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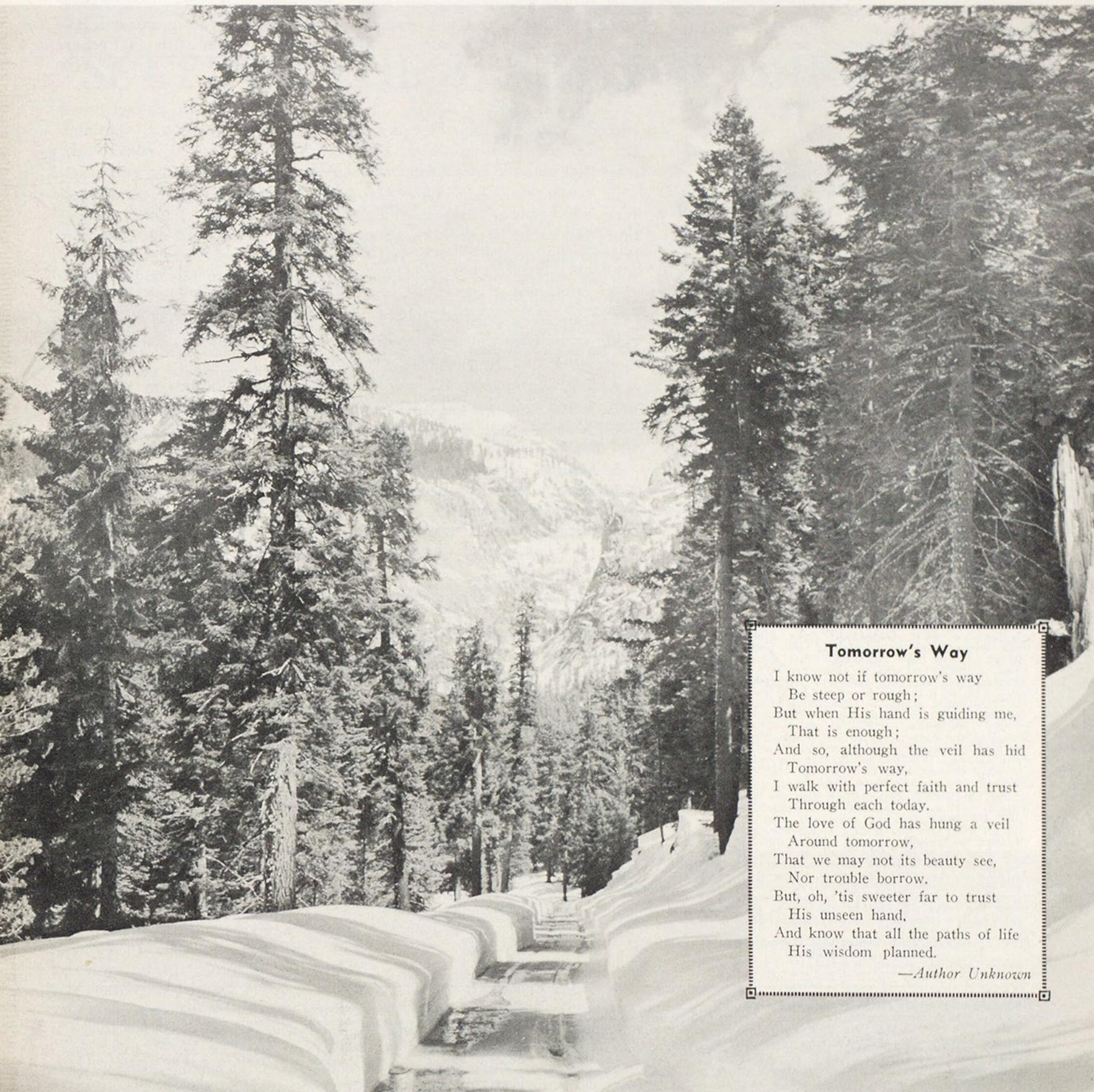
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT.

SAITH THE LORD

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Tomorrow's Way

I know not if tomorrow's way
 Be steep or rough;
 But when His hand is guiding me,
 That is enough;
 And so, although the veil has hid
 Tomorrow's way,
 I walk with perfect faith and trust
 Through each today.
 The love of God has hung a veil
 Around tomorrow,
 That we may not its beauty see,
 Nor trouble borrow.
 But, oh, 'tis sweeter far to trust
 His unseen hand,
 And know that all the paths of life
 His wisdom planned.

—Author Unknown

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Thank God for Health

If people would thank God more for good health, they would have more good health to thank God for. Divine healing is a priceless blessing. Divine health is equally so. If God has blessed you with good health you should thank Him for it and do all you can to preserve it for His glory. Here are some simple rules that will help.

1. *Obey the laws of health.* There are natural laws you cannot break without suffering the consequences. Proper food, pure air, sunshine, exercise, and sleep are basic requirements of the human body. Give reasonable attention to these matters and you will seldom be sick.

2. *Avoid strain and fatigue.* Modern life sets a rapid pace. Strain and fatigue are causing many heart failures and nervous breakdowns. Sometimes the cause is overwork. Sometimes it is worry. In either case it is displeasing to the Lord. If you will quit when you are tired, pray when you are worried, and set aside one day of the week to rest and worship, God will keep you well.

3. *Maintain a good conscience.* This is essential to good health. A guilty conscience will react upon the body and disturb its natural functions, producing disorders and even diseases.

4. *Keep happy in the Lord.* The Bible says, "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). A morbid disposition feeds physical breakdowns, whereas the singing of "psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs" fosters health.

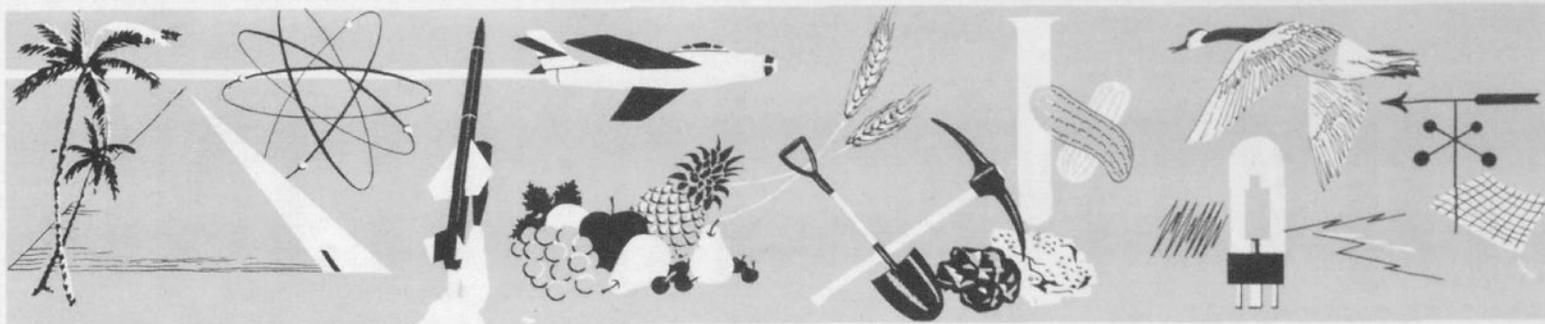
5. *Have a sanctified tongue.* You can't afford to poison yourself by giving way to a bad temper. Anger is destructive. An eminent physician has said, "There are diseases that originate from anger and anxiety that no medicine known to man can cure."

6. *Let brotherly love continue.* Love is a divine force emanating from God and bringing life and strength to everyone who lets it in. Be kind to all, tenderhearted, forgiving anyone who may have hurt you. Avoid self-pity. Think of other people's troubles and your own will vanish. Have an open heart and an open purse. A generous, unselfish, outgoing attitude will contribute immeasurably to your physical health. "The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself" (Proverbs 11:25).

7. *Dwell in the secret place with God.* Live in the 91st Psalm. The promise is, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Under His wings you will be protected against every attack of the enemy. Here you will commune with your Lord and feed upon His Word. Here you will drink His life-giving Spirit and lay claim to the protection of the Precious Blood. What a wonderful place to abide! And not only will your life be protected—it will also be prolonged: "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him My salvation."

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SETTING THE STAGE FOR MIRACLES

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EVERYONE BELIEVES IN MIRACLES! To deny them is as unscientific as it is sceptical.

Let the atheist trumpet his disbelief in the existence of God, of divine intervention in human affairs, of life after death; but he dare not deny the existence of miracles. The facts of science and history would swarm to the defense; they would laugh him to scorn. For by whatever name you call it—natural law, physical phenomena, acts of God, moral force, or Mother Nature—miracles happen within us and about us twenty-four hours a day. We live in a world so full of miracles our jaded senses weary with the reporting.

For centuries man fumbled with his clumsy keys trying to pick the lock of God's universe. Stored up within a tiny invisible substance was a world of energy that could do miraculous things. Then man found the right key and miracles began to happen. Energy was released merely because man had discovered the right combinations.

The tombs of the Pharaohs held their secrets for millenniums until someone unlocked the vaults and brought to the world the treasures of antiquity. Among them were seeds deposited in urns that had been left for the Pharaoh's use in another world. They were small, shriveled seeds that a skeptic would have discarded as worthless. But true science has no time to be cynical; there are too many worlds to conquer. Someone planted those seeds, watered them, exposed them to the sun: and miracles of miracles, seeds that had lain dormant for centuries burst their vest buttons and grew, grew, grew. A substance we call "life" was captive within those seeds—as within all seeds—waiting only for someone to set the stage for its miracle to happen.

To the Christian, these are exciting

things. He is not paralyzed by unbelief, nor crippled by sneers. He has an Almighty God enthroned on the circle of the universe and knows that all power flows down from Him. For what we call "energy" in the atom and "life" in the seed is the same power that operated through Jesus Christ the Eternal Word, that Incorruptible Seed. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly," He said.

But our problem is not with a belief in the miraculous. We merely stumble about looking for the key. Our push-button age conditions us to demand push-button miracles. If God wants to perform the unusual, we will let Him, but we will hardly lift a finger to co-operate.

But neither science, commerce, industry, nor government work like this. They leave nothing to chance—nothing to coincidence. Whether in the laboratory or at the council chambers of diplomacy, men set the stage for miracles by painstaking effort and then believe with magnificent faith—faith that puts ours to shame—that miracles do happen.

If men without God can exercise such faith why not men who know their God? "They that know their God shall do exploits."

Thus, in the world of the spirit, that divine realm called "The Kingdom of God," miracles happen because spiritually perceptive people painstakingly set the stage for miracles. God is a partner with such people.

Years ago a little English shoemaker embarked for India on an historic journey. He was destined to become the father of Protestant missions. The theologians and prelates mocked at such as he conquering a pagan people for God, but William Carey persevered and left

behind him a formula for miracles that is immortal. He said, "Attempt great things for God. Expect great things from God."

It is in the "attempting" that we prepare the ground for divine interventions. Latent in the Word of God is a world of supernatural power waiting only to be released. Few people can split an atom but a child can plant a seed. So simple also is the process by which the humblest saint can plant the Incorruptible Seed and experience the power of God.

There appears to be a four-step formula which can become the key to unlock these divine resources latent in the universe around us and within the Word of God. By this we set the stage for miracles.

1. DREAM BIG DREAMS

Miracles begin with dreams. The awesome sky-scraper, the mighty suspension bridge, the flaming missiles, the orbiting satellites, all began with a dream. Someone lived with that dream, communed with it, took council with it, till desire was seven times hot. For dreams are the fuel of desire.

In like manner, the first step toward a personal miracle must always be the vision of the imagination. For dreams reach out into the world of the unreal and bring into sharp focus that which at present does not exist. Dreams are a part of faith. Hebrews, chapter eleven, says: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for." "Things hoped for" are things dreamed about, things envisioned in the mind as already existing.

And to prove that desire is important to miracle, Jesus said, "Whatever ye desire, when ye pray believe that ye receive it, and ye shall have

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DIVINE HEALING

AND THE WAYS OF GOD

IN STUDYING THE BIBLE WE FIND IT is a practice with God to take the initiative in His special dealings with men. He first of all manifests His miraculous power in the midst of His people. Having done this in such a manner that all may know it is the hand of God, He then expects to see some fruit as the result of this special visitation.

For an example, take God's dealings with the children of Israel in Egypt. Note how He made known His presence in their midst in ten mighty manifestations of His miraculous power. Such a revelation of the power of God should have produced faith in them regarding their great Deliverer. They surely could see that His purpose was to bring them out of the land of Egypt, and lead them into that land which He had promised. The manner in which He divided the Red Sea before them was more than enough to convince the most skeptical among them of the purpose of the Almighty.

As soon as the children of Israel were clear of the Red Sea, and free from the authority and power of Pharaoh, the Lord began to test them. He desired to know how much confidence these people now had in His faithfulness and power. But they failed Him. Moses, who knew the ways of God, knew they were only tests; he knew they did not make void the promises of God to bring His people safely to their promised possession. But the mass of the people failed to believe God. As soon as He stepped behind the curtain, as it were, the cry went up: "Where is God now?" "Would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt."

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In the New Testament we read that God again visited His people in the

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person of His Son, Jesus Christ. Reading carefully we find that God takes the initiative. "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people" (Matthew 4:23).

God at the first did not ask for faith on the part of the people. But after our Lord performed many miracles, then He began to say, "According to your faith be it unto you." When Jesus came to His own country, the place where He spent most of His life, He naturally expected the people would have faith in Him, for they had heard of His mighty miracles. However, we read that "He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."

On the other hand, wherever our Lord found real practical faith He quickly responded, and how delighted He was to heal, as in the case of the centurion in Matthew 8:5-10. Also, we find that His last great commission to

heal the sick and to do miracles was given on the basis of faith, as recorded in Mark 16:15-20.

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The next mighty manifestation of the power and presence of God occurred at the feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was outpoured. Here again God took the initiative, not only in giving the Spirit to His people but also in manifesting His healing power. When the man who was lame from birth was healed through Peter and John, as recorded in Acts 3:1-11, there is no mention of faith on his part. It would have been almost unreasonable to expect this man to have faith in two strange men, whom perhaps he had never seen before.

We read in Acts 5:16, "There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one." God was building up faith in His people in His power and willingness to heal.

The final directions regarding the ministry of healing are given us in James 5:14. It is evident from this verse that the gospel of healing was so thoroughly taught and so mightily manifested that believers were expected to have faith in God to heal their bodies. In this scripture they are exhorted to call for the elders of the church to pray for them, and to anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord, and the promise is, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." It does not say to call for one of the apostles, nor for those who have the gifts of healing, but for the elders of the church. Where there is faith this is quite sufficient.

Some years ago I knew a sister in Christ who was suffering with an in-

BIBLE VERSE



The prayer of faith shall save the sick. **JAMES 5:15**

curable disease. She heard that a great man was coming to conduct a revival and healing campaign. She had her friends take her to the meeting in a spinal carriage. She was prayed for, but was no better. While she was feeling very disappointed, the Lord spoke to her and told her that if she had gone to meet with a great God instead of going to meet with a great man, she would not have been disappointed.

She asked the Lord to forgive her for having erred, and a few days later persuaded her friends to take her again to the meeting. She was prayed for by the evangelist and was healed completely. She told me that afterwards she was able to walk five miles.

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About fifty years ago God poured out His Spirit in Pentecostal power. This outpouring, like the former, was accompanied by supernatural signs, and thousands of people were healed of all manner of diseases. Having been present during those early days of Pentecostal revival, I believe it was more a case of God taking the initiative than the result of marvelous faith on the part of those who were used in the healing of the sick. The time of the latter rain referred to in Zechariah 10:1 had come, and God came down to fulfill His Word.

Looking back over the ways in which God has dealt with His people from the time of Moses to the present day, let us ask: Is it the mind of God that He should always take the initiative?

Surely God wants to lead us on, as He has always wanted to lead His people on, from faith to faith. He does take the initiative at the beginning of a dispensation, but He expects more from us who have been on the way for years than He does from new "babes in Christ" who must always be carried because they cannot walk. "We walk by faith, not by sight."

Miracles should produce faith, and in turn faith will produce miracles. As a result of faith, miracles can remain with us always as a constant proof that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

What God desires now, as always, is faith on the part of His people. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6). Therefore, let us exercise faith in the living God to fulfill His Word.

Every hindrance to faith such as described in John 5:44 should be removed, and God must be put first in all things. Only then will we come into our full inheritance. Let us not think the Lord is asleep, though His eyes seem closed to us: "His eyes behold, His eyelids try the children of men" (Psalm 11:4).

Moses knew the ways of God; the children of Israel only saw His mighty

acts. It does not require great grace nor faith to behold God working through others, but how many can trust God when He seemingly has stepped behind the curtain?

"Thrice blessed is he to whom is given

That instinct that can tell

That God is on the field when He Is most invisible." ◀◀



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EPISCOPAL RECTORS PRAY FOR THE SICK AT SPIRITUAL HEALING MISSION

The ministry of Divine Healing is not confined to the Pentecostal Movement as some may suppose. Churches of various denominations have adopted the practice of praying for the sick and there are many testimonies of miraculous healing in answer to the prayer of faith.

The photograph shows a public "laying on of hands" service in progress recently at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Alfred W. Price (left), rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, prayed as he and the rector of All Saints' placed their hands on the heads of kneeling worshippers who came up to the communion rail four at a time.

"Defend, strengthen, and heal, O Lord, these Thy children with Thy heavenly grace," Dr. Price said, "that all pain and sickness may be banished and the blessing of health be theirs according to Thy gracious will. Amen."

Offering a different prayer each time, he repeated the ceremony until the long line of nearly 100 men, women, and children had passed the rail and returned to their seats.

During a three-day spiritual healing mission conducted by Dr. Price at All Saints' last November nearly 1,000 persons attended the services, some of them on crutches or in wheel chairs.

Dr. Price has had a ministry of spiritual healing for eighteen years. He is warden of the Order of St. Luke the Physician, an international and interdenominational society stressing Christian healing. Included among its members are clergy, doctors, nurses, and laymen.

"Healing," he told a reporter, "may be mediated through physical treatment and material remedies, but healing is not limited to the physical realm. There is more healing in the spiritual realm of faith than in any other."

He said he is convinced that spiritual healing should be practiced by twentieth-century ministers just as it was by the first Christian disciples. He pointed out that while the Episcopal Church in this country and other Anglican communions abroad have perhaps taken the lead in re-establishing the healing ministry, other traditional Protestant denominations also are doing much in this field.

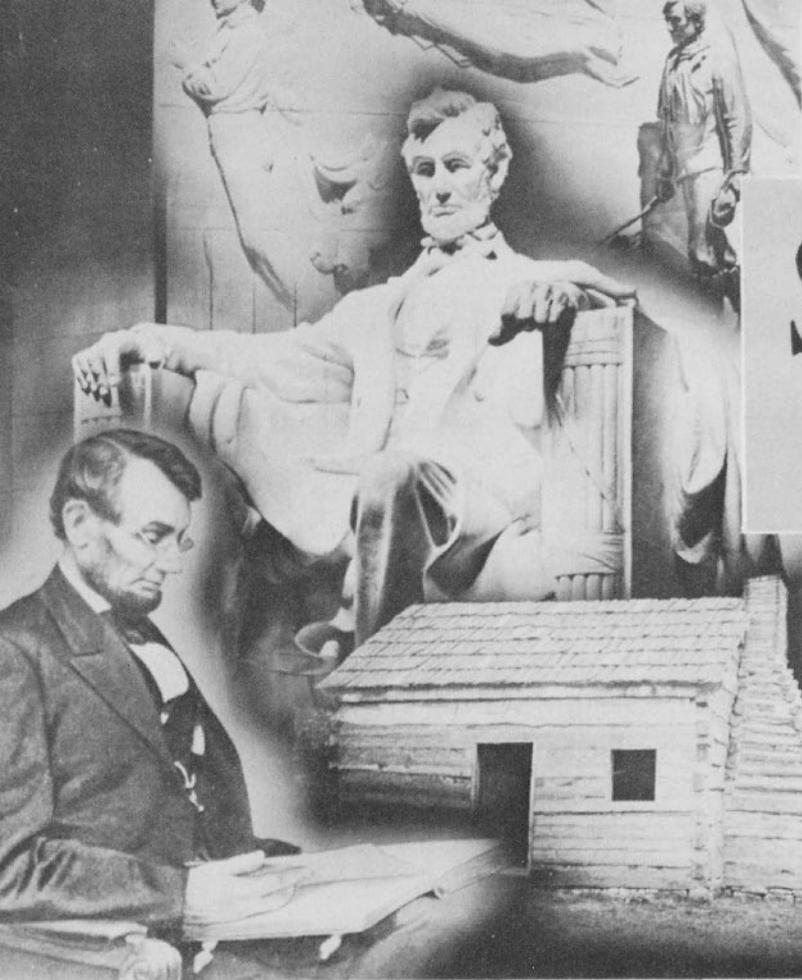


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SLAVERY STILL EXISTS

BY NATHANAEL OLSON

The Birthday of Abraham Lincoln, a truly great American, takes us back to one of the issues for which he strove a hundred years ago.

SLAVERY STILL EXISTS! ABRAHAM Lincoln freed the slaves of his day and proclaimed all men free—but still there are slaves!

If you don't believe me, go with me to the skid rows of our great cities. Allow me to point out the mistreated slaves over whom King Alcohol rules—with a bottle for a scepter! Note, with aching heart, their bloodshot eyes, their unshaven faces, their looks of despair. They're "free" men—but slaves to alcohol!

Houses of ill fame are full of "free" men who are slaves to lust. Gambling dens resound with the rasping voices of "free" men who are slaves to greed.

Are you a slave? If not, how free are you? Are you the master of your passions, desires, and appetites; or do they master you? Do you eat to live, or just live to eat? Do you make money in order to live, or do you live just to make money? Remember that Christ said: "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant [slave] of sin" (John 8:34).

Hundreds of years ago an unhappy man cried out: "For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. . . . O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me?" (Romans 7:19, 24). If you are like this man, you are not free.

But I have good news for you! "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

An aged colored man lived a secluded life in the hills of Kentucky. Escaped from a cruel master, he feared lest he be caught and forced to return. Hiding in his lonely cabin in the hills, he had no communications with the outside world from one year to another.

Finally he was so in need of provision that he set off for the village store to get hominy, syrup, corn, and the other items which made up his meager menu. Lest some slave dealer see him, he cautiously slipped along amid the silent shadows and towering trees near the village.

"Hey, you!" a loud voice called, "why is yo' creepin' along like a frighten' possum?"

The fugitive slave almost fell through fright till he discovered it was only Jeremiah Jones, the colored preacher, drinking peppermint tea. A smile pulled at the corners of the preacher's mouth.

"Don' you know ol' Abe Lincoln set us colo'd folks free? No mo' slave days fo' us!"

"When did all dis happen?" asked the wondering man.

"Why, we been free fo' a yeah," answered preacher Jones.

A tear trickled down the old man's cheek as he replied, "Jus' think! Heah Ah been livin' like a slave fo' a whole yeah, an' all the time Ah've been free!"

Unsaved reader, you're like our colored friend. You've been a slave to sin for years while all the time you could have been free. Why? Because Christ defeated Satan and sin when He died for your sins on Calvary. When He said, "It is finished," it was because He had broken the bondage of sin for all who would trust their case to Him.

There is freedom for you through Christ—freedom from evil habits, freedom from a guilty conscience, freedom from fear about the present or the future, freedom from eternal death.

Slavery still exists. But *you* don't need to be a slave to sin and Satan any longer. Christ can set you free. Repent now of your sin. In other words: stop hugging your sin and begin hating it! Come to Christ, receiving Him into your heart as your own personal Saviour. You have this unfulfilling promise:

"As many as received Him, to them gave He *power* to become sons of God" (John 1:12).

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BRYON CRENSHAW, A MINISTER OF Charleston, South Carolina, startled his congregation the other quiet Sabbath morning with some questions about liquor that still have his listeners walking on their heels. We pass them along.

1. "Have you ever known a man to lose his job because he drank too little?" That question would take all the time for one sermon. Immediately there comes drifting before us the weathered faces of friends who have lost out to life at the other extreme.

2. "Have you ever known an employer, seeking a man for a responsible position, to say—'Only a drinker need apply'?" One reason you find men of superior character working in liquor stores is they won't take any other kind. That's one business where an employee must not patronize his own business.

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3. "Have you ever known a defendant in court to say, 'If I had been drunk I never would have done it'?" In my own files of sad cases I have dozens of yellow, faded cards that tell the other side of that story.

4. "Have you ever known an insurance company to offer reduced rates

Abe Lincoln Was Right About Liquor

to 'drinkers only'?" You can stake your life you've never heard such a silly proposition. On the other hand, thousands have made themselves "uninsurable" because of their devotion to the bottle. One of the richest men I knew in my earlier days was turned down for insurance with the notation "a bad moral risk." Businessmen will sometimes drink, but they don't want to get tied up in business with someone else who does.

5. "Have you ever known the value of a home or a business to rise when a tavern is opened next door?" Only recently a man asked me if I would appear against the opening of a liquor store in his community. I refused. He

is not against liquor. But he rides out of his own community to get it. He doesn't want it there for the reason mentioned—it deflates values in real estate.

THE GRAVE

6. "Have you ever known a doctor to say to a sick patient, 'Your chances for survival would be much better if you had been a drinking man'?" On the contrary! Many a man has had his rendezvous with death—and stumbled off to the grave for the very reason that he *was* a drinking man and had destroyed the defenses that might have made the difference.

7. "Have you ever known a wife to lift her tear-stained face to say, 'My husband would be the best man in the world if he only drank a little'?" And that finishes the questions on the silliest and saddest note of all. With more than half of the adults in America listed as "moderate drinkers" and more than three million hopeless alcoholics among us, there is no wonder that the nation is littered with the tragic rubble of broken homes.

Abe Lincoln had it right—"Liquor has many defenders, but it has no defense."

—Pierce Harris
in the *Atlanta Journal*

A MESSAGE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

The Greatest Emancipator

BY J. CHARLES PELON



JESUS SAID, "IF THE SON THEREFORE shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

Today, boys and girls, I would like to tell you about the Greatest Emancipator. But before we can talk about the Greatest Emancipator, we must ask ourselves the question, "What is an emancipator?"

What does it mean to emancipate? Let me try to explain. This long word has been made up by putting together three short words meaning "to take out of someone's hand." Let us suppose you have gone into the woods and have caught a wild canary. A friend comes along and sees you holding the canary in your hand, and wants to see the bird free and flying again. But it is your bird; you caught it, and

you say to your friend, "I will let you have the canary for fifty cents."

So let us suppose your friend offers you fifty cents; and as you open one hand to take the money, you open the other hand releasing the wild canary. The bird is happy to be free once more and flies away. Your good friend has bought the bird out of your hand, not for himself but for itself. He has changed the ownership of the bird by setting it free. This is what it means to emancipate.

Now that we better understand the meaning of the word, I wonder whether you can name some of history's great emancipators? There have been many and we will talk briefly about some of them before we come to the Greatest Emancipator.

MOSES. Yes, Moses is surely one of the great emancipators in history's long story of the struggle of mankind. *Whom* did Moses emancipate? The Israelites. And *from what* did he set them free? From their bondage. You remember how the children of Israel were held in captivity by the Egyptians. Well, *how* did Moses emancipate God's people? By faith he led them out of Egypt and set them free. After God helped Moses to get the people out of Egypt and away from the wicked rulers who held them captive, Moses gave the children of Israel new laws to live by, the laws of God.

MARTIN LUTHER. He too is one of history's great emancipators. *Whom* did he set free? The German people, that is right. And *from what* did Luther set the German people free? From religious bondage. And *how* did he do this? By translating the Bible and teaching the people that "the just shall live by faith." Yes, Martin Luther gave the Word of God to the German people so they could think for themselves, and so they could enjoy freedom of
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religion and practice freedom of worship.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN. Surely every boy and girl remembers this great emancipator. Do I need to ask *who* it was that Lincoln set free? Yes, it was the American Negroes. He set them free from slavery or social bondage. And *how* did Lincoln do this? By his great Emancipation Proclamation, even though men had still to go to war to make it come true. It was this great document which on January 1, 1863, proclaimed all slaves then in the United States "forever free."

We are profoundly thankful for these great emancipators of history. But now we come to the Greatest Emancipator of all. I wonder if you know His Name. Let me read our text and see if this helps you to decide: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." This is a verse from John's Gospel. Who is the Son of our text? Yes, Jesus. And you know, too, that His very Name Jesus means emancipator, one who saves, one who sets free. But Jesus says that if He sets you free you will be really free. In other words, there is no other emancipator like He.

Now, boys and girls, I want to ask you the same three questions about Jesus that we asked about the great emancipators of history. Let us see how well you can answer them.

First, *whom* did Jesus emancipate? People, that's right. If the great emancipators of history gave their lives to set people free, certainly you would expect the same of the Greatest Emancipator, since nothing in this world is more important than people. In fact, Jesus even said on one occasion that He came "to give His life a ransom for many"—that is, for many people. God cares a lot about human beings, and Jesus cared enough about them to come into the world and die upon a cross to emancipate them, to set them free.

Our second question is, *from what* does Jesus emancipate? I can think of several things. Yes, *superstition* is one. Superstition is really ignorance and Jesus sets the minds of men free by giving them knowledge of the Truth—eternal Truth, because it is the truth about God. Jesus said, "If you continue in My word, you are My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Jesus is the Greatest Emancipator of

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Even Solomon's Palace Was Too Narrow for a Nagging Woman

BY NELL F. HALL

SOLOMON IN HIS PROVERBS GIVES some very favorable comments concerning good women, but he must have had experience with a nagging woman, too. For he wrote in Proverbs 21:9 (and it is the favorite passage of some men), "It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop than with a brawling woman in a wide house."

Then again, in verse 19, he indicated that even the housetop would not afford sufficient relief from this undesirable companion, for he said, "It is better to dwell in the wilderness than with a contentious and angry woman." Some render the word "contentious" as "fretful"—and what a frequent cause of matrimonial misery is this fussiness about little things!

The Speaker's Commentary describes the "corner on the housetop" as a corner of the flat roof on an Eastern house, exposed to all the changes of weather. "All winds and storms a man might meet with in such a spot," says the writer, "would be more endurable than this kind of chin-music from a wife inside the house."

And this is not the last that Solomon has to say on the subject. Can it be that the Holy Spirit saw that this would indeed be a common cause of trouble in our homes, and that these vivid pictures would be needed by many of us to make us take stock and change our ways? For the next picture in Proverbs 27:15, 16 has in it further details of the unpleasantness of life with that nagging, fretful person. "A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike," he said. "Whosoever hideth her [R.V., 'restraineth her'—tries to keep her temper within limits] hideth the wind." To try to control such a person would be as rational and as possible as to try to control the wind!

Whatever else this figure of speech is intended to portray, it clearly shows that a hen-pecking wife wears a man down like a dripping faucet, or water continuously dropping from the eaves on a tin pan. Perhaps there are few hindrances to the cause of Christ as effective as a bad disposition on the part of God's people. The woman who would not gamble, or smoke, or attend places of worldly amusements, may yet manifest a churlish temper and keep her family in terror with her acid tongue.

And let us not forget that there are some husbands who by their fussiness destroy the peace in the home. A man who will fight for the faith once delivered to the saints may be so hard to live with that his family breathes a sigh of relief whenever he leaves the house.

Nor does it stop here! Children, sensing a tense atmosphere, add to it with their own individual and varied contributions of fretfulness and contentiousness, so that the usual forbearance and *courtesy* (that "*love in little things*") are forgotten. How easy then for little irritations and frayed tempers to build up, until a slammed door may announce that someone has found the house too small, and is putting an exclamation point to Solomon's longing for the wilderness.

One mother found herself perilously near the end of her patience during the morning race of getting the children dressed and ready for school while they engaged in more than the usual amount of arguments and petty clashes. Quietly she reminded them of the Bible admonition, "Be ye kind one to another."

"But there aren't any strangers here," remarked one of the children. "There's only the family."

How exactly does this unexpected answer put a finger on the root and cause of so much of the home unpleasantness! It seems so much easier

to manifest the lovely Christian graces when there is company, or when we are away from home, and to "let up" on them in the home, the very place they are most needed.

There is a verse which speaks of the Christian's witness to his household. He is spoken of as a lighted candle, properly placed where "it giveth light to all that are in the house" (Matthew 5:15).

A famous actress was asked what advice she would give to American women in ten words. She said she needed only two: "Stop complaining." Paul says, "Neither murmur ye..." (1 Corinthians 10:10). Whether the fault lie with wife or husband, it is certain that the perpetual wear and tear of domestic discord brings depression and ultimate breakdown to the most cheerful nature, and God warns severely against it. How much nicer wives and husbands would be to live with if they would count their blessings and try to see the good in every situation!

But thank God, that stormy home can be brought into perfect calm when the appeal for help is made to Jesus Christ, as Head of the household. Once it is seen that these dispositional sins are fully as injurious to the Christian cause as the more overt acts of wickedness, and are the cause of the breakdown of homes, victory and help can be found at the Cross.

Often the tendency to nag is the result of an inner feeling of frustration and anxiety. The secret of victory is as simple as the invitation of the compassionate Saviour, "Come unto me, ... and I will give you rest." Who could need this proffered rest more than that sensitive, irritable, fault-finding, peevish one whose feelings find vent in words that Solomon says are like the continual monotonous drip-drop, drip-drop on a very rainy day? God's Word, if it becomes your daily resort, will give strength for the conflict that otherwise proves too much for you. That Word abiding in you richly will give comfort in place of anxiety that would otherwise rule your heart. Come to Him, then, as a little child seeking comfort and love from its parent. Forget that you are a person with big responsibilities and pressing duties, and let the hurry and fever be drawn from your soul by the cooling, soothing, healing hand of the Lord. Nagging will change to singing, and the house will once more be large enough for the whole family. ◀◀



SONG ON A TRAIN

BY EINAR WAERMO

THE PASSENGERS IN OUR COACH drank, smoked, and played cards. The atmosphere was indescribable. As we crossed Arizona, the condition improved but was far from satisfactory. Toward afternoon as I sat in a corner reading my Bible, I felt the urge to sing.

"No, Lord, I can't," I answered.

Then the Word of the Lord came to me, "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: but he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God" (Luke 12:8, 9).

"But," I protested, "singing is not permitted here."

There was neither escape nor excuse, so I took my songbook to the front end of the car. It was hard to begin. A baby sat in a buggy and I played with her for a while; I asked her name, how old she was, where she was going, and so forth, but I knew that was not why I had come there. I took courage at last, opened my songbook; and, turning to the passengers, closed my eyes and sang:

*"I have a Friend, oh, a wonderful
Friend,
He is all in all to me,
Patient and sweet, and so tender and
kind,
So loving and good is He.*

"When I was lost in darkness and sin

*Without a hope in the world,
To Calvary's mountain went Jesus for
me
To bring me safe home to the fold."*

I sang all three verses, and scarcely dared look up. Warm and perspiring, but light of heart, I closed my book and sat down. How glad I was to have fulfilled my mission of witnessing for the Lord Jesus!

A lady seated across the aisle from me leaned over and with tears expressed her gratitude for the song. She was on her way to her father's deathbed, and admitted that Christ was not a reality in her life.

After a while the man who the previous night had been drinking the most sat down beside me. I had the privilege of telling him of Christ who is mighty to save.

When later I walked down the aisle of the coach I saw a man and woman sitting together weeping.

"We are backslidden," they confessed. "Won't you pray for us here that we may be restored to fellowship with God?"

Of course I would, and as the train rushed across the prairie these two souls were brought back to the fold. They stepped off the train somewhere in Missouri, joyful and happy, and I expect to meet them both on Eternity's morning. —Christian Life and Times

THIS PRESENT WORLD

Morals

SMUT DEALER HEAVILY SENTENCED

A convicted seller of obscene material in New York City has been ordered to serve a three-year prison term and pay a \$12,500 fine. Sentencing of the book and magazine publisher who reportedly grossed \$1,500,000 a year from the smut trade was hailed by law enforcement officers as "the start of a long campaign to rid our city of a dirty growth."

It probably was the stiffest sentence ever handed down in a pornography case. In passing sentence, the judge said he had been "sickened by reading the books entered into evidence." He denounced specifically the literature's demoralizing effect on youth.

DOCTORS NOW SMOKING LESS

Next time you are confronted with misleading ads about the kind of cigarettes doctors recommend, remember this fact. One out of four doctors in the U. S. who smoked five years ago has quit, according to Dr. Daniel Horn, Director of Program Evaluation of the American Cancer Society.

Dr. Horn was co-author with Dr. E. Cuyler Hammond of the American Cancer Society study which shows that lung cancer death rates are ten times as high among regular cigarette smokers as among those who never smoke.

Ministers

AMERICAN BAPTISTS SET EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS FOR FUTURE MINISTERS

To be ordained as a minister, a person should have at least four years of college and three years of study in a seminary. So said a commission of the American (Northern) Baptist Convention recently.

The commission on the ministry set 1965 as the date on which it hopes to apply this minimum requirement for education. After that date, ministers should not be ordained unless they

meet the educational standard. Exempt from the new standard are ministers ordained before 1965.

(It will be noted that it is the Northern Baptists, not the Southern Baptists, who are making these demands for a more highly-educated ministry; and yet it is the Southern Baptists who are registering the greater membership gains.)

Relief

AMERICAN CITIZENS SEND \$117 MILLION ABROAD THROUGH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES

The Government announced that relief shipments to foreign lands during the first six months of 1960 were 16 per cent larger than during the first half of 1959. American religious and voluntary groups distributed \$117,025,115 worth of food, clothing, and other supplies to needy persons overseas during this period. Almost one billion pounds of food from government sur-

plus supplies were included.

About half of the relief was shipped by the Catholic Relief Services. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee sent \$14,300,680 worth of supplies. Other totals for the six-month period were: Church World Service (Protestant) \$7,697,243; Lutheran World Relief \$8,922,244; CARE \$22,257,000; National Association of Evangelicals' World Relief Committee \$353,158; Assemblies of God Foreign Service Committee \$74,950.

MILLIONS GIVEN FOR REFUGEES

UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld announced that \$83,000,000 was given or pledged by 97 governments and countless individuals toward the success of the World Refugee Year, which ended last June. He said that the Soviet Union and its satellites gave nothing to the World Refugee Year fund. He praised religious organizations which have raised large sums to help the refugees.

HALF A MILLION SCRIPTURE POSTERS DISPLAYED IN GERMANY



The 500,000th placard in a campaign to carry the Word of God directly to the public is mounted in West Berlin by Heinrich Broshalm, founder of the Christian Poster Service. Since 1949 Evangelical workers have extended the project to many other West German cities, dotting not only their street-cars but street-corner advertising pillars, waiting rooms, hospitals, schools, and prisons as well with Bible verses and gospel appeals.

—PHOTO BY RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE

Education

JUDGE ADVOCATES RELIGIOUS TRAINING FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Superior Court Judge Raymond F. Kelly (Spokane, Washington) ruled that the "released time training program" of the Spokane Council of Churches is constitutional.

"I fear that some," the judge stated, "in their apparent zeal to keep the wall of separation between Church and State unbreached, may be unwittingly raising a wall separating the State and our children from God."

Foreign

"COMMONWEALTH OF CHURCHES" URGED BY ARCHBISHOP

The Archbishop of Canterbury, following his recent visit to the Vatican and conferences with Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox leaders, proposed that a "Commonwealth of Churches" be formed. He said this would bridge the gulf—without complete ecclesiastical union—that has separated eastern and western Christians for 1,000 years, and Catholics and Protestants for 400 years.

The movement toward union of apostate Christendom can be expected to gather force and speed as the end of the age draws near.

FUNDAMENTALIST LEADER CONDEMNS CANTERBURY'S VISIT WITH POPE

The president of the International Council of Christian Churches has charged that the visit of Dr. Fisher, Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury, to Pope John XXIII was "a tragedy of the first magnitude, for it confuses the true way of salvation."

Said Dr. Carl McIntire: "Eternal life may be received only by faith. The Protestant and Roman systems present irreconcilable ways to heaven."

He charged that the Vatican meeting "was a carefully calculated move in the long-range program of the ecumenical movement in Protestantism to build a one-world church."

"True Protestant forces around the world are challenged to stand against any accommodation to the Catholic Church," said McIntire. "The tombs of the reformers buried in Westminster Abbey should be shaking enough today to crumble that Protestant citadel. These martyrs died for the primacy of Scripture over the authority of the church."

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Will those who are saved in big evangelistic campaigns, but fail to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit go up in the Rapture?

"The Lord knoweth them that are his" (2 Timothy 2:19). The promise of the Rapture is to the Church, the body of Christ. If born-again believers are in the body of Christ, I expect to see them in the Rapture.

What is a lie?

A lie is an endeavor to deceive, either by word or deed. God will exclude from the celestial city not only those who have told untruths, but also him who "maketh a lie" (Revelation 21:27).

Can we support the military program of our country and be in the will of God?

I believe this must be left to individual conscience. The Assemblies of God is officially on record as being willing to do anything for our government in time of war that does not require the bearing of arms. But many of our Spirit-filled young men have refrained from claiming this exemption, nor do they seem to feel they did wrong by taking up arms to defend our country.

Is it right to worship God on Sunday morning and play volley ball in the afternoon?

The Bible says, "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy." If we may play volley ball Sunday afternoons, why isn't it permissible to go fishing, hunting, or swimming? If we do these things we are copying the world. How then are we an example of reverence for God, for His worship, and for His day that is set apart for worship?

Who gave the keys to the kingdom? And to whom were they given?

Jesus said He would give Peter "the keys of the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 16:19). There is no Biblical record that Peter ever passed these keys on to a successor. One of the keys he used to open the door of the gospel to the Jews on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14). The other he used in opening the door to the Gentiles as recorded in Acts 10:34-46.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:48-58). Do you believe we partake of the literal body of Christ in the Communion?

These scriptures must be considered in a spiritual sense, not literal. No one ate the literal body of Christ when He was on earth, nor have they since His ascension to the Father. Jesus showed that His meaning was spiritual, not literal, by explaining, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63).

Do you think Communism or Catholicism will overrun our country?

Only God knows the future. It seems probable from Revelation 17 that Catholicism (the woman) will have strong political power until finally overthrown by the Antichrist (the beast) who will claim homage for himself alone. Observing conditions in the world today, I think we may be nearer the end than most of us suppose. Conditions under leadership of the Beast may be very similar to Communism. At present the whole world seems to be going more and more the way of socialism.

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).



His Hands

The hands that blessed the children, healed the sick, and pointed the lost toward heaven were nailed to an old rugged cross.

BY ALBERT J. GUNTER

THERE IS A VERY MOVING STORY told of the famous German artist, Albrecht Dürer, who was born in Nuremberg in 1471.

While still quite young, Dürer and a bosom friend of his decided they would like to be great artists. They worked hard during the day earning as much money as possible so that in the evenings they could study and practice the career they had chosen.

This arrangement, however, soon proved unsuccessful. They found that they could not devote enough time to their painting. So they decided to give up painting for a while, earn as much as they could, and then quit working after a time and just paint. So after their normal work they would go to a local hotel and spend their evenings washing dishes.

After some time the friend said to Dürer, "Albrecht, we have quite a lot of money saved now, enough for one of us to give up working. So you quit working and spend all your time painting."

Dürer, the younger of the two, thereupon gave up work and started painting. He painted picture after picture, until the small studio he had was filled with paintings by the then unknown Albrecht Dürer.

One day, however, when he returned home from his studio earlier than usual, he found his friend talking to God. The sight he saw when he opened the door so fixed itself in his mind, that he decided there and then that he would paint it as soon as he got back to his studio.

Quickly he got out his sketch pad and pencil, and started sketching this sight which was destined to be his most famous painting.

His dearest friend was kneeling in prayer, praying for Albrecht Dürer. But it was not the prayer that moved Dürer so; it was the clasped hands of his friend.

Those hands could never again hold a paint brush. Those hands would never beautify any canvas. Because of those hands he would never become a great painter. In making Albrecht Dürer a famous painter, those hands had been coarsened to hard manual work. In making his friend Albrecht's dreams come true he had put his hands into the water so much that they were now stiff and out of joint; he would never realize his own ambition.

There and then, Dürer determined to make his next painting his most famous ever. And history bears out his ambition, for there is no more famous

painting of Dürer's than those hands; the hands of his dearest friend clasped in the attitude of prayer.

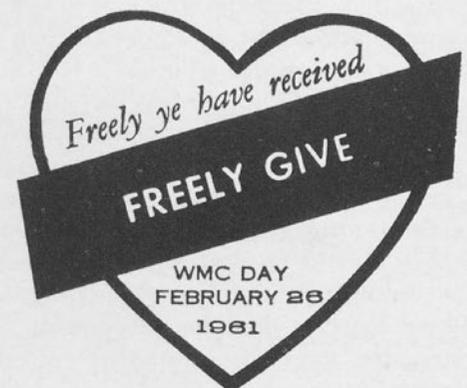
Although that story is very moving and beautiful, it brings to mind something far more wonderful. We have many references in Holy Writ to the hands, not of a mere human, but of the Divine Man, the Son of God.

When the sick and suffering were brought to Jesus, we read that "He laid His hands on them," or "He stretched forth His hands." You remember the time when Jesus was in Bethsaida and they brought a blind man to Him. Mark tells us in chapter eight, verse twenty-two, that they brought him "and besought Him [Jesus] to touch him." The story goes on that after Christ had spit on his eyes and laid hands on him, He asked the man if he could see anything. The man reported that his vision was distorted. The Bible continues that Christ again laid His hands on the man's eyes. This time he "saw every man clearly." It is interesting to note that there is no mention of Christ praying for this man; His mere touch had power.

The people of His time had faith in His touch. Parents brought their children to Jesus, that He might touch them. What a beautiful picture of the interest Christ had in people. He was never too busy to be bothered with children. His disciples did not like the idea, but our Lord rebuked them, saying, "Suffer little children to come unto Me." One can picture the scene, Christ laying His hands gently on these infants. What a loving Saviour we have.

I think the most beautiful illustration of our Lord's humility is that scene in the upper room at the last supper. Jesus had wrapped a towel around Himself, and began to wash the dusty feet of His disciples, with His hands.

Those hands which had brought heal-
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Aunt Katy's SUNDAY SCHOOL



BY KATHERINE BEVIS

KATY KNEW THAT SHE WAS IN FOR trouble as soon as she saw the well-dressed man, wearing a clergyman's garb, walking briskly up her front walk. It was comforting to realize that the Lord knew she had not meant to do anything wrong! She was just trying to teach poor little street waifs, both black and white, about a Saviour who loved them so much that He had died for the redemption of their souls.

But would the grave-faced visitor understand her reason for having this group of children gathered in her humble house on Murray Street, in New York City?

On this Sunday afternoon, as the stranger stood outside the door, he heard the sound of childish voices singing a great old hymn. He paused until the chorus was finished, then tapped on the door.

Poor Katy was frightened, feeling sure that the minister was angry. She hushed the children and opened the door. To her surprise the man's eyes were tender even though he tried to make his voice stern as he said: "What is this that you are doing, Katy—holding school on the Sabbath Day?"

Then before she could answer the visitor continued, "This must not be, Katy. You must not be allowed to do all this work alone. And I am sure there are many other children who would like to come if you had room to accommodate them. So, I'll tell you what I want you to do: bring these children to the church. We will get some helpers for you and you shall find plenty of room for classes of all ages."

Katy had been speechless before, but now words could not have expressed her happy state. Joy flooded her heart as this man of God brought to her what seemed to be "manna from heaven."

That day, almost a century ago, Katy took her children over to the Murray Street Church and many consider this the first Sunday school in New York City.

Katy Ferguson, who started this great work, began life as a slave. She was born on board ship while her mother was being transported from Virginia to New York. Then, when Katy was only eight years old, her mother was sold, and Katy never heard of her again.

The sad memory of those lonely years of her childhood without a mother stayed with Katy throughout her entire life; and almost from the time she was torn from her own mother, she dedicated her life to caring for motherless children.

God was good to Katy in giving her a kind mistress who allowed her to attend church services where the minister showed a great interest in her.

Although she never learned to read, Katy had a ready memory that was stored with Bible verses which she heard at church.

When Katy was just fourteen, she

More Than Conquerors

Must we always search for comfort
When the Comforter is here?
Must we struggle blindly, fearful,
When our Saviour is so near?
Must we seek for joy and blessing
When the Blessor lives within?
Must we pray, "Our heavenly Father,"
Then continue on in sin?

Must we wait till we reach heaven
For a life of victory?
Did not Christ upon Golgotha
Win our pardon, set us free?
Since God loves us and takes pleasure
In His people—Christ's own Bride—
Let us then adore and serve Him
Radiant and satisfied!

—Mildred Allen Jeffery

began to be troubled about her soul, and one evening she gained enough courage to call on the minister of the Murray Street Church, Dr. John M. Mason. As she timidly approached him, not knowing how to state her problem, the minister looked up and said kindly, "Katy, have you come to talk with me about your soul's salvation?" This opening made it easy for the nervous little black girl to open her heart to the minister and to tell him about her burdened soul. That night when Katy walked out of the study onto the street, her heart was light—she had found a peace and joy in her Saviour that she had not believed possible.

Two years later, when Katy was just sixteen, two wealthy friends bought her for the sum of \$200 and set her free.

When she was eighteen she married, but successive tragedies soon robbed her of her husband and also of her two precious babies.

Through all the loneliness that followed she kept her heartaches hidden, confident that the God who had taken care of her up to this time was directing her life.

Culinary work opened up for her, and she became a fancy cook, catering to large parties. Making elaborate cakes was her specialty, and there was a time in New York when a big wedding would not have been considered complete without Katy's Wedding Cake.

Her wages were never large, but all the money that she earned she spent in caring for unfortunate children.

It is said that during her lifetime she took into her home forty-eight children, twenty of them white. The children came from the poorhouses, or from parents who could not care for them. All of these little ones Katy cared for herself until she could find homes among her friends in which to place them.

Always, while tending to their temporal needs out of her meager earnings, Katy taught them about Jesus, the Lover of her own soul, until she could find a good Christian home for them.

May God bless the memory of that dear black slave who loved humanity so much that, in spite of many handicaps, she gathered souls into the Kingdom.

In that day when the Lord gathers His jewels, we can be sure Katy Ferguson will have a front seat, and all the sheaves she has garnered for Christ will be there to honor her. ◀◀



Crowd attending the Djakarta Assembly during the meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue



Brother and Sister Argue praying for the sick. Brother Busby is serving as interpreter

Revival In Indonesia

BY R. A. BUSBY
Missionary to Indonesia

IT WAS OUR PRIVILEGE TO HAVE THE Watson Argues with us for revivals on Sumatra and Java. We were so glad that they were willing to give of their time to minister to our very smallest Assemblies. Not only were the nationals helped, but also our missionaries were blessed by their ministry.

Brother and Sister Argue spoke in our churches in Java, beginning in Bo-

gor—about 35 miles from Djakarta. From there we covered most of Java and then went to Sumatra where they ministered in Karo-land.

The impact of these meetings has been tremendous. Many have testified of healing. In Medan, Sumatra, we had the largest crowds we have ever known in that area. During the meetings in the Karo tribe the nationals rented buses

and came night after night from far inland. The church was filled and the local congregation was wonderfully blessed and helped. We heard so many people say, "Why can't the Argues stay longer?" We felt the same way, knowing that if the revivals could have continued longer we would have seen many more saved. Thank God for this new revival surge in Indonesia.

Bookstore Opened in Ghana

BY WHEELER ANDERSON
Missionary to Ghana

HAVE YOU ANY SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE?"

"Are there some Mossi New Testaments available?"

"Do you know where I can get some inexpensive English Bibles?"

So went the inquiries day after day as we began to take up the station responsibilities at Tamale, Ghana, West Africa.

"You know, the Government schools here in Ghana are teaching English even in the beginning classes."

"And did you know that English is fast becoming the trade language in Ghana? Even in the remote bush villages, one can nearly always find someone who can speak a little English."

We listened carefully to such comments as these and felt compelled to meet this challenge. Ghana is a new nation among nations and is placing a great emphasis on reading and gain-

ing knowledge. Ghanians have learned how vitally important knowledge is and are avid for anything to read. Here are people who, in future years, will help to shape world decisions and plans. Here are approximately five million souls being greatly influenced by Islam and Catholicism—two forces which en-



Mrs. Wheeler Anderson assisting Ghana nationals in the Read-the-Bible Book Store

deavor to keep people in spiritual darkness and ignorance. Thus, we realized the need of an extensive literature campaign in Tamale!

As one part of this literature program the Read-the-Bible Book Store has been opened in Tamale. Bibles and New Testaments are featured, but we also have gospel literature from our Assemblies of God Print Shop in Tamale. We have been able to obtain other items from various sources in England and Nigeria. Bible and gospel portions are carried in twelve different languages. Interest is keen and people are asking more and more for Christian literature. In this country it is far better to sell a piece of literature than to give it away, for in that way the reader values it and considers it worthwhile. We try to keep the price of most everything we sell low enough that nearly any of the nationals can afford it. However, everyone who enters the shop receives a piece of free literature in addition to what he may purchase.

"How do I know what to believe?" a young man asked me with some belligerence in the Bible Store one day. "How can I tell what is right? I hear

Jehovah's Witnesses and then the Catholic White Fathers say something else. How do we know who is telling us right?"

"Why must you take any man's word? Have you eyes? Can you read? Why not read God's Word for yourself?" I asked.

"But someone else tells me it means something different from what you say," he answered.

"I'm not telling you it means anything," I reasoned. "If you ask God to guide you by His Holy Spirit as you read His Word, He will help you to understand. Read God's Word prayerfully and honestly for yourself. God will help you to know which way is right."

"Yes," he agreed, "I like your evangelism. I'll come again to hear some more."

The potentials are almost unlimited! We plan to go to larger villages on market days with a supply of gospel literature to distribute. There is much to be done. We must work while this opportunity is yet before us for we may not always have such a privilege.

The greatest need at present is for a large stock of Bibles and books to sell at a low price. If you would like to help in spreading the printed gospel in Ghana, send your offering to Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation: Wheeler Anderson for Bookstore.

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Foreign Missions Department

434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

MISSIONARY News Notes



COMING: Miss Norma Johanson has returned from Liberia. She is living at 3819-215 Place, Bayside 61, New York.

Home from Peru are the **Leroy Williams**. Their address is 1108 S. 32nd St., South Bend, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Goodwin have arrived from Ghana. They may be reached at P. O. Box 464, Stanton, Texas.

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GOING: Mr. and Mrs. John Hurston have returned to Korea for another tour of service.

Miss **Esther Fritz** has left for another term of missionary service in India.

Miss **Florence Steidel** has sailed for Liberia to resume her work at New Hope Leper Colony.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Kingsriter have left for Nyasaland. They were formerly missionaries to Tanganyika.

Newly-appointed missionaries, **Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Phillips**, have left for Japan.

Leaving for Liberia for specialized ministry at New Hope Leper Colony are **Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hagar**.

The **Lee Roy Wards** have returned to Liberia for another tour of service.

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BIRTH: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Emory (Paraguay) welcomed a new baby boy, Bryan Elwood, into their home on November 4.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. **E. E. Shaffer** on December 7. They named him Stephen Floyd.

Mr. and Mrs. **David Plymire** (Formosa) welcomed a new baby daughter Judith Ann, into their home on October 13, 1960.



Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Kingsriter and family



The John Hurstons



Florence Steidel



Esther Fritz



Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Phillips and daughter



Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hagar



Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Ward and family



Miss Lillian Trasher, surrounded by her orphanage family, conducting cornerstone-laying ceremonies last Thanksgiving Day at Assiout Orphanage for the new "widows" building



WITNESSING TO AMERICAN JEWS

BY JAMES W. PULVER, MISSIONARY IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON



THERE ARE SEVERAL PREREQUISITES to evangelizing the Jews. The first is a "born-again" experience on the part of the believer, and a Christian life and conduct in conformity with that experience.

OTHER PREREQUISITES

The second prerequisite is a thorough knowledge of the Bible, especially the Old Testament, and an understanding of the plan of God and His promises concerning Israel. A third prerequisite is to have some background knowledge of Jewish history, customs, and present religious beliefs. A fourth prerequisite is to know of Jewish prejudices concerning Christians and Christian doctrines and to avoid all points of antagonism!

ATTITUDE OF THE WITNESS

Although the Word of God is plain in its demands that the gospel of Jesus Christ is to be preached *to the Jew first*, it is sometimes difficult to approach the Jew in an attitude that brings acceptance on his part. Much of the difficulty would be erased if the Christian would stop and think through a few fundamental truths first.

For instance, how many Christians realize that every bit of their Christian

experience is due to the writings of the *Jewish prophets and apostles*. Our experience of the New Birth and our blessed hope for the future are outgrowths of the *Jewish Scriptures!* Once we have come to realize these facts we have a more humble attitude which will gain listeners. That attitude was expressed by the apostle Paul in the words, "I am debtor!"

My first experiences witnessing to the Jews brought little success; so I sought the Lord in prayer. The above approach the Lord gave me. It has never failed to open the Jewish mind and heart to me.

Recently we were invited into a Jewish home to discuss the Scriptures. Prior to our visit a preacher of a fundamental group had approached these same Jews. He preached to them about needing a New Covenant and so forth (which is true). As a result, he was branded a fanatic and they were disgusted with him.

When we arrived, I sensed they were on the defensive, so I made it plain I did not expect to convert them. (That is God's part! My part was to establish friendly relations with them and to give the *Word of God* in such a

way as to get them to believe on Jesus Christ.)

When I expressed myself in this manner the men relaxed immediately. We opened our Bibles and had four most wonderful hours of Bible study and discussion. I took the attitude of a learner, more than a teacher, but I was privileged to bring them things from both Old and New Testaments all of that time. And we left with their personal invitation to return.

THE INITIAL APPROACH

The approach to the Jewish people must omit the terms "mission" and "missionary" as those words, to the Jew, indicate something concerned with rescue work. He resents the idea that he needs rescuing.

The name *Jesus* is distasteful to some Jews (he has heard the name used so often in cursing from Gentile lips) so we are careful to use the name *Yeshua ha Mushiach*, the Hebrew term for Jesus Christ. After we have established friendly relations with them, we are able to use the name of Jesus more freely.

We believe in gaining their confidence before preaching to them too strongly. It helps to be a good listener!

We believe in going to them privately, according to the method Paul describes in Galatians 2:1-2: "Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also. And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but *privately to them which were of reputation*, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain."

We believe in encouraging the Jewish people to read the New Testament for themselves—with no strings attached! That is, no denominational barriers. We give a specially prepared New Testament to each Jew who promises to read it. These Testaments are ob-



Gertrude Clonce witnesses to Jews on the streets of Chicago



In a park in Philadelphia, Monty Garfield talks to Jews about the Messiah

tained from the Million Testaments Campaign. Carefully selected tracts are also used.

POINTS OF ANTAGONISM

"Yeah, what's your mission?" Those were the words spoken to me by a Jewish businessman when I approached him one day. "I have no mission," was my quick reply. Then I continued, "But I am a Christian and my faith is based on the Jewish Messiah and the Jewish Scriptures; therefore, I am indebted to you."

Before I left, this man accepted a New Testament and several tracts and promised to read them. He, too, had been preached at by others and resented it! When I left he said, "You come back any time, Reverend Pulver."

THE TRINITY

The idea of a Trinity, to the Jew, bespeaks a polytheistic system of worship. Since he reads in the Old Testament of the judgments which have befallen Israel because of turning from the worship of one God (monotheism) to worshiping many gods (polytheism), the idea of a trinity or *three gods*, as he puts it, is unthinkable. *It is at this point the Jew feels that the Gentile Christians need rescuing!* Therefore, it is best to avoid mention of the Trinity on first approaches.

I remember offering some tracts to an elderly Jewish couple one day. "Ve 'ust belief in *vun Gott*," was the lady's opening remark.

"That's fine," I replied. "I just believe in one God too: the *God of Abraham*, the *God of Isaac*, and the *God of Jacob*."

"Vot did he say?" queried her husband from a back room.

"He said he 'ust belief in *vun Gott* 'ust like ve do," the lady answered. She then accepted the tracts which I offered.

CHRIST KILLERS

This epithet is particularly distasteful to many Jews, and it is not justified. In three out of the four Gospels, Jesus Himself stated that He would be delivered to the *Gentiles* and *they* would crucify Him! No doubt this reference was to the Romans. If the Jews had carried out the execution of Jesus, He would have died by stoning instead of on a *Roman cross!*

I had been passing out tracts from door to door in one Jewish neighborhood when I noticed a Jewish man of small stature watching me. When I reached the corner of his street he ap-

proached me and asked, "Vy don't you go to the Gentiles? Vy bodder us Jews?"

"Sir," I answered, "I'd rather talk with you than with ten thousand Gentiles."

"Yah, vell tell me sometink. Vy dey all the time call us Christ Killers?" he asked. "Even on the radio at Christmas dey say, 'He came unto his own and his own received him not.' Vy dey say dot?"

"Because of ignorance," I replied. I gave him the words of Jesus who said the Gentiles would crucify him. Then the Jew changed the subject by telling of their study of Solomon in the synagogue the evening before. That was my cue! I began at the same scripture and preached unto him Jesus! A few minutes later he gladly accepted a number of tracts and promised to read them.

"I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE"

One day we met a young Jewish

SOURCES FOR JEWISH LITERATURE

Shalom Center, the Assemblies of God Hebrew Mission, 4503 North Kedzie Avenue, Chicago 25, Ill., has some excellent tracts and literature available to those who work among the Jews, at very reasonable prices.

Million Testaments Campaigns, Inc., 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia 2, Pa., offers special English Prophecy New Testaments for Jewish Evangelism. It also provides Testaments in different languages for Jews all over the world.

The American Tract Society, 513 West 166th St., New York 32, N. Y., has some special Jewish tracts available such as "A Modern Jew Looks at Christ" and "How Can I Know?"

All inquiries regarding the above items should be mailed directly to the addresses shown.

The Gospel Publishing House, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., publishes the following tracts for Jewish people:

No. 4-4340 *I Found the True Messiah*
No. 4-4341 *Was Jesus an Impostor?*
No. 4-4375 *Drummer Boy, The*
No. 4-4393 *Blood of the Atonement, The*
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man who was studying for his doctor's degree. When we introduced ourselves as Christians he pointed to a Bible on the bookshelf and said, "I read the Bible many times, but I don't understand it."

"If you will allow me to," I replied, "I believe I can show you from the Bible itself why you or anyone else cannot understand it, and I won't use any ideas of my own. Is that fair enough?"

"Fair enough," he said. "Go ahead."

I turned first to Isaiah 29:9-12. After reading the passage aloud I said, "Here was a learned man, like yourself, who was having the same trouble in trying to understand this wonderful book. Now let's turn to the Book of Revelation in the New Testament." I then turned to the fifth chapter of Revelation and read the first nine verses.

I explained, "This clearly states that only one man was found worthy to open the Word of God to the understanding of all people, and that man is described as the Lion of Judah, the Root of David. But let us look at one more scripture in the Book of Revelation—chapter 19, verses 11-13."

Then I continued, "One meaning of the word *vesture* is an *envelope*. When an envelope comes in the mail we must break the seal before we can read and understand the contents of the message contained therein. The Word of God, the Bible, is similar, but the seal to its contents is broken only by the acceptance of the blood atonement made for us by Messiah Jesus." The young man was amazed! He accepted some Gospels and tracts and promised to read them.

A CHALLENGE TO ALL CHURCHES

The total missionary program of the churches would be increasingly blessed if each church and each member would catch a vision of the divine program for missions, which is *to the Jew first*, and set aside a set amount or pledge to *Jewish Evangelism* regularly in their missionary giving. After the rapture of the Church there will be a world-wide revival in which the Jews, in seven years, will accomplish more in bringing the world to Christ than the Church has accomplished in nearly two thousand years. And the Church of these *last days* can have a part in that great revival by helping to evangelize the Jews with their means, their witnessing, and their prayers.

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



THE FEEDING OF THE MULTITUDE

Sunday School Lesson for February 19, 1961

JOHN 6:2, 5-14, 25-27

THE GATHERING OF THE MULTITUDE. Vv. 1-5.

1. *Motives for coming to Christ.* "A great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles." Were they to be condemned for being thus motivated in following Christ? Not necessarily! Do not comparatively low motives lead many to accept Christ as Saviour? Are not such motives then replaced by higher ones?

2. *The value of miracles.* While miracles will not save people, yet it cannot be denied that real miracles wrought in the power of the Holy Spirit are of great advertising value. They are the best—and most scriptural—way to get a crowd.

3. *Christ's consideration of material needs.* "Whence shall we buy bread that these may eat?" What a beautiful and touching picture here of Christ's concern for the physical needs of men!

THE PERPLEXITY OF THE DISCIPLES. Vv. 6-9.

1. *The insufficiency of human resources.* No amount of human ingenuity or cleverness could provide food for this crowd. Neither can the highest and best which human intellect and ability produce today meet the spiritual needs of the human heart.

2. *The mistake of leaving Christ out of our reckoning.* Apparently Philip was a business man, quick to calculate ways and means. Yet his business acumen, which seems to have been a strong point, became a weakness when Philip failed to count on the power of Christ.

3. *Little becomes much when blessed of God.* Andrew did not do much better than Philip in responding to Christ's question—"five loaves . . . two small fishes . . . what are they among so many?" There was indeed a glaring disproportion between available resources and current need. Yet the little which the lad possessed, under the blessing of Christ, fed the multitude. Let us be quick to place every talent at the disposal of Christ, remembering that a very little ability or a very little deed when quickened by the Spirit may have tremendous spiritual influence!

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD. Vv. 10, 11.

1. *The time to sit down.* "Make the men sit down," said Jesus before distributing the bread. In a busy world characterized by feverish haste, the Christian must take time to "sit down," in order to feed upon Christ and His Living Word. We cannot be spiritually healthy and useful if we try to get along on "spiritual snacks" hastily grabbed while we are on the run!

2. *The importance of order.* Luke tells us that the vast throng was arranged in groups of fifty, probably in orderly rows. While it may be true that, to enjoy the spontaneous and sovereign movings of the Spirit in our services of worship, we must not be bound to a rigid form or order, it is equally true that God has given us principles of law and order in regard to services without which

confusion, carnality and selfishness would prevail! See 1 Corinthians 14:6-20, 26-33.

3. *The privilege of discipleship.* Why did not Christ feed the multitude without the help of His disciples? Simply because it was contrary to His program from the beginning. God gave to men the glorious privilege of being "co-laborers together with him." We are to give out the "Bread from heaven," which He, in turn, has given to us.

THE GATHERING OF THE FRAGMENTS. V. 12.

1. *Christ's generosity and economy.* Though Christ's blessings are always beyond man's fondest hopes or needs, yet there is an economy in the divine method. Blessings ought not to be dissipated. And all waste both in the natural and spiritual realms is out of harmony with the ways of the Lord.

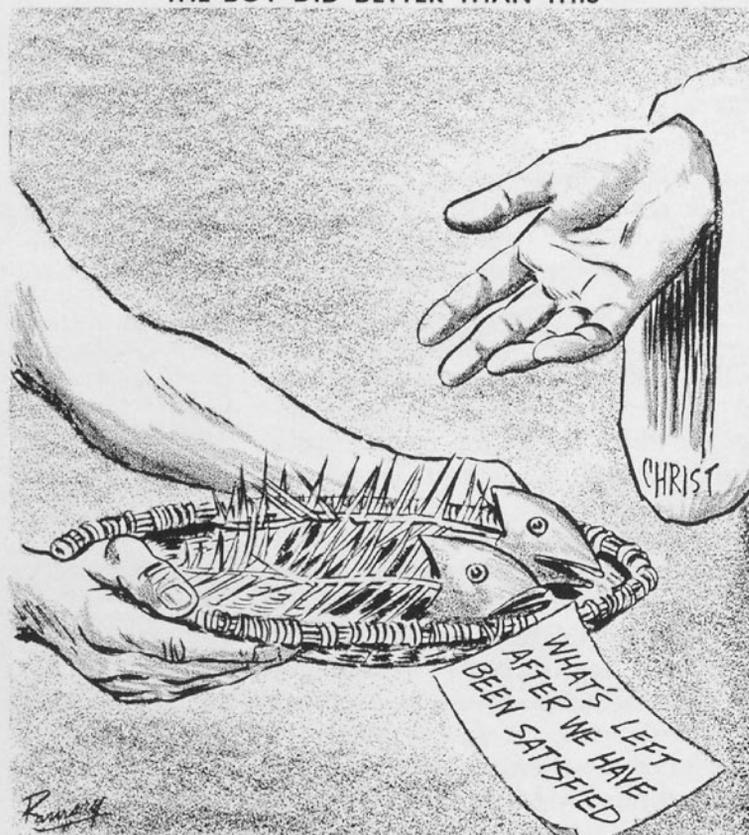
2. *The wisdom of gathering fragments.* The words of Jesus give an insight into the soul of Jesus, symbolizing His deep love and interest in fragments of every kind—of time, of manhood, of broken things. Why so? In order "that nothing be lost."

THE APPLICATION OF THE MIRACLE. Vv. 26-35, 51

Here is the heart of the story of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. In fact, the miracle is really an object lesson illustrating and emphasizing the great truths which followed it. The crowd went wild over the Man who could do such a miracle, and tried to take Him by force to make Him their king. But they had no interest in a king whose kingdom was not of this world, and who came to deliver men from the tyranny, not of Rome, but of sin. Thus, while they accepted the miracle, they rejected the truth which it illustrated; namely, that any and all religion is vain which does not center in an intimate and real personal contact with the Living Christ. He alone is the BREAD without which a man cannot have spiritual life!

—J. Bashford Bishop

THE BOY DID BETTER THAN THIS



IMAGINE HOW PARCHED THE GROUND would be if there were no rain for three and a half years. In some places it would be hard and cracked; in others the sand would be hot enough to cook your feet. The trees would be dead, and there would be no grass.

Such was the situation in Israel when Elijah told his servant to go to the top of the mountain to see if there were any sign of rain. Several times he went and brought back a negative report, yet each time the prophet Elijah told him to go again. How discouraged he must have been.

Elijah refused to look upon the discouraging sight. He placed his head between his knees and considered God's promise of rain.

Before he prayed for the rain, however, Elijah said to King Ahab, "Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain." With his spiritual ear he could hear the rain coming. This is faith. We need such men today—men that are holy, and who pray with persisting faith—for the prayer of the righteous man availeth much!

We live in the day of the latter rain outpouring. The Lord says, "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright showers of rain, to everyone grass in the field" (Zechariah 10:1). God will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh just before the great and notable day of His wrath (Acts 2:15-20).

Are you asking for that rain? The people who have a spiritual ear, the ones who cover their natural eyes and look to God in faith, are hearing the sound. They do not look at the natural situation that might discourage them.

Each time the servant became discouraged and wanted to stop, Elijah told him to go again and see if the rain was in sight. Elijah knew it was coming. He was persistent. He was determined. God uses such men.

Have you looked for the rain several times? Have you gone frequently to the church to pray? Have you held revivals without results? Have you prayed for healing with no victory? Have you suffered a long drought in your life? Are you seeking the gifts of the Spirit? Are you longing for a revival that will bring your loved ones to the Lord? Don't give up. Pray again. Regardless of how parched the ground or hot the sand, go again. Keep praying. Tune your ear to heaven. There

Do You Want a **DOUBLE** Portion Ministry?

BY EVANGELIST W. V. GRANT

is the sound of abundance of rain. The answer is coming.

LAST-DAY REVIVAL

In this last-day revival God is doing a new thing. "The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water" (Isaiah 35:5-7). Already rain is falling here and there. Soon it will be a general rain, a spiritual cloudburst. "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose" (Isaiah 35:1). The drought is about over! God has a supernatural experience for you. He has a miracle-ministry for every believer in this last-day outpouring of the Spirit.

ELIJAH NEEDS A HELPER

Elijah's work increased until he needed a helper. He selected the one to whom the Spirit led him. God looks at the heart and not the intellect when He chooses a man, so Elijah was led by the Spirit to a bald man plowing with oxen in a field. God said, "This is the man."

Elisha promptly burned his plow and followed Elijah. He forsook all and followed the Lord. He desired a double portion of the Spirit of God. God does not promise a double portion to a spineless, double-minded man without determination. Christ's followers cannot look back. No man who puts his hands to the gospel plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.

Elijah walked with God and realized that God was going to take him soon. One day he said to Elisha something like this: "Son, you have been faithful.

You love the Lord. You care nothing for the world. I want to do something for you. What request do you have of the Lord?"

God will never be in debt to any man. You cannot trade evenly with Him. Go into His harvest and work. Whatever is right He will pay you.

Elisha desired one thing above all else. He saw the miracles God wrought in Elijah's ministry and as a result he was never the same again. Nothing else mattered to him. Above everything else he wanted a double portion of Elijah's spirit. He wanted twice as many miracles as Elijah had experienced.

Do you want a double portion of God's Spirit? Do you want this more than anything else? More than food, raiment, home, job, car, farm, or the comforts of this life? How eagerly do you want a ministry of the supernatural?

Elijah told Elisha that he had asked a hard thing. It takes sacrifice to follow God, but it is not impossible. The godly life is not an easy life. It requires denying oneself many things. "But you can have it if you will follow as closely after me," said Elijah, "as I am following after the Spirit of God."

If you are as determined as Elisha—if you follow Jesus as closely as Elisha followed Elijah—you too may enjoy a double portion of God's Spirit. Don't get interested in anything else. Keep your mind and interest on God. Have an eye that is single to the glory of God. Many things will try to upset you. You will have to fight persecutions from within and without. People may not understand you. Don't seek honor from men. Don't seek promotion. Follow the Spirit. While others are debating, spend your time in prayer. While others are enjoying success and

security God may call you to fast and pray. Keep going. Don't let anything turn you aside.

A GILGAL EXPERIENCE

Elisha was invited to stay at Gilgal. He probably was tempted, just as you would have been, but he pressed on. He kept near Elijah.

Gilgal was the first campsite after the Israelites crossed Jordan. They wanted to settle and raise cattle there and go no farther. Some people never get past their first experience in the Lord. They talk about it the rest of life. But Gilgal is a land of droughts, parched ground, and starvation. See 2 Kings 4:38.

Do you want a double portion? Do not stop at Gilgal. Press on! Follow closely after your Master. You have asked a hard thing, but it is not impossible if you believe God. Follow on to further experiences. Fast and pray, and you will hear from God.

A BETHEL EXPERIENCE

At Bethel Jacob saw a vision and made a vow to God. But this did little good as long as he did not make the consecration. Honest confession is not good for the soul if you do nothing about it. You may make a vow, but you will need to go beyond this to have power with God. Had Elisha stopped at Bethel he would have failed to receive a double portion of the Spirit.

Bethel was the home of the sons of the prophets (2 Kings 2:2, 3). That may be called the place where second-generation Pentecostals live. Being the son of a prophet does not guarantee that God will bestow gifts upon you. You must dig for yourself and get an experience with God.

The priests lived at Bethel. To associate with them is not enough. If you want the signs to follow your ministry you must go beyond the professionals. Don't pattern your ministry after anyone else. Seek God for yourself.

There was a stone of memorial at Bethel. It called attention to the "good old days." It may become an obstacle to advancement. Too many live in the past, recalling how wonderful the Lord was twenty years ago when they saw a vision, an angel, or made a vow to God. We need to leave the memorial behind. We need a new up-to-date experience with God. Set your sights higher. Go on with God to the double-portion experience.

A JERICHO EXPERIENCE

Then Elisha was tempted to settle at Jericho, not far from the experience he was seeking. His goal was almost in sight, but not quite attained.

Jericho is the city that was cursed. You must not stop here. It was noted for outlaws; close by camped robbers and thieves. Here Achan was content to settle, hoarding a beautiful Babylonish garment and gold and silver. He coveted them and then he took them. But these spoils of war were cursed.

Too many are tempted to settle down just in sight of the promised blessing. They begin to covet the gold and silver. Their eyes are on money. They feel the need for security. Gold is worth more to them than God's glory. Many have stopped within sight of God's plan for them. Like Elisha, keep going. Be determined to follow on to victory.

A JORDAN EXPERIENCE

Jordan has always been an obstacle to the progress of God's people. Joshua, Elijah, Elisha and David, as well as many other men of God, met this last opposition before they stepped into the promised blessing and achieved victory. It represents the last obstacle between you and receiving a double portion of God's Spirit and power. Conquer it!

What is there in your life that hinders you from receiving power with God? Is it popularity, pride, or money? Is it unwillingness to fast until God meets you with blessing? What is keeping you from the final victory? This is your Jordan. You know what it is;

then confess it to God, and go on.

It took the supernatural power of God to enable them to cross Jordan. Elijah was ready. Elisha was not far behind. It was his part to follow closely and be ready. It was God's part to divide the waters. Had Elisha been busy with the natural things of this life the waters would have parted and come back together again while he was busy elsewhere.

A time comes when the Elijahs must leave their mantles and take up higher service. Will you be ready for their mantle to fall on you? So close together were the two men walking that it took a chariot of fire and horses of fire from heaven to part them. A whirlwind carried Elijah into heaven.

If you want the same anointing Christ had, you must follow Jesus closely, in His steps. He said that you could do the works that He did and even greater works (John 14:12)! Do you want to take up the ministry He left? Then follow a little closer. Get the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon your life (Acts 10:38).

Elisha cried, "The chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof." Elisha grabbed the mantle of Elijah and went back to the waters and tried it. He said, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" The waters parted for the mantle worked. Nothing could stand before him now, for God was working with him and signs followed.

He raised the dead, made the iron to swim, healed the bitter water, stopped the drought, multiplied the food, increased the oil, healed a barren woman, took poison out of the gourds, and did twice as many recorded miracles as Elijah had done.

Earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Covet the best gifts. Be as earnest as Elisha. Expect supernatural results from God.

Many have gone past Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho, and Jordan. You may be making your last stand. You are at Jordan. Smite the waters and cry, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" Break the last opposition that keeps you from the double-portion ministry you are seeking.

Take up the mantle left by the apostles and smite the waters of opposition and cry, "Where is the Lord God of Peter, Paul, and the prophets?" The waters will roll back. God will reveal His power to you. He will answer, "I am with you always, even to the end of the world." ◀◀

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MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

READ: 2 Timothy 4:9-22

LEARN: "And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom" (2 Timothy 4:18).

FOR THE PARENT: As the Apostle penned his last words, he was conscious of some past associations. Notice: (1) his desire for a visit by Timothy, vv. 9, 21; (2) the backsliding of Demas and the reason for it, v. 10; (3) Paul's evaluation of Luke, v. 11; (4) his condemnation of Alexander, v. 14; (5) Paul's love even for those who failed to stand by him, v. 16; (6) his joy in knowing the Lord was always with him, vv. 17, 18.

QUESTION TIME: Why did Demas backslide? (v. 10) What warning is here for us today?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Milton Pier (Deaf), Pa.; Mrs. R. J. Renfro, Liberia; Virginia E. Watts, India.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

READ: Titus 1:1-9

LEARN: "Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince" (Titus 1:9).

FOR THE PARENT: Paul wrote this epistle at about the same time he wrote 1 Timothy. From this passage point out: (1) Paul's greeting, v. 1; (2) his hope, v. 2; (3) his commission, v. 3; (4) his desire for Titus, v. 4; (5) the reasons behind the work given to Titus, v. 5; (6) qualifications for elders, vv. 5, 6; (7) qualifications for bishops, vv. 7-9. Apply these qualifications to the lives of all Christians.

QUESTION TIME: What was Paul's commission? (v. 3) Why did Paul leave Titus in Crete? (v. 5) What are the qualifications for a bishop? (vv. 7-9)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Vivan I. Smith, Ghana; Kenneth E. Weigel, India; Mrs. Raymond A. Fox (Indian), Arizona.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

READ: Titus 1:10-16

LEARN: "Unto the pure all things are pure" (Titus 1:15).

FOR THE PARENT: Review yesterday's material, stressing again the qualifications for elders and bishops, and relating these to the lives of all Christians. Then point out: (1) the contrast of those who try to deceive, v. 10; (2) their false doctrines must be stopped, v. 11; (3) one of the reasons for their false doctrines—money, v. 11; (4) the method of correcting such, v. 13; (5) the purpose of correction, vv. 13, 14; (6) the difference that correct attitudes make, v. 15; (7) the awfulness of profession without possession, v. 16.

QUESTION TIME: What is one reason why some spread false doctrine? (v. 11) How can such be corrected? (v. 13)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Robert Oakes (Indian), Arizona.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

READ: John 6:2, 5-14, 25-27

LEARN: "The bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world" (John 6:33).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "The Feeding of

the Multitude" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Have the group review this familiar story. Then point out: (1) why the multitude was following Jesus, v. 2; (2) the problem of finding food, v. 5; (3) the purpose of Jesus' question, v. 6; (4) the efforts of the disciples, vv. 7-9; (5) the miracle, vv. 10-13; (6) the reaction of the multitude to the miracle, v. 14; (7) Jesus' evaluation of their motives concerning the miracle, vv. 25-27.

QUESTION TIME: Why was the multitude following Jesus? (v. 2) What was His counsel to them after the miracle? (v. 27)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Paul A. Berg, Japan; Mrs. Paul Demetrus (Russia), California; Mrs. T. L. Johnson (Indian), Arizona.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

READ: Luke 9:18-22, 28-36 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).

FOR THE PARENT: The Bible firmly declares that Jesus was the Son of God. And this lesson emphasizes that truth. From it point out: (1) Jesus' question to his disciples, v. 18; (2) the ideas of the people about Jesus, v. 19; (3) Jesus' second question, v. 20; (4) Peter's answer, v. 20. Stress that this is a question each person must answer himself; no one else can answer for us. And the answer shows the condition of our hearts. Show also from the story of the Transfiguration how God declared Jesus was His Son.

QUESTION TIME: What two questions did Jesus ask His disciples? What were the answers? (vv. 18-21)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Charles L. Hunt (Indian), North Carolina.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

READ: Judges 13:1-5; 15:4-20; 16:2, 3, 16-21 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "Be strong in the Lord" (Ephesians 6:10).

FOR THE PARENT: Have the group review the story of Samson, beginning with the story of his miraculous birth and the Nazarite vow which even preceded his birth. Samson is known for his physical strength—he was the strongest man who ever lived. Yet this accent on the physical led him into gratifying all the cravings of his physical nature. And this sin led to his ultimate downfall. Use the story to stress the importance of depending on God.

QUESTION TIME: Why was Samson's birth miraculous? (13:1-5) What was the Nazarite vow? (vv. 4, 5)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Ralph Holder (Indian), California; Henry C. Ball, Spanish Literature.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SUNDAY: Margaret Anderson, South Africa; Ruth Couchman, Argentina; Morris O. Williams, Nyasaland.

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A SHOUT OF VICTORY

BY VIOLET SCHOONMAKER
Missionary to India (now retired)

O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known: in wrath remember mercy.—Habakkuk 3:2



ONE OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE begins with a sigh and ends with a song. I refer to the little prophecy of Habakkuk, written at a time when iniquity, strife, and perverted judgment ruled in the nation of Judah.

The reason for the prophet's sigh was the fact that God seemed to take no notice of the sins of His people, nor of the prophet's prayers for them. "How long," Habakkuk wailed, "shall I cry unto Thee of violence and Thou wilt not save?"

There is no greater pain to a child of God than for God to seemingly turn a deaf ear to his prayers and remain indifferent to his cries.

But God was not indifferent. He told the prophet that He knew all about the sins of His people and His judgments upon them were to be full of woe, woe, woe. (Read the second chapter.) Indeed, He was to send the Chaldeans to utterly destroy them (ch. 1: 5-11).

This was not the kind of answer the prophet had wanted or expected. He was surprised to learn that deliverance was to be by the way of judgment. How often God's answers to our prayers are not what we would have chosen but just the opposite!

God's answer created another question in the prophet's mind. Why should God send the Chaldeans to punish them when the Chaldeans were even more

corrupt than they? God did not answer him. And Habakkuk began to realize that God's ways are not man's, neither are His thoughts our thoughts. Indeed, God had said that His thoughts and ways are as much higher than man's as the heavens are higher than the earth (Isaiah 55:8, 9).

So Habakkuk decided that he would ask God no more questions but he would stand upon his "watch" and set himself upon the "tower" and "watch to see" what the Lord would say to him. That God had an answer he was sure. He would wait for it. What a wise decision he made!

God did have an answer—a vision of coming events, not only in the lifetime of the prophet but away down to the end of time. Habakkuk was to wait for it, for it was for an appointed time.

We find this prophecy repeated in Hebrews 10:37 and we understand that it is yet to be fulfilled in the return of our Lord and the setting up of His millennial kingdom. Notice that here the pronoun "He" is used instead of the pronoun "it," reading, "He that shall come will come and will not tarry." And the same verse follows this that followed in the prophecy of Habakkuk, "The just shall live by faith" (v. 38).

Let us look for a moment at this wonderful verse, quoted three times in the New Testament (to the Jew and

Gentile nations in Romans 1:17 and Galatians 3:11, and to the Hebrews in Hebrews 10:38).

Here is a verse that shook the world and changed the destiny of nations. Here is a verse that changed Habakkuk's wailing into rejoicing. Here is life for the just who have faith—real life—everlasting, triumphant, and victorious. Here is a verse that seems to be the exit from the first portion of the book and the entrance into the second. Indeed, this verse seems to be the keynote of this entire prophecy: "The just shall live by his faith" (Habakkuk 2:4).

The future of Judah and the world was not to be one of eternal woes. There were to be great, unbelievable changes. God Himself was to come down, and His glory would cover the heavens, and the earth would be full of His praise (ch. 3:3). "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (ch. 2:14).

I once stood upon a peak of the great Himalayas in India, from which I was able to look into three great lands, all closed to the gospel—Bhutan to my right, Nepal to my left, and Tibet in front of me. My heart became heavy as I thought of the dense darkness of these lands, but suddenly this prophecy of Habakkuk came rushing into my mind. I realized that these lands someday would be filled with

the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. My heart began leaping for joy. Habakkuk trembled (ch. 3:16).

However, there was still a prayer in the prophet's heart. He trembled at the thought of God's glory but realized this was to be at an appointed time and he must wait for it. What was God going to do for them *today*? He prayed that God would revive His work *in the midst of the years* (ch. 3:2). This is the prayer of all God's people today. Everywhere we are praying for revival. Will it come? Yes, it will come. In some places it already has come. The faith of the just will bring life to this dying world.

God had one more word, however, for His prophet, and it comes so beautifully at the very end of his vision. God said, "The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him" (ch. 2:20).

In the midst of all the confusion, turmoil, and distress of nations today, God wants His children to know that He is very much alive. They have but to look up and they will see Him there in His holy temple, unruffled, calm, and strong, while His eternal purposes are being wrought out here below. His hand is on the helm and none need fear. None need question His wisdom, His justice, or His love. The earth is to keep silence before Him. This does not mean that we shall never make a sound as we pray or praise or worship Him. It does mean, however, that none are to doubt or question Him. It means, too, that we should learn to be submissive to God and let Him mold us. It means that we should be still and know that He is God.

And in our stillness, the faith by which the just always live will break out with Habakkuk's into the incomparably beautiful song of the last of his prophecy—

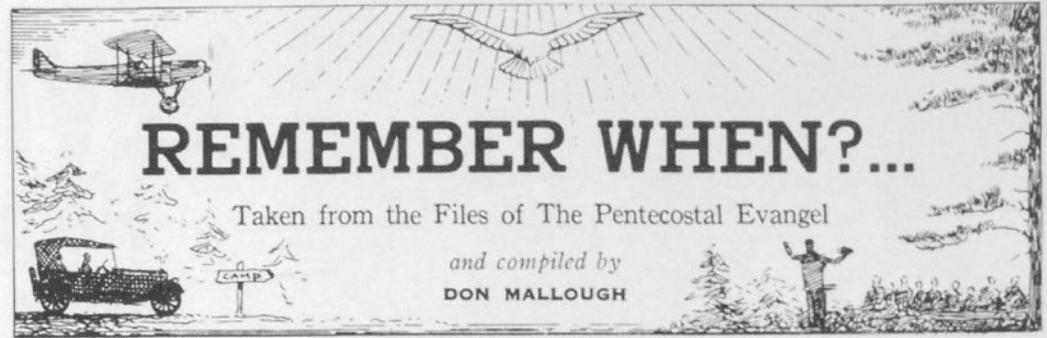
"Although the fig tree shall not blossom,
Neither shall fruit be in the vines;

The labour of the olive shall fail,
And the fields shall yield no meat;
The flock shall be cut off from the fold,

And there shall be no herd in the stalls:
Yet I will rejoice in the Lord,

I will joy in the God of my salvation.
The Lord God is my strength,
And He will make my feet like hinds' feet,

And He will make me to walk upon
mine high places." ◀◀



35 YEARS AGO

Henry Hoar, pastor in KANSAS CITY, KANS., is rejoicing in the amount of mail received as a result of their broadcasting a Sunday evening service. . . . **David M. Wellard** has resigned as pastor in SYRACUSE, N. Y. . . . **E. B. Crump** reports a good meeting in the Rosen Heights Assembly of God in FORT WORTH, TEX. with Evangelist **E. F. Newby**. . . . **O. L. Davidson** of HUMBOLDT, KANS. reports good meetings with the **Mahany Evangelistic Party** of Kansas City.

25 YEARS AGO

Ora De Von is holding meetings in ADAMS, WIS. with Pastor **N. L. Shotwell**. . . . **Mrs. J. C. Morrison** and family are returning to the United States from China because of her ill health. Her husband will carry on abroad. . . . **D. G. Hutto** is the new pastor in REEVESVILLE, ILL. . . . The King's Musical Messengers (Mr and Mrs. **Percy T. King**) have concluded a three-week meeting in WOODSTOCK, ONT. with Pastor **E. N. O. Kulbeck**. . . . **W. I. Evans** reports a great revival at Central Bible Institute with sixteen students receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit in two weeks. . . . **Frederick D. Eide** is the new pastor in WRIGHTSVILLE, PA. . . . Evangelist and Mrs. **P. T. Emmett** are holding meetings for **W. J. Sawyers** in JERSEYVILLE, ILL.

Painful Rupture Healed

God recently healed me of a serious rupture which caused great suffering for three years.

This was not the first time I was healed, however. When Christ saved me I was an alcoholic, weighing only 122 pounds. I was suffering from an ulcerated stomach which doctors said required surgery. When I became converted Ralph Jeffrey prayed for me and God very wonderfully healed my stomach. For twenty-four years I refrained from taking medicine and I experienced no further stomach trouble during all these years.

Then the rupture came and I began to suffer. The pain was so severe I was glad to do anything that might bring relief. One of the brethren took me to the veterans' hospital at St. Petersburg, Fla. as I am a veteran of World War I. The doctors examining me said I should have the rupture repaired as it was serious. Since there were 800 patients ahead of me I was asked to wait. Attempts were made to transfer my case to another hospital but failed. For five long months I cried and endured the intense pain. Many well-known ministers prayed for me but healing did not come.

One day, while suffering greatly, the

Lord impressed me with James 5:16, and I saw it in an entirely new way. It reads, "Confess your faults one to another." I recognized my faults were murmuring and complaining, and I had failed the Lord in not confessing them.

There was a time in the past when trials, tests, and hard places would only cause me to praise the Lord. I would cry out, "Glory to God." But there is so much grumbling, complaining, faultfinding, and murmuring in the church today and I found myself doing it too. It was not until I made confession of my faults of murmuring and complaining that the Lord healed me.

It happened in a Sunday service at the Egypt Lake Assembly of God in Tampa, Fla. I was so sick I thought I would die with the pain. I got up from my seat and went into a Sunday school room where I lay down on a chair. Two brethren were moved with compassion for me and they prayed until God healed me. Now I am whole again, praise His Holy Name.—C. F. Ely, Sr., Tampa, Florida.

(Endorsed by Maude E. Dilly, pastor, Egypt Lake Assembly of God, 7016 Donald Ave., Tampa, Florida.)

Refuge from storm, Shadow from heat of glowing sand,
Fierce though their blast, the terrible ones retreat at Thy command.
We hear them rage like wind against a wall;
At Thy "Be still" we see them sink and fall.



D. V. Hurst (left) presents Honor of Origination Plaque to Pastor M. L. Davidson while C. M. Ward and Harold Bullock look on

REVIVALTIME

Helps Us Break Past the Walls of Our Church

BY MARTIN LUTHER DAVIDSON
Pastor, Evangel Temple, Miami, Florida

OUR CHURCH, EVANGEL TEMPLE—First Assembly of God, located in the heart of the greater metropolitan area of Miami, Florida—enjoys a unique distinction over many other churches. Being situated in one of the greatest tourist areas of the world, we have a continuous flow of new visitors to our sanctuary.

Nevertheless, as pastor of Evangel Temple I have been keenly aware of the problem of attracting new persons to the church—those who are not professing Christians or who have no knowledge of the Pentecostal experience. *Revivaltime* served as one answer to our problem. IT HAS HELPED US BREAK PAST THE WALLS OF OUR CHURCH.

Revivaltime originated from the platform of Evangel Temple Sunday night,

December 11. C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* speaker; D. V. Hurst, National Radio Secretary and narrator; C. T. Beem, producer; and Cyril McLellan, choir director, traveled to Miami to produce this live network origination broadcast.

This special program attracted people from all walks of life. Among these were many refugees from Cuba—one of whom was a medical doctor. It was delightful to find many non-churchgoers present to view and enjoy the Spirit-energized creation and release of *Revivaltime*.

I purposely located myself deep in the audience to see and feel the reaction of those viewing the proceedings. At first there was a degree of the spectator aspect to the service, but this was almost completely lost as the broadcast took on the nature of an old-

fashioned revival service.

The conscientious and capable handling, before and during the broadcast, had much to do with the spiritual character of the broadcast. Brother Ward's message, as always, was something special. It was a gospel challenge to man and the world. His is a voice ordained for such an hour as this.

Persons brought into contact with the *Revivaltime* team were very favorably impressed. I am expecting even greater results in the future as a result of this event.

Revivaltime, as a full-gospel voice in these perplexing and unpredictable days, must not cease from the land. It breaks past the walls of the church and denomination to reach souls.

EDITOR'S NOTE: To help all pastors benefit from *Revivaltime's* ministry, the



Cyril McLellan, *Revivaltime* choir director, leads the Evangel Temple congregation in a gospel song



Part of the congregation at Miami's Evangel Temple (First Assembly of God) listen to the *Revivaltime* broadcast

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REVIVALTIME ORIGATION

TUCSON, ARIZ.—The *Revivaltime* broadcast will originate at Central Assembly in Tucson on Sunday, Feb. 26, beginning at 8:30 p.m. (Tucson time). C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* speaker, will be at Central Assembly for six nights beginning Tuesday, Feb. 21, for special anniversary services commemorating the founding of Central Assembly (formerly North Side Assembly) nine years ago. Host pastor is Spencer A. Weddle (W. G. McClure, associate pastor).

RADIO NEWS FLASH!

The following stations have been added to the *Revivaltime* radio log:

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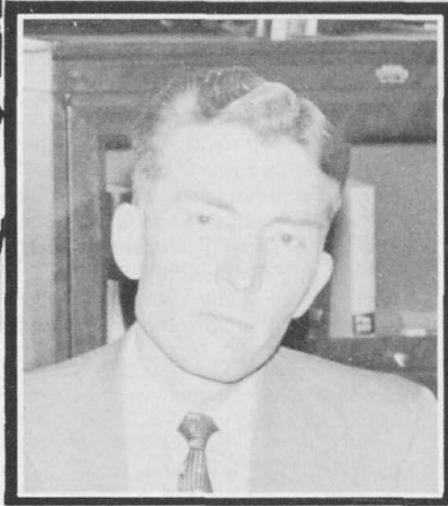
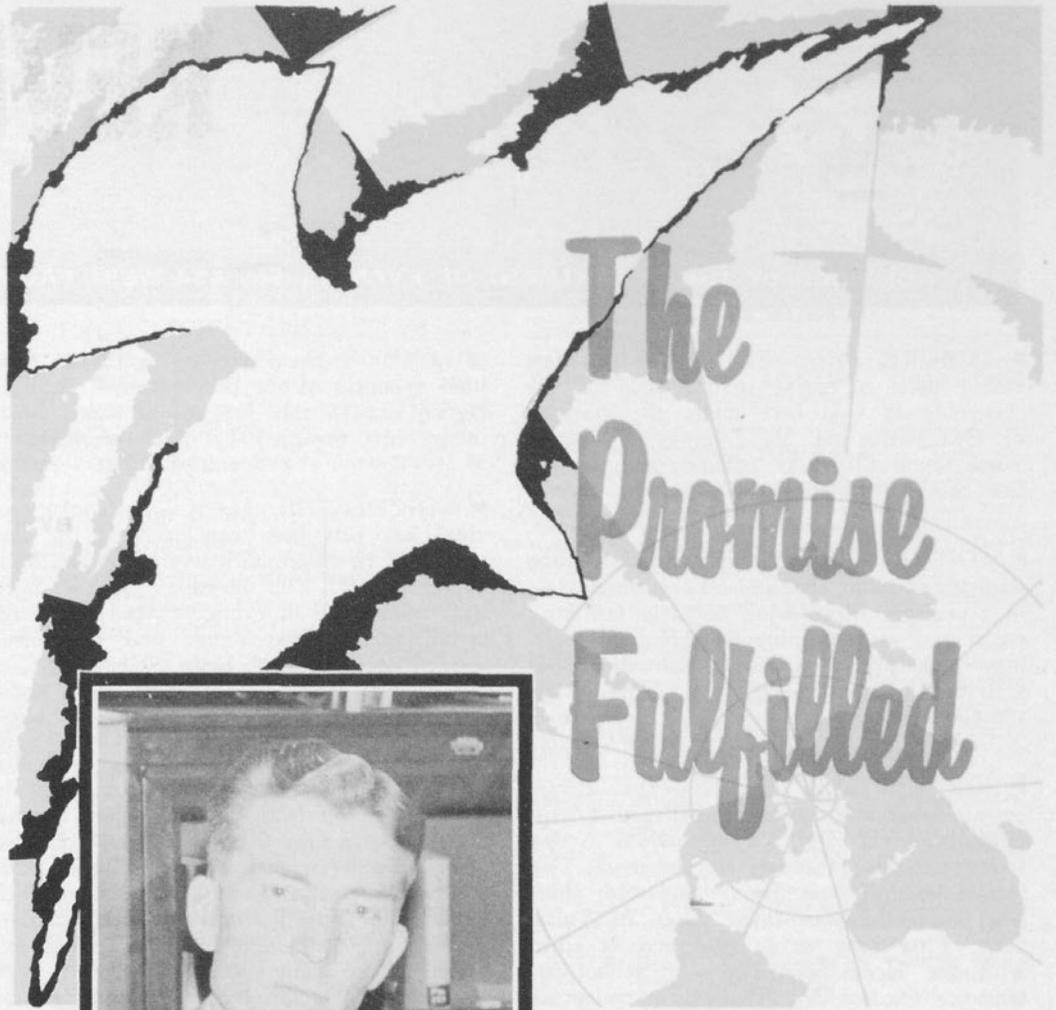
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Spotlight on Evangelism

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► **ATMORE, ALA.**—The Lord's blessings rested upon a recent revival held at the Assembly of God here under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Swaggart. Some found Christ as Saviour, and the entire church was inspired.

—*T. E. Barnes, Pastor*

► **MINERAL WELLS, TEX.**—God used the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Leon Bayless in a precious way during an early fall campaign at First Assembly here. Revival meetings took precedence above all the other activities of the church and proved very successful. A return meeting is anticipated.

—*R. E. Maxwell, Pastor*

► **PORTERVILLE, CALIF.**—The Pentecostal Tabernacle rejoices greatly in a most fruitful revival. For six continuous weeks, from October 8 through November 20, God moved mightily on young and old alike. The evangelist was David Gray of Tulsa, Okla. Fifty-three were saved and 22 filled with the Holy Spirit. Sunday school attendance reached 222. The musical talent of this consecrated young evangelist made a great contribution to the meetings. A revival spirit prevails in the regular services.

—*Charles A. Pollock, Pastor*

► **SOUTH BEND, IND.**—In September an excellent revival was conducted in Calvary Temple by The Sunshine Party with Indian Chief Bruce Thum as evangelist. Many found Christ as Saviour; some were filled and others refilled with the Holy Spirit. For three weeks the crowds filled the temple nightly until extra chairs were often needed.

All previous Sunday school attendance records were broken with a peak attendance of 1,856. Visitors were attracted to the services because of the musical talent and illustrated sermons.

—*Roy H. Wead, Pastor*

► **MIDLOTHIAN, MD.**—On the evening of November 6, Evangelist and Mrs. Richard Owens of Wilmington, Del. were slated to begin a two-week revival crusade at Trinity Assembly. Prior to this time much prayer was offered for a Holy Ghost revival. In the Sunday morning service on the 6th, God began to move in a new way. Many stood and beseeched God, as well as the congregation, for forgiveness for such things as lack of prayer, lack of love, etc. This service, concluding with a Communion service, lasted until 3 p. m. When the evangelists came that night there was a sense of expectancy, and desire was evident on the part of most of the congregation.

The evangelists led the people in an old-fashioned seeking of God through a 24-hour prayer chain and in prayer meetings that lasted for many hours. Mention was made of the Welch Revival of 1904 and the need

of such an awakening today, until the spiritual appetites of the people caused them to launch out in this seeking of God. Great things are expected by this congregation.

—*James L. Tate, Pastor*

► **WINCHESTER, ILL.**—A two-week revival has just been concluded at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist and Mrs. James Grady. The blessings of the Lord were manifested in every service. Some renewed their consecrations, and a number were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—*W. E. Thurmond, Pastor*

► **BLACKWELL, OKLA.**—First Assembly has just experienced a great revival under the ministry of Dwayne Friend of Mountain Grove, Mo. Spirit-anointed preaching poured oil on revival fires that were already kindled before the evangelist arrived. During this four-week meeting God saved 47 and filled 9 with the Holy Spirit. It was the greatest soul-winning campaign this church has experienced in many years.

—*Cecil Thomas, Pastor*

► **WICHITA FALLS, TEX.**—A very profitable two-week revival was held at Beverly Drive Assembly of God during November with Evangelist and Mrs. Leon Bayless. The power of God was manifested especially at the altar services as individuals sought God for salvation. The messages on faith in God brought divine healing to various members of the congregation.

—*Elwyn Lewis, Pastor*

► **HAMILTON, OHIO**—First Assembly enjoyed a great refreshing from the presence of God during two weeks of revival with District Superintendent W. G. Hinecker and

wife of Kentucky. Several persons came forward for salvation and many others sought God for a deeper walk. Though the weather was unfavorable, the services were well attended. The earnest preaching of the old-time message was deeply appreciated.

—*Vernon D. Wright, Pastor*

► **SEQUIN, TEX.**—Last August, First Assembly had a fruitful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Leon Bayless of Silsbee, Tex. Several were saved, others reclaimed, and seven individuals received the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

—*J. O. Martin, Pastor*

► **SAGINAW, MICH.**—First Assembly reports a very fine revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur Berg of Springfield, Mo. which made a great impact upon the church. A number accepted Christ as Saviour and 17 received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. God be praised for this moving of His Spirit.

—*Arthur F. Thornton, Pastor*

► **PLAINVIEW, ARK.**—The Assembly here rejoices over a gracious moving of the Holy Spirit during a three-week revival with Evangelist Freddie Richardson of Malvern, Ark. Some 14 were saved, and 14 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

—*Zula Bee Young, Pastor*

► **RICHMOND HILL, N.Y.**—Two weeks of meetings recently held at the Bethlehem Church here with Evangelist Jack Peters of Calif. were a great blessing to the entire congregation. The revival concluded with a Water Baptismal service, at which time 16 were baptized in water. Two weeks later the church had the joy of extending the right hand of fellowship to 20 new members.

—*Wm. J. Behr, Pastor*



A view of the Sunday morning service held at the Pentecostal Tabernacle in Porterville, Calif. during the meeting with Evangelist David Gray. (Charles A. Pollock is pastor)

► CRANNELL, CALIF.—Trinidad Assembly is rejoicing in a marvelous moving of the Holy Spirit even though no evangelist has been engaged. The Holy Spirit, Himself, stirred the hearts of the young people which is spreading through to older ones as well. Several have been saved, some have rededicated their lives anew to Christ, and many have been refilled. On November 13 a Sunday school record attendance was broken with 66 present, as compared to an average attendance of 26 last year. This date was also the occasion of a Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration for a faithful couple who have helped build seven churches. The faithfulness of God's people is reaping a reward as promised in James 1:25.

—Fred Briley, Pastor

VBS WORKSHOPS

Billy E. Reeves, Child Evangelism Director of the National Sunday School Department, will direct VBS workshops as follows:

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—North Central Bible College, 910 Elliot Ave. S., Feb. 15, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis.—Assembly of God Tabernacle, 1719 Omaha St., Feb. 17 (Ernest Swanson, host pastor).

All VBS workers are invited to attend either of these workshops.

WITH CHRIST

D. PAUL LONGSTRETH, 53, of San Diego, Calif., went home to be with his Lord on December 11, 1960. He had been in poor health for several years. He was ordained in the New York-New Jersey District in 1944, and served pastorates in Geneva, N. Y.; Vineland, N. J.; New Haven, Conn.; and Hamden, Conn.

FLORA F. MILLER, of Kissimmee, Fla., went to her eternal reward recently. She served as a licensed minister in the South Florida District until she was superannuated.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Chandler	First	Feb. 14—	Ron Prinzing	Joseph Lack
	Phoenix	First	Feb. 19-Mar. 5	Ralph I. Cranston	V. Ernest Shores
	Phoenix	Southside	Feb. 12-26	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Silas S. Rexroat
Calif.	Castro Valley	Calvary	Feb. 13—	Quentin Edwards	C. Franklyn Murray
	Cupertino	A/G	Feb. 14-26	Oran & Audrey Duncan	H. Russell Baker
	Garden Grove	A/G	Feb. 19-Mar. 5	W. Clifford Nelson	Louis Watrous
	Santa Maria	First	Feb. 19—	Arthur S. Arnold	E. J. Kumpe
Fla.	Deland	First	Feb. 14-26	Jack & Clara Peters	Wm. P. Berringer
	Jacksonville	Riverside Ch.	Feb. 14-19	Ernie Eskelin	Lyman Richardson
	Key West	Glad Tid. Tab.	Feb. 15-Mar. 12	Sunshine Party	L. Wayne Pitts
	Miami	Evangel Tem.	Feb. 12-26	Tommy Barnett	M. L. Davidson
	Punta Gorda	Beacon Chapel	Feb. 12—	Stanley MacPherson	Leslie Clevenger
	Wildwood	First	Feb. 14-19	A. A. Swift	Kenneth Squires
	Wildwood	* First	Feb. 19-24	Robert Olson	Kenneth Squires
Ca.	Augusta	First	Feb. 14-26	Calvin Melton	John F. Moore
Ill.	Chicago	Belmont	Feb. 14-26	Musical Lebsacks	Arthur Klaus
	Mason City	A/G	Feb. 14-Mar. 5	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	K. C. Wallace
Ind.	Michigan City	A/G	Feb. 8-19	Paul Hild	Stewart Robinson
Kans.	Anthony	A/G	Feb. 13-26	Jeremiah Hanley	Bob Box
La.	New Iberia	A/G	Feb. 14—	C. M. Smitley	Clyde Gilbert
Mass.	Malden	Calvary Tem.	Feb. 7-19	Charles Crabtree	Edward Skane
Miss.	Columbia	First	Feb. 14-26	H. L. & Mrs. Carroll	R. G. Hardy
Mo.	Centralia	A/G	Feb. 19-Mar. 5	Glynn Hall	Clyde Redding
	Kansas City	First	Feb. 15-26	E. N. Callicoat	U. S. Grant
	Mercer	A/G	Feb. 12-26	Bonnie M. Ruble	Joseph Marr
	Springfield	Central	Feb. 19-26	J. G. Hall	James McQueen
	Hastings	A/G	Feb. 5—	Johnny & Mrs. Garrison	H. W. Lebsack
N. J.	Pennsville	A/G	Feb. 14—	C. S. Tubby	Elmer Lindale
N. Mex.	Clovis	First	Feb. 14—	Mack Cantwell	Gene McClain
Ohio	Lima	First	Feb. 14—	John Higginbotham	T. E. Hartshorn
Okla.	Wagoner	A/G	Feb. 12—	John R. Moreland	E. L. Coleman
	Hood River	A/G	Feb. 19—	O. E. Vaale	Edmond L. Rey
Pa.	Milton Freewater	A/G	Feb. 19—	L. H. Sheets Family	Willis W. Geyer
	Philadelphia	Italian Pent. Ch.	Feb. 19—	Harold W. May, Jr.	Anthony Calvanico
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Spirit Outpoured on Ministers Institute

*Mighty waves of blessing sweep over meetings
as Illinois ministers wait upon the Lord*

ALTON, Illinois—An unusual moving of the Holy Spirit was experienced in the Illinois District Ministers Institute, held January 9-12 at the Alton Gospel Tabernacle (C. L. Gruver, host pastor). Large numbers of ministers and laymen came to the meetings and opened their hearts to receive from God and to be used for His glory.

At least 200 ministers were present for the day services. Each night the Tabernacle was packed with over a thousand members and visitors from various Assemblies throughout the area.

The mornings and afternoons were spent in a seminar type program. Progress reports were given on home missions, summer camps, youth work, educational program counseling ministry, and Christian day schools. T. F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent, lectured each morning on various phases of the life and work of the Assemblies of God minister. Carl Conner, who has charge of the public relations office of the General Council in Springfield, Mo., did an outstanding job of informing the ministers of the proper ways of preparing news and advertising, ways of dealing with the press and advertising agencies, and the value of promotions in general.

Following a most inspiring report on the expanded home missions program of the District, \$12,000 was quickly raised in pledges toward this important phase of God's work.

Brother Zimmerman preached at a great public rally each night. On Wednesday night his sermon was interrupted with a wave of blessing from heaven and the Lord moved upon Cloyd McCleery, a deacon in the Edwards Street Assembly, Alton, to give a message in tongues. A mighty anointing rested upon the meeting as the Holy Spirit worked in this manner. Brother Zimmerman was given the interpretation of the message.

At the conclusion of the interpretation a volume of prayer and praise arose from the congregation. Many were weeping. When the meeting settled a bit an elderly missionary, Mrs. Anna Richards Scoble, asked to speak. She was greatly broken in spirit as she informed the

people that a marvelous miracle had occurred. She said that Brother McCleery's message, though spoken in a language he did not know, had been in Shangaan, a language spoken in the Transvaal in South Africa.

Sister Scoble explained that she had been a missionary serving in the Transvaal for forty-seven years, and could speak this language, and she said it had been spoken perfectly through the power of the Spirit. In fact, she said foreigners found it difficult to master some parts of the language; for example, the word for "God" cannot be pronounced correctly except by the nationals—but she declared that Brother McCleery, speaking as the Spirit gave him utterance, had enunciated every bit of the message clearly with exactly the right inflections of voice.

Furthermore, Sister Scoble said the interpretation which the Spirit had given through Brother Zimmerman was correct in every detail. She wept as she told what it meant to her to hear this language spoken with perfect diction, so far from South Africa, and said she was amazed at the accuracy of the interpretation.

The power of the Lord was present to heal in these meetings. Prayer was offered for a number and God touched their bodies, including a young man who came on crutches. This young man was suffering with a severely sprained ankle. He came to the altar to seek the Lord but could not kneel, due to his sprained ankle. When prayer was offered for him he threw down the crutches and began to jump about on the ankle that previously had given him so much pain. With great joy and excitement he dashed up the aisle and down again, showing how well he could walk. Thanks to the Lord's healing power. Numbers were saved in these meetings. Many sought for and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The effects of this Ministers Institute will never be measured this side of eternity. Practically all of the ministers present went away so fired with zeal and enthusiasm for the work of God that they were like new men. Their work will be different and much, much

greater because of the mighty impact of the spiritual tide of this meeting. There was a prophetic power in Brother Zimmerman's ministry as he preached the Word of God which was felt throughout the congregation during the entire four-day meeting. It is my opinion that this meeting will affect the Illinois District and its entire work from now on.—By E. M. Clark, District Superintendent. ◀◀

Helpful Thoughts

Life is our friend. It wasn't meant to be anyone's enemy. Be friendly to life.

It's not what happens to us, but what happens in us, that matters most.

Nothing can hurt you unless you yourself allow it to do so. Nothing can defeat you unless you yourself give up, give in or quit. The whole world can't lick us, but we can lick ourselves.

Circumstances are neutral. All depends on what we do with them.

Adversity is a challenge of the best in us. It's the crushed grape that gives out the sweet wine.

Getting on is largely a matter of getting up each time you are down.

To carry care to bed is to sleep with a pack on your back.

Worry won't hurt you if you use it in strict moderation.

The man who gets along best in this world is the one who can look happy when he is not.

Don't pity yourself. You are never the only one who has your troubles, your headaches, or even your illness.

What has happened to you could happen to anyone—and it has before. Take what comes and make good out of it.

To help another is to help yourself. Kind words are short to speak, but their echoes are endless.

Jesus Christ has bought us with His blood, but alas! He has not had His money's worth. He paid for all, and He has had but a fragment of our energy, time, and earnings. Of old the mighty men of Israel were willing to swim rivers at their flood to come to David, their uncrowned but God-appointed king. And when they met him they cried, "Thine are we, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse." They were his because God had given them to him, but they could not rest content till they were his also by choice.—F. B. Meyer.

The Greatest Emancipator

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men's minds because He gives them true knowledge about God that saves men from superstition about God.

Jesus sets us free from sin; that is precisely what His Name means. Sin is a little word with a big meaning. Sin is disobedience to the law of God, rebellion against the will of God. Perhaps we will understand sin better if we call it *selfishness*. Selfishness darkens and enslaves our hearts, but Jesus emancipates us from selfishness by forgiving us and by putting His love in our hearts. In fact, He gives us new hearts so we can be free to live a life of purity and service. Don't you think this makes Jesus the Greatest Emancipator of all? No one else can free us in this way. But He can. That is why we call Him our Saviour.

Now, a third thing from which Jesus emancipates us is *death*. In the Bible death means separation from God. But Jesus sets us free from death by giving us eternal life, God's life. And He saves us from the fear of death by bringing God very close to us, so that instead of separation from God, we now have communion with God and learn to love and serve God as our heavenly Father. No one else has ever done anything so wonderful for people. Eternal life is the best gift God's children have ever received. That is why we call Jesus the Greatest Emancipator.

One more question: *How* does Jesus do all this? How does He emancipate us from superstition, from selfishness, and from death? *Faith* is the right answer. To have and enjoy the freedom that Jesus gives we must believe on Him. We must take Him at His Word. You remember what Jesus said: *If the Son sets you free, you will be really free.* Take Jesus into your heart; let Him be your Saviour and your Lord, and you will discover for yourself that He is the Greatest



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Emancipator, for "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53: 5). In other words, He paid the price to emancipate you when He went to Calvary to be crucified. Therefore He can make you *really* free—and He will, if you ask Him to do so.

—American Tract Society

HIS HANDS

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ing and blessing and comfort. Those hands which had lifted up more than one corpse and given it new life. Those hands which had been laid on many brows hot with fever. Those hands which had been hardened in Joseph's workshop and had written in the hot dust of the temple courtyard. Those hands which were to bring healing in a short time to one of His captors in the Garden of Gethsemane. Those hands which were to be nailed to that wooden gibbet on Mount Calvary. Nailed there so that you and I might have an entrance unto God. Nailed there so that you and I might have eternal life. God incarnate hung there between two common criminals to bridge the gulf between God and man, a gulf made nearly four thousand years earlier by Adam's sin in the Garden of Eden. Jesus expired there, suspended by those hands which had brought not bloodshed

or strife, but blessing and healing and comfort.

No wonder the poet penned these lines:

*Oh, what love, so wondrous, tender,
That hath o'er my life prevailed!
Love that sprung from days eternal
And was on the Cross unveiled;
Father's love, as is the Godhead,
Boundless, limitless, supreme;
Love that shall through countless ages
Be the ransomed's chiefest theme.*

*Naught I find in all creation,
Naught for me in Heaven above,
Whether death or life be mentioned,
Like my Saviour's wondrous love.*

Those precious hands still bear the nailprints, and we shall see them when we see Christ. But how will you meet Christ, my friend? Will He meet you with outstretched arms and say, "Welcome home, My son, My daughter?" Or will He meet you as your Judge? You must decide.

If you have never decided, I trust that you will consider the actions of Dürer. He knew of no better way of thanking and repaying his friend for all his sacrifice. The only way you can repay or show your appreciation for the far greater sacrifice of Jesus Christ on that "old rugged cross" is by yielding your life to Him, by opening your heart to Him, by making the same confession as Thomas, when he saw those nail-pierced hands, "*My Lord and my God.*"

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MIRACLES

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it." So before ever we attempt great things for God we must be a dreamer of dreams.

2. THINK BIG THOUGHTS

The second step in the process is to think great thoughts. We seldom realize the power of our thought patterns. Small thoughts make small people. Habits of thinking can either make or destroy us. And in some strange way we seem to attract into our lives the consequences of our thought life. Thus, trouble attracts trouble, fear attracts catastrophe, faith attracts miracles.

We have the power to control our thoughts. Our minds are not sieves through which we must allow any thought to pass that demands entrance. We are the "keeper of the keys." We may say to some thoughts, "Thou shalt not pass."

In Jeremiah 29:11 God says, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you... thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." The Lord holds great expectations for us. He has an "expected end" and will not hesitate to perform miracles to achieve it. We are in His thoughts constantly. How shameful that we only remember Him casually.

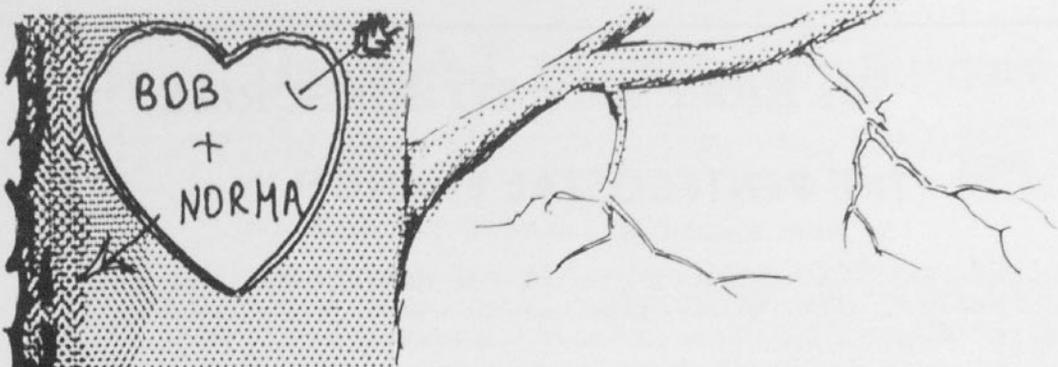
We will never know the power of a miracle until we deliberately fill our minds with thoughts of God. Think of His greatness, His goodness, His faithfulness. Let Him fill the whole horizon of your thinking until you are as aware of Him as of any other person you know. Think big thoughts about a great God.

3. BELIEVE WITH BIG FAITH

The third step in setting the stage for miracles is not as difficult as it may seem, for people who fill their minds with thoughts of God create a climate that breeds faith.

Faith is the power captive within the Word of God. It comes by hearing (or knowing) and hearing comes by the Word of God. He who would attempt great things for God must learn how to "expect" great things from God. That is faith.

Miracles on any level begin to occur when we deliberately marshal the promises of God and march them up



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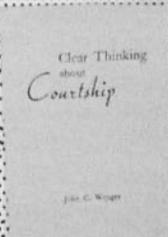
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and down on the parade ground of our hearts. We memorize them, we meditate upon them, we quote them to ourselves, we make them our daily companions. Then they infiltrate into the deep, mystic areas of our lives like seeds planted in good soil. There they begin to release their energy. Like Stephen we become "full of faith and full of the Holy Ghost" for "faith is the substance" of things hoped for and becomes the evidence of things not seen.

Watch for the great affirmations of Scripture! To affirm something as true is to put faith into words and repeat them again and again. The Twenty-third Psalm is full of such affirmations.

"I shall not want" . . . because "The Lord is my Shepherd."

"I will fear no evil" . . . because "Thou art with me."

"He leadeth me" . . . His "rod and staff" comfort me.

"I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Repeating again and again these great affirmations has a healing balm that can drive out the viruses of doubt, fear, anxiety, and unbelief. Oh, believe with big faith!

4. ACT WITH BIG EFFORT

Faith without works is worthless. "Acting as if" is important to faith. Peter never would have known he could walk on the water if he had not first attempted the feat.

Having dreamed great dreams, thought great thoughts, and believed with great believing, all would be lost if we did not "attempt great things." Somewhere we must show that our works equal our faith.

Hebrews, chapter eleven, is a chronicle of action. By faith "Abel offered," "Enoch walked," "Noah built," "Abraham obeyed." These were the acts of holy men and women who dared to attempt great things. The Bible is full of commands to act, for obeying is acting.

Thus we set the stage for miracles—carefully, painstakingly, like men in a laboratory, like diplomats at a council table. And when we prepare our hearts for the supernatural, God moves in to perform it.

"I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it" (Isaiah 46:11).

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MAY I HELP YOU, PLEASE?" ASKED THE SMILING CLERK. "No, thank you, I am just browsing around."

How many times we have answered in that way. Uncertain as to what we want or can afford, we glance here and there and probe experimentally. The browser just nibbles and reads in various spots and has no aim or purpose. Are you just browsing around in God's great storehouse?

When the Lord sees some people in their prayer closet, or at the altar, or in the prayer room He must ask them what they want. He has laid Himself wide open for extravagant demands by saying, "Ask and it shall be given you." He did not stipulate what to ask for, where to begin, or when to stop asking. To be honest, some must answer such an inquiry by saying, "I am just browsing around." Such a person may be praying because others pray, or because he was asked to do so, or because it is customary.

Of course, that which you desire and ask for must be according to His will. There are a few questions you must ask yourself before you petition God. *First*, is that which I am asking for the glory of God? *Second*, can I ask for it in the name of Jesus? Can I use my "power of attorney" which has been given me as a member of His family and ask for what I desire as though it were Jesus asking? And in the *third* place, can I trust myself with what I am desiring and still stay humble and obedient to Him? When you pray you should know what you want, state your request, and believe that you have it. Prayer should have definiteness in *desire*, in *demand*, and in *dependence*.

Those who pray without definite desire are legion. And this is no recent development. Paul confessed, "We know not what we should pray for as we ought" (Romans 8:26). It takes much longer to "pray through" when one is just browsing. What do *you* want? The Lord does not have to be approached as if you were taking Him unawares. You are not to go to Him just to see what you can get out of Him. He is to be approached reverently and respectfully.

You need not make a big case out of it. Have in mind the one thing you want when you pray. Be prepared to pay the full price, to meet the complete conditions. God does not operate a discount house.

If you have sinned, tell Him so. He knows it anyway and there is no need to use lesser terms such as mistakes, shortcomings, or failures. Simply state, "I have sinned, please forgive me."

If you want money, tell Him it is money you want. If it is healing for yourself or another, ask for healing. Jesus said, "If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:11-13)

Prayer can be presumptive. The petitioner may ask the Lord for something he can do for himself. In such case, why ask God? That is exactly the reason He made you a *free moral agent with certain abilities*. You are expected to do what you can. The Lord is not a bellhop, a waiter, or a fire escape. He is a loving, patient, sympathetic Lord to all who will allow Him to be.

Be specific in what you ask for and want. Likewise, when you have come straight to the point, be equally explicit in your dependence. Do not believe in generalities but in specifics. The very fact that Jesus clearly stated, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened," is assurance that He has exactly what you need.

Have faith that the mountain will be removed; that the fever will leave; that the blind will see; or that the sinner will be saved. For He has said, "According to your faith be it unto you." Whatever you believe for, that is what you will receive.

Are you just browsing around? The Lord may say to you as He did to Moses, "Wherefore criest thou unto me? . . . lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea and divide it." Perhaps if you will simply take a few steps, your prayer will be answered. For it is written, "Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours" (Deuteronomy 11:24). All the resources of the Lord are within reach of the believer through definite prayer.

What do you want? Desire of Him, demand of Him, depend upon Him, and you will have it. ◀◀