something."

Eighteen-year-old Duncan feels a call to enter some phase of full-time ministry, although as yet he does not know what field he will enter. This young man will be attending a Christian college on a New York State Regents Scholarship this fall to prepare for the Lord's work.

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An active Christian young person who receives inspiration from *Revivaltime* is Margaret McCormick, of Port Huron, Michigan. This eighteen-year-old is the youngest of a family of thirteen and has attended Sunday school since she was two years old. Within the past three years she has dedicated her life to Christ and is seeking His guidance.

"It was wonderful to hear your inspiring message again this evening," she



Aletha Bolinger



Judith Post



Duncan Kilmartin



Margaret McCormick



Desmond Beers



Arlene Dewey



Charlotte Holt



Beverly MacKillop

wrote to *Revivaltime*. "I am a regular listener to your program. Although I receive a great blessing from my church each Sunday evening, it is wonderful to come home and hear your broadcast."

Margaret is an enthusiastic member of her church. She plays the accordion occasionally, sings in the choir, has been a Sunday school teacher, has served for two years as treasurer of the young people's group, and also belongs to the young people's missionary group.

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Typical of teen-agers who have written to Brother Ward for advice is Desmond Beers, of Lake Ariel, Pennsylvania. A high-school senior, he plans to go to a commercial school in his community, where he will study bookkeeping.

"I really enjoy listening to Brother Ward preach, especially when he talks directly to teen-agers," Desmond remarked. "He explains different subjects thoroughly and backs up his sermons with the Bible. I wish he were on for an hour or more, instead of for just a half hour. I feel he is one of the greatest preachers for teen-agers of this generation. I recommend him to older people, too," he added.

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Fourteen-year-old Arlene Dewey, of Alliance, Nebraska, feels the call of God upon her life for full-time ministry. She hopes someday to participate in the *Revivaltime* choir.

"I really enjoy hearing Brother Ward's dynamic preaching and the gospel music sung by the choir," Arlene wrote. "I have been drawn closer to God than ever before. Please pray that I will have a growing consecration and dedication of my life to God."

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Charlotte Holt, of Catlin, Illinois, is another fourteen-year-old who desires to be drawn closer to the Lord. She is planning to attend a church college to study to become a missionary-teacher.

"I have just finished listening to one of your messages," Charlotte testified recently. "I have gotten such a blessing from it that I had to tell you how happy I am. As a Christian I have found so much happiness that the world looks dull to me."

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A missionary's daughter in Barbados, West Indies, requested prayer for her

unsaved relatives in Canada. Beverly Ann MacKillop, a thirteen-year-old, has been saved since she gave her heart to the Lord at her bedside when she was five.

Beverly plans to become a school teacher some day. Her hobbies include reading Christian articles and books, singing, piano and accordion playing, and stamp collecting.

"We enjoy your broadcast very much, especially the singing," she wrote. "I do hope your broadcast is encouraging other young people as it is me."

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Facing problems their parents never imagined, today's youth are searching

for spiritual reality. Hundreds of teen-agers listen to Brother Ward each week. Their letters reveal the personal problems they are meeting, and they are thankful for Brother Ward's understanding counsel.

This ministry to youth is vital. The Christian message and experience must be passed on from generation to generation if we are to remain a Christian nation. *Revivaltime* is doing its part to pass on this message, but the broadcast must have your support. Write today, assuring us of your prayer and support. The address is REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

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Spotlight on Evangelism

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► **ST. JAMES, MO.**—Evangelist E. D. Bagwell of Oklahoma City held a two-week revival at the Assembly of God recently. Four were saved, and one was filled with the Holy Spirit, following the old-time preaching of the Word.

—*T. Bluford Conway, Pastor*

► **AUGUSTA, GA.**—Evangelist W. F. Patterson of Waycross, Ga. recently conducted a very successful series of services here at First Assembly. Many were saved, baptized in the Holy Spirit, and healed by the power of God. Brother Patterson's message of faith was a blessing to many.

—*John F. Moore, Pastor*

► **INDEPENDENCE, MO.**—God has been mightily moving upon the Englewood Assembly of God for the past month under the leadership of the Musical Lebsacks. The dynamic preaching and Spirit-anointed music was a great blessing to the church. At least eight found Christ as their personal Saviour. The revival spirit continues.

—*Paul Witten, Pastor*

► **COLUMBIA, LA.**—First Assembly of God enjoyed a wonderful old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival with Evangelist Charles Hyde of Vidor, Tex. Three were saved, two filled with the Holy Spirit, several reclaimed, and many were healed. The entire church was blessed by the old-fashioned preaching and anointed singing and playing. Three followed the Lord in water baptism. One of these was a lady 80 years of age.

—*Mrs. Peggy Ketchell, Pastor*

► **BASTROP, LA.**—The Log Cabin Assembly of God here has just concluded a very successful revival with Evangelist Roy J. Akin of Texarkana, Ark. The convicting power of the Holy Spirit was prevalent in every service. Several were saved, one received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and some were healed. There were many first-time visitors. Sunday school attendance reached an all-time high in the new church.

—*Vashti Smith, Pastor*

► **SPRINGFIELD, MO.**—A glorious Pentecostal revival was held this past June at East Side Assembly of God with Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmie Snow of Nashville, Tenn. During the three-week revival 55 were wondrously saved and 32 filled with the Holy Spirit. The church witnessed record-breaking crowds with more than 400 present on the first Saturday night and over 600 in attendance on the second Thursday night when 22 responded to the altar call. After two hours around the altar, they all rejoiced in a definite experience of salvation with 13 receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit. On the last Sunday afternoon of the revival 35 were baptized in water as a police escort led

37 cars through the city to the baptismal site. Sunday school attendance increased each Sunday of the revival from 206 the first week to 292 on the third, breaking all previous June records. The spiritual tide was very high throughout the entire campaign, with many wishing to continue the meetings into the fourth week. A goodly number of first-time visitors were present nightly, with many becoming interested in the church. This was one of the best revivals, with the largest attendance of any campaign in the history of the church. The consecrated, anointed ministry of the evangelists was appreciated by all and of deep interest to both young and old. Their time spent in prayer and encouraging the congregation to do likewise, and their untiring work around the altar was commendable.

—*Albert D. Pyle, Pastor*

► **FAIRFIELD, CALIF.**—Glad Tidings Assembly has just concluded a series of evangelistic services with Evangelist Sam Klein of Sacramento. From night to night Brother Klein delivered outstanding expository messages glorifying our Lord Jesus Christ. The altar was filled nightly with believers seeking God for a deeper walk. Backsliders were restored, sinners saved, believers filled with the Spirit, and the sick and afflicted delivered in answer to prayer. A new atmosphere of prayer, praise and faith prevails in the services.

—*Leonard Palmer, Pastor*

► **ERWIN, TENN.**—Two weeks of revival were just completed by Evangelist and Mrs. Donald N. Cooke of Bristol, Tenn. Eight were saved, several testified of being healed, and the church was revived and drawn closer to the Lord. The Sunday school record was broken with 93 present.

—*C. N. Kestner, Pastor*

► **DANVILLE, OHIO**—The ministry of Evangelist Ronald Ripley of Elmira, N. Y. was a wonderful blessing in the local Assembly. Souls were saved and one could sense God working in a wonderful way. Brother Ripley has a fine talent on different musical instruments.

—*John Seeley, Pastor*

► **GREEN BAY, WIS.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Eldridge of Bakersfield, Calif. just concluded a successful two-week revival at the Central Assembly of God. A number were saved, filled with the Spirit, and others were refilled and healed. The evangelist has a distinctive Holy Ghost-anointed ministry which moves souls to God. Thank God for the old-fashioned Pentecostal atmosphere which prevailed throughout the campaign. The church looks forward to a return meeting with the Eldridges.

—*O. W. Apple, Pastor*

► **FORT WAYNE, IND.**—A gracious move of God was felt in the Assembly of God here under the ministry of Evangelists Byron Lee Wright and Paul Myers. The meetings were slanted toward the youth of the church, and God moved in a mighty way. Souls were saved in nearly every service. These evangelists carry a burden for the youth of America and are witnessing the blessing of God in their ministry.

—*James Kofahl, Pastor*

► **NEW HAVEN, CONN.**—Recently Gospel Tabernacle experienced an outstanding revival meeting with the Ron Evangelistic Party. Although scheduled for two weeks, the meetings continued for five. It was so uplifting and inspiring to see the moving of God as these talented young men ministered both in Word and song. Though young in years, God has given them an effective soul-stirring ministry.



Crowd attending East Side Assembly in Springfield, Mo. during a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmie Snow of Nashville, Tenn. (Albert Pyle is pastor)

Many accepted Christ as their Saviour and a great number were filled with the Holy Spirit. So prevailing was God's power that many nights just as a special song was being sung people came weeping to the altar and the prayer room. The congregation rejoices in these wonderful meetings.

—Charles H. Miller, Pastor

► PETERSBURG, W. VA.—Five recently were baptized in water as a direct result of a revival meeting held at the Assembly of God here by Evangelist Herman Reeser. God wonderfully blessed these two weeks of meeting.

—S. L. Mullenex, Pastor

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR	
Ariz.	Tucson	First	Oct. 5-16	Robert Watters	L. G. Gilmore	
Ark.	Malvern	First	Sept. 26—	Charles L. Ogdon	Odis H. Virgin	
Calif.	Pacoima	A/G	Oct. 9-16	Harry E. Fisher	Charles Ward	
	Riverside	First	Oct. 2-9	Zelma Argue	Carl A. Goad	
	Tracy	First	Oct. 4-16	Denny Davis	Gene Lawrence	
	Visalia	First	Sept. 27-Oct. 9	Jimmie Mayo Jr.	O. H. Mitchell	
	Wray	A/G	Oct. 4—	Delman E. Rudick	Dale Wheeler	
Colo.	Pensacola	Brent	Oct. 5-16	Roger & Mrs. Wood	Hurbert Wallace	
Fla.	Brighton	A/G	Oct. 4-16	Jimmie & Mrs. Parrack	Jack Roe	
	Chicago	Stone Church	Oct. 9-14	Bob Olson	Ernest C. Sumrall	
Ill.	Rockford	First	Oct. 9-16	Louise Nankivell	E. A. Manley	
	Burlington	First	Oct. 9—	Joseph De Grado	Art Sovern	
Iowa	Sioux City	Central	Oct. 2-16	H. L. & Mrs. Carroll	James E. Smith	
	Humboldt	A/G	Oct. 8—	N. B. Rayburn	Ray C. Eskelin	
Kans.	Brunswick	A/G Tab.	Sept. 27-Oct. 9	William & Mrs. Voodre	James F. Short	
Md.	Atlanta	Full Gospel	Oct. 4—	C. S. Tubby	L. H. MacPherson	
	Detroit	Brightmoor Tab	Oct. 6-16	Christian Hild	Bond Bowman	
	Detroit	Evangel	Oct. 4-16	John French	Fred Smolchuck	
	Manistee	A/G	Oct. 2-14	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	H. G. Asbury	
	Ontonagon	A/G	Oct. 4-16	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Frank Sarbo	
	Rapid City	A/G	Oct. 4-9	Gaidies-Wagner Team	Fred Speet	
	Minn.	Albert Lea	A/G	Oct. 5-16	The Tanner Team	Eugene H. Whitcomb
		Brainerd	First	Sept. 14-Oct. 2	Bill & Mrs. McPherson	S. H. Clarke
	Mo.	Herculaneum	First	Oct. 9-23	Bonnie M. Ruble	Othel W. Nall
		Lee's Summit	First	Oct. 9-23	B. R. Minton	Robert E. Palmer
Mont.	Moberly	First	Oct. 4-16	C. M. Smitley	Abraham Solomon	
	Parkville	Northmoor	Sept. 18-Oct. 2	Bonnie M. Ruble	B. I. Clevenger	
Nebr.	Missoula	First	Oct. 2-16	A. C. & Mrs. Murphy	Eugene Born	
	Hastings	A/G	Oct. 5-23	Musical Lebsacks	H. W. Lebsack	
N. J.	Scottsbluff	First	Oct. 4—	Neale Sheneman	Milo Harmon	
	W. Cape May	Union Chapel	Oct. 4-9	Margel Spencer	Walter Eckstein	
N. Mex.	Portales	First	Oct. 4—	Mack & Mrs. Cantwell	Earl Vanzant	
	Silver City	Glad Tidings	Oct. 2—	Jerry Roberts	F. E. Starrick	
Ohio	Lima	First	Oct. 4-16	T. E. Hartshorn	Hildreth Ethridge	
	Toledo	A/G	Sept. 25—	D. C. Ogdon	G. G. Martin	
Okla.	Frederick	First	Oct. 4-9	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	Paul Gilbert	
	Ninnekah	A/G	Oct. 8—	Al Davis	Gus Martin	
Oreg.	Sapulpa	South Heights	Oct. 9—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	E. R. Roberts	
	Shawnee	First	Oct. 9-23	Billy & Mrs. Guthrie	C. O. Beauford	
Pa.	Terral	A/G	Oct. 10-16	Jesse K. Moon	Jack Clark	
	Myrtle Point	* A/G	Oct. 4-9	Virgil & Edythe Warens	M. C. Foulk	
S. C.	Lancaster	Glad Tidings	Oct. 4-23	Andrew Basell	Herbert L. Jones	
	Moosic	Full Gospel	Oct. 2-16	J. Earl Douglass	Fleming Van Meter	
S. Dak.	Norwood	A/G	Oct. 4-16	Sid T. Regnier	Cliff Lewis	
	St. Matthews	First	Oct. 4-16	John Eller	L. E. Free	
Tex.	Huron	A/G	Sept. 20-Oct. 2	Musical Lebsacks	E. A. North	
	Port Lavaca	First	Oct. 2-16	Don Jeter	L. E. Ivey	
W. Va.	Green Spring	A/G	Oct. 4-16	Willie E. Tatem	Harry E. Baldwin	

* Children's Revival

Announcements should reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance, due to the fact that THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOME COMING—Oct. 2 at Bartons Chapel, Murchison, Tex. Services all day with basket lunch at noon.—by G. L. Greer, Pastor.

HOME COMING—Oct. 16 and 17 at Assembly of God, Trenton, Mo. Former pastors and members invited.—by Norman F. Brewer, Pastor.

HOME COMING—Oct. 2 at Wise Mill Assembly, Elba, Ala. Evangelist Michael Lord will begin revival on this date. Former pastors and members invited.—by Dallas D. Bryant, Pastor.

CHURCH CHANGES NAME

Revival Center, located at 124 Texas NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico, has approved the changing of its name to Central Assembly.

G. B. Manning was elected pastor of the church in July. Plans have been made

for the erection of additional Sunday school facilities in the immediate future.

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OSCAR BROWN ROGERS, 48, Granite City, Illinois, passed over to his Heavenly home on June 4 after a lingering illness. For many years he had engaged in evangelistic work with Evangelist Clarence H. Smith throughout our fellowship. He was ordained in 1944. His death resulted from a brain tumor.

EDWIN GUNDERSON, 49, pastor of the Assembly of God in Wells, Minnesota, died on August 25, 1960, as the result of a fall. As chairman of the Home Missions Committee, he was directing several ministers and laymen in shingling the roof of a pioneer church, when a scaffolding broke. In 1942 he was ordained as a transfer from another denomination. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and a son (who was adopted just a month prior to his death).

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A Catholic for President

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from provincial and municipal councils, and from all ministerial departments. Protestants are not allowed to print or import Bibles, or to publish any kind of newspaper or magazine; and non-Catholic clergymen are not allowed to perform marriage ceremonies.

IS AMERICAN CATHOLICISM DIFFERENT?

This is a decisive hour for the Catholic Church in America. How the American public reacts to the flood of Catholic propaganda this year is crucial. Roman Catholic leaders in this country are trying with smooth and clever statements to deceive the public into thinking that the Roman Church in the United States is different from the Roman Church in the rest of the world. Those who choose to believe these mis-statements of fact are simply indulging in wishful thinking.

No American cardinal, no American bishop, no member of the American hierarchy has ever repudiated even one of the many "infallible" pronouncements of Rome which directly contradict the fundamentals of our Constitution! If the American hierarchy does not approve of the "decrees" of the Popes of the Middle Ages to "exterminate" all heretics and schismatics (non-Catholics); if they are not in accord with the statements made by Pope Leo XIII in his Encyclical Letter, and by Pope Pius IX in his *Syllabus of*

Errors, in which both deplored the American idea of separation of church and state, *then let them officially disclaim them*. This they never have done, and never will do, for it would be ecclesiastical suicide for them to do so.

COLLATERAL RESULTS OF A CATHOLIC PRESIDENT

Whether or not a Roman Catholic President would himself at this time initiate measures giving preferential treatment to his Church, by the very nature of his position he would help to create a climate in which preferential treatment would flourish. With a Catholic as President, there would undoubtedly be many collateral results favorable to the Catholic Church and unfavorable to American principles and freedoms, with which the President himself might have little to do. Let us list some of them:

By many and various means the image of the United States as a Roman Catholic nation would be industriously created and presented to the world by an enormous propaganda machine.

There could be no national or official celebration which did not share the spotlight with the Roman Catholic parade of dignitaries in full regalia.

When a cardinal would come to visit the President, the latter, according to Church-prescribed protocol, would be required to fall on his knees before this Church dignitary and kiss his ring. (The mayor of Chicago was photographed in such a posture, and Catholic Action sent the photo around the world as an object lesson of civil sub-

servience to Roman Catholic prelates in the United States.)

In certain localities the Roman Church has "taken over" public schools, and staffed them with nuns who teach in their peculiar nuns' garb. Those who object have been subjected to social and economic reprisals and told they can move out if they don't like it. This high-handed "capture" of public schools would no doubt proceed on a stepped-up basis under a Catholic President.

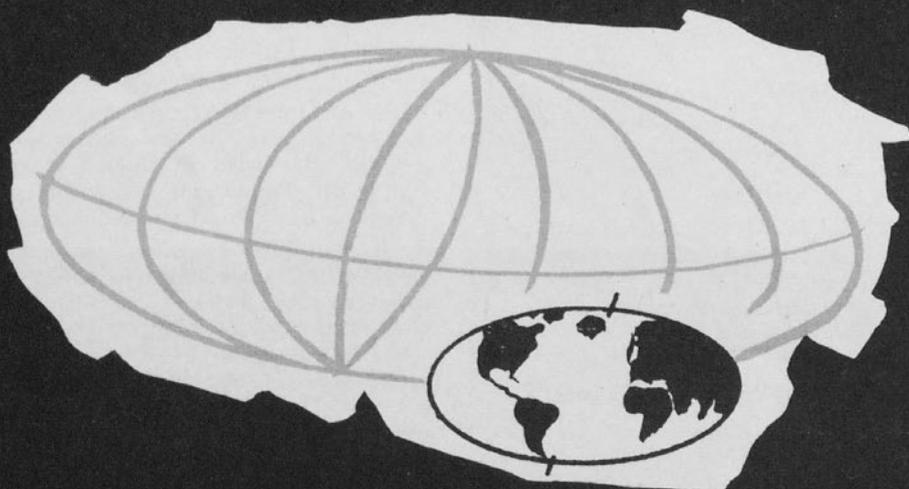
The Catholic lobby groups which have already descended on several state capitals where a Roman Catholic governor has been elected, and that already exert tremendous pressure for Catholic causes in the nation's capital, would become all the stronger.

The political machine of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in America would be strengthened through appointments of Catholics to key positions in state and national governments, and the day would be hastened when a Catholic would be elected as President who would go "all out" for the official Roman Catholic program, and would give the Pope his ambassador, the Church schools the complete support of the state, and the Catholic Church the official recognition as the one church above all America.

TIME TO AWAKE

Christians of America, we need to realize that "now it is high time to awake out of sleep" (Romans 13:11). It's time to pray! It's time to "put on the whole armor of God" and use the spiritual weapons at our disposal

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to defend our beloved land against the inroads of political bondage and spiritual enslavement. It's time to be heroic in passing on to succeeding generations the truth and liberty which men in the Reformation gave their lives to pass on to us. It's time to remember when we go to the polls that we are Christians first, and members of a political party second. Our vote must be in accord with the mind of Christ which dwells in us.

So far as freedom of worship for Protestant churches is concerned, there are two major dangers—Roman Catholicism and Communism. The menace is about equal in both cases. Should either one or the other gain ascendancy in the United States, Protestant liberties would come to an end. To be forewarned is to be fore-armed. Let us remember, the greatest defense of religious liberty is in the living faithfulness of those who love it! ◀◀

BIBLE HOLINESS

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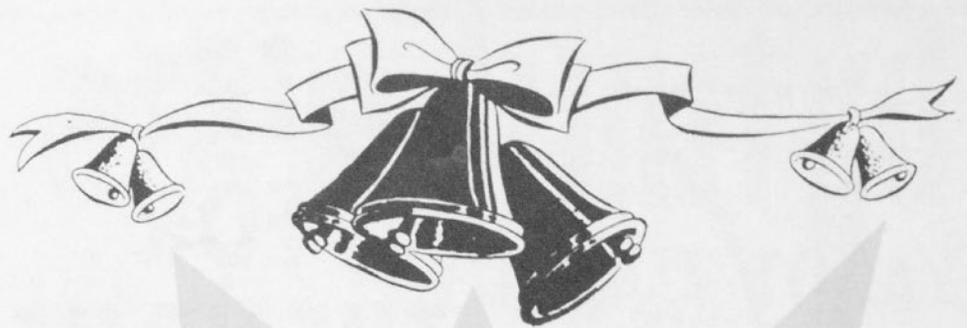
his heart led to his act of deception in which he kept back part of the price of the land but pretended it was the whole price. This sin, so serious that it was punished by death, began when he conceived it in his heart.

Evil speaking also is specifically condemned in Ephesians 4:31 and James 4:11. It appears that some people today think lightly of this sin. They do not hesitate to speak evil of their brethren, repeating rumors and even suspicions. They even speak evil of their pastors and, in the words of the Scripture, of "dignities" (2 Peter 2:10 and Jude 8).

Other degrees of enmity are expressed in the following words, which are specifically condemned in Ephesians 4:31 and Galatians 5:20, 21: variance, emulations, envyings, bitterness, clamor, strife, anger, and wrath. All of these sins are a violation of the great command which our Lord gave us, that we should "love one another." They also break the second commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

III

Another aspect of this matter is brought out in the account of Jesus' lesson on prayer. The disciples asked the Lord to teach them to pray. The Lord taught them to pray, "Forgive us
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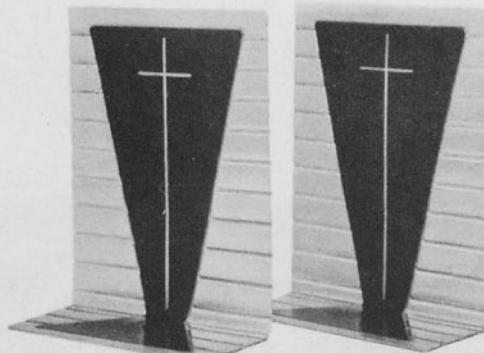
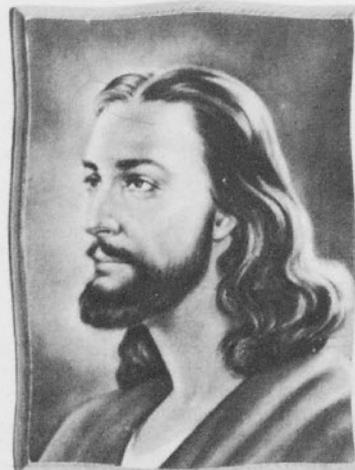
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our debts, as we forgive our debtors" (Matthew 6:12). It is most significant that after giving the disciples what we call "The Lord's Prayer" the Master enlarged on only one part of it; namely, this petition for forgiveness. He said, "If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Lest anyone misunderstand or underestimate the seriousness of an unforgiving spirit, the Lord gave us a parable to illustrate the consequences of it. A certain servant was forgiven a tremendous debt by his master, and afterward refused to forgive a very small debt which a fellow servant owed him. When the master heard what this merciless servant had done, he "was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him." After telling this story, Jesus solemnly added these words, "So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses" (Matthew 18: 35).

Here is an unequivocal statement that men who do not forgive from their hearts will be excluded from heaven. How serious, then, is this form of "filthiness of spirit."

IV

Another filthy sin of the spirit is pride. This also is difficult to pinpoint and prove and condemn in individual cases; nevertheless it is potent and dangerous. It is the disposition to exalt oneself above others. It creates a sharp disruption in fellowship and destroys harmony among brethren.

Jesus took particular pains to rebuke this disposition among His disciples. The mother of James and John asked boldly that her two sons sit next to Christ in His kingdom, one on either side. When the other ten disciples heard of this they were moved with indignation against the two brothers. It was not that they disapproved of the ambition and pride of these two men, necessarily, for they probably were guilty of the same sin. It was just that these two had used their mother to gain an advantage over the rest of them. Thus they all fell under Jesus' condemnation: "Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But

it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant" (Matthew 20:25-27).

Again He said specifically, "Be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren." "Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted" (Matthew 23:8, 10-12).

The Bible says, "In lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves" (Philippians 2:3). This leaves no room for the awful sin of pride.

It was pride that brought about Satan's fall from heaven. Paul required of a candidate for the ministry that he be "not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil" (1 Timothy 3:6). Isaiah described the fall of Satan in the following manner:

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. . . . I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High" (Isaiah 14:12-14). This was the expression of pride in high places, which resulted in Satan's expulsion from heaven. The Lord said, "Thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

The Antichrist likewise shall be noted for his willful ambition. "He shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god" (Daniel 11:36). He "opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped" (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

Thus we see how exceedingly dangerous is this secret filthiness of spirit. The Lord specifically declares that He hates this sin of pride (Proverbs 6:16, 17). If we do not cleanse ourselves from it, it surely will bring down upon us the divine wrath which it brought upon Lucifer and which it will bring upon the Antichrist.

May the Lord enable all of His children to cleanse themselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

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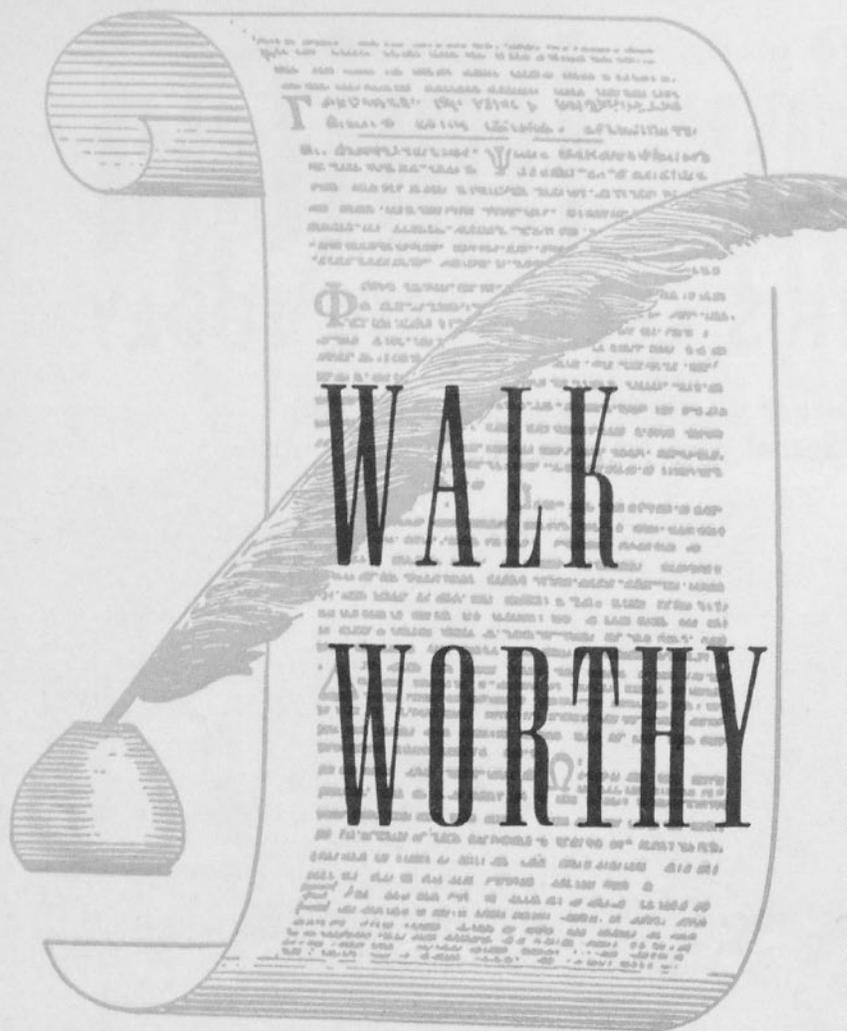
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DUSK WAS QUICKLY TURNING TO DARKNESS IN THE "city of seven hills." Roman soldiers stood quietly by the heavy wooden door, impatiently awaiting their relief guards.

Inside the dimly-lit structure a man of small stature sat at a rough-hewn table. He leaned forward, his eyes straining to use the last rays of light afforded him, as he wrote large Greek letters on the heavy parchment.

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye *walk worthy* of the vocation wherewith ye are called."

Rubbing tired eyes, he dipped the pen into fresh ink. Then he continued: "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:1-3).

Putting the pen to one side he bowed his head in weariness. As he sat thus, his lips moved ever so slightly in what appeared to be an utterance of reverence and worship to an unseen Friend. . . . Then darkness enveloped him.

Paul never could have realized the far-reaching effect his writing would have upon succeeding generations. As he poured out his heart to the Ephesian church, it would have been impossible for him to comprehend the thrill and inspiration that unknown thousands would find in his words. Even in adverse circumstances he ministered effectively.

Paul knew what it was to walk worthy. He had traversed pioneer paths; he had suffered untold persecutions for the gospel's sake. Hear his own words, "Of the Jews five

times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeying often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness" (2 Corinthians 11:24-27).

Paul was undoubtedly the outstanding leader in the Early Church. Every Christian is indebted to him for his words of wisdom and fearless devotion to the cause of Christ. And yet, as we pause to consider his life of service to God and the price he paid in order to follow Christ, the questions arise, "Can we do less? Can Christians today expect to do a lasting work for God without making the same supreme sacrifice?"

Look at the tear-stained eyes of the young missionary couple as they wave a fond farewell to family and friends. The sacrifice is great, but they must *walk worthy*.

Watch the laboring servant of God endeavoring to build a church out of "nothing." Or the busy pastor and evangelist facing a heartbreaking situation. The price is great. The work is hard. But the vocation wherewith they are called is high, and they must *walk worthy*.

Does God expect less than this from you? Paul did not write these words to the minister of the gospel alone. He wrote to every believer in Christ Jesus, from the least to the greatest. *Walk worthy!* Christian, you are called to the highest of vocations—that of service to our Lord. You cannot fulfill that obligation in a halfhearted way. Paul realized this and spent himself for his Lord in every way possible, even to the giving of his very life. God is looking for this kind of dedication today.

The Bible speaks of a falling away in the last days. We are experiencing this declension now. A superficial Christianity has gripped the hearts of many and causes them to continue in their sin. Their name on a church roster and a handshake with the minister is all that is needed for them to feel they are "good enough" for this life and the next.

Is not this the hour that God desires to raise up Spirit-filled Christians and a Spirit-led Church to proclaim the simple truths of the gospel? "In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh" (Acts 2:17). The Pentecostal Christian has a greater responsibility than anyone else to *walk worthy* because of the Person who possesses him. "He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

God's way is not always the easy way. But how blessed to walk the path that He has trod before us. Through God we not only *can* do all things, we *must* do all things, and do them quickly. This latter rain of the Holy Spirit is but a foretaste of what He has in store for His Church. It is the duty of the Spirit-filled child of God to spread the message of His truth and power.

How great is the responsibility! How challenging is the way! How rewarding is the life of one who *walks worthy*. If you miss this deeper, closer walk with God you will have missed life's greatest blessing. Make that holy consecration before Him now. Live in lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering and much love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.