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Looking Ahead

Often it is helpful, when we have reached a decision, to put it down in writing for future reference. January first is such a time. It may be well to set a goal for the new year and write out a few simple rules by which, with God's help, you propose to reach your objective; for an aimless life is a wasted one.

There is a church in Philadelphia that encourages this custom. On New Year's Eve each member presents a sealed envelope, bearing his name, to the pastor. In it is a written prayer, or pledge of a "covenant with God." The pastor keeps the envelopes until the end of the year, when they may be reclaimed for a check on one's spiritual progress. Envelopes not claimed are destroyed without being opened.

Before you throw away the 1960 calendar, pause a moment and reminisce. What has God done for you in the past twelve months? What have you done for God? If you have failed to measure up to the aspirations you held a year ago, look for a reason—and then ask the Lord to help you do better in 1961. Don't be discouraged if you failed to reach all your goals. Be thankful for what you did accomplish. Perhaps you made the mistake of depending too much on yourself and too little on God. The Lord will help you to succeed in 1961, if you will let Him; so whether you put your resolve in writing or not, make up your mind that in this new year you are going to trust Him more than ever before, and devote yourself more fully to His will every day and every hour.

God is looking for men and women who will lend Him their human co-operation, who will dare to take Him at His Word and give Him a chance to prove what He is able and willing to do. You can be such a person. God is waiting to lift every member of His Church to a new consciousness of Himself, and out of a new God-consciousness there shall come a renewed sense of man's sin and a new gratitude for God's grace. Many are treating sin lightly these days. They are forgetting how exceeding sinful sin is. We need a revival that will shake every prison of sin and cause people to cry out, "What must I do to be saved?"

As yet we have only touched the outer edge of this great maelstrom of Pentecostal power. God is challenging us to launch out upon His liberality until we see how near we can come to bankrupting heaven. The world sorely needs another old-fashioned revival of old-fashioned religion, and yet God has made Himself largely dependent upon us for an opportunity to send it.

On the threshold of 1961 let us determine afresh that, if we fail in everything else, we will make a success of serving God. The past year is closed and its deeds are recorded. We cannot undo its wrongs or erase its failures, but we can learn from our experiences and we can say: "By God's grace I will fill the new year with daily communion with my King and self-sacrificing service for His kingdom. Lord, help me to look ahead with faith like Abraham's; help me set high goals with courage like Joshua's; and give me the spirit of Daniel that I may purpose in my heart to be always true to Thee at any cost."

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THE YEAR 1961 WITH ALL ITS OPPORTUNITIES and responsibilities lies before us. It will be a year of failure for some, while for others it will be a year of spiritual success.

For those who will succeed, there will be either of two different incentives to action. One will be fear (the fear of failure, fear of punishment, or the fear of criticism). The other incentive will be inspiration (the inspiration of goodness itself, the inspiration of worthy examples, and most of all, the inspiration of God's glorious presence).

Moses' great assignment after the tragic failure of the Children of Israel at Mount Sinai (Exodus 33:12-23) is illustrative of the believer's assignment at the beginning of the year.

THE NEED OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Moses by God's enablement had brought the Children of Israel from Egypt to Sinai. Along the way they had seen the marvels of God's grace over and over again. The plagues made their escape from Egypt possible. They had seen the miraculous from the parting of the Red Sea to the defeat of the Amalekites. In spite of the tremendous recital of God's goodness, however, Israel failed. They worshiped a golden calf instead of Jehovah.

Now, when God told Moses to lead the Children of Israel on, Moses felt the task was too great for him. The overwhelming sense of Israel's failure and his personal insufficiency caused Moses to stagger. He expressed his feeling to God by saying, "Thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me" (Exodus 33:12). Moses knew he needed help.

Living triumphantly in 1961 seems as big an assignment to us as leading Israel through the wilderness. The enemies of doubt, fear, and tension, intensified by international uncertainties, will threaten every believer. Overwhelmed by the great challenges of

OUR GREAT NEED IN THE NEW YEAR

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1961 believers may ask, "Who will go with me?" They know they cannot succeed without special assistance.

THE ADEQUACY OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Possibly Moses had leaned so heavily upon Aaron since the exodus (Exodus 4:14) that he thought God should give him more human help. Aaron had failed God and Moses in allowing Israel to have a golden calf. Moses may now have been wondering if God would give him a more dependable lieutenant.

Moses was looking for human help, but God promised him divine help. He said, "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest" (Exodus 33:14). Moses was not to put his confidence in another Aaron. He was to put his trust in the ever-present God. Only God's presence would be adequate for the herculean task.

When Pharaoh hardened his heart it was not Aaron, but God, who broke the king's stubborn resistance. When Israel stood on the shores of the Red Sea it was not a man, but God, who

miraculously parted the waters. When Israel thirsted it was not human ingenuity, but divine, that provided water. When Israel hungered it was not man, but God, who opened the windows of heaven and showered manna about His people. When Amalek attacked it was not military strategy learned in Egypt, but God's strategy, that brought victory for Israel. Moses didn't need another man—he needed a sense of the adequacy of God's presence.

The temptation to look at circumstances and seek human solutions is just as great today as it was in the days of Moses. But God wants His people to learn that their help comes not through the arm of flesh, but through His omnipresence and omnipotence. God would like to whisper into every believer's heart, "My presence shall go with thee in 1961, and I will give thee rest." God's presence will be adequate for every exigency of the new year.

THE DISTINCTION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

When Israel left Egypt it was nothing but a young, struggling, and inexperienced nation in a world of antagonistic powers and influences. But the Israelites were different from every other nation upon the face of the earth. Different, because they could say that God's presence was with them. Other nations had wealth, talented people, prestige, and political connections, but these heathen nations could not make their boast in the Lord. God's presence made Israel distinctive.

As in Moses' day, so today it is advantageous to have many of the fine qualities and possessions available in the world. But, as in Moses' day, so today the finest that the world has to offer means nothing unless believers can daily say, "God is with me now." It is the practice of the abiding presence of the Almighty that makes believers distinctive.

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BY CHARLES A. HARRIS

he traveled a silent road of judgment before he found the will of God, which he sincerely wanted, and was able to rejoice in it when John arrived. That he did find the will of God we cannot doubt, for the first thing he did when he spoke again was to praise God (Luke 1:64).

Mary found the will of God by the direct road of faith. She voiced almost the same words of Zacharias when she said, "How shall this be?" as the angel

allow circumstances many times to indicate His will. There are exceptions to this rule, of course. Once, when I thought circumstances indicated very strongly that I should leave a certain church, as I prayed God gave me the very definite word, "Stay thou there till I bring thee word." Nevertheless, circumstances should be considered when we ask for God's will. When I was praying regarding the will of God about the ministry, certain circum-

KNOWING AND DOING THE WILL OF GOD

NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT TO THE Christian's life than knowing and living in the will of God. Calvary was not forced upon Christ. Rather, He yielded Himself to it long before He faced it, as was shown by His praying in the garden, "Not my will, but thine, be done."

The servant is not greater than his Lord! God's will must be done in our lives too.

Two incidents in the Bible throw light upon God's will and how it is obtained. They give instruction as to the effort made by unbelief to prevent the will of God from being perfected.

An angel of the Lord appeared to Zacharias to announce the birth of John. Also, the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. The angel gave advice to both Zacharias and Mary to "Fear not." They were afraid because of the sudden appearance of the heavenly being and of his announcement. To Zacharias and his wife came the word that a son would be born in their old age. To Mary came the announcement of a Son to be born without a natural father.

No wonder Zacharias and Mary were afraid!

But in the midst of their fear came this word of cheer, "Fear not, Zacharias." "Fear not, Mary." The word is personal and is freighted with love. We may be sure He speaks our name, too, and says, "Fear not."

Zacharias and Mary found the will of God by different routes. In Luke 1 we find Zacharias doubting God. He was smitten dumb for several months until the birth of the baby John. So

told her she was to bear the Christ. However, her question was one of seeking rather than doubting. Upon being told that she should conceive by the Holy Ghost, she simply said, "Be it unto me according to thy word."

The will of God comes to those who want it! In spite of his doubts, Zacharias wanted the will of God, and because of this, he found it. Mary wanted the will of God and quickly found it as she readily responded to the Word that was brought to her by the angel.

As Zacharias spent many weary months, so some may spend weary years, before they find and rejoice in the will of God. But some, like Mary, quickly believe God and find and rejoice in His will at once.

Let us remember that God's Word to those who would know His will is, "Fear not!" Many of God's children are so fearful of not finding God's will, it is no wonder they grope in darkness without being sure of His will.

Let us be sure of this, first of all. The will of God is expressed in His Word. Nothing that is contrary to His Word is according to His will. We need no angel announcement nor miracle enactment to establish the fact that God in His will has called us to holy living—that He has called us from the world—that He has saved us to be His witnesses—that we are to be aware that "We are but pilgrims here." These things are forever settled as being the will of God, because they are found in the Word of God.

Coming to those details of life that sometimes puzzle us, we must consider a number of things. First, God will

stances brought about an invitation to assist a minister who was in poor health. God certainly did not allow him to be sick, so that in turn he would invite me to help him, and so give me a start in the work of God. Nevertheless, God did use those circumstances to indicate His will for my life.

We must consider, also, the peace of God that comes upon one's inner being when he is doing what he feels is God's will. That witness of the Spirit is something to be cherished.

There is no doubt Mary was chosen to be the earthly mother of our Lord because God knew she would choose His will. It is no less true that whether God will choose us for service depends on whether we will choose His will. God knows the future and He knows us. We can miss much because we do not wish to do the will of God. Perhaps we do not wish to pay the price of God's will, nor to walk the pathway He has placed before us.

Even for the Master the will of God was not easy. He prayed in the garden, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me." That is the prayer of the Man who knows the cost of the will of God. He also said in that same prayer, "Nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done."

Do you find yourself doubting like Zacharias? May you at least want God's will, as he did, and find it. Better still, may you be like Mary and find the will of God quickly, because, like Mary, you desire to glorify the Lord.

For the Christian, I am convinced that all happiness lies within the will

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SPIRITUAL LIFE Quickened Through Regional Prayer Meetings

By BARTLETT PETERSON
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SPIRITUAL LIFE PRAYER MEETINGS BEING held in various cities across the U. S. are resulting in much blessing. It is very evident that our movement has the hunger which will produce a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The prayer meetings grew out of a burden for the spiritual life of the Assemblies of God shared by General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman and each Executive Presbyter. This burden is the number one interest in conversations and conferences among the Executives. It has become a holy priority. Each week is begun with a prayer meeting at eight o'clock Monday morning in the General Superintendent's office.

Through the regional prayer meetings this burden and concern for a spiritual recommitment is being transmitted to many believers. The meetings are finding a warm response as hearts are made bare before the Lord.

The writer had the privilege of participating in each of the first four meetings at Dayton, Ohio; Columbus, Georgia; New York City; and Sioux City, Iowa. Each was well attended by persons who made it plain that their one purpose for coming was to seek the face of the Lord and to wait on Him. The largest attendance was at Columbus where an estimated 900 were present on the closing night. Nearly 250 of these were ministers. In the other three meetings the attendance of ministers ran from 75 to 200, and the total attendance ranged from 300 to 600.

Subsequent meetings were held in Spokane, Washington; Kansas City,

Missouri; and Fresno, California. The eighth prayer meeting will be at Fort Worth, Texas, January 16 and 17 (beginning Monday night and continuing all day Tuesday).

At each meeting there have been long seasons of intercessory prayer, interspersed with seasons of united worship in songs and praise. The gifts of the Spirit have operated to enrich the people and to glorify God. The meetings have progressed without a pre-arranged program. In each case the Holy Spirit has led the people and has brought forth inspired exhortations to holy and consecrated living as well as solemn messages on timely truths. On some occasions the Word of God has been read under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, resulting in great blessing. During the hours of heart searching the power of God has swept across the entire congregation until we were like growing grain bowing before the wind.

In recognition of the spiritual worth and profit in meetings of this type, many ministers and laymen alike have indicated a desire for more such meetings in various districts and sections. Some missionaries have declared their intention to begin similar meetings in their foreign fields. As leaders we have stressed that we have no desire to set a pattern for services in our churches; we are wholly desirous of making the Holy Spirit welcome.

We hope that many Spiritual Life prayer meetings will be conducted throughout the nation so as to bring this emphasis to the greatest number of people possible. No one can predict what God will do for His people as

a result of this prayer revival.

It would be tragic if, in these days when God is pouring out His Holy Spirit upon Lutherans, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, and members of other denominations, we Pentecostals were to fail to recognize the day of visitation and thus fail to seek Him for a new outpouring.

Let us fervently cry with the Psalmist, "Early will I seek Thee: my soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh longeth for Thee in a dry and thirsty land. . . ."



For the New Year

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

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

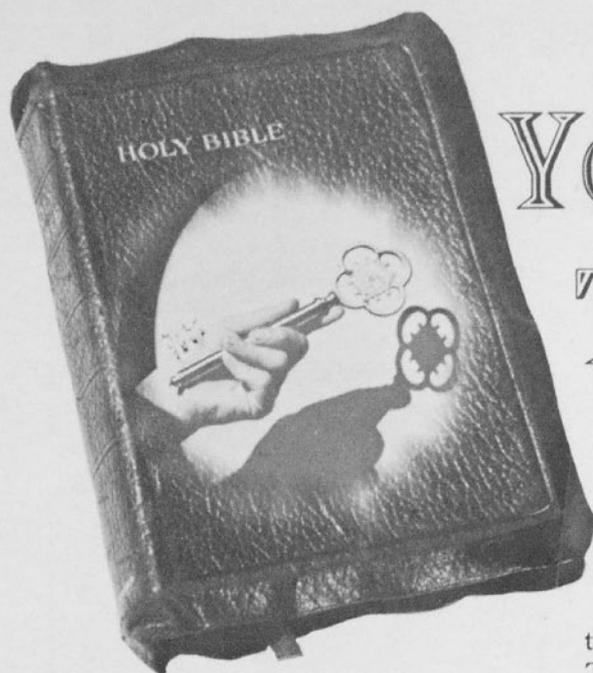
My presence shall go with thee!
Though in a foreign land,
Afar from home and kindred,
This covenant shall stand.
Nor time nor space can sever,
Love knows not East or West:
My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest.

—H. Isabel Graham.

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You and Your Bible Throughout 1961

A KEY TO RICHER STUDY OF THE SCRIPTURES

BY E. J. G. TITTERINGTON

READING THE SCRIPTURES IS NECESSARY and profitable, but it is not enough. The Bible should be studied faithfully and systematically.

Probably most Christian believers are accustomed to read a daily portion of Scripture as a devotional exercise, possibly with the aid of explanatory notes. This is good and right, and we would not have it otherwise.

But the trouble is that too many believers have a habit of reading Bible *portions* and never read the Bible in any other way. It is very easy, when we read daily portions, to forget what we read yesterday, and so miss the connection with what has gone before, and with what follows. We get no idea of the Bible, or any book in the Bible, as a *whole*, nor do we readily grasp the great truths and doctrines the Bible was designed to teach. The soul is fed, but in many ways the mind is not. Granted that feeding the soul is more important than feeding the mind, but both are necessary.

We do not treat any other book in this way—why should we so treat the Bible? It was designed to be *read*—every book it contains was meant to be read consecutively, as we read any other book. Have you ever sat down and read the Gospel of Mark, for instance, right through at a sitting? It will not take long, and you will not only find it interesting, but you will get a clearer picture of the Gospel, and above all a clearer picture of the Lord as Mark intended you to see Him. Then you can go on to some other book, say the Gospel of Luke, and its continuance in the Book of Acts. After

this you may like to turn to the Old Testament and read through Genesis. This will take longer; it may occupy three or four sittings. If you come across a book you find it hard to understand, you can leave it to one side for the present, and come back to it later—this may apply to large parts of Leviticus, or Ezekiel, and perhaps some of the Epistles.

The advice to read a book straight through needs a little qualification. Some of the books of the prophets, for example, consist not simply of one prophecy, but of the collected writings of the prophet in question—this is true of Jeremiah and Isaiah—and the reading can be split into sections.

It does not much matter in what order you read the books, but you should take care not to confine yourself to your “favorite” books—every book has something to teach that we need to learn, and we lose much if we neglect any part. Even if you have to leave aside some book for the time being, do not neglect it altogether. There is no book you can afford to leave out, for if you do, you will lose something God intends you to know, which that book was specially designed to impart.

If you are reading the Authorized or King James Version (and this is the best for most purposes) you may, if you are not used to it, find some difficulty in the way it is divided into chapters and verses. It was not written like this; the chapter divisions were made long afterwards, and very often the divisions are made in the middle of an argument. A revised version is easier to read on this account, as it is divided into paragraphs; and the paragraph divisions sometimes com-

pletely ignore the end or beginning of a chapter. You can often get some help from an ordinary Bible if you notice the paragraph marks (¶) which are sometimes given.

A word should be said about modern translations. These are useful, but can never take the place of the standard translations. They are often of help in enabling one to follow more clearly the argument, say, in one of the Epistles, and may often throw light on the meaning of a passage. But some of these versions, as that of Moffatt, are apt to be colored by the views of the translator, and care is needed in the use of them.

STUDY EACH BOOK

When you want to read the Bible for purposes of study, something more is needed than just to read through a book and pass on to another. We need to read the same book over repeatedly—some books five or six times, maybe—until the message of the book begins to get a grip on us, and it begins to reveal to us its secrets.

The first time, read steadily through; not too rapidly, so that you cannot properly take in what you are reading, but without stopping to deal with any questions that may come into your mind—this can be left till later. The second time you read you may perhaps begin to notice how the writer is constantly using some particular word or phrase—as “straightway” or “immediately” in Mark, “better” in Hebrews, “precious” in the Epistles of Peter, or in Ezekiel the expression “they shall know that I am the Lord.” These can be written down. Gradually, as you continue to read, there will begin to form in your mind an understanding

of what the book is about, and if you go through it once again with that thought in mind you can begin to make an analysis of the book.

Your analysis may not be as good as an analysis you may get out of someone else's book, but it will be your own, and you will have learned far more in the making of it than you are ever likely to learn from the efforts of another, however good. But if you like, you can turn to a ready-made analysis, and check your own, and fill up the gaps in it with profit.

If you are studying a book, you should pay heed to its *setting*—that is, you should try to find out the circumstances in which it was written. For example, if you are reading Isaiah, it will help to the understanding of his message if you read in 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles the historical setting of his time; and if you are reading these historical books, Isaiah and the other prophets will throw a vivid light on the religious and moral conditions that prevailed. So, too, in the New Testament, you will understand the Epistle to the Galatians much better if you read of Paul's experiences in Galatia in Acts 13.

One thing is important. We began this section as though there were a distinction between devotional reading of the Bible and reading for study. It is a distinction of method only; not of aim. Bible study must be devotional, or it becomes a mere barren intellectual exercise that leads nowhere. You must seek to find Christ in all the Scriptures. You must read the Bible, not merely as the Word of God, even; but as the Word of God to *you*, asking the Holy Spirit to show you what He wants you to learn.

OTHER METHODS OF STUDY

The study of the Bible by books is only one method of study. But it is basic. We need first to have an idea of the Bible as a whole, and then we shall be able to comprehend more clearly its various parts. Other methods of study we can suggest are:

(1) The study of *doctrine*—especially the great doctrines concerning salvation, the deity of our Lord, the person and work of the Holy Spirit, and so forth.

(2) The study of *types* and *symbols*, such as the Tabernacle, the offerings, oil, water, incense.

(3) The study of *biography*—the lives of men like Abraham, Jacob, Jo-

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A Soul Winner's Diary—



AN UNFORGETTABLE NEW YEAR'S EVE

BY ALMA WARE CROSBY

FEAR IS A WEAPON THE DEVIL USES to paralyze God's people and steal their victories. In the great warfare for souls "Davids" are needed as much today as in the time of Goliath.

God put me to such a test years ago when a young man from New York City, who knew me only as a business woman and seemed to like me, asked if I would favor him by entertaining his mother on New Year's eve. He explained that he had been sent to our town recently to take a position. His mother was coming to spend the holidays with him. Since he planned to go out with other young people to a party on this one night, he thought she would like me very much and would enjoy being with me and doing whatever I had planned.

I took the challenge.

My husband and I had just built a church near our home, as there was no Assembly of God in our end of town. We were so proud of it, though it was incomplete. A tabernacle-type structure, it was unceiled, and had only a single floor, but we were happy to be holding services in it. Our first Christmas and New Year's services were planned for it.

New Year's eve arrived. The young man brought his mother to our home. God was meeting with us so sweetly in our new little church. I always said that "any building that is good enough for God's presence is good enough for a king." But I will admit that *fear* tried to paralyze me when I saw the lovely lady come dressed in an evening gown with a train.

I greeted her graciously, however, and like David I started "throwing my stones." I explained that her son had so sweetly given her to me for this New Year's eve. I explained that we had built a little church and were celebrating our first New Year's eve in

it. I told her we would have singing and a varied gospel program until midnight, and then we would go to our knees to usher in the New Year. I described how we invited in many poor children, also went for many old people who lived in homes for the aged. An interlude was planned at ten o'clock for fellowship and refreshments. "Oh," I said, "we are so thrilled with it all. It will be a happy evening."

She was a gracious lady and said, "Just anything you have planned will be lovely, I know."

At the service she entered into the singing, helped us very happily to serve the refreshments to all. She loved the little children and the old folk and tenderly moved among them. Then the time came for the last part of the service. I had planned for the sacrament of communion and for feet washing. The devil said to me, "Yes, she's happy so far, but you didn't tell her about the feet washing."

I pressed on, however, bringing a message about the Lord's Supper, and then gave an altar call. This mother went forward to our crude altar and wept her way through to salvation; then she partook of the sacrament.

After this I gave a little message on feet washing. We divided the men and women and brought in the pans. The mother threw her train over her arm and washed feet with us.

She told me happily, but tearfully, that this had been the best New Year's eve in all her life. She went back to New York City a *new* woman.

I am glad God helped me, though the devil through fear fought me hard, to take the challenge. This unforgettable New Year's eve taught me that Christ is the answer to the need in every heart, rich and poor alike; so let's step forth like David and be "brave" for Jesus. ◀ ◀



THE WORD MADE FLESH

BY J. ROBERT ASHCROFT

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GOD IN FLESH! THAT IS JESUS. Not in word or in stone, but "The Word was God...the Word became flesh."

For centuries man had sought a physical representation of God on earth. Now it is come. "And we beheld His glory...we have seen with our eyes, we have looked upon...our hands have handled, of the Word..." (John 1:14; 1 John 1:1).

With the Word made flesh, infinite wisdom is expressed. Omnipotent

power is unleashed and unlimited love released. Truth is here. Faith is in action. What a glorious historic moment—the most exalted in history. No man had seen God at any time, but He was revealed by the only begotten Son, who was in the bosom of the Father. Now all men can see, for God is in the flesh, reconciling man unto Himself. Oh, glory to God.

Nature is an inadequate voice of God. History falls short in revealing Him. But the living Word, Jesus Christ, is the perfect revelation because He is redemptive! No other revelation of God redeems but that revelation which is in flesh! "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Jesus, the Word in flesh, was God. Now the mystery is out. "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh...believed on in the world" (1 Timothy 3:16). The Word in flesh is God manifested.

Jesus is the *living* Word. His words brought life. Never did any man speak like this man, for He had authority. When He spoke nature obeyed; the wild winds waned. When He spoke evil obeyed; the devil-possessed were delivered, the demons departed. When He spoke illness vanished; disease was defeated. The living God spoke the life-giving Word!

Jesus knew His word was from God. "Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me: or else believe Me for the very works' sake" (John 14:11).

Jesus did the work of God. Nicodemus saw it and said, "Thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him..." (John 3:2). No other revelation of God was so complete as God manifesting Himself in flesh. Jesus acted like God because He was God. "This beginning of miracles did Jesus...and manifested forth His glory; and the disciples believed on Him" (John 2:11).

It has always been so. As God is manifested truly, men believe.

Only as God is manifested in flesh today will men believe. Since Jesus has been received into heaven, it is only through the lives of believers that God can be manifested through a human body. It is again the living, spoken Word of God that is redemptive. The



J. Robert Ashcroft, author of the new book, *Ways of Understanding God's Word*, which is the 1961 Training Month book selection.



Word is not made flesh by ritual, by religion, or by the will of man, but by the will of God. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the SONS OF GOD" (John 1:12).

Glorious prospects now emerge. God is showing Himself through sons (plural) of God. Of Jesus the Scriptures say, "We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man...in bringing many sons unto glory" (Hebrews 2:9-10).

The Word is now being made flesh again and again as each child of God receives that living Word. Jesus urged this on His hearers. "If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7). Jesus prayed this miracle of manifestation might continue. "As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world...that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us...and the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one; I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one" (John 15:7; 17:18, 21, 22, 23).

When God is in flesh, how does He manifest Himself? Peter and the disciples are examples. They acted like Jesus. They healed the lame man at the beautiful gate. They were asked, "By what authority, or by what name, have ye done this?" (Acts 4:7).

God is shown forth in Paul. "And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying...the gods are come down to us in the likeness of men...they called Barnabas Jupiter, and Paul Mercurius" (Acts 14:11-12). Paul remonstrated, "Why do ye these things? We are men

of like passions with you" (Acts 14:15). But Paul taught the truth of God manifest in flesh through His servants when he said, "Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to His saints: to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you" (Colossians 1:26-27).

Over 165 times Paul uses the expression "in Christ" or "Christ in you." Such emphasis cannot go unnoticed.

Is God made evident today? Yes, if His Word is being made flesh. Not if the Word remains a dead letter, for the letter killeth. There is no famine for the Word of God here in America, though there is in other nations. Here the famine is for the *hearing* of the Word, the doing of the Word. There are more books, Bibles, tracts, churches, radio programs than ever before; but there is less hearing, believing, knowing, and acting the Word of God.

Let the Word be made flesh!

1. *By hearing the Word of God with faith.*

The Word is being spoken, but the hearers are dull, like the Pharisees, who heard Jesus. They had ears to hear but could not really receive the living Word of God. They were like the Israelites of old; "the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it" (Hebrews 4:2). When the Word is heard and believed, there is action. These are the wise hearers who hear the Word and do it.

2. *Let the Word be made flesh by reading God's Word.*

Paul enjoined young Timothy, "Give attendance to reading. . . . Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee" (1 Timothy 4:13-16).

Such admonition is sound. If the eye is single, the whole body will be full of light. The divided mind, filled with the passing scene of contemporary

economic, social, and civic life, robs us of the true Christian life. How sad. Christ is not made evident. God is not made flesh. Children of God have no time for reading, meditation, and dedication to the Word of God, which is able to make one wise unto salvation.

3. *Let the Word be made flesh by studying God's Word.*

Paul loved the Word. In his letter to Timothy there are touching words about the great apostle's needs while in prison. Notice the priority: "The cloke . . . when thou comest bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments" (2 Timothy 4:13). How precious were those documents, which were the written truths of God's Word, so dear to the heart of Paul.

Only a genuine widespread study of God's Word with every believer becoming a student will produce the revival for which we long. Paul commands, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). Such a discipline will lead us on into Christian maturity.

All our churches are being urged to study the Sunday school department's recommended book for the 1961 training month, *Ways of Understanding God's Word*. The purpose of this text is to put into the hands of the average Christian a tool with which he may "rightly divide the Word of Truth" for

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GOOD SUCCESS

GOD'S PROMISE TO JOSHUA WAS NOT merely success. It was *good* success (Joshua 1:8).

In these days of specialization the church must observe its activities more closely to determine the value of efforts upon which it is expending its energies. It is a poor organization indeed which does not show growth. Yet, frequently an organization actually fails as rapidly and as certainly as it apparently succeeds.

After England won the battle at Bunker Hill through suffering severe losses, British General William Howe, in a letter to his brother, wrote, "I freely confess to you that success is too dearly bought." The church, organized to reach the world, began poor in spirit and poor in purse, and if it moves to the other extreme and makes alliance with the world it will surely fail because of its very success. It is possible by our success to incapacitate ourselves for God's work.

Following the battle at Bunker Hill, a well-known American general remarked, "I wish we could sell them another hill at the same price." When word reached the British Parliament, William Eden, ancestor of Anthony

Eden, said, "Eight more such victories and we shall have no one left to report them."

Good success cannot come by sacrificing godly principles and lofty ideals. *Good* success can be gained only as we hold to the principles and ideals as set forth by the Word of God.

Good success for which we, as a church, must strive may come to us donned in the clothing of failure. Paul wrote from his Roman prison, from which he never escaped, to his spiritual son Timothy, that "godliness is profitable," because he had a right and true perspective on success. For the same reason John could write with great joy from the rocky isle of Patmos, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day!"

Good success must be our objective for, generally speaking, success can be "too dearly bought." The enemy dedicates himself to selling success to the people of God at too great a price.

Bible success lies in fulfilling God's will and purpose. His own Son had to die to become successful. But, thank God, His own summary of His death was that it was "finished." What *good* success! May we observe the lesson and profit thereby. —Everett Stenhouse

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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Publications

NEW EDITION OF WESLEY'S WRITINGS TO BE PUBLISHED SOON

A ten-year project to publish the "first complete definitive edition" of John Wesley's works has been undertaken jointly by five leading Methodist seminaries in the U.S.

Dr. Frank Baker of London, secretary of the Wesley Historical Society in England, has been named archivist and bibliographer of the work. There will be about 35 volumes in the complete set of Wesley's writings.

BIBLE SOCIETIES REPORT RECORD DISTRIBUTION OF SCRIPTURES

More than 29,530,000 copies of the Scriptures were distributed throughout the world last year by member groups of the United Bible Societies. This was an all-time record, it was reported at the 42nd annual meeting of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society.

Of this total, the American society alone was responsible for more than half. The American Bible Society distributed some 17,650,000 Scriptures last year with a budget of approximately four million dollars. The Advisory Council endorsed a budget of \$4,307,000 for an expanded program in 1961.

At present the American Bible Society, in co-operation with twenty-two similar societies throughout the world, is engaged in translating, publishing, and distributing Bibles and Scripture portions in 75 countries and territories, in 296 different languages.

SCHOOL BOARD REJECTS GIDEONS' OFFER OF FREE TESTAMENTS

A request from the Gideon Camp of New Castle, Pa. to make New Testaments available to public school students was rejected by the city school board.

In its request, Gideons pointed out that 63,000 copies of the Bible already had been distributed in Beaver, Butler, and Lawrence Counties. Under the Gideon plan, parents and ministers must first consent to the distribution.

The New Castle school board cited an opinion of the Department of Justice which said distribution of Bibles to students is "in violation" of the U. S. Constitution—and yet the Bible is the book from which the Constitution draws its basic strength and validity!

Radio

FEBC GETS AMERICAN TRANSMITTER

The Far East Broadcasting Company, which has numerous transmitters in Asia, now has a transmitter in America. From KGEI, with studios and a 50,000-watt transmitter in Belmont, Calif., the organization will beam gospel broadcasts toward Mexico and Central American republics. Bulk of the programming at first will be done in Spanish, with Portuguese to be added soon.

TWO PIONEERS IN GOSPEL RADIO BURIED SAME WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA

Two gospel preachers well known to millions of radio listeners were laid to rest during the first week of November.

One was Percy B. Crawford, 58, who died of a heart attack. Dr. Crawford was famed for his "Young People's Church of the Air" broadcasts and his summer youth camps.

The other great preacher was Donald Grey Barnhouse, 65, who died a few days after undergoing surgery for a brain tumor. Dr. Barnhouse was known for his books and his writings in *Eternity*, his monthly magazine, as well as his radio and pastoral ministry.

Missions

SERVICEMEN IN LIBYA SEND OFFERING TO CONGO MISSIONARIES

U. S. servicemen stationed at Wheelus Field Air Base in Libya recently contributed \$518.60 to aid displaced Congo missionaries. During last summer, many missionaries caught in the Congolese uprisings were rescued by these airmen and brought to the Wheelus Field base for a brief stopover. The airmen decided to send an offering to assist any of these missionaries



This float in the Christmas parade at Tulare, Calif. attracted much attention and favorable publicity for its sponsor, the Tulare Assembly of God Church (Paul J. Smith, pastor). A live donkey and two live sheep gave a realistic atmosphere to this depiction of the Nativity. Light from the star and the shepherds' bonfire added to the effect.

who might still be displaced and in financial need.

MILLION MORE UNCHURCHED EVERY YEAR

A Lutheran leader told delegates at his denomination's biennial convention that "every year an additional 1,000,000 persons are being added to the 66,000,000 Americans who have no church home." Dr. Donald L. Houser, executive secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America, warned that if allowed to continue, the situation would "bring about a post-Christian era" in North America.

"Church attendance is no longer popular," he said. "The church no longer receives a welcome reception as it enters a new community. Only by recapturing the sense of urgency to carry out our mission and allowing the Holy Ghost to compel response can the tide be turned."

Miscellany

METHODISTS OUTNUMBER OTHER SENATORS

Methodists will again outnumber members of other religious denominations in the U. S. Senate in the 87th Congress. They will have 19 members. Baptists will be second with 15 senators, Episcopalians third with 14, and Presbyterians will follow with 11. The new Senate will have 87 Protestants, 11 Roman Catholics, and 2 Jewish members.

ODES TO ATHEISM WANTED

In connection with its campaign to popularize atheistic birth, marriage, and burial ceremonies, the Communist government of Hungary is seeking appropriate words and music. The Budapest *Nepszava* has announced a nationwide contest aimed at producing a poem to be recited at "name-giving" ceremonies, a "hymn" to be sung at weddings, and a choral work to be performed at funerals. We predict it will be difficult for composers to find very much inspiration for such odes to atheism.

YOUNG SCIENCE STUDENTS DISPLAY LIVELY INTEREST IN CHURCH

A survey made at the recent National Youth Conference on the Atom, in Chicago, indicates that the scientists of the next generation will be devoted church-goers. The survey of 300 of the nation's most promising high-school science students showed that more than 80 per cent of these young people attend church regularly and are active in church affairs.

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

God says in Isaiah 43:25, "I . . . will not remember thy sins." Does He forget our sins?

God does not forget that we have sinned, but when He saves us He does not call our sins to memory to condemn us. The condemnation before Him is all blotted out.

In Corinthians 14:27 Paul says, "and let one interpret." If three messages in tongues are given in a service, must the same person interpret all of the messages?

I think the meaning of this passage of Scripture is, "and let someone interpret." The same person might interpret all the messages, or different persons might interpret, one message at a time. The person who spoke in tongues might interpret his own message. "Let him that speaketh in tongues pray that he might interpret" (1 Corinthians 14:13).

Would it be contrary to the love of God in a person's heart to go to court to compel a deserting husband to support his own children?

The Bible says, "If any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house . . . (he) is worse than an infidel" (1 Timothy 5:8). Then it points out in 1 Timothy 1:9, "The law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient." Therefore, if a man refuses to support his children the law is made for him.

Matthew Henry states that there were two tables of the law—the one giving commandments which relate to our obedience to God, the other our proper attitude to man. He says the first table deals with godliness, the second with righteousness. Do you agree with this? Was there more than one table of the law?

The Lord gave Moses two tables of law. See Exodus 32:5, 16. I like the way Matthew Henry sets them forth. Our relationship to God is either godly or ungodly. Our relationship to our fellow man is either righteous or unrighteous. If we love God with all our heart, we will obey those commandments that relate to Him. We will be godly. If we love our neighbor as ourself, we will obey the laws relative to man, and will live righteously. We will then "live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world."

A CORRECTION

In the November 27th issue it was stated in this column that the records of the crucifixion of Jesus do not tell whether He was tied or nailed to the cross, and the following references were given: Matthew 27:35-38; Mark 15:24-27; Luke 23:33; John 19:18.

I am sorry to have omitted the clear evidence that Jesus was nailed, not tied to the cross. The prophet had said, "What are these wounds in thy hands?" (Zechariah 13:6). This prophecy undoubtedly was fulfilled at Calvary for Jesus pointed to the nail prints when He said to Thomas, after His resurrection, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands: and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side" (John 20:27). The apostle Paul also referred to the nails when he said Jesus blotted out the handwriting of ordinances against us "nailing them to his cross" (Colossians 2:14).

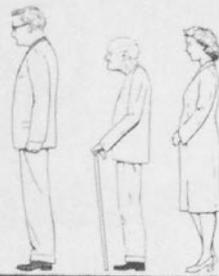
I am grateful for the interest shown by the many friends who wrote to me about this question.

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).



Testimonies of HEALING

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JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TO-DAY, AND FOR EVER (Hebrews 13:8)

A MAJOR TESTIFIES

BY JOHN N. DE SANCTIS
MAJOR, U.S. ARMY

FOR YEARS MY LIFE WAS SELF CENTERED. I lived according to my own plans and desires. Certain ambitions were my goals in life and I gave them priority above family and home—and above God.

Then suddenly, without warning, my wife became seriously ill. Within five weeks her body, particularly the lower portion, swelled abnormally. She was in intense pain. At Fort Monmouth's Patterson Hospital the medical officers determined that she had a tumorous growth in her left ovary. She was readied for surgery. On the afternoon of December 12, 1958, she went into the operating room.

Before I saw my wife again I was called into the surgeon's office. Frankly he explained that my wife had a cancerous growth the size of a volleyball and that any attempt to remove it surgically could mean instant death. He told me she would be dead in any event in a matter of months.

My whole world collapsed. My plans, ambitions, and goals were not important now. I had given them my all, but now, confronted with the loss of my wife, my children's mother, they shrank into insignificance. My existence had been based upon the sand of false values.

I had witnessed heartache, tragedy, and death before. I had seen such firsthand many times in World War II and in Korea. A soldier is prepared for these. But I was not prepared for this stark tragedy in my own family.

Many of my military friends and associates came to me with compassionate and sympathetic understanding. Military authorities in high places tried to lighten my burden, but such kindness

could not reach the heart of my problem. I was perplexed and lost. So the words of my friends and colleagues could get no further than my ears. My wife was moved to St. Alban's Naval Hospital in New York for care by specialists. There the seriousness of her condition was confirmed.

In desperation I telephoned my half-brother, James Tate, who had accepted Jesus Christ many years ago. He was not at home so I spoke to my nephew, James Tate, Jr., an ordained Assemblies of God minister, who counseled me over the phone. Acting on his advice I phoned Norman Nethers, pastor of First Pentecostal Church, Long Branch, New Jersey, and asked him to visit me. Upon his arrival he opened the Word of God and showed me the appropriate scriptures that led me to the throne of divine grace through Jesus Christ. My acceptance of this magnificent gift of salvation has been the most wonderful experience of my entire life.

Immediately I embarked upon a new existence, based on values different from the old. With the miracle of the new creation came the mighty moving of God in every facet of my life. X-ray therapy reduced my wife's tumor to such an extent that in six weeks it was possible to remove it surgically. The presence of positive tumor cells elsewhere in her body required repeated



Major John N. De Sanctis

tests and the use of chorambucil, an experimental drug.

Though in December 1958 she had been given only months to live, now she has experienced an amazing return to health. There are those who refuse to see the hand of God in her recovery, and credit man with the ability to cope with his own problems without God's help. But to me, my acceptance of Christ and my prayers to God have a central place in this story. Now my wife and I, in complete faith together with other saints of God, believe in complete healing for His honor and glory. ◀◀

MIRACLES STILL HAPPEN

BY MRS. DONNIS LINK
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

MY PHONE RANG IN TULSA. IT WAS my brother calling from Pennsylvania.

Before he had talked with me very long he began to weep, and exclaimed, "God won't take me back."

I reminded him that just a few years ago I had been an alcoholic, shackled by the liquor habit, but that, though I had seemed hopelessly lost in sin, God had set me free. I assured my brother that God is gracious and merciful to all who call upon His name, and I offered an audible prayer for him while he listened at the other end of the long-distance line.

At first he was doubtful, but when I repeated the great things God had done for me and prayed a second time, he seemed to believe.

When I telephoned him later, he told me that he had the assurance that the Lord gives when He forgives our sins and cleanses our hearts.

I am so thankful that miracles still happen! Not only did the Lord save my soul and set me free from alcohol; He also healed my bodily afflictions.

As a teen-age girl I had known the Lord. But then I backslid—took the trail downward. There came the time when it seemed that I was completely controlled by Satan. I was oppressed by him.

I had a wonderful husband, and still have him; but inwardly I knew only anguish. In seeking satisfaction from life I began to drink. By 1952, I had become an alcoholic.

Oh, the anguish of the life of an

alcoholic! For two years I was completely addicted to the liquor habit. Along with that, I smoked cigarettes incessantly.

Besides being so far from God through the bondage of sin, I was afflicted physically. My eyes were weak and so astigmatic that I could not distinguish my hand in front of my face. I also had a nervous heart. There had been three unsuccessful major operations, which had left me frail in body.

But there was a change to come in my life!

I usually sent my son to Sunday school. But one Sunday he asked, "Mother, why don't you take me to Sunday school yourself?" His request pierced my heart. It led me back to the house of God.

Christians noted my condition and began to pray for me. A number have told me how they prayed for my salvation. I am so glad God heard and answered their prayers. In March, 1954, the Lord saved my soul and delivered me from the bondages of alcohol and cigarettes.

A few weeks after I found the Lord, I was praying one morning in my home. As I arose from prayer I felt compelled to remove my glasses. When I did I found that my eyes were normal. The Lord had restored my sight!

The heart ailment persisted, however. But one Sunday morning, in a service at Home Gardens Assembly of God in Tulsa, a Christian friend, Celia Price, handed me her Bible. "Read Isaiah 53:4, 5 until you really believe it," she urged. I read the Scriptures. When we had congregational prayer, Celia placed her hands upon me and prayed for my heart. Ever since that morning my heart has been all right.

I am devoting my time to Christian service now. For delivering me from the habits that had fastened themselves to my life, for healing my body, and for saving my soul I thank the Lord from the bottom of my heart. I am very grateful to Him for His mercy.—Mrs. Donnis Link, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

(This testimony has been endorsed by J. R. Cissna, Pastor of Home Gardens Assembly of God, Tulsa, Oklahoma.)

Let the new year be a year of freedom from sin, a year of service, a year of trust in God, and it will be a happy year from first to last. It may be the hardest year we have known, but it will be the happiest.—J. M. Buckley.

Healed As I Watched

BY VIOLA HINMAN
DENVER, COLORADO

I WATCHED GOD PERFORM A MIRACLE of healing on my leg which had been ulcerated for nearly two years.

The weeping ulcer had developed on my left leg just above the ankle. As I am a small woman, my shin bone was soon reached by the sore causing most excruciating pain. As a result I lost my appetite and became very thin. I studied the Book of Job and drew comfort from Hebrews 12:6, "For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son He receiveth."

The wound became so large that it took a four-by-four-inch gauze pad to cover it. But the officials of the Glad Tidings Tabernacle encouraged me to attend church as often as possible and they prayed earnestly for me.

One afternoon while I was sitting at home, with my foot on a chair in the sun, the miracle took place. I was praying, "Lord Thou wilt not leave me comfortless." Suddenly a thin light brown filmy substance began to come from the bottom of the wound. At the same time, from the top and the sides I saw the filmy substance take shape and come together in the center. I beheld as God healed me at last. Praise God.

At the very next service I was at church and gratefully told the congregation what God had done for me.

I protected the scar with gauze pads for a time, as it was very tender, but the healing was complete. After a year now it is still healed. Thank the Lord, "by His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).

(R. C. Schachterle, pastor of Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Denver, Colo. endorses this testimony. He states, "Sister Hinman truly suffered untold agony with the ulcer, and it has been a source of faith building for the whole church to know that God heard and healed her.")

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to the Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.



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THE JEWISH CALENDAR

By JEANETTE APTON

THE JEWISH PEOPLE THE WORLD over observed their New Year in September. Unlike the general worldly way of celebrating the New Year, in rowdiness, drinking, etc., the Jewish people observe their New Year very solemnly and before God. They believe that on this day their fate for another year, whether to live or to die, to be sick or to be well, and all the rest of their destiny is determined by God. Thus they spend time in prayer and worship.

Sad to say, their efforts are in vain—because they only “read” prayers from the prayer book. Their worship does not penetrate to the throne of God, because it is only through their own efforts, apart from the atonement of the only great High Priest, Christ, who is the only Mediator between God and man. It is indeed sad that all this effort at holiness and godliness should not avail them of the peace and blessing they are seeking.

This is the year 5721 according to the Jewish calendar. This too should give us some stimulation for thought as to the times in which we are living. Several hundred years of this calendar were lost in the wilderness and slavery

experiences. So actually, it is even closer to the year 6,000.

Considering the creation, “God made the world in six days and then rested.” Considering our times, God has been working these 6,000 years, bringing man back into fellowship with Himself. And with the Lord we know “a thousand years are as one day.” Therefore, we may conclude, that with the Lord, these 6,000 years are as but “six days.” Such being the case, we are fast approaching the seven thousandth year—the Millennium, in which God shall rest from His work of dealing with the nations to return to Him.

Before this time, a number of things must happen, the most important of which, to the Christian, is the Rapture. No man knows the day nor the hour, but we can know the general time in which we are living. And just from mere calculation of the Jewish calendar, aside from all the other signs of our times, we know the time is “at the door” for our Lord’s return—and what we do we must do *quickly!* Let us put forth more effort than ever before to evangelization of God’s blinded people. —*Hebrew Evangel*

Rosh Hashana

The Jewish New Year

New Year’s Day in Judaism is not at all an astronomical phenomenon, but is primarily a day of spiritual significance. It is the day on which every Jew is called upon to take a spiritual inventory of his own life, and to re-order his ways in keeping with God’s will. (Perhaps Gentiles could take a tip from the Jewish people concerning taking a spiritual inventory on New Year’s Day.)

In Jewish tradition, aside from being New Year’s Day, the first of Tishri ushers in the Days of Awe, known in Hebrew as the “Yomin Noroim.” It is a solemn occasion on which every human must strive to reconcile himself with fellow man and the Almighty. This is the purpose for the blowing of the Shofar.

January first is purely a civil and national holiday. It has no specific religious implications. Rosh Hashana, on the other hand, observed by the Jewish people—and generally occurring in September—is mainly a spiritual and religious holy day. This civil holiday bears no relation to Rosh Hashana which occurs in the fall of the year. The one is a holiday; the other is a holy day. New Year is secular in the main; Rosh Hashana is spiritual throughout.

—*Compiled from Calendar of American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc.*

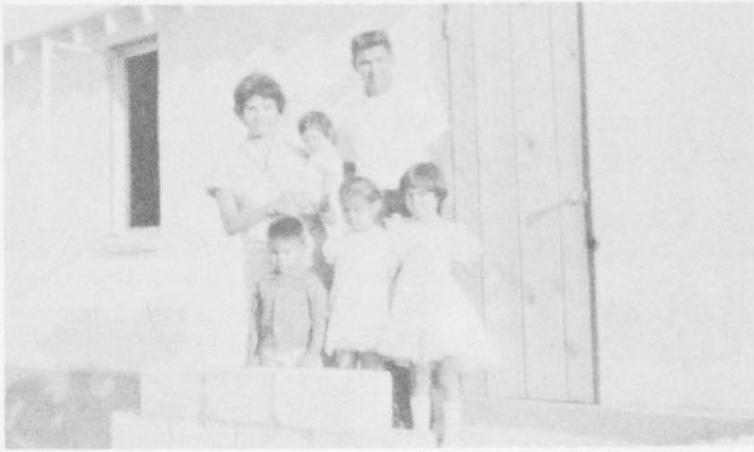


1961 MISSION U.S.A. RALLIES BEING PLANNED

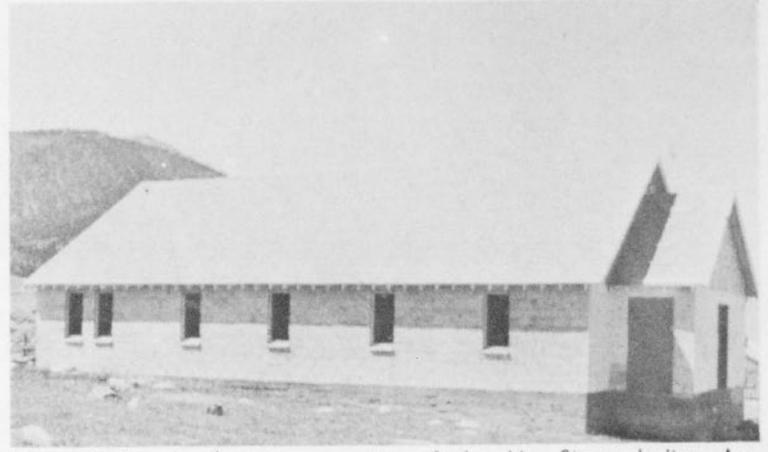
G. F. Lewis, executive director of the Home Missions Department, and R. L. Brandt, national secretary, pictured here, discuss plans for 1961 Mission U.S.A. rallies to be conducted over the nation, most of them in February.

Operation Home Base is the theme chosen for this year’s emphasis. District home missions representatives will spearhead the rallies in their own districts, working with national leaders. The number of new Assemblies of God churches opened in 1960, and the 1961 church extension goals, both district and national, will be announced at the 1961 rallies.

All Mission U.S.A. offerings are divided on the Share Plan, whereby 50 per cent is placed in the Krause Loan Fund, 25 per cent is returned to the district, and 25 per cent goes into the Emergency Fund of the National Home Missions Department. Already several pioneer churches have been granted loans for building programs from the 1960 offerings which went into the Krause Loan Fund.



The Mt. Sierra Indian Assembly in Woodfords, Calif. which was dedicated last August



Alfred Elgin, Jr. (missionary-pastor of the Mt. Sierra Indian Assembly) with his family in front of the church

Indian Assembly Dedicated

BY RUTH LYON

NESTLING IN THE BEAUTIFUL foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and overlooking the highway below, the new Mt. Sierra Indian Assembly is pointing the Washoe Indian people to Christ. A young, consecrated couple, the Alfred Elgins, pastor this little flock.

The attractive cement block building was dedicated August 25, 1960. George Effman, president of the American Indian Fellowship of the Northern California-Nevada District, was in charge of the dedication services. Christ's Ambassadors of the North Hollywood Assembly were touring the district's Indian churches with Brother Effman and stopped over for this event. Clyde Henson, pastor of Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif., was the evening speaker.

Over 250 Indian folk from the neighboring cities came by the car loads. The large crowd thrilled the missionaries. A number came forward for salvation and others reconsecrated their lives. Quite a few were saved during the revival meetings held previously by Manuel Cordova, assisted by Charles Pedro from Alaska.

Sunday school attendance over the past year has averaged 41 which is a considerable increase over the 14 who attended the first session. Attendance has reached 50 at times. Due to cold weather and poor heating, the Sunday school dropped in November.

The interior of the building is attractive with its light green walls and oyster white ceiling. The floors are concrete and rugs are needed. The church also includes a pastor's study.

This new full-gospel mission for the Washoe Indian people did not *just happen*. It is the result of vision, prayer, and Christian generosity. The Vallejo WMC "Sewooda" group is sponsoring the drilling of a well on the church property (having raised \$250 themselves toward it), besides donating five gallons of paint and \$10 for sheetrock for the church. (The Elgins carry all their water some distance.) The members of the *Crusaders for Christ* adult Sunday school class in the Santa Rosa Assembly of God, inspired by their teacher, Mrs. Marie Smith, adopted this new church as a class project.

First boxes of clothing were shipped; then a truck load of furniture which even included a rug for the altar. The class sent an offering, as well, to supplement Brother Elgin's small income. Then, at Easter, they provided new clothing for the Elgin family. Finally they pledged financial assistance each month to prove their new-found missionary vision.

When the *Crusaders* learned that Brother Elgin was going to lose his car because of such a small budget on which to support his family, they made the back payments. Beyond this, they assumed the remaining balance, thus relieving Missionary Elgin of this burden. A car is essential in Indian work.

A parsonage is also an urgent need here. But Missionary Elgin put the church first. He donated for the church some lumber that was given for the building of a parsonage. Stanley Lyon, a C.P.A. of Reno, Nev., made arrangements to have the lumber hauled from

Truckee, Calif. Paul Currey, of Elko, Nev., donated some much-needed 2 x 4's so some of the partitions might be placed in the rear of the main edifice to divide the Sunday school area.

There is enough lumber left to build the foundation and part of the parsonage structure. The great need at present is cement for the foundation.

The Elgin family, including four children, has lived for the past year in a much-too-small 15- by 24-foot church building.

Unemployment has posed a financial problem for the members of the congregation during the building project; but God has graciously and miraculously supplied the needs of the congregation and the pastor and his lovely family through various means. The people have done all they can do to help their pastor by supplying groceries, etc., as they were able. In Psalm 100:5, we read, "For the Lord is good." The Washoe Indian Christians surely believe this Scripture, for God has not failed them as they have faithfully trusted Him.

Today, these people can look with pride upon their own new church, which is truly an asset to the community. As they gather for services, their hearts are lifted in gratefulness to God. Neither do they forget the faithful Christians of other churches who have helped to make the new Mt. Sierra Assembly possible.

The National Home Missions Department maintains seven Special Ministries through contributions of interested individuals and churches. They are: American Indians, Jews, Prisoners, Foreign-Language groups, the Deaf, the Blind, and Alaska. Recently Teen-Age Evangelism has been placed under the Prison Division. Your offering designated for SPECIAL MINISTRIES may be sent direct to the Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

Be Glad If They Are 'Chicken'

BY MARGARET FREEMAN

ALL EVENING JAN'S DATE WAS IN high spirits. Their ride was so pleasant, until he turned onto a deserted side road instead of making the turn toward her home.

Jan was an attractive sixteen-year-old junior in high school. She could easily have been your daughter or mine. Now her forebodings crystallized hurriedly as the boy, after stopping the car, reached under the seat for a flask.

A frantic throb beat against her temples as Jan contemplated her terrible predicament. How had she ever gotten into such a difficult situation? Should she take the burning drink, or should she be true to her convictions? She had known all along that she was playing with fire by dating this boy. His standards just did not measure up to those she had been taught to respect all her life.

But now she was forced into a tight corner. If she refused to drink, the boy would taunt her by saying she was "chicken." Could she stand against such ridicule? Somehow those who flaunt that word seem able to convince so many young people that to be "chicken" carries a stigma of cowardice. Actually, however, it is not the coward who stands up against the wrong. It is the boy or girl who has courage and backbone who can refuse the drink—as Jan did. She would rather be called "chicken" than to go against her conscience.

Our children will meet many characters like this young fellow. It is our responsibility as parents to prepare them for such occasions. Our children need to understand the real meaning of being "chicken," and something about those who flaunt this epithet. Let's teach them that these epithet throwers get results only so long as people go along with them. Our young people can

help wipe out this demoralizing racket if they refuse to go along with the crowd.

The person who uses the word "chicken" is usually confused, unsure, and unstable. He feels inferior but hides that feeling under a cocksure bluster and bravado. He tries to justify himself by putting someone else on a lower level. Like a young child who strikes out at someone when he is angry, he, too, is babyish in his actions and lack of self-control. Something is wrong with him, not with the one he condemns under threat of "chicken."

He is usually in the lower level of his class, and points with scorn at "eggheads." Let us warn our children against these persons who are going no place in such a hurry. They spend endless hours screeching around corners in their cars. Many of them ap-

pear strangers to soap, water, and the barber.

They deride boys or girls dressed in their best as "chicken" because they are too lazy to be careful of their own appearance. So they term any girl who refuses a date with them, and anyone making top grades, or sticking with worthwhile activities. Those who refuse to skip school, or to violate rules—in fact, anyone who does not go along with them—is "chicken." By tossing out this bullying word they try to silence the voice of their own guilty conscience.

What can we encourage our children to do? We can encourage them to join a crowd that is sure where it is going. Young people who attend church ordinarily come from homes where good morals are taught. Therefore, we should encourage our boys and girls to associate with the church. Teach them to stand up for what is right, to turn a deaf ear to the bluster and name calling. Tell them to be glad when someone calls them "chicken." It can mean that they have courage and can stand their ground.

As parents, we need to help our children to learn to think things through, to remain calm under pressure, to respect themselves, and to stand alone rather than go along with the wrong crowd. God will help us to do this, if we pray. Let us teach them to love God, and to obey His laws from their earliest days, so they may have a sure foundation upon which to build the right kind of life for themselves.

FOR THE JUNIOR READER

MORE GEMS FROM ISAIAH

Here are some more favorite verses from Isaiah—the book often called the "Gospel of the Old Testament." Can you fill in the blanks? Each space represents a missing letter of a word.

1. "Ho, every one that _____, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no _____; come ye, buy, and _____" (55:1).

2. "_____ ye the Lord while he may be _____, call ye upon him while he is _____" (55:6).

3. "Let the _____ forsake his way, and the _____ man his thoughts; and let him _____ unto the Lord, and he will have _____ upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly _____" (55:7).

4. "For my thoughts are not your _____, neither are your _____ my _____, saith the Lord" (55:8).

5. "So shall my _____ be that goeth

forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me _____, but it shall _____ that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing where-to I sent it" (55:11).

6. "Behold, the Lord's _____ is not _____, that it cannot save; neither is his _____ heavy, that it cannot _____" (59:1).

7. "When the _____ shall come in like a flood, the _____ of the Lord shall lift up a _____ against him" (59:19).

8. "But we are all as an _____ thing, and all our _____ are as filthy rags" (64:6).

ANSWERS
 1—thirst, money, eat; 2—Seek, found, near; 3—wicked, unrighteous, return, mercy, pardon; 4—thoughts, ways, ways, 5—word, void, accomplish; 6—hand, shortened, car, hear; 7—enemy, Spirit, standard; 8—unclean, righteousnesses.



The Family Altar



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

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

READ: Psalm 104:1-13

LEARN: "Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honor and majesty" (Psalm 104:1).

FOR THE PARENT: We serve a great God who does great things. From this passage point out God's activities in creation and in the sustenance of nature. Also point out His power and might. Verses 6-13 discuss the earth and its water, showing: (1) the permanence of the earth, v. 5; (2) the flood of Noah's time, v. 6; (3) the emergence of the earth at God's word, v. 7; (4) the pattern of watering the earth, vv. 8, 10-13; (5) the entire earth will not again be flooded, v. 9. This shows also God's concern and care for His own.

QUESTION TIME: What ended the flood? (v. 7) Will there ever be another universal flood? (v. 9)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. G. B. Anderson, Ghana; B. Colleen Guinn, India; Mrs. Quentin Shortes, Guatemala; Mrs. William C. Stepp, Venezuela.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

READ: Psalm 104:14-24

LEARN: "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches" (Psalm 104:24).

FOR THE PARENT: Review yesterday's material. This passage shows how the various parts of God's creation work together. Discuss some of these (the grass for the cattle, the trees for the birds' nests, the high hills for the wild goats, etc.) showing God's wisdom and design in planning the world as it is. Also show one difference between man and animals: animals prowl at night; man works in the day. The spiritual significance is that we must work for the Lord while we have the opportunity to do so.

QUESTION TIME: How do the various parts of God's creation work together? What lessons can you see in this?

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

READ: Psalm 104:25-35

LEARN: "Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth" (Psalm 104:30).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the material studied earlier this week. The sea also shows the wisdom and power of God, vv. 25, 26. All creation depends on God and on His sustaining power—life and death are in His hands, vv. 27-30. Because of God's might and power, we should tell others about Him and His great love, we should praise Him, we should sing unto Him, and we should meditate on His goodness and blessings to us, vv. 31-35. Verse 35 also notes the ultimate destruction of the wicked—those who oppose God.

QUESTION TIME: Why do you think all creation depends on God? What should Christians do because God is great and powerful?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Garland E. Benintendi, Taiwan; Mrs. V. F. Smith, Brazil; Mrs. Andrew Maracle (Indian), New York.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

READ: John 1:37-43; Matthew 4:18-20

LEARN: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Andrew, a Good Fisherman" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) After John the Baptist had pointed to Jesus, calling Him the Lamb of God, Andrew and another disciple quickly followed Jesus. Stress Andrew's attitude and actions: sharing the good news with his brother and bringing his brother to Christ. Later Jesus commissioned both Peter and Andrew to be fishers of men. Discuss what this means, emphasizing our responsibility to share the good news of salvation with others.

QUESTION TIME: What made Andrew first follow Jesus? (See above) What did Andrew do when he learned that Jesus was the Messiah? (John 1:40-42)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Mrs. E. W. Erola, Burma.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

READ: John 2:1-11 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God" (Luke 18:27).

FOR THE PARENT: Have the group review the details of this familiar story. This was Jesus' first miracle in Cana, and so it is significant from that standpoint. The important thing to emphasize, however, is the power of Christ to perform miracles—to do what man is unable to do. The lesson also shows how Christ is concerned about every part of life. Stress, too, the importance of obedience—doing whatever Christ tells us to do (verse 5). Show also a result of this miracle (verse 11).

QUESTION TIME: Why is it important that we obey Jesus? How does this miracle illustrate obedience? (vv. 7, 8)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Alberta Daniels, Uruguay; Paul M. Pugh, Uruguay; Mrs. Eugene Herd (Indian), Arizona.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

READ: Joshua 3 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "For thou, Lord, art good . . . unto all them that call upon thee" (Psalm 86:5).

FOR THE PARENT: At times all Christians come upon situations in their lives that seem impossible. Have the group review the details of this story. Stress both faith and obedience to God's commands as these were demonstrated in this story. Show the miracle God performed in response to this faith and obedience. God is able to undertake for the impossible situations of our lives as we trust, believe, and obey Him.

QUESTION TIME: What two qualities are emphasized in this story? (See above) What miracle did God perform? (vv. 16, 17) What application does this have to life today?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Lester S. Kenney, Philippines; Mrs. L. B. Mock, Bolivia; Calvin R. Zeissler, Philippines.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SUNDAY: Alfred G. Elgin, Jr. (Indian), Nevada; Minnie L. Ecklund, Nigeria; B. Martin Kvamme (superannuated), China.



Excerpts From a Missionary Intern's Diary

By GWEN ELLIS

YOU ARE GOING TO JAMAICA AS A missionary intern!" This announcement was a turning point in my life.

Jamaica, at that time, was to me only a little island somewhere in the Caribbean. Soon I was to know this little island, its old cities, its lush tropical vegetation, and its people.

I left Central Bible Institute on May 27, 1960. A few days later I looked down on the "Emerald Isle, set in a turquoise sea." The little city of Montego Bay lay gleaming in the afternoon sun as I stepped from my plane. On a balcony just above me an attractive young woman smiled down as she greeted me, "Welcome to Jamaica."

This was Miss Helen Rye, who is in charge of the Sunday schools for the Assemblies of God throughout the island. I would be at her side for the next nine weeks learning at firsthand the experiences of missionary life. Because of the nature of Miss Rye's work we were able to visit in several churches throughout the island.

During the summer I kept a diary of each day's events, the new foods I ate, the people I met, and the impressions I received from a new way of life. Here are a few excerpts:

June 12—Church today in Montego Bay. I was surprised to find Sunday school being held outside. This seemed

very unusual to one accustomed to bitter northern winters. There is such a nice church here in Montego Bay. The people are very friendly.

June 13—Tonight we had our first meeting with the teachers in Kingston. We will be in Kingston for the next few weeks training teachers for the first Daily Vacation Bible School to be held in Evangel Temple.

June 15—We took a jaunt today to Chapleton to look at the new Assemblies of God Bible School. I am thrilled to think that Jamaica will soon have a place to train young ministers.

June 18—Tonight Miss Rye took me into one of the poorer sections of Kingston. Oh, if only I could describe what I saw. I felt as if I were looking in at the doorway of hell. There were people lying in filth in the streets. I could not help thinking of how the heart of God must be grieved. No—more than grieved. It is no wonder Christ's heart was broken for fallen mankind. I could not sleep when I returned home. I shall never forget what I saw tonight.

June 27—Another Lord's Day. I sang for both services here at Evangel Temple. This seems such a small ministry, but at the moment it is all I can do. The services are so enjoyable.

July 1—We had planned a leisurely

day of rest today but our plans did not materialize. Early, just after we finished breakfast, two men drove up in a truck. They came to spray for malarial mosquitoes. Everything in the house was pulled into the middle of the floor. When they left we found ourselves sitting in the middle of confusion. I had never before thought of the necessity of spraying for malarial mosquitoes.

July 11—Hurricane warnings began last night and continued today. Everyone is buying candles and lamps and gathering water. If the hurricane strikes the island, it may be as long as two weeks before we are able to buy food. There is tension in the air.

July 12—Hurricane warnings have diminished. The hurricane should pass south of Kingston by 3 a.m.

July 15—Today our yard boy brought me a stalk of sugar cane. He laughed when I didn't know what to do with it. After peeling it, I tasted it—a little too sweet for my taste. I have enjoyed the new foods I have tried.

July 16—Market day again. How fast they come. Only a few more market days here in Jamaica for me. Again, tonight, I hear the beating of the Pocomanian drums. The drums tell us that the Pocomanian sect is practicing witchcraft tonight. Loudspeakers blare wild music. This is Saturday night in Jamaica. These people are seeking a peace that only God can give.

August 3—Today was my last day on the island. I have begun to realize in the last two weeks just how much Jamaica has come to mean to me.

August 4—As I looked down on the Kingston airport growing smaller and smaller in the distance, I kept thinking, "Good-bye Kingston, Good-bye Miss Rye." After a short stop in Montego Bay I found tears streaming down my face as I watched the little island slip from view. I thought of the many there who do not know Christ. I began to weep for the lost souls of Jamaica, for the little children who may never know Christ, for the deaf who have no language, for the many old and sick people who soon will leave life still clutching superstition and fear. I thought of the many friends I had made in Jamaica and I realized that I may never see them again in this life. As I leave Jamaica, a part of me stays... a part of my heart.

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Gwen Ellis, a student at Central Bible Institute, was a missionary intern



Sunday school congregation of Evangel Temple, Kingston, Jamaica

in Jamaica last summer. Arrangements are being made by the Foreign Missions Department for students from each of our Assemblies of God Bible schools and colleges to participate in a special internship in Hawaii in the summer of 1961. For more information contact the Missions Director of your Bible school or college campus, or write to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. ◀◀

MISSIONARY News Notes



COMING: Lillian Hogan has returned to the States from Congo. Her address is 621 W. Francis St., Fort William, Ontario, Canada.

The Ovid A. Dillinghams have arrived from India. They are living at 902 Laurent St., Santa Cruz, Calif.

Home from Cuba is Virginia Carpenter. She may be reached at 202 Lakeshore Dr., Lake Helen, Fla.



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lehmann and daughter

Missionary Called Home

Three weeks before an anticipated furlough, Bernhard Johnson, a faithful soldier of the Cross, laid down his life in the service of the Master.



Bernhard Johnson

Brother Johnson went to his eternal reward on November 14 at Varginha, Minas, Brazil. He was ill for only a short time and his homegoing was quite unexpected. For twenty years he had worked untiringly in Brazil—the land of his calling.

Bernhard Johnson was born on April 20, 1894, in Arbra, Sweden. He was educated in Sweden and came to the United States while still a young man. On August 29, 1926, he married Antonette Olivia, an immigrant from Norway. Four years later Brother Johnson received American citizenship. It was about this time that the Johnsons were converted and received their call to Brazil for missionary service. During the



Mr. and Mrs. Calvin P. Olson

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Walker have returned from Cuba. Their address is 1611 N. Roberson, Springfield, Mo.

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GOING: Mr. and Mrs. Calvin P. Olson have returned to East Pakistan for another tour of service.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lehmann and daughter have sailed for Ghana.

The Willis Long family has left for another tour of service in India.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Mr. and Mrs. William Sakwitz, 7032½ Foster St., Houston, Texas.



The Willis Long family

years that followed, though secularly employed, Brother Johnson did evangelistic and rescue mission work.

The Johnsons went to Brazil in 1940. At this time they had two children, Myrtle, age thirteen, and Bernhard, Jr., age nine. These children are now engaged in active missionary service in Brazil. Myrtle is married to Edward Huson. Three children were born to Brother and Sister Johnson in Brazil—Andrew, 1942; Philip, 1945; and Esther, 1949. The boys are attending school in the States while Esther is with her mother.

Brother Johnson received missionary appointment during his first term of service, and was ordained by the Northern California-Nevada District of the Assemblies of God in 1948. Brother Johnson was particularly interested in literature evangelism and dedicated much of his time to this work. In a letter of 1959 to the Foreign Missions Department, Brother Johnson wrote, "We go into the hills, byways, farms, and villas with literature. Many tell us they have found Jesus through the written word. We know that this work is not in vain."

Brother Johnson's missionary service in Brazil will be a lasting monument to his dedicated life.

—Nora Blau

Peace in a Cyclone

By ELSIE MARIALKE
Missionary to East Pakistan

BROTHER AND SISTER HOWARD Hawkes and I were marvelously protected by the hand of God in the cyclone and tidal waves which pounded the Chittagong area recently.

People everywhere are trying to recover themselves from the terrible nightmare of destruction and loss of lives. It is difficult to estimate the thousands of lives lost and the damage done.

Here in the city of Chittagong about 90 per cent of the bamboo structures were destroyed. Big trees were uprooted and blocked the roads everywhere. Aluminum telephone poles were twisted and bent and the wires were tangled. The city was thrown into complete darkness and all communications were disrupted for almost a week. Flying corrugated steel roofs caused much damage and injuries. A mother and her baby were decapitated. Fires broke out in many areas.

Twelve miles out at Patenga, twenty-five-foot tidal waves washed everything in its path into the sea.

We have been giving help in every way possible. The neighbors took refuge in my home. They asked how it was possible for me to be so calm. I told them that I felt God's presence in a wonderful way. The peace of God pervaded the home and my heart and calmed these fearful souls.

If you would like to assist our Pakistan Christians during this time of need, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation: Pakistan Relief.

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Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



ANDREW, A GOOD FISHERMAN

Sunday School Lesson for January 8, 1961

JOHN 1:37-43; MATTHEW 4:18-20

Little is said about Andrew in the Gospels, but on three occasions we find him bringing someone to Jesus. First it is his own brother, Peter (John 1:41); next it is an unidentified lad whose loaves and fishes were used to feed a multitude (John 6:8, 9); and finally it is a group of interested Greeks (John 12:20-22). Was Andrew an unimportant character? What might happen if every Christian today gave himself with equal zeal, diligence, and expectancy to bring men to Christ today?

ANDREW'S CONVERSION TO CHRIST. John 1:35-39.

"Behold the Lamb of God!" said John the Baptist of Jesus. And so successful was John in pointing others to Christ that the two of his own followers, John and Andrew, left him at once to acquaint themselves with Jesus! That same day they had a sacred interview with Jesus and came away having accepted Him as their Messiah!

Andrew is to be commended (1) because of his eagerness and willingness to put the Word of God preached by John to a test; (2) because he was open-minded and true to a God-given hunger within him to know the truth and to know God; (3) because he accepted Christ without delay upon being convinced of the truth of His claims. How wonderful it would be if all who have been exposed to the preaching of the gospel were as wise as Andrew!

ANDREW'S CONCERN FOR HIS BROTHER. John 1:41, 42.

"He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah . . . the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus." And what is more fitting, more natural, more beautiful than that one who is himself a new recipient of Christ's redeeming love should at once share that love with others, especially with those who are dearest to him? Let every new convert follow Andrew's example! And let every older convert beware lest he lose the deep personal longing to win others to Christ! Consider the following practical lessons taught us by Andrew's life: *Andrew was an ordinary Christian, yet he figured greatly in furthering the kingdom of God.* He was not brilliant. He did not, as far as we can determine, become a great preacher or a great leader in the church. But since it was he who was responsible for the conversion of Peter, who can estimate the extent of Andrew's spiritual influence? Most of us, like Andrew, are ordinary, one-talent Christians, but instead of wrapping that talent in a napkin we should remember that "little is much if God is in it." Ezra Kimball was just an ordinary teacher of a Sunday school class, but through his personal soul-winning zeal he won to Christ the great D. L. Moody!

Andrew recognized and took advantage of opportunities that were close at hand. Some Christians heave sentimental sighs of so-called concern for the lost heathen abroad and

do nothing to win their own loved ones and neighbors at home. Such is a false piety. Again, there are those who feel they could do so much for the Lord if they were a different person or in different circumstances. They overlook the fact that the God who has arranged their circumstances wants to use them right where they are! Andrew won his own brother to Christ and then Christ called him later on to full-time discipleship and larger fields of service (Matthew 4:18-20; 10:2).

Andrew realized the worth of a single soul. His first task upon becoming a follower of Jesus was to concentrate his efforts upon one man—his own brother. Later on, he was used of God among larger groups. In these days when much publicity is given to "mass evangelism," let us not minimize the profound importance of winning men and women through the personal touch. No church in any age has made such progress as the early apostolic church: yet the secret of its success was, by and large, every-member evangelism!

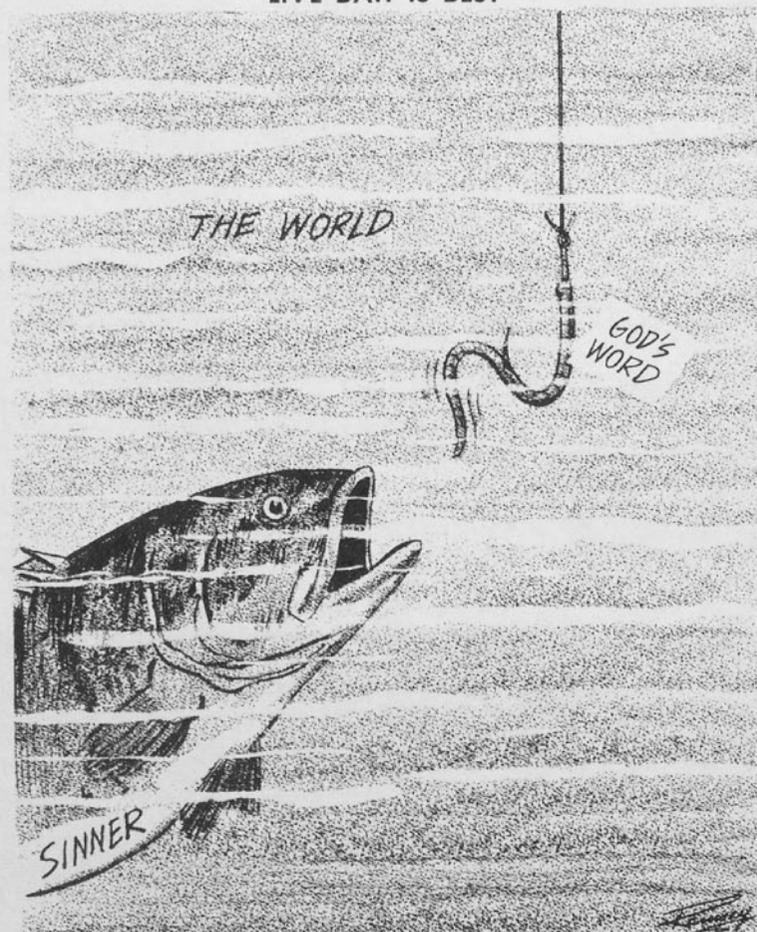
From Andrew's skill and zeal in reaching the individual, we can learn much to assist in developing ability to be personal soul winners. Both our personal and church life will be benefited greatly if we can all become passionate winners of souls.

ANDREW'S CALL TO FULL-TIME SERVICE. Matthew 4:18-20.

These verses represent Andrew's call to full-time discipleship (for until now, he and the others had been only part-time followers). They reveal that Andrew valued soul winning more highly than he valued material considerations. They also confirm the fact that those who are faithful in so-called "little things" are the ones whom God calls to larger fields of service.

—J. Bashford Bishop

LIVE BAIT IS BEST



PERFECT REST

THERE IS A REST FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

By HENRY DRUMMOND

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS NOT CASUAL, but causal. All nature is a standing protest against the absurdity of expecting to secure spiritual effects, or any effects, without the employment of appropriate causes. The great Teacher dealt what ought to have been the final blow to this irrelevancy by a single question, "Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?"

Why, then, did the great Teacher not educate His followers fully? Why did He not tell us, for example, how such a thing as rest might be obtained? The answer is that He did—plainly, explicitly, in so many words. He assigned rest to its cause, in words with which each of us has been familiar from his earliest childhood.

He begins almost as if rest could be had without any cause: "Come unto Me," He says, "and I will give you rest." It might appear that rest was a favor to be bestowed; men had but to come to Him, He would give it to every applicant. But the next sentence takes that all back. For how, in a literal sense, can rest be given? One could no more give away rest than he could give away laughter.

We speak of causing laughter, which we could do; but we cannot give it away. When we speak of giving pain, we know perfectly well we cannot give pain away. When we aim at giving pleasure, all that we do is to arrange a set of circumstances in such a way that these shall cause pleasure.

There is a sense, and a very wonderful sense, in which the great Personality breathes upon all who come

within His influence an abiding peace and trust. Men can be to other men as the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land. Much more Christ as perfect Man; much more still as Saviour of the world. But it is not this of which I speak.

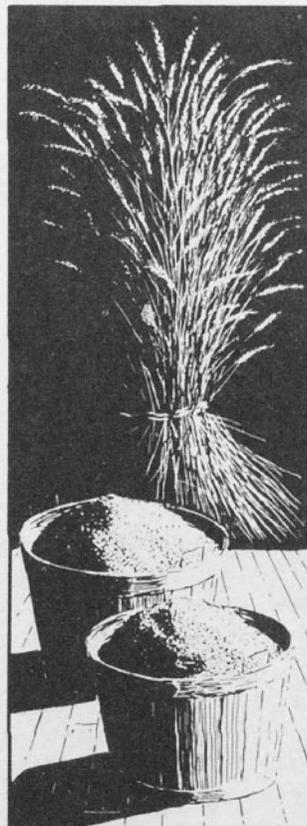
When Christ said He would give men rest, He meant simply that He would put them in the way of it. By no act of conveyance would or could He make over His own rest to them. He could give them His recipe for it, that was all; but He would not make it for them. For one thing, it was not in His plan to make it for them. Men were not planned so that it could

be made for them. It was a thousand times better that they should make it for themselves.

That this is the meaning becomes obvious from the wording of the second sentence: "Learn of Me . . . and ye shall find rest." Rest is not a thing to be acquired. It comes not by an act, but by a process. It is not to be found in a happy hour, as one finds knowledge. A soil has to be prepared for it. Like a fine fruit, it will grow in one climate and not in another; at one altitude and not at another. Like all growths it will have an orderly development and mature by slow degrees.

The nature of this slow process Christ clearly defines when He says we are to achieve rest by learning. "Learn of Me," He says, "and ye shall find rest to your souls." Now consider the extraordinary originality of this utterance.

How novel the connection between these two words, "learn" and "rest!" How few of us have ever associated them—ever thought that rest was a thing to be learned; ever laid ourselves out for it as we would to learn a language; ever practiced it as we would practice the violin. Does it not show how entirely new Christ's teaching still is to the world, that so old and threadbare an aphorism should still be so little applied? The last thing most of us would have done would be to associate rest with work.



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The late Dr. Drummond was author of the best-selling book, "The Greatest Thing in the World."

What must one work at? What is that which if fully learned will find the souls of man in rest? Christ answers without the least hesitation. He specifies two things—meekness and lowliness.

“Learn of me,” He says, “for I am meek and lowly in heart.” Now, these two things are not chosen at random. To these accomplishments, in a special way, rest is attached. Learn these, in short, and you have already found rest. These are direct causes of rest; will produce it at once; cannot but produce it at once. If you will think for a single moment, you will see how this is necessarily so, for causes are never arbitrary, and the connection between antecedent and consequence here and everywhere lies deep in the nature of things.

What is the connection then? I answer by a further question. What are the chief causes of unrest? If you know yourself, you will answer pride, selfishness, ambition. As you look back upon the past years of your life, is it not true that its unhappiness has come chiefly from the succession of personal mortifications and almost trivial disappointments which life has brought you? Great trials come at lengthened intervals, and we rise to breast them; but it is the petty friction of everyday life with one another, the jar of business or of work, the discord of the domestic circle, the collapse of our ambition, the crossing of our will or the taking down of our conceit which disturb our inward peace. Wounded vanity, disappointed hopes, unsatisfied selfishness—these are the old, vulgar, universal sources of man's unrest.

It is obvious why Christ pointed out, as the two chief objects for attainment, the exact opposite of these. To meekness and lowliness these things simply do not exist. They cure unrest by making it impossible. These remedies do not trifle with surface symptoms; they strike at once at removing causes.

The ceaseless chagrin of a self-centered life can be removed at once by learning meekness and lowliness of heart. He who learns them is forever proof against it. He lives henceforth a charmed life. Christianity is a fine inoculation, a transfusion of healthy blood into an anemic or poisoned soul. No fever can attack a perfectly sound body; no fever of unrest can disturb a soul which hath breathed the air or learned the ways of Christ. Men sigh

for the wings of a dove that they may fly away and be at rest. But flying away will not help us. “The Kingdom of God is within you.”

We aspire to look for rest at the top; it lies at the bottom. Water rests only when it gets to the lowest place. So do men. Hence, be lowly.

The man who has no opinion of himself at all can never be hurt if others do not acknowledge him. Hence, be meek.

He who is without expectation cannot fret if nothing comes to him. It is self-evident that these things are so.

The lowly man and the meek man are really above all other men, above all other things. They dominate the world because they do not care for it. The miser does not possess gold, gold possesses him. But the meek possess it. “The meek,” said Christ, “inherit the earth.” They do not buy it; they do not conquer it; but they inherit it.

Evangelism Is the Key

By JOSEPH R. FLOWER
New York District Superintendent

EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN given by the Lord Jesus Christ to His Church to make disciples of all nations. He also has provided the Holy Spirit to give, among other things, divine enablement to carry out His orders.

Religious movements that have been a living vibrant force have always been evangelistic—with a concern to win others to the faith once delivered to the saints. This was true in the Early Church, and at the time of the Reformation, and with various movements within the scope of the Reformation. As the tide of spiritual fervor subsided, denominational machinery, forms of worship, creedal affirmations, and manuals of church order and discipline served to preserve the structure of the movement.

Our own Pentecostal Movement was born in the fires of evangelism. We were concerned with winning converts, not to a system, but to the Lord. Our method of approach was varied; sometimes street meetings, tract distribution, personal witnessing, tent meetings, store-front missions, or large city-wide evangelistic efforts. The divine urge to witness pushed some out to foreign lands, where their zeal drove them on in the face of tremendous obstacles.

In some places today the Pentecostal fire needs to be rekindled. A live church is an evangelistic church. An inactive church and a stagnant spiritual state, quite logically, exist together. We dare not be content with a policy of self-

containment, nor accept the *status quo*, else slow rot will set in. By reaching out in every possible way to witness to others we shall release the flow of God's Spirit through us.

I have noticed that within our ranks, and also in other denominations, the churches that are in the most healthy state are those that are busy for God in the work of evangelism. Pastors are essential to the preservation of the work. Teachers serve in an important capacity in developing solid Christians. But to bring about proper balance in the church's program we must have those who are called and equipped to do the work of an evangelist. Furthermore, this is something in which we can all participate through personal witnessing, and by supporting in every possible way special evangelistic efforts.

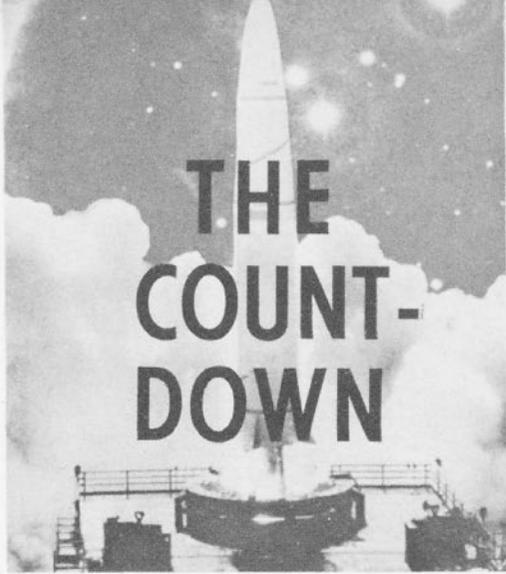
We would encourage every church in our fellowship to make plans for a definite emphasis in evangelism in 1961.

—Empire State Beacon

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THE COUNT- DOWN

TWO STUPENDOUS EVENTS SEEM TO LIE just over the horizon. These are war and the second coming of Christ, and no one knows which will occur first. Of the one the world is well aware, but not of the other. Instructed Christians know of both, and hope that Christ will come before a world war.

Time (Aug. 8) described a formidable device that will be set in motion in the event of war. There are along the British coast twenty emplacements of three Thor missiles each, most of them having warheads ready. They can be touched off only by sets of keys worn around the necks of a United States Air Force officer and a Royal Air Force officer, and these two individuals must work together. They cannot use their keys without orders from the Strategic Air Command and the R. A. F., and the heads of these must first receive orders from the President of the U. S. and the Prime Minister of Great Britain. There is a control board for each missile into which the keys must be inserted and turned to set off the automatic "15-minute countdown," and once the keys are turned the delicate electronic machinery carries on, through five timed phases, to the terrible launching.

Pictures of the control board and a U. S. major wearing the keys were published in London and Paris, and reproduced in *Time*, to reassure people. They bring into vivid focus the speed and awfulness of nuclear warfare.

But are they not also a reminder and illustration of other keys and another world-shaking event? To the apostle John on Patmos the Lord Jesus said, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death" (Revelation 1:18). When He ascended to heaven two angels said to the disciples, "This same

Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). Surely in the divine councils the time is set and plans are made for His return, and when the hour comes nothing will stop it.

We cannot know the arrangements for His "glorious appearing" (Titus 2:13), but we have been given a magnificent prophetic picture of the earthly side: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).

There will come a time when all that is necessary to this wonderful Second Advent will be set in motion, and there will be a kind of divine "count-down" until the heavens open in a blaze of glory. Are you ready for the countdown?

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Symptoms of Danger

By James E. Adams

GOD PROVIDES US WITH FIVE SENSES not only for utility and enjoyment but also for safety. For instance, when we look at the beauties of nature, we also see the cliff over which we could fall. God has put somewhat the same faculty within our physical make-up to warn and aid us in sickness. We have a body temperature which keeps us comfortable, but any increase in that temperature is a symptom of danger. We call this increase *fever*.

The Pennsylvania Medical Society advises: "Don't starve a fever. Water it generously, for wastes may be retained in the body unless the fluid intake is greater than usual. Since body cells work overtime during a fever—working faster and breaking down more rapidly—eat plenty of food of a nutritious and easily digestible sort.

"Fever is a protective mechanism in infection, serving the useful function of weakening the invading germs and increasing certain bodily activities. So it is not always desirable to dose one's self with medicine to reduce a fever.

To lower the temperature may deprive the body of the benefits of the fever, and the drop in temperature may lead a person to believe he is well and prompt him to go out when he should be in bed.

"High fever is dangerous, leading to malfunctioning of the central nervous system. Increased temperature of the body causes the heart to beat faster, and over a certain rate it may become damaged.

"Fever is a symptom, not a disease, and an indication that something may be wrong."

These words from the Pennsylvania Medical Society remind us of the Scripture which says that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14)—so wonderfully made that even in sickness we have this protective mechanism to fight infection and to warn us to seek expert help.

We are also fearfully and wonderfully made in our spiritual nature. Conviction is the fever God has designed to show us when all is not well in our hearts.

When we are spiritually healthy, having a conscience void of offense toward God and man, one sin brings on a fever of conviction. If we have fed—and are continuing to feed—upon the Word of God, we realize immediately that this spiritual fever is a symptom of something wrong. We can water our spirits with penitential prayer. And the fever of conviction leaves.

Sometimes we may be tempted and in a moment of weakness make a mistake. At that moment the protective mechanism of conviction begins to fight the infection of sin. It is possible to medicate ourselves with the pills of "Everybody's doing it," or "No one is perfect," or "I'll just forget about it." But that is no cure. Nor should we take the advice of a psychiatrist who tells us to "rid yourself of self-condemnation." One such specialist said, "No human being should ever be blamed for anything he does."

This advice could deceive us into believing that all is well while we get further and further from the center of God's will. And we could seriously damage our spiritual sensitivity.

Conviction is a symptom, not a disease, and an indication that something is wrong. It should lead us to call upon Jesus, the great Physician, who delivers us from all sin and who, through the Holy Spirit, enables us to live victoriously. ◀ ◀



Missionary Ward Woods and Hedley Chambers, station manager for WMBS in Ibadan, Nigeria



Missionary Melvin Grams and Ado K. Adebo, sales representative, who made all arrangements for release of Revivaltime

Revivaltime in Nigeria

WNBS, IBADAN, TO CARRY THE BROADCAST TO MILLIONS OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING AFRICANS

By D. V. HURST
National Radio Secretary

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL of Indiana (Zella Anthony, president) has made possible the release of *Revivaltime* for one year in the world's largest all-African city. Ibadan, Nigeria, has a population of more than one million Africans.

In a *Revivaltime* banquet and rally during their district camp meeting the W.M.C.'s raised \$1,300 in cash and pledges for this release of *Revivaltime*. (The cost is \$28 per week.) Because these women have given sacrificially, thirteen million Africans will have a chance to hear *Revivaltime*.

The W.M.C.'s of Indiana believe that others will take up this challenge, too, and share in this project so that the broadcast's release there will be insured indefinitely.

Nigeria has emerged a giant on the African scene. On October 1, 1960, it received its independence and thereby transformed the balance of power on the African Continent. When one compares Nigeria's 38 million people to Congo's 14 million, and Ghana's 5 million he can readily see how strategic is this new state and how important it is to reach these people with the gospel now!

Nigeria has a working democracy, a sound economy, a free press, and a moderate pro-Western government. Its national economy has boomed to \$2.3 billion. Its gross national product is growing at a rate of 4 per cent per year. It has more square miles of land than France and Britain put together. It is rich in resources. It has Africa's

biggest and best-trained civil service and over 20,000 Nigerians have been graduated from England's Universities. More thousands are now attending. Its own educational system is among Africa's best. Western investment is pouring into Nigeria.

In the race against atheistic Communism to win Africa to Christ, Nigeria can well become an arsenal of strength. But if the West—and more important if *Christianity is to win, not only must Nigeria see America's material might, it must see a spiritual force stronger than that of any other power in the world. It will see this force and in turn become a part of it only if the Church rises to the challenge now.*

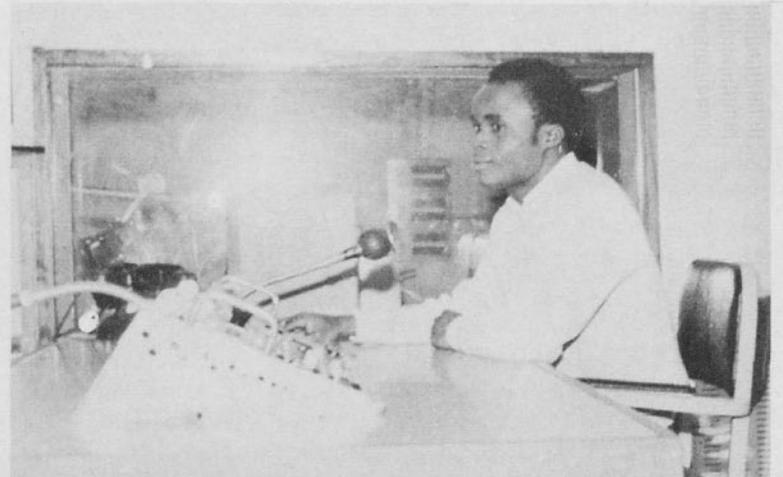
By reaching this part of Nigeria with *Revivaltime* at this time, millions will have a chance to hear the full-gospel message and can become acquainted with the saving and baptizing power of Christ.

According to Melvin Grams, missionary correspondent handling this release, WNBS, Ibadan, has three trans-

Front view of station WMBS in Ibadan, Nigeria



Sam Adegbie, announcer for WMBS



mitters of 10,000 watts. These transmitters cover all English-speaking and understanding peoples in the western region of Nigeria and reach into the northern and eastern regions as well.

The Nigerian radio authority states: "Radio coverage is becoming so concentrated that sets are installed virtually everywhere—in hotels, restaurants, department stores and shops, and above all, in homes. Communal listening facilities in rural areas are also being steadily developed." Brother Grams states further: "At least 75 per cent of the population will be able to understand *Revivaltime*." Everett Phillips, field secretary for Africa, says: "The Africans love radio."

Plans call for a very active follow-up of all contacts made as a result of this *Revivaltime* release. A local post office box has been established. Listeners will be directed to write to that box number. Missionary Melvin Grams will handle all this correspondence and send *Revivaltime* sermons and literature to all requesting it. He will in turn direct them to our churches in Nigeria. The Assemblies of God has 509 churches in Nigeria, all of which are self-supporting. Brother Phillips also states: "Nigeria is our strongest work in all of Africa."

In expressing his feelings regarding this release Missionary Grams stated: "I believe that this is a definite answer to our prayers. As you know, we are the only Assemblies of God missionaries among eight million people in the far western region of Nigeria. When we think of the immensity of the task before us it seems impossible. With *Revivaltime* as another missionary among us capable of reaching a potential 13 million people, our task should be made easier and the spreading of the gospel hastened. Please thank those who have made this possible."

So the WMC's in Indiana and our missionary force in Nigeria have joined hands. Together they are taking *Revivaltime* to this vast area for one year. They are praying that others will now help.

Our Nigerian missionaries desire to place the broadcast in the north and in the east of Nigeria, too. There will be additional funds needed for literature and follow-up activity. And there are tape costs—\$5 per week. After the initial \$1,300 is used there will be a need of \$28 per week to continue the WNBS, Ibadan, release. Will you give and share in this great project for

reaching Nigeria for Christ? Will you pray for this evangelistic thrust and pray that God will raise up many to support it?

And as you give, remember *Revivaltime* releases around the world each week. There are forty foreign releases just like the one in Nigeria and over 300 stations here in the United States. The broadcast urgently needs your help as it continues to carry the full-gospel message to the world. Its only limitation now is the funds with which God's people undergird it. Your increased and dedicated giving will cut it loose to reach millions more.

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THE WILL OF GOD

(Continued from page four)

of God. Outside His will is an uncharted path leading to an unknown destination. May our prayer be that of Mary, "Be it unto me according to thy word." She did not say, "According to thy will." She knew the Word of God that she had received was the will of God, and she rejoiced in that blessed truth. May we rejoice with her.

It is written of Christ in prophecy, "I come to do thy will, O God." Although in a far lesser sense, but just as definitely, may we say, "We come to do thy will, O God." ◀ ◀

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

New Time for Revivaltime

The ABC Radio Network recently revised its program schedule very extensively. As a result, the *Revivaltime* broadcasts on Sunday night are now heard at a new time in certain time zones. The new schedule follows:

Eastern Time Zone	10:30 p.m.
Central Time Zone	9:30 p.m.
Mountain Time Zone	10:30 p.m.
Pacific Time Zone	9:30 p.m.

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Revivaltime representatives may be heard in person in the following places:

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January 23: JOPLIN, MISSOURI—Sectional C. A. Rally.

January 30-February 3: LUBBOCK, TEXAS—Central Assembly, Workers training course.

D. V. HURST

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► **KANSAS CITY, MO.** — The Spirit-anointed ministry of Evangelist Glenna Byard has been a great blessing to this pioneer work here at East Side Assembly. Three persons were saved during the revival.

—*Chester and Darrell Massey, Pastors*

► **EASLEY, S. C.**—A very profitable two-week revival has just concluded at First Assembly with Pastor E. E. Brown ministering. Twenty were saved, seven filled with the Holy Spirit, a number refilled, and fourteen were added to the church. The revival continues on in the hearts of the people. Douglas Keller is pastor.

—*Edward E. Reeves, Treas.*

► **PANAMA, OKLA.**—First Assembly just concluded a good revival with Evangelist C. E. Richards of Collinsville, Okla. Several were saved, and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. There has been a good increase in Sunday school attendance as well as in the midweek services.

—*W. O. Hatley, Pastor*

► **STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.**—Every service of a three-week revival recently held at El Bethel Assembly with Evangelist Paul Graban was marked by the manifest presence of the Lord. The response of the people was most gratifying as God moved by His Spirit. Fifteen were saved and at least 20 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Most of those who were filled with the Spirit received their personal experience of Pentecost before the evangelist had preached a single message on the Baptism. An electronics engineer received his Baptism as he was backing his car into the garage after the service. One young girl was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit in the same evening. The Sunday school

attendance record was broken, 188 being present, without contests of any kind. It was wonderful to see the moving of God among the young and old alike, with great liberty in the services. Revival fires are still burning.

—*Frank M. Reynolds, Pastor*

► **ROME, N. Y.**—First Assembly enjoyed a great refreshing from the presence of God during two weeks of meetings with Evangelist John and Olive Kellner of Batavia. Some 24 came forward for salvation, two testified to receiving the Holy Spirit, and there were numerous healings. Many testified to being delivered from deafness, blindness, back trouble, and other afflictions. A woman who had been crippled through an auto accident was able to walk normally and discarded her cane. Some who were afflicted with cancer, rupture, and sugar diabetes were greatly improved.

—*E. W. Darling, Pastor*

► **OTTUMWA, IA.**—First Assembly recently enjoyed a most fruitful revival with Evangelist E. L. Surratt. Some were saved, two were filled with the Holy Spirit, and the church still enjoys the results of old-time gospel preaching.

—*Ernest Illum, Pastor*

► **BYARS, TEX.**—A successful two-week revival was held recently at the Assembly here with Evangelist Leo S. Gaston of Wichita, Tex. At least four were saved and a number of others were at the altars seeking God for a deeper walk. The presence and power of God was manifested in every service. Good crowds attended, with a number of first-time visitors. Records show an increase in Sunday school attendance.

—*T. B. Reid, Pastor*

► **ORLANDO, FLA.**—Fleming Heights Assembly of God has been greatly blessed by a three-week revival conducted by Evangelist J. D. McVicker of Crestview, Fla. Several were saved, some refilled, and many were healed. Especially miraculous was the healing of a man who had a serious spinal affliction. After prayer he left his crutches at the church and is still walking and attending the services.

—*A. S. Davis, Pastor*

► **PORTLAND, OREG.**—Old-time Pentecost and Bible holiness was preached by Evangelist Marlon Jannuzzi without fear or favor during a three-week revival recently at the Glisan Street Assembly of God. God confirmed His Word by filling five young people with the Holy Ghost. Several were healed, believers were stirred to a deeper consecration, four persons were baptized in water, and eight joined the church. The congregation is thankful for the way the Lord is blessing this pioneer work, and is grateful for all the assistance it has received.

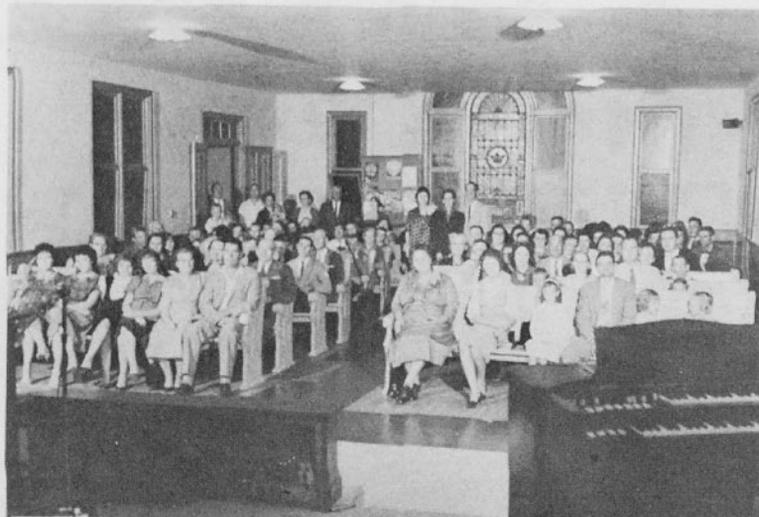
—*F. J. Huntley, Pastor*

► **ATLANTA, GA.**—God used Evangelist Lorene Daniel in a most successful revival at East Lake Assembly of God. The church rejoices over the 20 persons who accepted Christ as Saviour.

—*A. V. Hendrick, Pastor*

► **YUMA, ARIZ.**—The blessing of the Lord was prevalent in each service of a recent revival conducted at First Assembly by the Glen Shinn Evangelistic Party. A number of persons answered the altar call, and some remarkable healings were reported. The excellent music as well as the distinctive Pentecostal message, was greatly appreciated.

—*O. W. Killingsworth, Pastor*



Congregation at East Lake Assembly, Atlanta, Ga. Evangelist Lorene Daniel and Pastor and Mrs. A. V. Hendrick standing at center back.



Clifford Vining, Sunday school superintendent, Pastor O. W. Killingsworth and Evangelist Glen Shinn in foreground at service in Yuma, Ariz.

► **GREER, S. C.**—Glad Tidings Tabernacle reports a very successful two-week revival with Evangelist Floyd Cruse of Franklin, N. C. Several were saved or reclaimed, six received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and eleven joined the church.

—*L. D. Staton, Pastor*

► **BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.**—Faith Tabernacle just closed a revival with Evangelist Ethel Musick of Kerman, Calif. in which six were saved and seven were filled with the Holy Spirit. The old-time Pentecostal messages were a blessing to the entire congregation. —*Charles W. Barrett, Pastor*

► **SEMINOLE, TEX.**—God's blessing was evident from the very first night of a revival here at First Assembly of God with William F. Hageman of El Paso as evangelist. Several were reclaimed, others re-filled with the Holy Spirit, and there was a good response among the young people. The solid Bible preaching and emphasis on the work of the Holy Spirit made this a truly great revival.

—*Logan Harper, Pastor*

► **COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA.**—Eight nights of revival services at First Assembly with Lester Dickinson, superintendent of the Nebraska District Council, proved to be a real blessing, and the spirit of revival prevailed throughout the entire period. The anointed messages were a great encouragement to the church and their spiritual impact will be felt for a long time to come.

—*C. E. Turner, Pastor*

► **VICTORIA, B. C., CANADA**—There was a great stirring among the young people during a recent two-week revival with Evangelist Robert Watters at Glad Tidings Tabernacle. Some were saved, five received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many testified to receiving healing in answer to prayer. The previous Sunday school record attendance was broken by an all-time high of 411. The special music was greatly appreciated.

—*Eric A. Hornby, Pastor*

► **MOLALLA, OREG.**—Definite results were reported in each campaign conducted at the Assembly of God here during 1960. Evangelist George Duncan ministered for four weeks in February, and was used of the Lord in a definite way. During April, people were stirred to prayer as a result of the ministry of Evangelist Leonard Ravenhill of England.

In June, Evangelist and Mrs. Leo Wood conducted a successful Kids Crusade followed by a week of meetings with emphasis upon the Holy Spirit. A consciousness of the Third Person of the Trinity became evident as the preaching and singing centered around Pentecost. Just recently the Lord moved through the ministry of Evangelist Lloyd Godwin of Dallas, Tex. in an outstanding way. God be praised for the souls that have been saved, for those who have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and for all who were healed in these meetings.

—*David Godwin, Pastor*

WORKERS TRAINING—Jan. 1-6 at First Assembly, Pueblo, Colo. F. D. McClellan, instructor; Clyde King, pastor. Jan. 2-6 at Texarkana, Ark. (city-wide); Erling Saxelid, instructor. Jan. 8-13 at White Oak Assembly, Beardon, Ark. Erling Saxelid, instructor; Harold R. Cobb, pastor. Jan. 1— at North Highland Assembly, El Dorado, Ark. A. G. Calaway, instructor; Murphy Smith, pastor.

WITH THE LORD

HOWARD B. DANIEL, 29, of Fairfield, Tex., died November 10 as the result of an electric shock received in the bathroom. In 1951 Brother Daniel was licensed to preach by the North Texas District. At the time of his death he was pastor of the Highway Chapel Assembly of God in Fairfield and was superintendent of the Daniel Children's Home.

ROLAND C. ERNST, 55, of Detroit, Mich., went to be with his Lord as the result of a stroke. Brother Ernst had been in the hospital for almost a week. In 1957 the Michigan District ordained him, and at the time of death he was pastor of the Roseville Glad Tidings Assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINTER CAMP MEETING of the Grand Canyon State, Jan. 31-Feb. 10 at Phoenix College Auditorium, Phoenix, Ariz. Kenneth R. Schmidt, Grand Junction, Colo., speaker. Sunday School Convention, Feb. 6-7; Emil Balliet, and Vernon McLellan, speakers. For information write J. K. Gressett, Arizona District Superintendent, 2345 W. Bethany Home Rd., Phoenix, Ariz.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Enterprise	First	Jan. 1-15	Joel Palmer	Howard Trawick
	Selma	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 15	Bob & Jeri Winford	Sammy Mizell
Ariz.	Tolleson	A/G	Jan. 1-15	E. D. & Mrs. Bagwell	B. H. Russell
Calif.	El Cajon	First	Jan. 1—	Donald & Mrs. Hall	Elmer Van Horn
	La Mesa	Gospel Tab.	Dec. 28-Jan. 11	Busse Team	Douglas Scott
	Oceanside	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 15	Oran & Audrey Duncan	P. C. Walcher
	San Bernardino	First	Dec. 27-Jan. 8	J. C. Hall	L. H. Hauff
	Santa Monica	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 15	Bill & Ila Murphy	Phil Hawtin
	Shafter	A/G	Jan. 1-15	Eugene Boone	A. B. Farmer
S. San Francisco	San Francisco	First	Jan. 1—	L. L. Ammons	Carl E. Curtright
	Daytona Beach	First	Jan. 4-15	William H. Kautz	Ralph Francis
Fla.	Panama City	First	Jan. 1—	L. C. & Oleta Eldridge	Glen D. Miller
	East Moline	First	Dec. 31—	C. A. & Mrs. Snavelly	N. A. Buntensch
Ill.	Joliet	First	Jan. 3-15	Garfield J. Unruh	Waldo E. Risner
	Indianapolis	Grace	Jan. 1-15	Musical Lebsacks	Howard G. Skinner
Ind.	Mishawaka	First	Jan. 4-15	Paul Hild	E. J. Bruton
	Eldora	A/G	Jan. 3-15	Geoffrey Duncombe	John Perry
Iowa	Shreveport	First	Jan. 1—	Jimmy & Mrs. Swaggart	Rodney Duron
La.	Hagerstown	Bethel	Jan. 3—	C. S. Tubby	Arvel J. Barrett
Md.	Saginaw	Genesee Gardens	Jan. 8-22	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	Robert R. Way
Mich.	Eagle Bend	A/G	Jan. 1-15	Paul Clark	M. F. Christensen
Minn.	Cape Girardeau	Bethel	Jan. 1-15	Eric M. Johnson	Joe V. Shoults
Mo.	Mercer	A/G	Jan. 1-8	C. M. Smitley	Joseph Marr
	West Plains	First	Jan. 1-15	Floyd Dennis	G. A. Gaddis
N. Mex.	Santa Fe	First	Jan. 8—	Tommy & Linda Crider	Cecil D. Holley
N. Y.	New York City	Trinity	Jan. 3—	Harold Brumback	Sebastian Russo
Ohio	Girard	Summit Pent.	Jan. 3—	John Higginbotham	Richard L. Barth
	Hubbard	Calvary Chapel	Jan. 1-15	William Farrand	Earl H. Warstler
Orroville	Orroville	A/G	Dec. 27-Jan. 8	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Kenneth Wireman
	Huntingdon	A/G Tab.	Jan. 3—	Harold W. May, Jr.	Edward B. Berkey
Pa.	Johnstown	Grace Pent.	Jan. 3-17	David & Mrs. Howe	E. S. Opdenhoff
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Tex.	Dallas	First	Jan. 1-15	R. Alan Davis	E. E. Krogstad
	De Kalb	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 15	Leon Morrow	C. C. Gee
	Kilgore	Highland Park	Jan. 1—	B. P. Carroll	C. A. Bird
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	Liberty	Bethel	Jan. 1-15	Bill Taylor	O. E. Gower
	Stinnett	First	Dec. 31—	Hubert Surratt	Ken George
	Vernon	A/G	Jan. 1-15	M. R. & Mrs. Boatright	H. W. Marney
	Portsmouth	A/G	Jan. 3-15	V. M. & Mrs. Dullabaun	Homer Peterson, Jr.
W. Va.	Martinsburg	Bethel Tab.	Jan. 6-22	Richard Owens Party	H. M. Strickland, Chm.
Wis.	Milwaukee	Lakeside	Jan. 3-15	The Tanner Team	Wilbur Mandigo
Canada	Galt, Ontario	Pentecostal	Jan. 1-15	Bill & Verna McPherson	S. E. Fredericksen
W. Africa	Kumasi, Ghana	* A/G	Jan. 3—	Bob Hoskins	Elvis Davis, Chm.

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LETTERS

EVANGEL READERS WRITE

Evangel Found at Airport

Recently my father was killed in an auto accident in the State of Georgia and I flew home for the funeral. While changing planes in Springfield, Mo., I stepped into the airline terminal. It seemed my heart would break with sorrow because of the situation I was facing; but there in the waiting room I saw a display of religious literature. There was an *Evangel* published by the Assemblies of God. Eagerly I read page after page of that publication and my troubled heart was comforted.

I took the *Evangel* with me as I boarded the plane for Atlanta. As we soared to an altitude of 13,000 feet I looked up from reading the *Evangel* and admired the fluffy white clouds far below us. Then I realized that every cloud has a silver lining. The inspiration I received from that magazine helped me to face the problems that were waiting at my destination.

RAD F. MANEY
Joplin, Mo.

● Thanks to Pastor Jack West and the members of South Side Assembly in Springfield for keeping the *Evangel* box filled at the airport and other public places.

Puerto Rico Bishops in Politics

The actions of Roman Catholic bishops in Puerto Rico prior to the November 8 election has been a source of great embarrassment to American Catholics and their apologists who have insisted that the Catholic church does not meddle in a country's internal political affairs.

In a letter read in all Catholic churches there, the bishops threatened their people with expulsion from the church if they supported candidates of a certain political party.

If there ever was any question in the minds of Americans whether the Roman Catholic church would interfere in the political affairs of a country when it considers it expedient to do so, there certainly cannot be any question now.

No one is so stupid as to fail to notice how the American Catholic hierarchy conveniently repudiated the actions of the Puerto Rican bishops after they had been rebuffed at the polls by the Puerto Rican people who, it is claimed, are 90 per cent Catholic.

What was done in Puerto Rico could very well be done anywhere in the U.S. if one of our political parties should fall into disfavor with the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

JACK ODOM
Fort Bragg, Calif.

A Single Woman's Ministry

Thank you very much for that excellent article, "The Single Woman in the Small Church," that appeared in the August 14th issue. It was very ably written about a group that can, if informed, well rejoice as having many compensations.

A HAPPY SPINSTER

Churches Built in India

For many years my husband and I have enjoyed reading the *Evangel*, and we always are interested in the missionary section. We read that first. You see, we have served both in China and in India, so the missionary work is dear to us.

In the October 16th issue we read something that really shocked us. An article stated that the Calcutta Revival Center is "the first new Christian church to be built in India in the last 100 years." I know of numerous churches that have been built in India. Obviously a mistake has been made.

RACHEL JOHNSON
Santa Barbara, Calif.

● Yes, a mistake was made in re-typing this article. It ought to have read, "Our Evangelistic Center in Calcutta is the first new Christian church to be built in this city in India in the last 100 years." We regret this error.

Witnessing to Government Officials

The *Evangel* with the note about sending the magazine to all of the Governors in the USA impressed me so much that I decided to try a similar idea here in Argentina. At our Evangelistic Center in Buenos Aires I suggested to the Sunday night congregation that we give a year's subscription of our national Assemblies of God publication "ID" to Argentina's twenty-two Provincial Governors, the President, and some of his Ministers. (The Spanish word "ID" means "Go Ye.")

Great was my joy when twenty-five or more pledged and paid for the subscriptions. Pray with us that the magazine will influence these important Argentina officials for good.

LOUIE W. STOKES
Missionary to Argentina

Catholics and Religious Statues

I just read the story, "Fito Stands Firm," concerning the religious experiences of a boy in Spain (in the November 27th issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel*). The article states that the Spanish people worship statues of the Virgin Mary.

Let me assure you that such a statement is false. No Catholic, in any country, should

worship a statue. Indeed, it would be sinful for us Catholics to do so, or to attribute any power to a mere plastic image. Statues in our Catholic churches serve the purpose of "calling to mind." A statue of Our Lord reminds us of His redeeming grace and of His sufferings. A statue of the Blessed Virgin reminds us of her devotion and service. But we Catholics *do not* worship statues.

JAMES J. TRAVERS
St. Louis, Mo.

● Many former Catholics have confessed that, prior to their conversion, they did worship the religious statues—sinful or not. Evidently the temptation to worship the statues is greater than the inspiration they convey. No doubt that is why God commanded us not to make these graven images nor to bow down to them. See Exodus 20: 4, 5.

The Word Made Flesh

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himself. He then will know the holy Scriptures, which are able to make one wise. The man of God will thus be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

4. *Let the Word be made flesh in action.*

Paul feels this possibility as he encourages the Colossian Christians. "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; *teaching* and *admonishing* one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16).

Hallelujah. The sweet Holy Spirit takes the Word of God and lifts the believer up to the ecstasy of singing in the Spirit. The whole personality becomes so integrated around the truth that our emotional outbursts of joy are in psalms, hymns, and Holy Ghost singing. That is Pentecost at its best.

God is in flesh when the whole spirit, soul, and body are impregnated with God's Word. A generous man was walking along a busy street. He noticed a street urchin standing with bare feet on the cold sidewalk. The little girl's eager face pressed against the plate glass window of the shoe store. The story was easily read. She was longing for a pair of socks and new shoes.

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Some day when we are filled with God's love and God's Word it can be said of us, the Word was made flesh!

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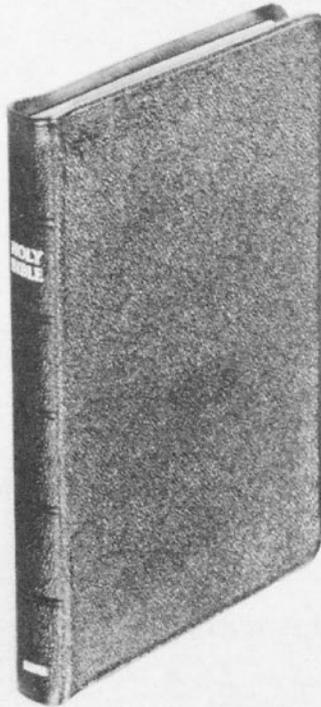
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You and Your Bible

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seph, David, or Paul, and God's dealings with them.

(4) The study of *words*—grace, faith, hope, and the like.

(5) The study of *prophecy*—especially prophecy as fulfilled in the life, sufferings, death, and resurrection of our Lord, and the unfulfilled prophecies relating to His coming again.

AIDS TO STUDY

All that is really essential to Bible study is a reference Bible and a good concordance.

Commentaries may be useful, but too often they explain the obvious and ignore the difficulties. Care is needed in the use of them, for they are at best the thoughts of men about the Bible, and many commentaries reflect the very erroneous views of their authors. The best commentary on the Bible is the Bible itself; it is surprising how often the meaning of a difficult passage will

become clear when the light of other Scripture is thrown upon it.

This is where a reference Bible is so often useful.

A good *Atlas of Bible Lands* is also very useful. Another valuable aid is a *Bible Dictionary*.

By following these suggested steps of Bible study you will discover the Bible to be a more meaningful book worthy of your most diligent effort.

Our Great Need in the New Year

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Before the Holy Spirit left King Saul he was able to lead Israel's small armies to victory over the enemy. After the Spirit departed from King Saul, he took one downward step after another. His life ended in tragedy. When the three Hebrew children were thrown into the fiery furnace, the thing that made them distinctive was the presence of the fourth "like unto the son of God." When Daniel was thrown into

the lions' den, the thing that made him distinctive was not that the king tried to preserve his life, but rather it was God's presence with him that made the difference.

In 1961 God's people may not be spared difficulties, but they can be distinctive people in every situation. They can claim the presence of God, for Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

THE GLORY OF GOD'S PRESENCE

It is amazing how theoretical God's presence can become to the believer when he gets his eyes on circumstances. Moses was aware of this danger. He knew he needed a new vision of the glory of God's presence and prayed, "I beseech thee, shew me thy glory" (Exodus 33:18). This is a wonderful prayer for believers to pray at the beginning of this new year. It is the prayer to pray whenever the luster of God's presence seems to fade from view.

As a result of his prayer, Moses was given a vision of the receding glory of God as he was hidden in the cleft of a rock. This vision so affected him that the Children of Israel asked him to put a veil over his face when he spoke to them. A new vision of the glory of God's presence will always revolutionize the believer's life and attitude. When Isaiah saw the Lord (Isaiah 6) he was made aware of his own unworthiness. Then he responded to the call of God. When Saul of Tarsus saw the glory of God on the Damascus Road, his life was transformed (Acts 9). He became the dynamic missionary of the Early Church instead of continuing in his religious pattern. After John had the transforming vision of the glory of God on the Isle of Patmos he wrote the great prophecies of the Book of Revelation. Men who saw the glory of God's presence could not be ordinary. His glory inspired them to be extraordinary.

Not every believer will have a vision of God's glory in the same way in which some Bible personalities did, yet all believers can and should have a sense of the glory of God. It may be acquired by maintaining a diligent devotional life. The daily reading of the Word and daily prayer can make the presence of God so real that 1961 will be the greatest year of all. A sense of the glory of God's presence will not terrify people into spiritual victory—it will inspire them. ◀ ◀

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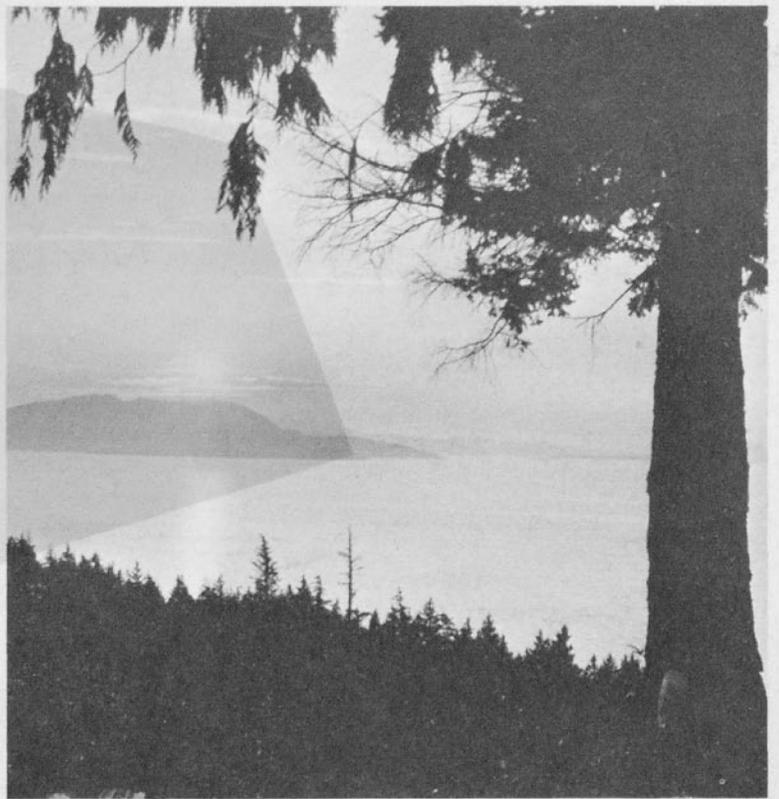
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The new year—365 days—is before us. Where we will be one year hence depends largely on what we do with this very day in which we are living, for that is the way God has ordered our lives.

A saintly invalid who had to spend all her life in a crippled condition in bed was once asked, "How long must you lie like that?" She answered, "Just one day at a time."

The day is the smallest division of God-given time. Seconds, minutes and hours are artificial and man-made, but the period from dawn to dusk is a product of nature—the shortest span of time God has provided.

The day is also the chief division of God-given time. Divine help is never promised for a month or even a week in advance, but for a day—"As thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Deuteronomy 33:25).

All of the Christian life is a day-by-day proposition. It is folly to try to live tomorrow and yesterday today. Paul said he forgot the unworthy past, "those things which are behind" (Philippians 3:13).

Not only will worry over a fruitless past or an unknown future dissipate our powers, but even dreaming of a golden past or a fair future will rob us of our energies.

However, living in the present doesn't mean a total disregard of yesterday and tomorrow. He who "eats, drinks and is merry, for tomorrow he may die," is not living in the present but for the present. True living in the present profits from the past and faces the future.

Living for today may involve reparations for yester-years and preparations for after-years. To recall the mistakes of the past and do nothing to repair them is living in the past. To dote on a glorious success and to do nothing now to maintain that success or improve it, is living in the past. But to remember some injury to another so that we

now can make right the wrong, is living in the present. To relive some glorious experience so as to take new heart and fresh courage, is living in the present. We should never dwell on the yesterdays unless they can do something for our todays.

Nor should we dream about the future unless we do something in the present to help make that dream a reality. To plan to memorize hundreds of Bible verses and fail to learn one today, is living in the future, and weakening to our spiritual stature. To dream of winning hundreds of people to Christ and not speak to one today about his soul, is idle dreaming. But to desire a deep knowledge of the Word and then study faithfully every day is living in the present.

The only time we have is now, so if you intend to teach a Sunday school class, telephone the superintendent today; if you aim to distribute gospel tracts, start giving them out now; if you wish to enjoy life, resolve to find joy each day.

The past is gone; the future is coming fast; we must make good use of the present. If we take care of the days, the years will take care of themselves.

As each new day dawns, we can remember: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

Perhaps you are not living a life of peace day by day, because you have never thrown yourself on the mercy of Jesus Christ, nor permitted Him to forgive your sins and make life meaningful for you. If so, we urge you right now to follow the instructions found in the Bible:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

"If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another; and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

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