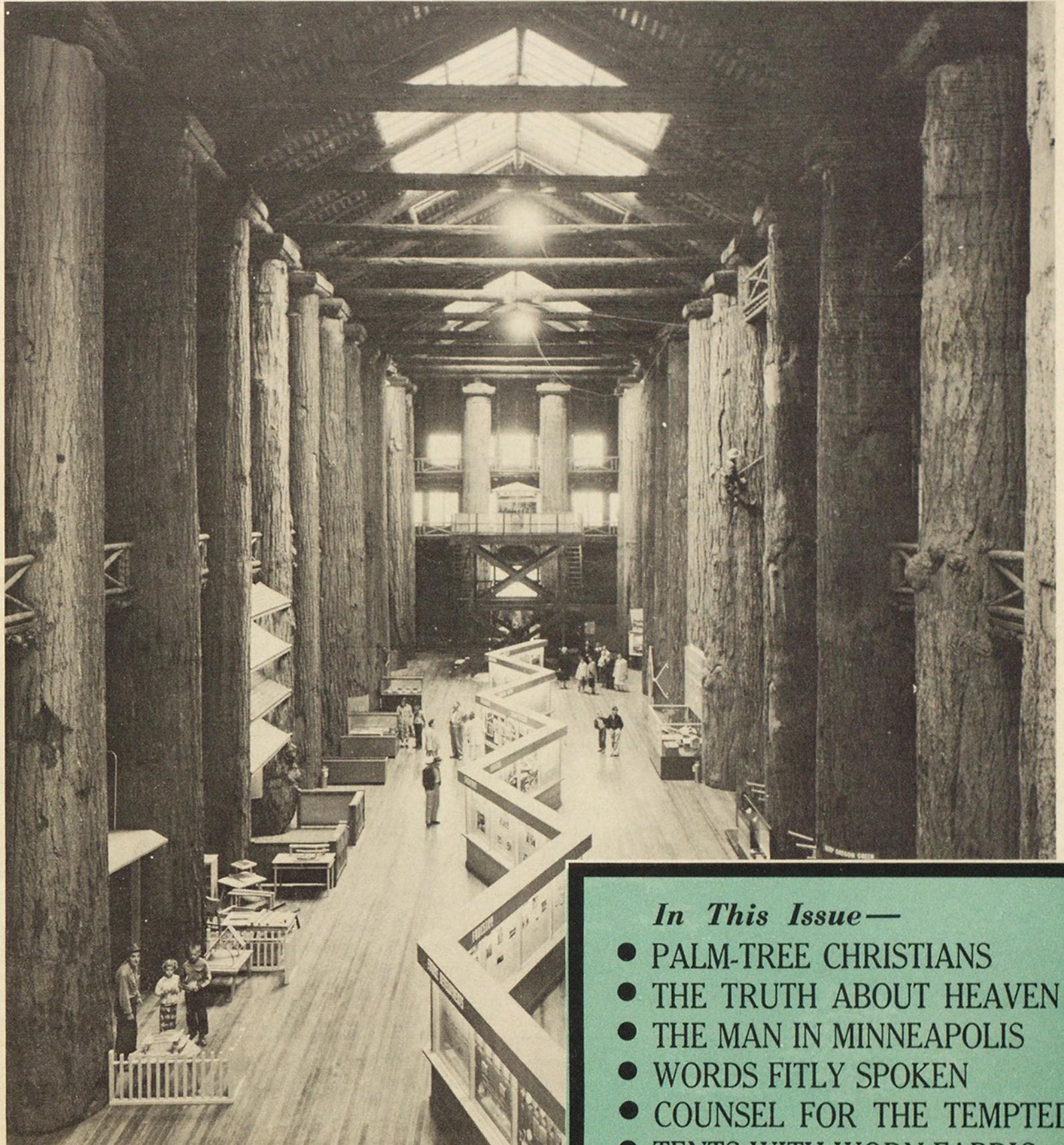


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Bishop Airs His Doubts

Something far worse than smog hit California recently when an Episcopal bishop aired his theological doubts. Bishop James A. Pike of San Francisco wrote an article in the December 21 issue of *Christian Century* in which he told "how his mind has changed" in the past decade.

The bishop scoffed at the Trinity. "I see nothing in the Bible, as critically viewed, which supports this particularly weak and unintelligible philosophical organization of the nature of God," he said. Then he commented on the Virgin Birth: "The Biblical evidence and the theological implications seem to be in favor of assuming that Joseph was the human father of Jesus."

He freely confessed that he does not believe much of the creed which he recites every Sunday at Grace Cathedral. "There are several phrases in the creed which I cannot affirm as literal prose sentences, but I can certainly sing them," he said, as though singing a creed or reciting it makes the difference between myth and fact! "The church is not under the judgment of the Bible finally," he stated, "because the Bible is the work of the members of the church, and didn't get gathered except as members of the church finally gathered it."

Concerning salvation, he wrote: "The Bible seems to indicate that no one is saved except through Christ. . . . To say no one is saved except through the earthly Jesus Christ would be impossible." He went on to say, "I no longer regard grace, or the work of the Holy Spirit, as limited explicitly to the Christian revelation," and he had words of praise for Buddha, Socrates, and Freud.

Perhaps the most shocking statement of all was this: "But the kind of god I first believed in, who would limit salvation to a select group who happen to have heard the news and heard it well . . . is an impossible god. As to this god, I am now an atheist."

The article raised a storm of criticism, as well it might. Some Episcopalians outside the bishop's own state accused him of heresy, but he managed to defend his position at a meeting of the California Episcopal diocese in such a way that he received a vote of confidence. It is indeed a pity that men with such doubts choose to remain in the ministry. The Lord Jesus said that religious leaders who lack the light of truth are "blind leaders of the blind." The trouble is that "if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Matthew 15:14). If a man wishes to take to the ditch, why does he not jump in alone without dragging others down with him!

THIS WEEK'S COVER shows the interior of the Forestry Building at Portland, Oregon, "the world's largest log cabin," built in 1905 as part of the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Fifty-two large firs march the length of the central hall, each containing 8500 board feet, enough to build an average home. A new exhibit "The Gallery of Trees," giving a complete picture of the forest products industry, makes a visit to this building at Portland like stepping inside a sawmill, pulp and paper plant, hardboard, plywood, or furniture factory.

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PAUL HAD A GLIMPSE OF SOMETHING
BETTER THAN TATTERED TENTS WHEN HE
WAS CAUGHT UP TO THE THIRD HEAVEN.

TENTS WITH WORN FABRIC



BY JAMES E. GRIGGS
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ONE OF THE KEYS TO THE MYSTERY that surrounds the future state of the human soul is found in 2 Corinthians 5:1, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Paul, the apostle, was a tentmaker by trade, and worked at it while he lived with Priscilla and Aquila in Corinth (Acts 18:1-3). Holding the tent fabric in his hands he no doubt realized its temporary nature. With the passing of time it would become worn, and would rot and deteriorate. At best its life and usefulness was limited. Furthermore, the tent itself was used only by travelers, sojourners, and campers. Those who used it would fold up their tents in time and go home.

Being familiar with the Old Testament, Paul must have compared his tents with the Tabernacle in the Wilderness. Moved from place to place,

it was not a permanent thing. From time to time it was "dissolved"—literally, "taken to pieces." It was a temporary, transitory thing. Some think the Ark of the Covenant was enclosed in a separate covering other than the curtains of the Tabernacle (Exodus 40:21). Thus it was a separate entity in itself. When the Tabernacle was "dissolved," the Ark retained its cover with its own curtains or veil. The Tabernacle was supported by poles or staves driven into the soil; therefore, it had a definite connection with the clay or dust.

What then did Paul mean when he wrote, "For we know that if our earthly house [dwelling] of this tabernacle [tent] were dissolved"? No doubt he was referring to the house or tent of our mortal bodies. The fabric of this mortal tent will grow worn and thin; and finally it will be dissolved, folded up, and laid away. When this happens, we are told that "we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." This new home will be permanent—a building, a house. What a contrast with the temporary tent.

This new home is "not made with hands." Abraham looked for such. In Hebrews 10:8-10, we are told that "Abraham, when he was called... obeyed; and he went out... for he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." In contrast to the temporary tent we

are to have "a house... eternal in the heavens." The Tabernacle in the Wilderness was supported by staves and poles driven into the ground. Our bodies [tents] are supported by the same earth; for we are of the earth or dust, and shall return to it again (Genesis 3:19).

Our present tent fabric is subject to wear, to destructive forces from without and within. It is affected by every gust of wind and every whim of nature. Disease, pain, sorrow, burdens, heartaches, worries, and other circumstances take their toll in wear upon the fabric. Our tents are often shaken and moved by the winds of adversity.

Tents are such uncomfortable things—hot in summer and cold in winter. Nor is man ever satisfied with his tent. He is constantly trying to fix it—to make it more acceptable by using vitamins, lotions, drugs, and potions.

GROANING IN THE TENT

"For in this [tent] we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven... For we that are in this tabernacle [tent] do groan, being burdened" (2 Corinthians 5:2, 4). God arranged it this way so that we would be reminded constantly of the temporary nature of our tent, and thus cause us to desire the eternal home. There will be no new tents for us here. We must make the one last a lifetime.

In spite of man's search for the elixir of life, and all the care he can give to his body, his tent fabric grows thin. It is soon filled with patches, holes, rips, and tears. Gray hairs, lack of strength, wrinkles, stooped shoulders, and the problems of old age remind us that our tents are wearing out. For us too, that day will come when our tent will be folded and laid away.

MOVING DAY

The person within the tent moves to the eternal house in the heavens. The person does not change. He just moves from a tent to a home. This was symbolized by the fact that the Ark of the Covenant was kept a separate entity when the Tabernacle was taken down. Paul described this step for us in 1 Corinthians 15:53, 54, "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." Do not expect your earthly tent to last forever. A moving day will come when the soul changes

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PALM-TREE CHRISTIANS

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ETERNAL FACTS ABOUT THE WICKED and the righteous are stated in the ninety-second Psalm.

Many good people observing the wealth and influence of certain persons are greatly disturbed because the wicked flourish and prosper. David said it bothered him, too, until he went into the sanctuary and came to understand the situation in the light of eternity.

God's children need not be envious of the wicked, for the Bible states, "When the wicked spring as grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be de-

stroyed for ever" (Psalm 92:7).

When we see ungodly men in important offices, prospering in business, and becoming popular in this world, we would not change places with them for a minute. It is better to be riding a rough road in an old model T Ford on the way to becoming heir of all things as a son of the King, than to be in a new Cadillac en route to the jail house for all eternity.

Not for all the world would we forfeit the blessing promised in verse twelve, "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree. He shall grow like the cedar of Lebanon."

Note first, it says, "he will grow." It is a fact—he will. We not only grow older physically as the months and years go by, but we respond by growth one way or the other in spiritual matters. A person becomes either more confirmed in his sin, a greater slave to his habits, and harder to move toward spiritual things, or he draws closer to the Lord in his daily walk and makes spiritual progress. It is a fact; we are growing.

But *how* are we are growing? A person does not become a Christian by growth. One never becomes a Christian by gradually becoming better, nor by development of character. The Bible says, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." The only possible way to begin the Christian life is by the new birth. Physical life begins with a birth, and so does spiritual life. We must be *born* again. As a baby continues to grow after birth, so must the new-born Christian grow. Physical growth is expected by the parents, and spiritual growth is expected by our Heavenly Father.

The righteous person's growth is compared with that of the palm and cedar trees. He will grow higher—nearer to heaven. The palm tree grows upright, becoming stronger as the years pass. It is said the palm tree can stand the hurricanes and storms better than other trees, not because of its greater resistance, but because it bends and yields and bows with the wind and storm. So the Christian must learn lessons of submission. From the depths of his heart he must say, as Jesus did, "Not my will, but Thine, be done."

The palm tree is an evergreen. It does not shed its leaves simply because the seasons change. What a spiritual truth! The person who is a real Christian is not one only at certain times. He is one at all times. Some people are like deciduous trees, they shed their leaves. In church or when around certain people, especially the minister, they are very religious. Other people are very seasonal—spasmodic, not consistent. But the palm-tree Christian keeps his leaves. Whether in church, at home, in business, or wherever he is, he is still a Christian.

What an abomination it must be to God to hear people talk piously and pray in church, then go out with the crowd and use filthy, obscene, vile language, taking the Lord's name in vain, and reveling in off-color jokes and wisecracks. Such a person has shed

his leaves—he has lost his semblance of Christianity. He is really not a Christian but a hypocrite.

Christ's most severe denunciations were pronounced against hypocrites. He used the most scathing words when referring to them. The most severe judgment will befall the hypocrite. Don't be a hypocrite; be a palm-tree Christian. Don't shed your leaves when troubles, bad weather, or problems come. Be an evergreen for God. Be a constant, consistent, palm-tree Christian.

The palm is a most useful tree. Gibbon says the natives of Syria speak of 360 uses to which the palm is applied. Its shade refreshes the traveler. How refreshing it is to be with some Christians. The finest fruits and dates are produced by the palm after it has reached a hundred years of age. "He shall bring forth fruit in old age."

Like a lighthouse to the seaman, the palm tree signals to the weary, thirsty desert traveler that water is at hand. May we always guide the traveler to the "water of life."

The leaves of the palm are made into couches, its boughs into fences, its lumber into buildings, its fibres into ropes and brooms. It is used for hats, mats, baskets, buttons, margarine and cooking oils, furniture, calking for ships. Its coconuts, dates, and starch are for food. Its oil is for light. What an emblem of the usefulness and blessing that a Spirit-filled Christian may be to this needy world.

Another lesson the palm tree teaches. Most of our trees get their life through the sap that flows up the outside of the tree just under the bark. The palm tree is different, I am told. Its sap flows up the center of the trunk. If you girdle or debark a tree like an oak, poplar, apple, or birch it dies, but not so with palms.

With a palm tree the outside may be injured but it still grows. Are we like the palm in this respect? Where is the source of our spiritual life? Is it deep inside or near the surface? If we really have Christ in our heart, we will not be dependent upon outside things for our spiritual life and development. If someone hurts or bruises us, we will not die spiritually if we are like the palm tree. Let us be sure our spiritual life is deep inside so that outside things will have little effect upon us. Be a palm-tree Christian.



Laborers Together With God

The Carpenter's tools had a conference. Brother Hammer was in the chair. The meeting had informed him that he must leave, because he was too noisy. But he said, "If I am to leave this carpenter's shop, Brother Gimlet must go too; he is so insignificant that he makes very little impression."

Little Brother Gimlet arose and said, "All right, but Brother Screw must go also; you have to turn him around and around again and again to get him anywhere."

Brother Screw then said, "If you wish, I will go but Brother Plane must leave also; all his work is on the surface, there is no depth to it."

To this Brother Plane replied, "Well, Brother Rule will have to withdraw if I do, for he is always measuring other folks as though he were the only one who is right."

Brother Rule then complained against Brother Sandpaper and said, "I just don't care, he is rougher than he ought to be, and he rubs people the wrong way."

In the midst of the discussion, the Carpenter of Nazareth walked in. He had come to perform his day's work. He put on his apron, and went to the bench to make a pulpit. He employed the screw, the gimlet, the sandpaper, the saw, the hammer, the plane, and all the other tools. After the day's work was over and the pulpit was finished, Brother Saw arose and said, "*Brethren, I perceive that all of us are laborers together with God.*"

Oh, how many of us Christians are just like those tools—fussing at others because they don't do things just the way we think they should.

There was not an accusation against one of these tools that was not absolutely true; yet the Carpenter used every one of them and there was not a place where He used any one where any other one would have done at all. How careful we should be to guard against finding fault with any of God's tools.

—Bible Truth Depot



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The Truth About Heaven

It is a place of revelation, recognition, and reservation

BY EVANGELIST MERVIN E. ROSELL

THE BELIEF IN HEAVEN IS UNIVERSAL. When God made the human heart, He cast it in an amazing eternal mold, too great to be satisfied with seventy years on earth. In heaven He will not fail to provide reality by which to engage the human heart for the ages to come.

Christ's promise shall not fail. "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3).

In every nation I have visited around this troubled world, I found the human heart longing for a life beyond. Every language speaks of a land beyond death, and yet so few of the world's people have any factual evidence to substantiate their conception of what that land is like.

The facts concerning life beyond death fall into three easily-remembered classifications: the revelation of heaven, recognition in heaven, and reservation for heaven.

I am obliged to give solid evidence concerning a real promise of a real

place made by a real person. I dare not present a theoretic mental illusion. There is no place for fiction when a man deals with the irreparable and ir-retrievable moment of decision that affects your life after death.

Here are the facts. I need not vindicate the source book, for the Bible is still the world's best seller and actually the reservoir of all truth. Christ speaks, "I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am there ye may be also" (John 14:3). The description of the city is given clearly in the recordings of John the Revelator in Revelation 21:10-27.

A PLACE OF REVELATION

Consider the actual facts of this chapter of the Bible, especially verse 10, "And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God." I believe that every scrupulous Bible student will admit that this holy Jerusalem, as magnificent as it shall be, and as real as I do believe it is, shall be only a sample city prepared for those who love Him.

Because the number "twelve" is predominant in all of its building, and the names of the children of Israel and

the apostles are written into its foundations, I believe it gives evidence that this shall be God's pendant, His jewel city prepared for His beloved people, Israel, who have been promised material blessing throughout Scripture. They shall be converted "in a day" when they turn their face to the Messiah. In eternity God shall give them this city whose doors shall be opened to "all nations" and we shall actually walk on the streets of gold.

However, in this scientific age of the atom, we would be appalled to think that all eternity would be encompassed by the limits of one city six thousand miles around, when God has already provided literal galaxies of glory in the astronomical skies for us in these brief "three score years and ten" of sin and trouble and limitation. Certainly He will provide even greater abundance in His creative handiwork for all eternity. The promise of God is limitless for those who believe on Jesus Christ.

The fact of the extent of heaven and the real existence of God's promised heaven may be somewhat surprising to you unless you have studied the actual promises of the Bible in chapter after chapter. In this atomic age the unchanging Bible yet supersedes in its

revelation all of man's understanding.

Although scientific data has changed even throughout our brief span of life, the Bible facts have never had to be changed. Many references pointing even to the atom itself are rather amazing in the light of recent developments. Should we believe less than the overwhelming evidence for a real life after death in a real place promised by a real Saviour who is alive at the right hand of God at this very minute?

A group of high-school students asked me as to just exactly where heaven is located. I immediately answered that Revelation 4:1 talks about coming "up" into heaven, and Acts 1:9, 10, and 11 tells how Christ was taken "up" into heaven, so that heaven must be in an upward direction, and not in the interior or on the surface of the earth.

The Bible clearly shows the direction and location. We read in Isaiah 14:12-14, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High."

The phrase, "I will ascend into heaven," gives the direction in part. The phrase, "in the sides of the north," gives the specific direction. The phrases, "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds," and, "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God," indicate that heaven will be beyond the atmospheric sky and the astronomical areas of planets and stars.

I sat in a library some years ago examining carefully a book on the subject of astronomy. I read, "We have trained our newest telescopes on the northern areas of the heavens and have discovered a 'veritable tunnel through the stars,' beyond which there seems to be another 'milky way' which I would like to term 'the heaven of heavens.'" With great difficulty I suppressed the hallelujahs of my heart when I read a modern scientific volume



My Father's House

I'm journeying on o'er sea and land,
With chart correct and compass true;
And soon I'll reach that blessed strand,
My Father's house.

The way is Christ, my Lord divine,
The pathway straight ascending high;
My journey's end doth brightly shine,
My Father's house.

Each day my eyes I upward cast,
And see by faith my home above;
I'll enter heaven when storms are past,
My Father's house.

My Father's house, I love its name,
'Tis filling fast with earthly saints;
Its shining glories never wane,
My Father's house.

Earth's sorrows soon I'll leave behind,
Their memory quickly fade away;
With angel guides from heaven I'll find
My Father's house.

—R. Middleton



corroborating the statements of Ezekiel 1:4, 28, Isaiah 14, and Job 26:7 which says, "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing."

We have determined not only that heaven is in an upward direction, but its specific direction is north, and the Bible literally refers to it as "the heaven of heavens." Amazing accuracy! Wonderful promise!

We have evidence in 1 Corinthians 15:51-53 and 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 that we will be transported with the rapidity of thought into the Lord's presence, arriving there as the Scripture says "in the twinkling of an eye." In the glint of an eye we will be caught up and whisked through the *tunnel in the stars* into the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ to actually view the revealed splendor of the "heaven of heavens."

You ask, "Will it be real?" Ah, yes, we shall walk on those streets of gold. We shall pass through those pearly portals. We shall live in the presence of God with all eternity devoted to the revelation of the astonishing plan of the Almighty God.

A PLACE OF RECOGNITION

"Will we know our loved ones in heaven?" you ask. This question involves several other questions concerning the actual existence of physical bodies, recognition of individuals, and the promise of Christ in relation to our future state after death.

Christ had a body that He brought forth from the grave. He mentioned "flesh and bones as you see me have," which would indicate that our resurrection bodies may be without blood. Sin is in the blood, limitation of life, and many diseases. We shall have resurrection bodies of flesh and bone according to the promise of Christ. Christ is the first-fruit and we are the harvest of the resurrection. We shall have resurrection bodies, real bodies, touchable bodies, recognizable bodies.

In twenty-five years of conferences, conventions, and crusades, I have often been quizzed about the age of the resurrection body. I have been asked such strange questions as, "Will I be crippled when I get to heaven?" or, "Will I be wrinkled in the gloryland?" or, "Will I have these scars and marks on the other side of death and the resurrection?" The Bible gives evidence that our bodies shall be perfect, and we, as His church, shall be presented to Christ "without spot or blemish or wrinkle," which has spiritual implications as well as physical.

Now what about recognition in the life after death? John 14:1-3 indicates that we shall recognize Christ. Genesis 25:8 tells us Abraham knew his people after death. Matthew 8:11 proves that we shall know the patriarchs. Surely if I shall know Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I shall know Mary, Patrick, and Susan.

In Matthew 17:3 and 4 we are told that Peter, James, and John knew Moses and Elijah in the mount of transfiguration. Luke 10:20 names men after death and implies individuality. Actually "you" will always be "you." Even though the bodies will be perfect and without marks or imperfections, yet the personality and identity will always be unchanged.

A climactic proof is 1 Thessalonians
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THE MAN IN MINNEAPOLIS

He proved that the Lord's promise, "Give, and it shall be given unto you," could be taken at its face value.



BY OSWALD J. SMITH

I WAS HOLDING AN EVANGELISTIC campaign in Minneapolis in the great church of which Dr. Paul Rees was the pastor. Large crowds gathered night after night, sometimes capacity audiences. Many souls were saved and there was much spiritual blessing.

At the close of one of my services, as I stood by the pulpit—after having pronounced the benediction—I saw a well-dressed businessman approaching me.

"I owe everything I am and everything I have to you," were his words

of greeting. I looked at him in amazement.

"You owe everything you are and everything you have to me?" I repeated. "What do you mean? I don't understand."

Briefly he told me his story, a story that I have never forgotten.

"I was in Toronto," he said, "your city, and I was out of work. I found myself in debt. It was in the days of the depression. I could not find anything to do. I kept sinking lower and lower, finding it impossible to get a job.

"At last," he continued, "my two daughters left me, then my wife left me, and finally, I became an ordinary bum. I was so low that I nearly had to reach up to touch bottom.

"One day I was walking along Bloor Street and as I passed The People's Church I heard singing. The doors were open and, having nothing else to do, I walked in and sat in a seat near the back of the church.

"You were holding one of those missionary conventions of yours and you were in the pulpit, but you were making some of the most amazing, some of the most nonsensical and foolish statements I had ever heard in my life. You were saying, 'Give, and it shall be given unto you. You can't beat God giving. God will be no man's debtor.'

"I listened," he said, "in utter amazement. There I was, down and out, with nothing, and you were stating that if I would give I would get. Just to see whether or not you were telling the truth, I took one of your envelopes from a passing usher and I filled it in, promising to give God a percentage of all He might give me in the days to come. That was easy, of course, because I had nothing.

"But then, to my amazement, things began to happen and happen fast. Within a few hours I had a job. When I got my first money I gave the percentage I had promised to God. A little later on I got a raise in pay, then I was able to give a larger amount. After a while I got another job with still better wages and then I gave more.

It was working, and working wonderfully, so I kept on. Every week I faithfully gave God the percentage I had promised Him.

"In due time I got another suit of clothes. I was able to dress better. After a while my wife came back to me. Then my two daughters returned to me, and before many months had passed I had paid every debt, for again my salary had been raised.

"To cut a long story short, I am now a prosperous businessman, living here in Minneapolis. We own our own home. My wife is with me and my two daughters. I have a bank account. I am not in debt. What you told me when I was down and out was absolutely true."

During the last world war, many a man came to The People's Church for a handout. Sometimes I asked them this question: "When you were making money did you share with God or did you spend it all on yourself and family?" Never once did I receive an answer in the affirmative. They had used it for themselves and God had been forgotten. No wonder they were in the bread-line.

My friend, I have had that experience again and again. God will be no man's debtor. "Give, and it shall be given unto you." You can't beat God giving. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

You just cannot get away from it. It is one of the unchangeable laws of God. You square with God and God will square with you. You give to God in days of prosperity and God will give to you in days of depression. You withhold from God in days of prosperity and God may withhold from you in days of depression. If you faithfully give to God, you will never find yourself in the bread-line. Just why it works like that I do not know, but it does. God prospers the man who gives. ◀◀

TRAVELING NORTH ON HIGHWAY 99 one day, I noticed a very large junk yard. Stretching for perhaps a quarter of a mile was a line of cars of every make, size, and description. "Hmm," I mused, "that's the last roundup for old cars that have worn out."

Taking a second look, I saw that many of the cars were new. Even at that moment a wrecking car was towing in a late model Buick.

Why are those cars there? They were smashed while traveling on Highway 99, although the federal and state governments did everything possible to make the road safe. Curves were straightened out; traffic lanes, posters, warnings, and signals were installed. Millions of dollars were spent on careful planning and engineering to build that road so people can reach their destination safely.

But still there are folk who do not obey the "rules of the road." They think it does not matter much what they do—whether they drive too fast, drink, or pass cars on hills without knowing what is coming toward them. Breaking the rules in many different ways, they find out that it does matter. Breaking rules can cost much suffering or sudden death.

The explanation for those wrecked cars is that simple. Many a driver failed to arrive where he intended to go because he did not obey the "rules of the road."

Often used in the Bible are illustrations that picture a road or highway showing which way a man is traveling through life. It speaks of two different ways that he may choose to travel. Every man is traveling through life on one of those two ways. And whichever way he chooses, the Bible shows what will be at "the end of the road."

Proverbs 14:12 speaks of the way of death: "There is a way that seemeth right to a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Then John 14:6 tells about the way of life that God made so persons like you and me may arrive safely in heaven: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No man cometh unto the Father but by Me," said Jesus.

God has let the world know that He Himself planned the "highway to heaven" for us. He planned it very carefully, far more carefully than the best of our multi-million-dollar super-highways were planned. It was made

the road of life

BY PAUL W. CARLSTROM
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON



at infinite cost to Himself. It cost the life of His Son, Jesus, "in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7).

Many folk—yes, even "good people"—will not follow "the rules of the road" that God has planned and made for them at so great cost. They are like many a driver on Highway 99 who thought he could do as he pleased. Perhaps he could, for a while, but "the

end" came as a surprise and a shock to him.

Please listen, friend. If you and I do not follow God's rules on our journey through life, our souls will be ruined just like the cars we see in the junk yards. Whether the car was "old" or "young" did not matter; one was wrecked as surely as the other. Let us pause and consider again God's warning: "There is a way that seemeth right to a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." ◀ ◀

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Two views of the Indian congregation at Grants, New Mexico

A Report From the Grants, New Mexico, Indian Assembly —

Light for Their Pathway

BY LEONARD J. EVERLY

THE LORD SAID, IN JOHN 9:5, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Before we came on the field last April, He showed us that there were hundreds of the precious Indians who were walking in spiritual darkness and crying for a light to guide them. Now, the Lord has let us witness the joy of many of these people as the glorious light of Christ has fallen upon their pathway.

When we first came to the Mission

several months ago, we had to use our own car and make several trips to the village to bring the people in to the services. There was a '47 model Ford bus here which we finally got started and were able to use a little, but it was not dependable. We had to take the car and bus both each trip so we could pull the bus when it stopped.

Last August, Clinton Caldwell, from Spearman, Tex., bought a '52 model International school bus and brought it

all the way out here to us. It was a time of great rejoicing at the Mission when we received the new bus.

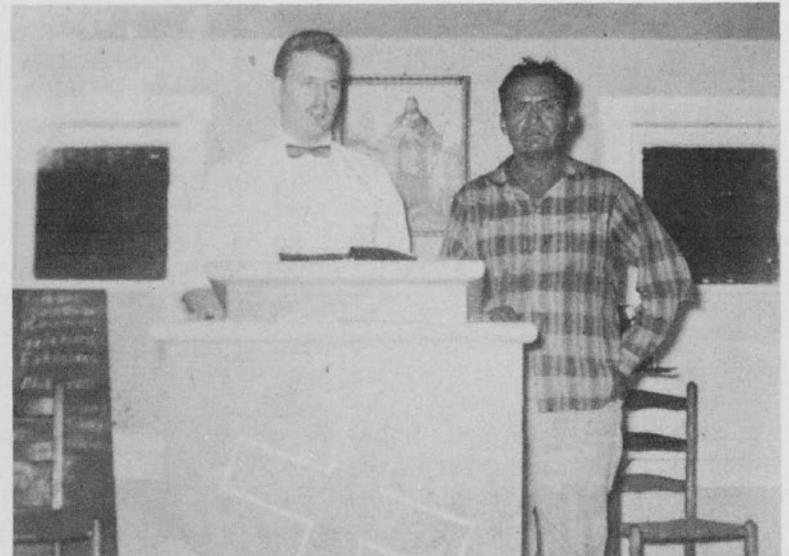
We have had to take many steps of faith since coming on the field. One of these was the purchase of a new International Travelall. Our old '53 Buick was worn out and falling to pieces and we felt deeply impressed to get this new vehicle. It is wonderful for these rough reservation roads. We sincerely thank all who made this possible and who are helping to carry on the work here.

In July we had a tent revival with the James Burketts from Jackson, Tenn. Souls were blessed through their ministry. At the close of this revival ten were baptized in water.

In August, Brother and Sister Barbary from Mescalero, N. Mex., held a short revival. The Indians were greatly strengthened in the Word of God



Leonard Everly family, missionaries at Grants, N. Mex.



Evangelist J. W. Luman with Indian interpreter

during this meeting. Also, Brother Barbary did some much-needed finish work on the inside of the Mission while he was with us.

In October, we had the J. W. LUMANS, young evangelists from our home in Borger, Tex., for a revival. Five received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Several were healed of various sicknesses and diseases. Altogether, through the month of October, there were nine filled with the Holy Spirit.

Christmas Day we had dinner for the 150 Indians. At present we are having services Sunday morning and night at the Mission and two mid-week services. In December, we averaged 64 in attendance. On Thursday nights we go to Crown Point, fifty-three miles out on the reservation, for services. We are reaching Navajo, Laguna, and Acoma Indians in town and on the reservation.

When the Mission was built at Grants, it was out at the edge of town, but the town has grown up around it until it is no longer a desirable place for an Indian Mission. Help us pray that we can move to a location that is closer to the reservations. There is a \$600 loan against the Mission, on which we are making monthly payments.

Again we want to thank everyone who has helped us so wonderfully for the clothing sent for the Indians and for the clothing, support, and groceries that have been sent to our own family.

We must do the works of Him who sent us, while it is day; for the night cometh when no man can work. ◀◀

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Congregation Builds New Church In Eighty Days

The story of this California pioneer church reads like a modern miracle

EXACTLY ELEVEN WEEKS AND THREE days after construction began, beautiful Bethany Chapel Assembly of God in Hollydale, Calif., was completely ready for occupancy! Pastor A. Watson Argue, Jr., says all construction was donated by the congregation except for the plastering. The Women's Missionary Council ladies did much of the painting and lathing. The wonderful spirit of unity among the members made this church possible.

But let us go back to the beginning of this remarkable story.

A little over two years ago, Bethany Chapel was born. Its first meetings were held in private homes, but the group soon obtained permission to use the Hollydale Community Center for the Sunday services. Although the Com-

munity Center lacked the atmosphere of a church, the congregation worked hard and enjoyed a substantial growth.

Within the first six months property was located and plans were drawn by Paul Ferguson of Redlands, Calif. When ground-breaking day came, every member who was sincerely behind the building program brought a shovel. Together with the mayor, Leland R. Weaver (a born-again Christian), and the sectional presbyter, L. D. Reynolds, the entire congregation broke ground.

Special features of the \$100,000 building, which provides 4,500 square feet of space, include a touch-plate electrical system with rheostat for auditorium lights and a master control in the pastor's study. The entire auditorium and overflow with two hundred individual upholstered opera chairs is enhanced with wall-to-wall carpeting. The foyer features an eight-by-ten-foot mosaic of Christ praying in the garden created by Fred Fillers, an artist in the congregation. This mural is valued at approximately \$4,000. Behind the baptistry is a beautiful stained-glass window (imported from Holland) displaying a red cross and the Greek letters "Alpha and Omega."

Other facilities in the building include a music room, a nursery with adjoining sleep room, a church office, a pastor's study, a projection room, and additional Sunday school classrooms, plus a Christ's Ambassadors Hall seating one hundred. A black top parking lot provides ample parking for fifty cars. Other existing buildings provide 2,500 square feet of additional Sunday school space.

On dedication day, the church was packed to capacity with people standing—city officials, neighboring pastors, friends, and members. The highlight of the service was the anointed dedicatory message by L. E. Halvorson, superintendent of the Southern California District Council.

The church now has a regular secretary and two nursery attendants. Duplicate Sunday morning services have been tried with success and plans are to have them every Sunday in the near future. Plans are also being formulated for a new educational unit, a Christian day school, and a main sanctuary.

The best news of all is that throughout the entire effort, the Spirit of God has blessed with many being saved and filled with the Spirit. On one recent Sunday, eleven received the baptism in the Spirit. ◀◀



Attractive new Bethany Chapel in Hollydale Calif. (Inset: Pastor A. Watson Argue, Jr.)



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Tithing

JEWISH LEADER CALLS FOR RETURN TO ANCIENT TITHING SYSTEM

The tithing idea was suggested at a recent four-day conference of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations as a means of financing a new expansion program among Reformed Jews in America. Judge Emil Baar, trustees' chairman, suggested that "a personal, self-imposed tithe... as practiced by members of certain other religious groups," would be a good way to raise \$15,000,000 to build synagogues in fast-growing areas and to provide religious and study programs for Jewish youth.

The tithing idea reportedly is being presented to local Jewish congregations at Sabbath eve services across the country.

Scriptures

EVANGELICAL LEADERS LAY PLANS FOR GREATER BIBLE EMPHASIS

A conference of leaders and pastors representing thirty Protestant denominations to "return the Bible to the heart of the nation" was held in Washington, D. C., January 31. The conference was called by the National Association of Evangelicals to re-emphasize the importance of the Bible in the American heritage and to study ways of getting people to study it as families and in churches.

A committee was appointed to continue exploration of various methods of accomplishing this purpose. The committee, headed by Dr. Arnold Olson of Minneapolis, president of the Evangelical Free Church, will report at the annual NAE convention in Grand Rapids, April 10-14.

OVER 400 AFRICAN TONGUES STILL WAITING FOR SCRIPTURES

An official of the British and Foreign Bible Society says the huge task of translating the Bible into some 800 different African tongues is not quite half finished. Maynard W. Booth, society secretary, reports that the com-

plete Bible is available in only 48 African languages, the New Testament in an additional 96, and single Gospels and other portions of the Scriptures in another 184 languages.

Last year the Bible society distributed more Scriptures in Africa than ever before.

Schools

BILL WOULD BAR NUNS' GARB IN TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Public schoolteachers in Texas would be forbidden to wear religious garb while teaching, under a bill offered in the legislature.

Sponsored by Representative Leon Thurman of Anson, the measure is aimed at situations such as that at Bremond, where Roman Catholic nuns teach in religious attire in a public school. Penalty for violation would be loss of state school funds.

Early in January, a group of 17 Protestants, including several Bremond citizens and church leaders, filed an appeal with the State Board of Education from Education Commissioner J. W. Edgar's ruling that he has no authority to make nuns wear non-eclesiastical garb.

Dr. Edgar has ordered the Bremond

School board to change its policy of leasing from the Catholic church an elementary school formerly operated as a parochial school. He requested that the board purchase the school or buy facilities elsewhere. But he said he had no power to tell Catholic nuns teaching in the school how to dress. (He quoted a 1937 attorney general's opinion that it was not against Texas law for nuns to teach in public schools.)

Chaplaincy

AIR FORCE AWARDS COMMENDATION MEDAL TO ASSEMBLIES CHAPLAIN

Chaplain (Captain) Orville L. McCormack, one of 20 Assemblies of God military chaplains now on active duty with the Armed Services, recently was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal. This high honor came as the result of "outstanding service with the 33rd Air Division."

The ministry Chaplain McCormack performed with the 33rd Air Division was much like that of the old-fashioned circuit rider. He traveled constantly providing counseling, guidance, and spiritual assistance to men at a number of radar sites and ground observer groups scattered along the Mexican border and the Gulf of Mexico. Chap-



Dr. Harold W. Erickson pins Air Force Commendation Medal on Chaplain (Capt.) Orville McCormack as Col. Wm. A. Daniel, Commander, 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, looks on.

Iain McCormack unselfishly disregarded his own personal inconveniences in order to minister to these men.

The award was made to Chaplain McCormack at his current assignment, the 6143rd Air Base Group, Itazuke, Japan. Dr. Harold W. Erickson, a former official of the National Association of Evangelicals, officially pinned the medal on Chaplain McCormack during a Wing Review and Parade at the Itazuke Air Base.

Chaplain McCormack served as an enlisted man in the Navy during World War II and saw service in Africa and the South Pacific. He is a graduate of Southern California College and attended Berkeley Baptist Divinity School.

Chaplain McCormack's overseas assignment is typical of the duty our Assemblies of God chaplains serve. They are currently assigned as follows: one each in Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Spain, France, Germany, Greenland, Hawaii, New York, North Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Texas, and Washington; four serving along the California coast; two assigned to the Pacific fleet with California homeports. Specific information regarding these chaplains or servicemen may be secured from the Servicemen's Division, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Insanity

SEES INSANITY AS MASK FOR SIN

There is a modern tendency to label the wrongdoer "insane" rather than call him a sinner. Some of the 3,000 psychiatrists gathered in Atlantic City, at the annual convention of the American Psychiatric Association, insisted that many lawbreakers are emotionally ill and should be placed in mental hospitals rather than jails or penitentiaries.

Dr. Benjamin Karpman of Washington predicted that "in fifty years the U. S. will have no prisons—only psychiatric treatment centers for lawbreakers." Fortunately the big majority of delegates took exception to his views, and voiced opinions like that of Dr. Sidney Bolter of Michigan who said "the mask of insanity has covered too many criminals" and should be "ripped off."

God sees through every mask; and though He loves both weak and strong with an infinite tenderness, He has decreed that "the wages of sin is death." Salvation lies not in excusing sin but in confessing it, forsaking it, and trusting Christ for pardon and cleansing.

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Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Were Adam and Eve spirit beings like angels before they were given human bodies? Genesis 1:27; 2:7.

Adam and Eve were created flesh and blood persons—in the image of God in purity (Genesis 1:27). The manner of their creation is given us in Genesis 2:7, 21-25.

How long ago was man created?

The only account we have of the creation of man is that given in the Bible. Some think the creation days consisted of long periods of time. Others believe man was created, not through a lengthy process, but suddenly "by the word of God." They point to such scriptures as, "For he spake and it was done" (Psalm 33:9).

Man is here with a moral consciousness, with ability to enjoy fellowship with God. Let us believe the account as God has provided it.

What was the Feast of Dedication? John 10:22.

This was the annual commemoration of the restoring, cleansing, and rededication of the temple after it had been desecrated by Antiochus Epiphanes. Antiochus plundered Jerusalem, slaying an estimated 40,000 inhabitants, and selling as many more into slavery. He proceeded to offer a sow on the altar, mingling its blood with that which he sprinkled on the buildings and furnishings of the temple in desecration. Under Judas Maccabaeus the temple was restored, cleansed, and dedicated afresh to the worship of Jehovah.

Are the United States and Great Britain mentioned in Bible prophecy?

I do not believe they are mentioned specifically or directly. Many prophetic students believe that "Tarshish, with the young lions thereof," mentioned in Ezekiel 38:13, refers to Great Britain with her family of nations, which includes the United States, that will rise up to resist the invasion of the Holy Land by the northern powers. Also, England was a part of the old Roman Empire which many believe will be revived, probably to be headed by the Man of sin, the Beast, in the last days.

Since there was "music and dancing" (Luke 15:25) when the prodigal came home, how can we condemn dancing?

There could be dancing which in itself would not be sinful. However, that form of dancing which brings the bodies of men and women so closely together in the rhythm of the dance as to excite the passions is condemned. If men only danced with men, and women with women, dancing would soon die out. God would have His people abstain from all kinds of dancing which tends to excite "inordinate affection."

Do you approve the bestowing of ministry gifts by prophecy and by the laying on of hands?

In connection with the ordination of Timothy (1 Timothy 4:14) there was prophecy and laying on of hands. My conviction is that this was in confirmation of a call already in the heart of Timothy. God might use prophecy and laying on of hands, but neither Paul nor any other apostle made it a practice to tell people prophetically what they ought to do. In recent times, too many have been misdirected, instead of properly directed, through those who claimed discernment and ability to bestow gifts and callings by prophecy. Every person has a right to discern for himself what the will of God is for him.

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).

"WITH SIGNS FOLLOWING" —IN AFRICA

BY JOHN S. RICHARDS
MISSIONARY TO SOUTH AFRICA

THE TASK OF THE MISSIONARY IS not only to go forth in all the world to preach the gospel and teach all nations. If his work in reaching greater multitudes is to continue, the missionary must inspire nationals to relay the message to others. Paul puts it this way: "the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2).

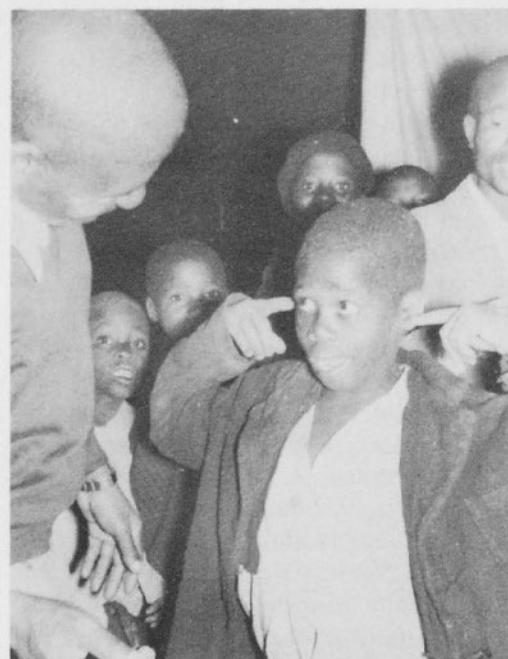
Some years ago in a convention in Johannesburg a well-known Swiss missionary was speaking on Romans 1:11 and told how the apostle Paul longed to see the Roman church that he might impart some spiritual gift. This missionary questioned: "We can talk about love, but can we *impart* it?" The question burned deep into my soul, and from then on I sought the Lord that he would help me to be a channel through which His love would flow in establishing the African church.

My colleague, Fred Burke, also saw this vision of not only imparting knowl-

edge of the gospel to the workers in short-term schools but also launching them into the fullness of a Pentecostal ministry. For this reason we took national workers out in the campaigns where they could get first-hand experience by helping, observing, and learning.

When we saw one whose faith began to rise, we would enlist his help in praying for the sick. We found that the best way was to call for people whose afflictions could actually be seen by the congregation. We would then publicly tell the people that the national worker would now pray for this person and that God would heal the afflicted, for it was God setting them free from their sicknesses and bondages, not the missionary or evangelist.

When the people saw that one of their own countrymen was also being used of the Lord in the ministry of prayer, they had confidence to believe that *no matter who prayed for them*



National worker listens as African boy testifies that his deaf ears have opened

God would heal them. Sometimes it would be the local pastor we would call upon in this way. Because of this the faith of the pastor or African evangelist was strengthened to believe that God would thus continue to use them in praying for the sick.

In the great Vandal campaigns where God wrought so mightily in saving the lost, there were no less than seventeen blind people healed in one night alone. At least half of these were prayed for by the African worker. Of the great stack of crutches left by the crippled people whom the Lord had graciously healed, the larger percentage of deliverance was wrought by the Lord through black hands.

At the biennial convention the leading African evangelist gave his report and said the revival was continuing. The reason, he said, was because the missionary did not do all the praying for the sick but encouraged the nationals to pray. He added that the people were continuing to come for salvation and healing because they had seen that God hears the black man's prayer just like He does the white man's.

Not only is this seen in properly indoctrinating the workers in the gospel and proper conduct, but also in letting them participate in evangelism. We also gave classes on church construction in order to perpetuate the results of the campaigns.

Last year we sent a tent to Warmbaths, an important center. Heseoph Malaka, who is an alumnus of the

PHOTOS BY JOHN RICHARDS



African evangelist conducts altar service in gospel tent

African Bible Training Institute in Witbank, was the evangelist. The Lord so worked through this African evangelist's meetings that "tsotsies," who first rushed him with their weapons, were converted and handed in their weapons. They were completely changed, to the amazement of the authorities.

The location superintendent called in the newspaper reports and submitted pictures with the story which appeared in several papers. When I visited these meetings the superintendent of the town told me he would let us have a lot on which to build a church, providing we started construction within three months. He added that if we did not take this opportunity now, we would not get it again, for church sites were all but given out.

With one church building program

already in hand, we knew this would be a heavy burden, especially as we were preparing to leave for furlough after an eight-year term, but we knew God was in it and would see us through. After having an understanding with the workers that the loan would be repaid by the joint co-operation of the new local congregation that had come into being as a result of this campaign, together with the district, we borrowed most of the money and started hauling materials to the site with our Speed-the-Light truck.

A new church is the result of this revival conducted by an African evangelist-pastor whose ministry was accompanied "with signs following." Pray with us as we continue to encourage our African national workers to enjoy a distinctively Pentecostal ministry.

tell his father, Pedro, what must be done. Lovingly gathering his son into his arms, the father made his way toward the home of the nearest witch doctor.

Weeks later we accidentally met Juan. He had not died, but there must have been times when he had wished for death. Our hearts ached as we heard his story. The witch doctor had made a very strong medicine and applied it to the foot and leg of the lad. Instead of bringing healing, this mixture had brought even further agony and by the time we arrived the leg didn't look as if it could belong to a human being. In vain Juan and his family had trusted in their tribal teachings and rituals. As the boy's black eyes looked at us out of a sick emaciated face, I could not help but think of all the people in British Honduras whom we still haven't reached with the gospel. Then my heart sank as I remembered how limited we were for workers and how we needed a place to train them. We have learned through the years of work in Africa and Central America that the answer is for nationals themselves to be trained and sent into the villages to live and work among those steeped in fear and superstition. Only with trained national workers can we meet the needs of Juan and his people.

British Honduras will soon take her place among the independent nations of the world. As we see communism making her bid, we realize that the day of evangelism and training of national workers is fast drawing to a close. We need a two-story building which will serve as both an evangelistic center and a Bible school. Ten thousand dollars is urgently needed to build the first floor of this building which we plan to use temporarily for both purposes. Join with us in prayer that this building will soon become a reality in British Honduras.

If you would like to help make this Bible school building possible send your offering to Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation: *Russell Schirman Bible School.*

TRAINED WORKERS— OUR GREATEST NEED

BY RUSSELL SCHIRMAN
MISSIONARY TO BRITISH HONDURAS

SWISH, SWISH" SANG THE MACHETE as Juan swung it back and forth cutting the grass along the jungle path. Early that morning his Maya Indian father had sent him to clear the vine-entangled path leading from the village to their Sapodilla trees. As he paused and gazed about him at the dense growth almost enveloping him, he wondered how it could have grown so quickly. It seemed but a few days since he had last performed this same task.

Hearing a cry above him he looked up to see a beautiful red and green macaw parrot nearby. Juan wasn't the least bit startled a moment later when a huge bush cat sprang across the path ahead. The jungle held very little fear for him. This was his life and he loved it.

Even as he worked Juan enjoyed the beauty about him. However, a few minutes later he suddenly felt a sharp stab of pain on the side of his bare brown foot. He looked down just in time to see the snake slithering into the dense grass. Juan knew that he had been bitten by a very poisonous snake.

As the pain increased, the frightened boy realized that he must hurry back to his village and his father. Dropping his machete, he began to run, but the pain was soon unbearable. Crawling the last few yards he reached his thatched-roofed home. His cries brought his parents and other villagers to his side. It took but a brief inspection to



National workers in British Honduras

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"Which month has the prettiest name?" I asked.

"March," cried Seven-year-old, and grinned mischievously—March being his birth month.

"No," said the other, "June is the prettiest, with flowers and grass—and vacation."

"Now, I'd like to know what words you don't like to hear." Their words tumbled out so fast I'm not sure I recorded them all: snapped, harsh, bitter, cruel, blurt, goofed, gab, grumble, grouch, crabby, devil, ghost, glub-glub, swear words, blues.

"Which month—" and before I could finish they shivered, "November." We had just passed through a blustery, bone-chilling November.

There are many expressive words

WORDS FITLY SPOKEN

BY LOIS KAUFFMAN

TWO VERY NOISY JET PLANES, AGED seven and ten, were racing in our front yard. I called out the door, "Which of those two jets will 'zoom' down to the mailbox with my letter?" They both went. Jet planes "zooming" are much more fun than little boys running.

If we use the right word at the right time when we ask children for help, we can often eliminate such remarks as, "Aw, Mommie, do I have to?"

The two jet planes turned into coal miners one rainy day. Boxes, pans, shafts, and all that goes with coal mining in the kitchen, were spread between my range and kitchen table. It was time to start dinner; yet I hesitated to spoil their fun. I knew if I asked them to move into the living room I'd hear, "Mommie-e-e, we just got everything fixed here!" But the hands of the clock didn't stop while the mining went on. I knew something would have to give somewhere. I casually remarked, "Would you boys mind skipping dinner today? I don't like to ask you to move when you are having so much fun."

"Why, Mommie, we can *easy* move into the living room!"

What is a fitly spoken word? It is an appropriate word, a suitable word, a word that fits the occasion. Solomon described it thus, "A word fitly spoken

is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." His description is sheer beauty itself!

Children learn to recognize appropriate words. I wanted to get our boys' reaction on various words. I asked, "What words do you like to hear?"

Seven-year-old replied, "I like words with 'r's' and 'sh's' in them, like 'rush.'" He actually made the word "Rush" when he said it. And rush is so typical of him. He rushes out the door in the morning to go to school with his coat and overshoes flopping. He dashes in again the same way in the evening.

Ten-year-old said, "I like the word 'Don.'" Two-year-old Don looked up at him and smiled sweetly. It was easy to see why he liked the word "Don."

"I like 'brother,' said Seven-year-old again, "but not 'sister' 'cause sisters are girls—and girls—ugh!" He made a wry face.

"But I want words with lovely sounds," I told them. After a silence they came up with lullaby, melody, trill, canary, warble, willow, sunshine, Bible, Jesus, heaven, crystal, soft, chin-chilla.

"How do you like the word 'share'?" They stole guilty glances at each other. A few minutes before they had been arguing over the ownership of some trivial object.

that are best when left strictly alone. Slang and bywords may aptly express our feelings at the moment; but they tend to lead to the use of stronger words to emphasize our meanings. We can't teach children to use clean language if our own language is sprinkled with off-color words.

We rarely use slang at our house. But one day on the highway we approached a blind intersection. As we drove up on the road, a car, before unseen, streaked at us. "O golly!" I cried. For six months after that incident our boys justified every slang word they said with, "Why, Mommie, *you* said 'golly.'"

In another home a little boy, in a fit of temper, used some profane language. "I'll teach you to swear!" shouted his father, as he grabbed the boy by the collar and yanked him toward the bedroom for punishment. But on the way into the bedroom the father skinned his shin on the coal bucket. Everyone in the room covered his ears for a few minutes. "All right," said the mother, after the air had cleared, "I think that is enough for the first lesson!"

Jesus said, in Matthew 12:36, "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account of it in the day of judgment." Those serious words from the lips of our Lord should warn

us to guard our lips against words unfitly spoken.

James tells us in his epistle that "the tongue... is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."

The only antidote for the poison of the tongue is the love of God poured into our hearts. Then it should overflow into our veins until the last vestige of poison is washed away.

I heard a lady say of her aged father, "In all my life I have never heard him say an unkind word to or about anyone." Surely that kind of tongue is Christ-controlled.

The tongue can wound or it can heal. It can soothe or cause contention.

After a stormy address by a man with a harsh voice, a soft-spoken man rose and began to speak. The lady beside me had been nervously chewing her fingernails. She settled back as the second speaker began, and said, "He is pouring oil on troubled waters."

Words. We use them every day. We command; we visit; we rejoice; we pray—all with words. We may use soft, pleasing words, enchanting words, sparkling words. Or we may use sharp, staccato words, spine-chilling words, cutting words. Do we make a wise choice of the words at our command?

Suppose someone, unknown to us, should hide a tape recorder in our home for a day, and then play it back to us in the evening; I wonder what our reaction would be. Would we have to bow our heads in shame and pray, "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips?" Or could we smile and say with satisfaction, "They were words fitly spoken?"

The climate of a home is determined largely by the conversation.

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WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PLANT CITY AREA CAN BE DUPLICATED IN MANY PLACES, WITH EQUAL BLESSING

OPPORTUNITY M.F.

By Bob Gatlin

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR, SOUTH FLORIDA DISTRICT

A SIGN HANGING IN A RESTAURANT read, "To some people this is just coffee, but to us it is a reputation."

To some people the Men's Fellowship may be just an organization, but to those working with it MF means opportunity for participation, for soul winning, for activities which encourage fellowship. An inactive organization has no reason for existence. Either it functions or it fizzles. Men's Fellowship purposes to function.

Recently, in South Florida, a group of men in the Plant City area discovered something of the real purpose of the Men's Fellowship and translated it into action.

Five churches united for a combined Men's Fellowship revival under the leadership of their sectional representative, Harold White. Two evening services were held at each church before going on to the next church. All five churches were in attendance at each service. On the weekends the men went to their own churches. Some of the pastors exchanged pulpits to create added interest in the special effort.

One of the most impressive things about the revival was the use of men in the choir, as song leaders and musicians. The women were welcomed to the services, but men were used in all these parts of the services. It added something that made an impression on the men who were sinners.

Reports from the men tell of the blessing of the revival. One writer said, "I am glad to report that we enjoyed one of the greatest times of fellowship I have ever seen." Another wrote, "Fellowship was not only among ourselves, but each night the presence of the Lord was with us as we worshiped Him." Another said, "I think this did more to promote fellowship among our churches than anything I have seen."

One man expressed the feelings of many when he said, "I would enjoy a meeting like this every year."

It was a most effective evangelistic effort, as well as a means of strengthening the bonds of fellowship. Attendance at the services was good, and a number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Men's Fellowship is opportunity knocking at the door awaiting our men to seize it and use it. M. F. Representative Harold White, Evangelist Robert Rogers, and the pastors and men of the Plant City area have proved it can be done. We hope that other sections and districts will take advantage of *M. F. Opportunity*. ◀◀

A measure of God's love thoroughly mixed with faith in each other and in Him who is the author of all faith, bound together by regular attendance in His house—these ingredients will make your home a happy home.

PUZZLE FOR THE JUNIOR READER

MEN WHO MET THE MASTER

In the left-hand column are the names of men who met Jesus while He was upon this earth. In the right-hand column are facts about these men. Can you match the names of the men and the facts? (All are found in the Gospel of John.)

ANSWERS:

1—e (John 3:1,2); 2—h (John 1:19-23); 3—a (John 1:35-40); 4—j (John 1:40,41); 5—b (John 1:46); 6—c (John 6:5); 7—f (John 6:71); 8—i (John 11:43,44); 9—d (John 19:6); 10—g (John 19:38).

MEN

1. Nicodemus
2. John the Baptist
3. Andrew
4. Simon Peter
5. Nathanael
6. Philip
7. Judas Iscariot
8. Lazarus
9. Pilate
10. Joseph of Arimathea

FACTS

- a. one of the first to follow Christ
- b. wondering about Jesus coming from Nazareth
- c. Jesus asked him about bread to feed the multitude
- d. Condemned Jesus to death
- e. came to Jesus by night
- f. betrayed Jesus
- g. buried Jesus' body
- h. preparer of the way
- i. raised from the dead
- j. brought to Jesus by his brother

He Went to Tibet and Served Christ
"Above and Beyond the Call of Duty"

A MISSIONARY HERO

BY DAVID W. PLANK
CHAPLAIN, U. S. NAVY

THERE IS NO PLACE I WOULD RATHER be than among the Tibetans. Until the farthest nook and corner of Tibet has heard the call of God and the story of redemption, my task is not complete." These were the words of Victor Plymire, an ardent and consecrated Christian minister of the Assemblies of God, who dedicated thirty-seven of his years to the fulfillment of these words.

In February 1908 Victor Plymire set sail for Tibet. In October 1949 he fondly looked upon her rugged lofty mountain peaks and smelled her clean rare air for the last time, and with heavy heart departed for his American homeland.

Tibet is known as the most difficult, treacherous, and formidable country in the world. The topography ranges from jagged, 20,000-foot mountain peaks perpetually snow-covered, to trackless, sun-baked deserts. In the highlands it is unbearably cold, with the temperature holding dozens of degrees below freezing; in the lowlands and deserts the heat is scorching hot. Through mountainous wastelands, trackless deserts, and muddy swamps, the traveler in Victor Plymire's day had to forge his own roads. Savage, unchecked robber-bands found hiding easy in such a rugged, primitive land, plundering and killing citizen and sojourner alike. This is the Tibet which Victor Plymire passionately loved, and to which he unreservedly devoted his life and energies that her people might hear the gospel of God's love.

By crude raft, ox cart, and by foot Brother Plymire carried the Good News thousands of miles to isolated mon-

astaries, nomadic tent-dwelling tribes, and humble villages. Despite diligent and tireless efforts to win decisions for Christ, success came painfully slow: it was sixteen long years before he baptized his first Christian convert. Lesser men might have become discouraged, but not Victor Plymire; in spite of severe obstacles and handicaps he utterly spent himself in the sowing of the seed, and patiently awaited its fruition in God's time.

After laboring alone for eleven difficult years, the Lord blessed him with a beloved wife who shared with him his vision and love for Tibet. The lonely days and solitary nights became a thing of the past. Two and one half years later their home was graced with a new arrival, John David. But in God's providence Victor Plymire's joys and pleasures as husband and father were short lived. On the morning of 20 January 1927 five-year-old David died of smallpox. Seven days later his wife, Grace, passed on to her heavenly reward, a victim of the same disease against which they had no protection. With his own hands he fashioned caskets of rough lumber. In these he gently laid the bodies of his dearest earthly treasures, nailed down the lids, and dug shallow graves in the frozen soil. With the help of a Tibetan Christian he covered the caskets with the hard cold earth.

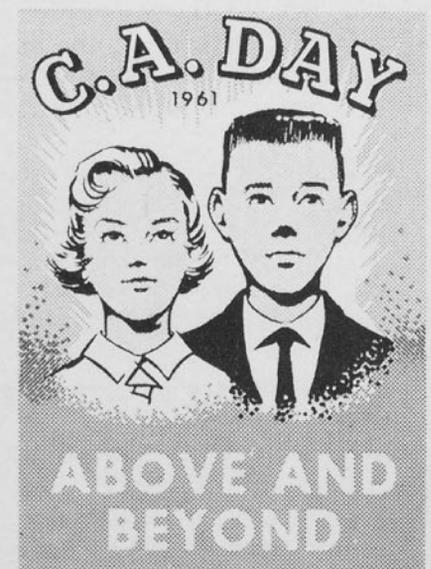
All was silent that sorrowful morning on the barren cemetery hilltop except for the sound of tears falling on wooden caskets, and the whistling of the bitter wind as it whipped across the sharp mountain ridges. Alone again!

Only God could understand and relieve the heartbreak and utter loneliness of His faithful servant that day.

It was just a few months later that Victor Plymire resolutely declared, "Until the last man has heard the gospel witness, my work is not done."

What devotion and sacrifice for the cause of Christ! Such a beautiful example of selfless love for the lost! Victor Plymire's story illustrates heroism "above and beyond the call of duty" in its highest and purest form, and causes one to stop and search his own soul. *How complete is my consecration to the Kingdom of God? Am I willing to give all, risk all, and even lose all for Christ's sake?*

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose" (Jim Elliot). ◀◀



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Alcoholic Converted and Healed

I wish I could tell everyone on earth the wonderful things God has done for me. Since that is not possible, I am thankful for the privilege of testifying through the printed page.

For twenty-five years I was bound by alcohol before God wonderfully saved me. I was as nearly destroyed by it as a person could be and still retain some semblance of sanity.

In addition, I suffered from stomach ulcers, an enlarged liver, and other physical impairments because of excessive drinking. My financial affairs were in complete chaos. I was out of work most of the time, for when I did secure a job I could not hold it long due to my drinking.

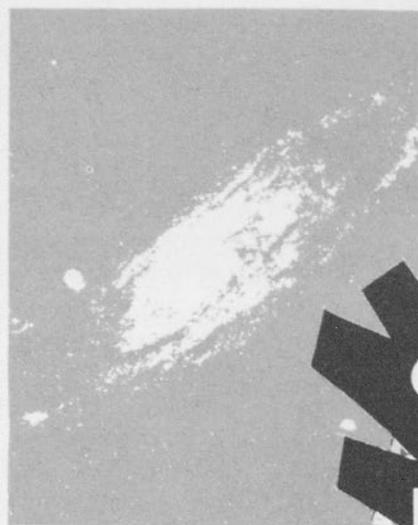
Many prayers were prayed for me by a group of Pentecostal faith-filled people. God surely gave them strength and faith to continue to pray for me. During this time of terrible sickness and trouble I was in and out of the hospitals. I visited many doctors but without any improvement.

In April 1960 a salvation-healing campaign was conducted at Evangel Temple in Portland, Ore. My wife heard of the meeting and we attended. When the altar call was given, I started down the aisle. As I walked I told God that I needed help so much that I would do anything to get out of the terrible way of life I was leading. That night God saved me and delivered me from alcohol, and healed me instantly and completely of all my bodily ailments.

Now my financial problems are solved for I have the best job I've had in the thirty years of following my craft. Thank God for it all. My pastor uses a scripture often which has become a guide in my life. It is Matthew 6:33, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." I have proved it is true.—Marshall L. Peterson, Portland, Ore.

(Endorsed by Joseph Dunets, pastor, Evangel Temple, 7435 S. E. Foster Road, Portland, Ore.)

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PEOPLE AT THE CROSS

Sunday School Lesson for March 19, 1961

JOHN 19:18-27, 38-42

The cross of Christ divides mankind into two great classes—the saved and the lost. The class into which one falls depends entirely upon his attitude toward Christ. Our lesson today centers around personalities who either played a part in the actual crucifixion of Jesus or else witnessed it. The attitudes manifested by them may serve either as an inspiring example or a solemn warning.

PILATE AND THE INSCRIPTION. Vv. 18-22.

Both irony and sarcasm were in Pilate's action and words; yet the hand of God was surely at work! The Jews rightly protested that what Pilate had written—"This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews"—sounded more like a proclamation than an accusation! Pilate, however, who knew full well that Jesus was innocent of the charges against Him, seemed bent on getting some sort of revenge upon these Jews who had caused him such trouble and anxiety of mind and conscience. Whatever his motives may have been, Pilate's reply to the Jews' protest should have been, "What I have written GOD has written," for God overruled the deception of the Jews and the weakness and indecision of Pilate so that the *truth* was indeed proclaimed from the Cross!

THE SOLDIERS AND THE ROBE. Vv. 23, 24.

He who had stripped Himself of His pre-existent glory; He who so recently had laid aside His earthly garments in order to set His disciples an example of self-humbling and loving service, now submits to the depths of humiliation and shame and hangs naked on the cross before the eyes of the multitude! And what effect did it have upon the soldiers? They simply gambled over His seamless robe! In their indifference and apathy they are representatives of those large classes of people who today live as if Christ had never died! Again, they only serve to illustrate how spiritually insensible and unsensitive any of us may become in the presence of God!

These verses are also: (1) illustrative of His poverty in order that we might be made rich (2 Corinthians 8:9); (2) symbolic of the fact that He was made naked in order that we might be clothed in the garments of righteousness and glory (Revelation 3:18; 7:14; Isaiah 61:10); (3) direct fulfillment of prophecy (Psalm 22:18). Chance may have determined the winner of the tunic, but it was not by chance that the scripture was fulfilled!

JOHN AND JESUS' MOTHER. Vv. 25-27.

Jesus was not so taken up with His suffering and agony—terrible though it was—that He did not have time to consider the needs of others. Since Mary was probably a widow and her other children not yet in sympathy with her view of Christ, nor able to care for her, Jesus committed her to the care of the disciple who was probably

closest to Him of all, and who, by nature and character, was perhaps best qualified to care for her. Here we have some needed lessons:

(1) Personal inconvenience can never be used as an excuse for neglecting those for whom we are bound by the law of God and affection to care. One writer speaks of "deceived people who spend all their love and sweetness out of doors, who have a reputation for godliness, and are to be seen in the forefront of this or that Christian work, but who are sullen, quick tempered, and indifferent at home. If while saving a world Jesus had time to care for His mother, all of us have time to be considerate and dutiful at home."

(2) The extent of one's interest in individual souls will determine the reality and motive of his apparent interest in the masses.

(3) To John it was an honor to have Christ's mother entrusted to His care and he fully responded to the privilege and opportunity. We, too, have a duty to others because of spiritual relationship to them. Do we, likewise, appreciate the dignity and sacredness of being entrusted with the care of Christ's own, and do we discharge our duties faithfully?

JOSEPH AND THE TOMB. Vv. 38-42.

Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus undoubtedly were both members of the Sanhedrin, and yet they were secret believers in Christ! They have been condemned for their secrecy and lack of courage, but let us never forget that in the light of the Cross they became transformed men who risked a great deal in their combined effort to see that Christ had an honorable burial!

—J. Bashford Bishop

GAMBLING FOR AN EMPTY ROBE





The Family Altar



MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

MONDAY, MARCH 13

READ: Acts 10:1-20

LEARN: "What God hath cleansed, that call thou not common" (Acts 10:15).

FOR THE PARENT: From this passage point out: (1) the background of Cornelius and the kind of man he was, vv. 1, 2; (2) his vision and the instructions it brought him, vv. 3-6; (3) his faith in acting upon God's words to him, vv. 7, 8; (4) how God began to prepare Peter for this unusual experience, vv. 9-16; (5) the important lesson that anything which God has cleansed is no longer unclean, v. 15; (6) Peter's wondering about the vision, and the arrival of the messengers, vv. 17, 18; (7) God's Spirit giving direction to Peter, vv. 19, 20.

QUESTION TIME: For what important qualities was Cornelius noted? (v. 2) How did God prepare both Cornelius and Peter for their eventual meeting?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Dale G. Brown, Ghana; Mrs. Monroe D. Grams, Bolivia; Mrs. Wayne Hunter, Alaska.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

READ: Acts 10:21-33

LEARN: "Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God" (Acts 10:33).

FOR THE PARENT: Review yesterday's material. After Peter had been reassured by God's Spirit that he should go with the messengers (vv. 19, 20), he obeyed this guidance and went down to the men. They told him the nature of their business (v. 22) and Peter invited them in for the night (v. 23). This was quite unusual for the Jews had no associations with Gentiles (v. 28). Show how Peter went to Caesarea, the reaction of Cornelius (v. 25), Peter's response to this attitude (vv. 26-29), and Cornelius' openness to know the truth (vv. 30-33).

QUESTION TIME: What were some unusual happenings recorded in this passage? Why were they unusual? How do you know Peter had learned a lesson from his vision? (v. 28)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Marcella A. Dorff, Indonesia; Mrs. Walter Clark, Japan; Alvin R. Booher (Deaf), Arizona.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

READ: Acts 10:34-48

LEARN: "In every nation he that feareth him [God], and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him" (Acts 10:35).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the material studied earlier this week. Today's passage is in two parts: Peter's sermon to the Gentiles (vv. 34-43) and the outpouring of the Spirit upon the Gentiles (vv. 44-48). From Peter's sermon point out: (1) all men are equal in God's sight, v. 34; (2) any person, coming to God in His way, is accepted by the Lord, v. 35; (3) the ministry of Christ, vv. 36-41; (4) the mission of the disciples—to be witnesses, vv. 39-43. Show also how Peter and the Jews with him knew that the Gentiles were filled with the Holy Spirit (v. 46).

QUESTION TIME: What were some of the points of Peter's sermon on this occasion? How did the Jews know that these Gentiles had been filled with the Holy Spirit? (v. 46)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: William C. Stepp, Venezuela; Norman G. Backman, Liberia; Harley W. Vail, Mexico.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

READ: John 19:18-27, 38-42

LEARN: "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Galatians 6:14).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "People at the Cross" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) The Cross is at the center of history and the center of God's plan for all men. As the group studies this lesson together, have them take note of the various people who are mentioned as being at the crucifixion of Christ. Review the backgrounds of these individuals. Show their attitudes toward Christ and the effect His crucifixion was having on them. Show how each person today must come to Christ's cross and there decide whether or not to accept Him as God's Son, the Saviour of the world.

QUESTION TIME: Why is the Cross so important? How does the Cross still affect men's destinies today?

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

READ: Luke 19:11-15, 26, 27, 36-44 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "Every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor" (1 Corinthians 3:8).

FOR THE PARENT: The story of the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem is both joyous and tragic. It is joyous because it gave opportunity for men to realize that Christ was the real Messiah. It was tragic because most people didn't seem to be able to grasp the truth that Christ's kingdom was spiritual—not political. Verses 41-44 point out the sadness of this story—a city visited by the Lord Himself, yet not realizing the hour of its visitation. In rejecting Christ, they sealed their own doom. The city was destroyed, as Christ predicted it would be.

QUESTION TIME: In what ways is the triumphal entry both joyous and tragic? (See above)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. J. E. Rill, South Africa; Mrs. H. C. Osgood, Malaya.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

READ: 1 Samuel 9:15-17; 10:1-10 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "A new heart also will I give you" (Ezekiel 36:26).

FOR THE PARENT: After Israel had asked God to give them a king, God began working to bring about this kingdom. Show: (1) how God told Samuel about Saul in a miraculous way, 9:15-17; (2) how Samuel let Saul know God had chosen him to be Israel's king, 10:1; (3) the signs by which Saul was to know for sure that this move was endorsed by the Lord, vv. 2-6; (4) the promise that God would be with Saul, v. 7; (5) the commandment to Saul to wait for further instructions, v. 8; (6) how God gave Saul another heart and brought to pass all the signs, v. 9; (7) how Saul learned to yield himself to God's Spirit, v. 10.

QUESTION TIME: What is the importance of having God give us a new heart? How do we get a new heart?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SUNDAY: Harry K. Bartel, Colombia; Mrs. J. E. Blount, Philippine Islands; Mrs. C. C. Harris, Tanganyika; Mrs. Ruth W. Toczek (Jewish), Chicago.

IN PROVERBS 1:10 WE READ A FATHER'S warning: "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." The words were prompted by the yearning tenderness of love, desirous of protecting a young life that is going out into the world. Every good parent issues such an exhortation when the hour of independent life has come.

I. THE INEVITABILITY OF TEMPTATION

None can escape it. Temptation began in the Garden of Eden, when the world was young; it still awaits young lives as they enter the world of thought and action, and will be their constant attendant to the end. It could be rightly

is one of them. *Seeing* life is another. *Pride* is another. The love of liberty and the desire to assert independence are powerful lures for young people. (Consider the fall of Satan: Isaiah 14:12; Ezekiel 28:12. Also note the sin of rebellion: 2 Thessalonians 2:4.)

The dread of being laughed at is a strong compulsion. "No one will know" is often a subtle inducement which tricks the reason and subdues the will. It is in such enticements (and there are many more) that temptation has power.

III. THE LIMITS OF TEMPTATION

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but

God has said, "Thus far shalt thou come, but no farther" (Job 2:6).

IV. THE ESCAPE FROM TEMPTATION

It should be emphasized that it is no sin to be tempted. Even our Lord, who was without sin, was tempted of the devil. Temptation is harmful only when we submit to it. It is a test of our moral nature. It urges our reason and will into activity. The overcoming of temptation brings advancement in moral and spiritual strength. Degradation in moral character is the loss which attends defeat.

Temptation is inevitable, not only because of the presence of sin in the world, but also because it is the means of the moral and spiritual education of men.

Yes and *no* are the decisive words of life ("consent thou not"). They lie behind every moral victory; they are the cause of every defeat. Augustine's steps of the battle are: Cogitation, Imaginatio, Delectatio, Consessio. Achan's confession is eloquent: "I saw... I coveted... took... hid" (Joshua 7:21). *Consent* is the fatal step toward a lost battle. It is the lowering of the flag before the enemy; the opening of the gates of the citadel of life. *Consent* is the submission of the will. The will is our own property, and we alone can use it to give consent. To be victorious over temptation, we must refuse to consent. We must say *no*.

Someone has said, "We sin not because we choose, but because we do not choose." We do not say *yes*, but neither do we say *no*. When one is assailed by temptation, he should say *no* vigorously. And he should say it quickly. It is often too late when one has reached the stage of Augustine's Imaginatio or Delectatio. After these stages the will seems to move on an inclined plane with accelerated speed to the stage of consent. Resist temptation at its very beginning (James 1:12; 4:7).

Positively, we should say *yes* to Christ. "Take the whole armor of God, that ye might be able to stand against all the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11). In the words of our text: "My son, consent thou not."

Nimrod Park once said, "I figure that if you don't start something, you don't have to finish it." These words may well be applied to temptation. If we do not permit temptation to start its deadly work in our lives, we shall not come to the miserable place where we have to collect the wages of sin.



COUNSEL FOR THE TEMPTED

BY O. COPE BUDGE.
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SIN CANNOT COMPEL. ITS SEDUCTIONS ARE NOT IRRESISTIBLE. NO TEMPTATION COMES TO ANY PERSON BUT SUCH AS GOD WILL HELP HIM TO BEAR IF HE WILL SAY "NO" TO SIN AND "YES" TO CHRIST.

said that the name of temptation is legion, for its influence is multiple and yet one. The strongest agencies of temptation appear in human form.

In our text sinners are described as the agents of the enemy. Sooner or later everyone meets with others who will use their influence to lead him astray. It is against these in particular that the exhortation is directed. At times the agents of temptation may be our companions; they may even call themselves our friends.

II. THE POWER OF TEMPTATION

Its real power lies in the word *entice*. Sin seldom shows its face until the deed is done. It covers its hideousness with a suggestive or seductive veil (Genesis 3:4-6). The tempter does not openly tempt another to do evil, as for instance: "Come, let us do this sin." The evil is hidden from sight; the enticement only is dangled before the eyes. There is a subtle appeal to the ego and a suggestion which promises welfare and betterment.

Enticement takes the form of many baits on the tempter's hook. *Pleasure*

God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Temptation is mighty, but it is not almighty. No temptation comes to any person but such as he can bear. There is no element of necessity in its seductions, nor are its enticements imperative. They appear and entice, but they cannot compel. No one has power over our will; no one can compel us to consent. Even when we conceive of a situation beyond any human control, we can retain the integrity of our will by refusing to consent to it. It is an encouraging truth that, with every temptation, God opens up a way of escape, so that we may be able to bear it. With every temptation, if we will but trust, we may hear the voice of our Lord say, "All power is given unto Me. Lo, I am with you always, unto the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). Thus we see that temptation is limited. It must work within bounds.



CAMPUS COLUMN

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These four juniors at Evangel College and their history teacher attended the government seminar in Washington, D.C. Left to right: George Wood, Salem, Ark.; Earleen Pruitt, Cincinnati, Ohio; Professor Bresson; Jack Coleman, Milan, Tenn.; and Shelby Hargrave, Wakefield, Va.

NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY DEDICATED

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.—The new ultra-modern Nelson Memorial Library was dedicated recently at Southwestern Bible Institute.

It fulfilled the vision of Dr. P. C. Nelson who conceived the idea for the library when he founded Southwestern Bible Institute in Enid, Okla. in 1927. The new \$205,000 building houses 25,500 volumes, many of which are rare and priceless, and there is much room for future expansion.

Speaker for the dedication was Dr. Andrew Edington, a prominent Texas educator and president of Schreiner Institute of Kerrville, Tex. Others participating in the program under the direction of President Klaude Kendrick were J. R. Flower, former general secretary of the Assemblies of God, M. B. Netzel, general treasurer of the Assemblies of God; and Hardy Steinberg, secretary of education for the Assemblies of God. College choirs furnished music for the event.

Highlighting the official opening was a Bible read-a-thon, sponsored by the speech club, which began a week before and continued until fifteen minutes before the dedication. It required 83 hours and 45 minutes to read through the Bible. President Kendrick and Vice-president George Brazell read the last chapter of Revelation.

The new library, located on the front of the expansive campus, is fireproof and equipped with year-round air-conditioning. A stairway to the second floor is immediately accessible at the entrance. The control area and desk, the closed book area, and office

are located near the front door. Other rooms in the building are for offices, projection, storage, work, and stacks. Architects for the building were Noftger and Lawrence of Oklahoma City. Construction was by Taylor and Son Contractors, Fort Worth.

Financing of the Nelson Memorial Library was accomplished by donations from friends and churches in the five states that support the school—Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico, and Louisiana.

BIBLE COLLEGE GRADUATES MAKE GOOD IN SEMINARIES

An investigation on the readiness of Bible college graduates for seminary work, conducted by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges in co-operation with eleven seminaries, has just been completed. It shows that graduates from Bible colleges generally achieve as well scholastically as students coming from liberal arts colleges and universities.

In the survey the scholastic records in grade point averages of 127 seminary graduates who had all of their undergraduate work in Bible colleges were compared with the records of 154 men who took their pre-seminary work in liberal arts colleges. Over 50,000 credit hours went into the compilations.

The study also showed that students com-

ing from Christian liberal arts colleges and Bible colleges do better work than those with secular education in state universities and those who major in such fields as engineering in which little or no pre-theological preparation is given. Students from accredited Bible colleges do somewhat better than those from non-accredited schools, although superior students and schools are found in the non-accredited class.

EC STUDENTS ATTEND SEMINAR AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Four Evangel College students attended a week-long seminar on government in the nation's capital in February. They were accompanied by Associate Professor B. L. Bresson, head of Evangel's history department.

The seminar, sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals, emphasized opportunities for Christian service in government. Thirty-six hours of lectures were given by government officials, and the group attended sessions of the U. S. Supreme Court, both houses of Congress, congressional committees, and other governmental agencies.

En route to and from Washington the students and Mr. Bresson spoke in six Assemblies and visited the Civil War battlefields of Frederickstown, Spotsylvania, the Wilderness and Bull Run, besides other historic sites.

Dedication of Nelson Memorial Library building at Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Texas



We Must Do Far More
Than Oppose Them—

Let's Evangelize the Catholics

BY GEORGE E. FAILING

WITHIN THE PAST GENERATION Roman Catholicism has become strongly evangelistic within the United States. Readers of *Newsweek* have noticed the two-column ads paid for and sponsored by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus.

America presents an unusually fertile soil for Catholic evangelism. Catholics have all the rights of a free press, free speech, free assembly—plus the open-mindedness of the people. Because our national origins are so diverse and because our institutions are (for the most part) so democratic, we are willing to listen to another point of view. And Protestants and non-Catholic Americans do not fear to expose themselves, at least occasionally, to points of view with which they radically differ. Some of us go to some effort to keep informed on those strange and, to us, heretical, points of view. (Catholics themselves, in this land of the free, are not given that liberty by their Church. Catholics are asked to boycott Protestant services, Protestant literature, and anything calculated to inform them of other opinions and judgments.)

Moreover, America is the greatest prize the Catholic Church could hope to seize. As yet, at least, America is earth's richest nation. The Catholic evangelization of America would not only greatly enrich the coffers of Rome but would provide the best possible place from which to launch an all-out program to make the world Catholic.

A firmly convinced Catholic aspires to no less than the plan outlined above. And this is precisely what we might expect of him. He is only acting in good faith in his church when he endorses and implements that goal of Catholic world dominion.

We take sharp issue with the teachings and practice of Roman Catholicism. We believe the whole system to be both un-Biblical and anti-Biblical. Rather than Christianizing people with their gospel, we believe the tendency of Roman Catholicism is (1) to religiously paganize people, (2) to intellectually suppress them, (3) to socially disenfranchise them, and (4) to economically impoverish them. These are serious charges, to be true. But Catholic history, by and large, supports these positions. Since this is our conviction, we must take issue with and oppose every extension of their faith and their operations.

We must do more than oppose, however; we must counter-evangelize.

Is it not strange that we send missionaries to Colombia and to Puerto Rico to enlighten Roman Catholics there of the Biblical gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and at the same time do so little to win Catholics of our own nation to Christ and the Word of God?

Yet all the factors that make it possible for Catholics to evangelize Protestants so effectively here, work with equal effectiveness in reverse. It ought to be easier to win Catholics in America than in any Catholic-controlled country on earth.

What can we do?

I suggest that an interdenominational evangelical agency, such as the National Association of Evangelicals, place some ads in *Newsweek* and similar magazines, offering information to distressed, inquiring non-Protestants. Such information could be sent in a "plain wrapper" and assurance could be given that "nobody will call on you." As to which denomination they would be attracted to finally, we could afford to leave that to God's providence. God knows how to assist those who inquire for truth, as He assisted the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8).

Another thing we could do. We pastors could preach helpful and constructive messages occasionally on what the Christ of the Bible could offer the Catholics. These services, and topics, could be advertised locally. And if we are out to win them, some Catholics will learn and respond.

Informal meetings for Bible reading and study, from authorized Catholic editions of the Bible, could be held in homes. Since it is difficult to get Catholics to a Protestant church, why should we not take a Protestant service to them.

There may be other ways. Perhaps in a local city, inquiry cards could be made available from racks in elevated trains or subways or city buses (as the Roman Catholics do). Tracts or Gospels may be judiciously distributed.

We must do more, far more, than oppose the Catholic. We must win him.



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America is earth's greatest—and last, I think—stronghold of the free mind, the open Book, and untrammelled religious liberty. To preserve this arsenal of freedom we must vote right, to be sure. But we must do more—we must evangelize the American Catholic.

Will America go Catholic? The answer depends on us. Those who care less will lose out to those who care more.
—The Wesleyan Methodist

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Father in heaven, thanks to Thee
For that which Thou dost give to me.
I may not know the present reason,
But everything is done in season.
May I not waste what Thou dost give,
But use it to help others live
The kind of life that Thou hast shown
To me, and to those of Thine own.

—Clyde L. Silver.

The Truth About Heaven

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4:13-18, the last verse saying, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words." To me it would be no comfort, at meeting our loved ones and "being caught up together with them," if we did not know them. God assures recognition in glory.

A mother whose soldier son had died on the field of battle walked quietly to the altar of a church to ask me one day, "If I go to heaven and my son is not there, could it possibly be heaven to me?" This reasonable question constitutes the driving urgency of evangelism. It must not be avoided. We are obliged to see that all men meet and know and trust Christ.

A little mother came to me one night in Tomah, Wisconsin, and wept out a story about how twelve years before she had given birth to twin babies. Because of the complicated birth and severe illness of the mother, she was unable to call her minister to have her children baptized before they both died. That minister (without any Bible foundation) told the broken-hearted mother

that she should never expect to see those twins in heaven because she had failed to call him to baptize them.

I hastened to explain to her that the hand of a preacher or priest and the water of an ordinance had never given eternal life to any child or adult, but only "by grace through faith" in Jesus Christ can everlasting hope be born in a human heart. I also explained that those babes, until such time as they would have come to the "age of accountability," were in the hands of God. I explained also how she, if she would trust Christ as her Saviour, would meet them on the other side.

After lengthy consultation and earnest prayer, she saw the mighty love of God and the following night she explained that for the first time in twelve years she had slept as a peaceful child in the faith of our fathers.

Salvation cannot be purchased by any "religious rigmarole." The rich cannot buy it. Education, culture, and decency will not bring it. Only by faith do we have that salvation which I would like to term your *reservation for heaven*.

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Our guaranteed reservation in life after death must be by the word of, in the name of, and through the grace of an eternal Person who lived, died, and lived again in resurrection promise. *Our life after death is wrapped up in Jesus Christ.*

My brother and I contracted diphtheria when he was seven and I was nine. We were taken by ambulance to the contagious ward of the Minneapolis General Hospital. I can yet see my mother's face against the glass of the

ward looking at the two boys during those days and nights of suffering.

Brother Robert wept day and night, day after day, in his suffering. Although the nurses tried to help him, it was almost impossible to give him relief in his complicated condition. After two weeks, the nurses explained how they had moved him to a sunny room on the other side of the hospital.

A week later Mother came to take me home. As we sat on the streetcar moving toward our residence in south Minneapolis, I asked Mother, "Is Robert home yet?"

"Yes, Robert's already home," Mother quickly answered. "He's been home a week now."

As we walked up our street and through the front yard, past the lilac bushes, poplar and maple trees, across the wide veranda into the door of our house, there stood little Donald, five years old. I pushed him aside, rushed past him, and shouted throughout the house, "Robert, hey, Robert!" The house was silent save for the gurgling reception given by the five-year-old.

Mother drew me aside. She pulled me down onto her lap in the old squeaking rocking chair at the corner of the

big dining room, and tried to explain that Robert wasn't "home" to this home, but to his heavenly home.

"You mean he's dead?" I cried. Mother carefully explained that to the Christians death is only the passing through the portals, bringing temporary loss of those we love until we meet them in the resurrection time, face to face, to be with them for all eternity. She explained to me how Robert had knelt at the altar of the church to accept Jesus Christ that year, and she clung tenaciously and warmly to the description of his evident and real conversion by faith in Christ.

Since those days there has come to me, through the teaching of that godly mother, the quiet assurance that what she said in those days and "lived out" in the subsequent years is actually the truth—a fact, not a dream.

"If in this life only we have hope, we are of all men most miserable" (1 Corinthians 15:19). Christ is alive and so shall we live again. This blessed hope is the sustenance of every human heart that stands beside the little white crosses, the brown mounds of earth, and the small chapel coffin. "Because he lives, we shall live also." ◀◀

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residence. As Paul said, "We have a building of God," a future home that is permanent.

It is well for us to remember that at one time Paul was caught up into the third heaven. We don't know about all he saw. Therefore he knows where-of he speaks and he tells us that the new home will be a "building," not a temporary tent. This building will be "a house not made with hands." It will be an "eternal [one] in the heavens."

THE NEW HOME

The new home of the soul will be located where nothing can defile (Revelation 21:27). There will be no more curse. The Lamb of God will be there, and we shall see His face (Ch. 22:3, 4). Nor will sorrow, pain, tears, death, or former things be there (Ch. 21:4). Our neighbors will be earth's best (Ch. 21:27). John tells us, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world know-

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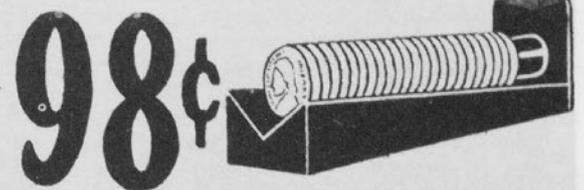
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eth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:1, 2).

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
May I thy consolation share,
Till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height,
I view my home and take my flight:
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise
To seize the everlasting prize.

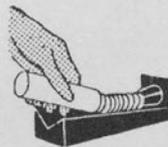
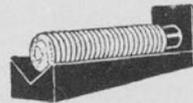
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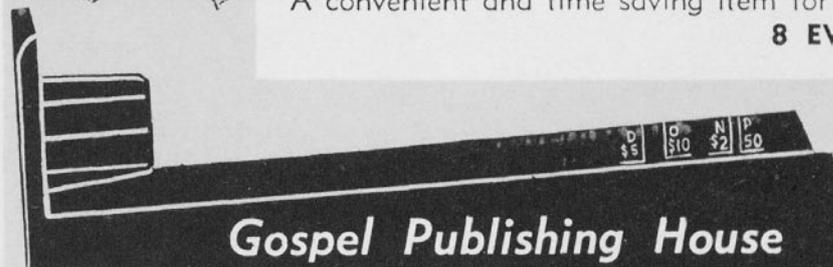
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► FORT WORTH, TEX.—A most profitable meeting has just been concluded at Riverside Assembly with the Singing Callioths of Mansfield, Ohio. Their consecrated ministry was appreciated by all. A number of persons were saved.

—*Elbert Wilkinson, Pastor*

► BIXBY, OKLA.—Evangelist and Mrs. C. E. Richards of Collinsville, Okla. ministered at First Assembly January 1-15. Four were saved and two reclaimed during the revival. After the special meetings closed other sinners found Christ as Saviour.

—*Ralph Reddout, Pastor*

► SOUTH ROXANA, ILL.—Two weeks of inspiring Bible teaching were enjoyed by the Assembly here under the ministry of Ray Willis of Edwardsville, Ill. Words cannot express the benefits received from this anointed teaching and preaching ministry.

—*C. M. Twente, Pastor*

► COLUMBUS, GA.—God used the animated and anointed ministry of Mrs. Lorene Daniel of Atlanta, Ga. to bring blessing to all at North Highland Assembly during seven days of revival services early in December. The spiritual awakening among the youth and the inspiration received by everyone remains as a spiritual fragrance that has brought rejoicing to the entire church.

—*Edgar Bethany, Pastor*

► DEKALB, TEX.—Evangelists A. J. Lewis and Jerry Phelps, of Tyler, Tex., were recently used of God in a glorious revival at First Assembly. Forty-five persons accepted Christ, four were reclaimed, 12 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and several were healed. There was an unusual move of the Spirit as the young evangelists let the Lord

have His way and people of all ages rushed forward to seek the Lord.

Visitors from other denominations attended and received the Pentecostal experience. Interest spread throughout the town and surrounding communities. Though the special meetings have closed, people are getting saved and filled with the Holy Spirit in our regular services. Believers are being stirred to a new vision and consecration.

—*C. C. Gee, Pastor*

► ATMORE, ALA.—First Assembly reports a very successful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Michael Lord of Phenix City, Ala. Several were saved, and a number received the Holy Spirit, who had long sought the infilling. The effects of this revival are still being felt.

—*Robert Rogers, Pastor*

► ST. PAUL, VA.—The Assembly here has enjoyed revival meetings during the past year with Evangelists Joe Ragsdale, James A. Cain, and D. C. Ogden. Many individuals have been saved, some have been filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number have received healing. Members have been added to the church. The spiritual ministry of these men has made a great contribution to the church.

—*Claud and Ursula McKeel, Pastors*

► CANTON, OHIO—Bethel Temple recently experienced an old-time Pentecostal revival during two weeks of meetings with Evangelist Warren Litzman. Some 30 people came forward for salvation and 50 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The entire church was greatly stirred through this special ministry. There have been some lasting results. These meetings have pointed up the fact that Pentecost is what people need and want.

—*Robert M. Graber, Pastor*

► BRECKENRIDGE, MO.—God's healing power was manifested at the Assembly of God here during special meetings with Evangelist Donald Payne of Albany, Mo. Several months have elapsed since the revival meetings, and those for whom prayer was made for healing are still enjoying good health today.

—*Gail Coppel, Pastor*

► WARSAW, MO.—The entire church was blessed during a three-week revival here with Charles Reed of Osceola, Mo. as evangelist. Three were saved, several reclaimed, and two were filled with the Holy Spirit. Some testified to receiving outstanding healings. The church was edified as the truths of God's Word were preached. There was a high spiritual tide throughout the entire revival. The church continues to grow and prosper.

—*William O. Jackson, Pastor*

► SOUTH BEND, IND.—The congregation at Calvary Temple was thrilled to see the response of the young people as they re-dedicated their lives to the Lord during a recent youth revival with Evangelist Byron Wright and Paul Myers. Many were saved and approximately 75 were filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit in one service alone. There was such a tremendous stir among the young people that it was necessary to secure the Riley High School auditorium for what may have been the largest teenage Sunday school class ever held in the South Bend area. Nearly 400 teen-agers crowded the auditorium, and one hundred of them gave their hearts to the Lord at the close of the service. One young lady brought 17 visitors and all 17 were gloriously saved that morning.

—*Roy H. Wead, Pastor*



Evangelist Byron Wright (on platform) and Paul Myers (at right) with nearly 400 teen-agers at the Riley High School auditorium in South Bend, Indiana. (Roy H. Wead of Calvary Temple, host pastor).

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

► **MISHAWAKA, IND.**—A recent revival with Evangelist Paul Hild was a great blessing to First Assembly here. The young people were especially encouraged and helped to do more for God. One high-school girl alone was responsible for bringing over 40 visitors during the last week of the meeting. God be praised for all those who were saved and blessed during these services.

—E. J. Bruton, Pastor

► **DENVER CITY, TEX.**—God's blessing was evident from the very first night of a five-day revival at First Assembly with William F. Hageman of El Paso, Tex. as evangelist. His Bible preaching was an inspiration to all who attended. Several were reclaimed, others refilled with the Holy Spirit, and there was a good response among the young people. An increasing spiritual tide has been noted since the special teaching in the ministry and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

—W. C. Wade, Pastor

MINISTERS PRAY IN OREGON

BROOKS, Oreg.—Much time was given to prayer and Bible study during this year's series of Ministers Institutes. The theme for the six Institutes, conducted in various parts of the state, was, "They that wait upon the Lord."

The Oregon District Superintendent, N. D. Davidson, arranged these Institutes so they would take on the features of a Deeper Life Conference. Keeping in mind the call sent forth by General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman for sincere, dedicated prayer among our churches this year, Brother Davidson allowed much time for waiting on the Lord and studying the Word.

The featured speakers for the Institutes were R. M. Riggs, L. B. Keener, and officers of the Oregon District. The speakers had a most effective ministry. Brother Riggs had been assigned the subject, "The Church and Its Spiritual Life." Brother Keener presented "The Church and Its Training Program."

We are grateful for the privilege of having these two brethren minister in Oregon District.—by *Wm. L. Stephens, State Director of Youth and Christian Education.*

NEWS FROM MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The Minnesota District was privileged to enjoy the ministry of Ernest S. Williams at the annual Ministers Institute held at Little Falls January 16-18.

The attendance of ministers was excellent and the anointed ministry of the Word met their need. There were blessed seasons of prayer. Many commented that this Ministers Institute was the "best ever."

Earl W. Goodman, Superintendent of the Montana District, will be guest speaker at the annual District Council slated for April 3-6 at the Assemblies of God Church, 1705 Elton Hills Drive, Rochester, Minn. (O. E. Carter will be host pastor.)—by *G. Raymond Carlson, Minnesota District Superintendent.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REVIVALTIME CRUSADE—March 15-19 at Central Assembly, Wichita, Kans., C. M. Ward, speaker. Revivaltime broadcast will originate from the church Sunday, March 19.—by Victor Trimmer, pastor.

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Mobile	Crichton	Mar. 19-Apr. 2	Jimmie & Carol Snow	Clarence Cope
Ariz.	Tucson	Indian	Mar. 14-19	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Virgil Zeigler
	Yuma	* First	Mar. 14-19	Virgil & Edythe Warens	O. W. Killingsworth
	N. Little Rock	First	Mar. 12-19	Louise Nankivell	T. J. Gotcher
Calif.	Atwater	A/G	Mar. 8-19	Christian Hild	Lloyd Christiansen
	Cupertino	A/G	Mar. 12—	Harris Lidstrand	H. Russell Baker
Fla.	Tallahassee	First	Mar. 19-Apr. 2	Robert Watters	G. L. Johnson
	Tavares	First	Mar. 14-26	Jack & Clara Peters	Warren C. Anthony
Ga.	Macon	Central	Mar. 19-Apr. 2	Bobby Jackson	Gerald Baluis
Ill.	Augusta	A/G	Mar. 14-26	Cox-Brown Team	A. I. Sherman
	Chicago	Calvary Tab.	Mar. 8-19	The Tanner Team	Richard W. Bishop
	Decatur	First	Mar. 14-19	Bob McCutchen	George Rutledge
	Springfield	First	Mar. 6-19	Musical Palmers	G. E. Mandel
Kans.	Osawatimie	A/G	Mar. 6-19	Jeremiah Hanley	Ivan D. Rayburn
	Scranton	A/G	Mar. 8-26	Smith-Rasmussen Team	Dick McCauley
Ky.	Bowling Green	First	Mar. 19—	B. P. Carroll	William Summers
Md.	Lonaconing	First Pent.	Mar. 19-Apr. 9	Peiffer-Harden Team	C. Fussell
	Rockville	First	Mar. 14—	L. K. Dodge	L. A. Hubbard
Mich.	Dearborn	Gospel Tab.	Mar. 14-19	Robert J. Price	Parvin C. Lee
	East Detroit	* Calvary	Mar. 14-17	Paul Hild	Dan Roehl
Mo.	Mountain View	A/G	Mar. 14-19	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Orvil L. Holden
	Springfield	Calvary Temple	Mar. 19-Apr. 2	Argue & Waermo Team	Jack West
Nebr.	North Platte	A/G	Mar. 12—	Frank & Mrs. Martin	Louis L. Roggow
N. Mex.	Clovis	Oak Street	Mar. 19-Apr. 2	Wm. Paul Edwards	J. M. Tucker
	Grants	First	Mar. 16-26	Ralph & Mrs. Bender	Albert Snell
N. Y.	Franklin Square	Bethel	Mar. 19—	Cyril Chegwin	Albert Andreasen
	Rochester	Bethel FG	Mar. 8-19	Warren Litzman	Philip Wannemacher
	St. James, L. I.	Full Gospel	Mar. 14-24	James Tate	Harry Tripp
N. C.	Burlington	A/G	Mar. 8-19	Bill & Mrs. McPherson	Aubrey Sara
Ohio	Youngstown	Highway Tab.	Mar. 7-19	Sid T. Regnier	E. J. Schlossmacher
Okla.	Antlers	A/G	Mar. 13—	Al Davis	H. H. Davis
	Bartlesville	Tuxedo	Mar. 12-Apr. 2	M. R. Hutchinson	C. Asher
Oreg.	Eugene	First	Mar. 19-Apr. 2	George Hayes	Murray McLees
	North Bend	First	Mar. 14-26	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	O. R. Cross
	Salem	Southside	Mar. 19-Apr. 2	H. Ralph Love	Richard Deal
Pa.	York	First	Mar. 14-26	William Farrand	E. O. Leeper
S. Dak.	Hot Springs	A/G	Mar. 14-26	Wes Larson	Peter Dahlberg
Tex.	Amarillo	First	Mar. 19-Apr. 2	Ken George Gospel Tm.	E. R. Foster
	Baytown	Central	Mar. 15-26	M. R. Boatright & wife	Lonnie Bowen
Wash.	Dallas	Oak Cliff	Mar. 19—	Al & Tommy Reid	H. C. Noah
	Houston	Sunnyland	Mar. 19-Apr. 2	Leon & Ann Bayless	O. L. Davidson
	Plainview	First	Mar. 7—	Jack Brock	Don George
Wis.	Mabton	A/G	Mar. 12-19	L. H. Sheets Family	R. L. Griffin
Canada	Menomonie	Full Gospel Tab.	Mar. 14-26	John Everett	Paul Koeshall
	Cranbrook, B.C.	Pentecostal Tab.	Mar. 4-16	Evelyn Glosser	C. Fawcett
	Kelowna, B. C.	Evangel Tab.	Mar. 19-30	Forseth Musical Team	W. C. Stevenson
	Victoria, B. C.	Glad Tidings Tab.	Mar. 19-Apr. 2	Wallace S. Bragg	Eric Hornby
	Hagersville, Ont.	Pentecostal Tab.	Mar. 15-26	Abraham Kudra	G. S. Mallory

* Children's Revival

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WESTERN INDIANA PRAYER CONFERENCE—March 14-16 at Chamberlain's Chapel, Terre Haute, Ind. Three services each day. Speaker: J. Robert Ashcroft. For accommodations write Paul D. Van Winkle, % Hulman Street Assembly of God., Terre Haute, Ind.

ANNUAL NAE CONVENTION, Grand Rapids, Mich., Apr. 10-14. Sessions to be held in the Municipal Auditorium and Pantlind Hotel. For information write: National Association of Evangelicals, 222 East Willow Ave., Wheaton, Ill.

SOUTH FLORIDA DISTRICT C. A. TOUR—March 13-April 5, Sunshine Party. (Bob Gatlin, D-CAP)

WITH CHRIST

EDWARD H. GARLOCK, 84, Perth Amboy, N. J., passed on to be with Christ on December 18. Brother Garlock was saved and filled with the Spirit in 1913 during the ministry of Mrs. Woodworth Etter. God

marvelously healed him of spinal meningitis and he became a part-time preacher, serving as pastor of several churches in the State of New York. He is survived by his wife, five sons, and five daughters. All of his children were saved and filled with the Spirit at home. Three of them are Assemblies of God ministers: H. B. Garlock, veteran missionary to Africa; Mrs. A. N. Trotter, Baton Rouge, La.; and David Garlock, pastor in Perth Amboy. Another son, Wesley Garlock, is pastor of the Church of the Four Square Gospel in San Diego, Calif.

BENJAMIN H. SPRINGER, 70, of Booneville, Ark., passed away recently. Brother Springer was licensed in 1930 by the Arkansas District and served as an evangelist.

MRS. CINDA JOHNSON BRYAN, of Wetumka, Okla., went into the presence of her Lord on January 13. Sister Bryan was ordained in 1926 in the Oklahoma District and served as pastor and evangelist in that district. Since 1948 she has been superannuated.

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The Sunday School Revival in Australia



BY WM. E. KIRSCHKE

FROM THE DRY "BUSH" CHINCHILLA COUNTRY in Midwest Queensland to the "top of Australia" in the aboriginal government reserve, the Assemblies of God are talking Sunday school—American style.

The cause of this new interest is the first Sunday school tour of its kind, made by an American among the Australian Assemblies of God in an effort to alert them to the potential of an "all-age" Sunday school program. Heretofore, Sunday schools in Australia have been conducted only for children and youth.

Our first official assignment upon arrival in Australia was to tour the state of Queensland. To reach twenty-five churches required 8,500 miles of travel by car, railroad and plane, and took three months. Reaching the farthest outpost in Australia is a big task, especially in Queensland which covers an area of over 670,000 square miles.

Travel is not as swift on Australian roads as on our American highways. We drove the 1,200 miles from Melbourne, Victoria, to Brisbane, Queensland, and were thirty-six hours on the road. The day following our arrival I spoke at the Brisbane City auditorium where sixteen of our Assemblies of God Sunday schools for children had assembled for an annual rally.

The weekend was spent in ministering in Brisbane churches, and the next three days I lectured on Sunday school work at the Commonwealth Bible College. Since leaving Brisbane I have been asked to provide my notes in permanent form, to be added to the school curriculum in Christian education.

Our plan for covering the territory was to visit as many churches as possible and climax the effort with a Saturday Sunday school convention. Now we can report without presumption a Sunday school revival.

No longer is it a dream that the Sunday school program in Australia would include all ages, but it is an actual reality. Within one week of our Sunday school services and conventions some pastors have started adult Bible classes. A program to hold rather than to lose the teen-agers has been initiated. Parsonages are being used to accommodate classes, and training books have been ordered for classes to train new workers.

LITERATURE NEEDED

The need for Sunday school literature in Australia is appalling. Small offerings in the Sunday school are not sufficient to provide

Wm. E. Kirschke, official representative of the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri, is touring Australia in an effort to promote bigger and better Sunday schools.

ample materials for teachers or students. The children alone without assistance from the church have had to support the Sunday school. This problem is faced wherever we go. We are doing all possible to stimulate a sense of responsibility on the part of the church to assist the growing Sunday school to meet all its needs.

Teachers who have had no teaching aids are in nearly every service seeking help. Some who have quarterlies have used them over and over again. To see the teachers gazing in wonder at the American literature and at the exhibit tables which we set up at each service is an unforgettable sight. Soon after approaching the tables they cautiously pick up various pieces of Gospel Publishing House materials as if they were million-dollar bills.

"You mean there are books (quarterlies) for pupils too?" I am often asked. One young man who taught teen-agers for many years had never seen a piece of Sunday school literature for them. I have borrowed cast-off materials from one school to take to another at my next meeting, only to learn of some teacher who has taught for years without even a quarterly.

You can't imagine the dearth of literature that exists in Australia. In some instances the entire church program is now being revised so as to secure the most needed materials. These purchases will be at a minimum because the average income is only about one-half that in America.

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

There are growing pains in Sunday school work on a state level here, as there were in America when district work with Sunday school representatives first began. A national Sunday school department is needed here to guide the work. Consequently we have spent hours with the national Commonwealth committee executives and state Sunday school committees helping them to plan a program.

Our three-month tour of Queensland provides rich experience and background for our ministry in the remaining states we are to visit. We were asked to present a series of messages on Sunday school work for the afternoon services of the Beulah Heights Camp in Victoria.

Widespread radio and newspaper publicity began with our Sunday school convention in Toowoomba, Queensland, and has continued. The Australian Broadcasting Commission has made several releases, and other stations and newspapers have asked for interviews and articles. It is the hand of God that has directed us, and to Him be all the glory for what has been achieved.

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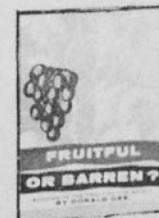
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