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# The Plastic Years

God started the human race with a couple of adults who were entirely the products of His own creation. Every addition since that time has been in the form of a helpless babe—in order that parents and other adults might be able to mold the tender young life and thus share to some extent in the great work of the mighty Creator.

Our sons and daughters, to a very large degree, are exactly what we make them. Heredity has its effect but the greater influence comes from the environment with which various adults surround them in their formative years. If the children succeed they are a tribute to the skill of the many adults who fashioned their lives. If they do not succeed their failure is a reflection of their elder's failure.

The Chinese fully recognize this fact. A New York daily reported that among some three thousand Chinese boys and girls in that city there had been only two cases of juvenile delinquency in an eight-year period. Chinese teachers, questioned by the investigators, said the reason for this remarkable showing is a precept of Confucius: "The misconduct of the child is the fault of the parent." That is why the Bible says, "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother (and father) to shame."

When a nursery plants a sapling it does not leave the little tree to itself. Often it braces the sapling with wires to hold it upright while it develops strong roots. The tree is braced on three sides and this keeps it growing in a single direction. There are three wires to brace the lives of boys and girls—the home, school, and church—and if all are doing their part the young "tree" will grow straight and strong. This is scriptural, for God's Word says, "Train up a child in the way he should go." Training involves kind but firm restraint. It requires skillful discipline. *Chanak*, the Hebrew word for "train," means to narrow, to initiate, to discipline, to educate, to train up—an exacting and continuing process. Child training requires love, patience, and courage to overcome many discouragements, but the Lord has promised that if we will train up a child in the way he should go, "when he is old he will not depart from it."

We must not wait until he is half grown—we must train him in his very earliest years. Some friends who called on a famous maker of figurines wondered why he kept them waiting so long at the door. When he appeared he apologized and said, "I heard you ring the bell but I could not leave my work just then. You see, in the making of my little figures, every second of the moldable stage counts. Once the clay hardens, nothing much can be done." So it is with children. We must mold their lives in the pliable years to make them vessels for the Master's use. The late Martha Snell Nicholson put it this way:

"They pass so soon, the days of youth;  
The children change so fast;  
Quickly they harden in the mold,  
And the plastic years are past.

"Then shape their lives while they are young;  
This be our prayer, our aim—  
That every child we meet shall bear  
The imprint of His name!"

—R.C.C.

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*If the church ignores the child's plastic years it misses the chance of a lifetime.*



# The Challenge of our Children

BY C. W. H. SCOTT

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WHILE DRIVING INTO THE CAPITAL city of one of the republics of South America recently, we stopped our car for a traffic light. Immediately we were surrounded by a crowd of school children hawking communist newspapers. The missionary with whom I was riding explained that these were children from one of the schools nearby who were being used by communist agitators to stir up rebellion and insurrection in that great capital city of more than a million souls.

The National Association of Christian Schools in its June, 1960, bulletin makes reference to information given by the superintendent of schools for Los Angeles County. He quotes a statement from a communist textbook used

in training agents to take over the world. "Make drugs of various kinds readily available to them (the children). Give them alcohol. Praise their wildness by stimulating them with sex literature. Create the necessary attitude of chaos, idleness, and worthlessness which will give the teen-ager complete freedom from every restraint." The statement goes on to say, "If we can effectively kill the national pride of just one generation, we will have won the country."

The insidious tactics of communism which this article describes, as well as the delinquency, crime, and demoralizing happenings of the times, demand action on the part of the church if we are to withstand the peril facing our children. It is the responsibility of the church to accept this challenge by providing an adequate child evangelism program to reach our boys and girls with the gospel while they are still impressionable.

Iranaeus, one generation removed from the apostles, said, "Christ came to save all persons through Himself—infants, little ones, children, youth, and aged."

In 1727 the wealthy Count Zinzendorf of Saxony gave himself to agonizing prayer for the conversion of the children under his care. A spiritual awakening followed and the Moravian revival was born. He preached directly to the children. As a result, large numbers were converted and gathered into the church, where they were indoctrinated with the Word of God.

John Wesley laid great stress upon the work among children, feeling that unless the rising generation was also won the Wesleyan revival would last only for a generation. This vision on his part gave permanency to the revival movement which followed his ministry.

That there is need for a renewed emphasis on child evangelism is obvious. The tendency in too many areas is to be so occupied with trying to reach the adults that the children are forgotten. This is a mistake, for child evangelism opens the door on an entire life of service dedicated to Christ. There is no such thing as an unbelieving child. All children believe readily in God and heaven. While the child is of a susceptible age, let us accept the challenge to lead him to the Saviour.

A Roman Catholic priest, while talking to a Protestant bishop, pointed up the need for child evangelism when he said, "What a poor, foolish people you Protestants are! You go to work to try to reclaim people after they have lost all sensitivity to the thought of God."

He continued, "We Catholics, on the other hand, know that the children are plastic as clay in our hands, so we devote ourselves to them. When they are well trained, we have little fear as to their future."

We would do well to heed the criticism of the priest, and to remember that child evangelism can be most rewarding. No other form of Christian effort brings such immediate, bountiful, and lasting results as working for the conversion of children.

Children are more easily led to Christ than adults. Experience reveals also that they are more likely to remain true to Christ than many who are converted in later years. They make better Christians because they have less to unlearn. And they have more years of service to give.

Inquiries made in evangelistic campaigns have revealed that the vast majority of conversions take place before the age of 16. One per cent said they were converted under 4 years of age; 85 per cent when they were 4 to 15 years of age; 10 per cent from 15 to 30 years of age; and only 4 per cent found Christ after 30 years of age.

The challenge of our children should rest heavily upon every parent, every minister of the gospel, every Sunday school teacher; for as instructors we are responsible to bring them to the Master, who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me." It was God's plan that this should be done in the home, but unfortunately the home has largely failed and the church has had to assume this responsibility. The church has delegated it to the Sunday school; and thus the teacher has become the person responsible for this important work.

In reaching the children for Christ, the teacher must inspire a genuine individual love for Him, by indoctrinating the pupils with the truths of the Word of God. They must be led into the intimacies of prayer, where God is made

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*The Bible Reveals*

## Three Guaranteed Ways to Ruin Your Children

BY EILEEN JAEGER

**O**H, NO, HARRY!" I WAILED. "NOT another meeting tonight! Monday night you went to Scouts. Tuesday it was the Sunday school board. Wednesday, another church meeting. Thursday was choir rehearsal, and Saturday night you're going to that Kiwanis dinner! Do you have to go out tonight, too?"

My reprimanded husband shook his head, staving off his desire to remind me of my ladies' aid, art class, PTA, Cub Scout den—all of which were making me, too, a stranger to our children.

This problem is not ours alone. Nor is it a new one. It is a sour point in millions of homes, and it has been since Bible days. Sometimes we think of Bible characters as being a different breed than we are. Not so! They were human, too; their lives were often strained by business.

The parallel is surprising. About three thousand years ago, Mrs. Samuel, wife of the great Hebrew judge, must have fretted about her husband's busy schedule the same way I worry about Harry's! The good and godly Samuel sired two sons—each of whom turned out to be a disgrace. Why? In the Bible we discover that Samuel was so busy administering the law as a circuit judge that he had no time for his boys! And when, as older men, they too became judges, Samuel was still too busy to advise them. He was so busy helping others that he never had time for his family.

Not long ago, in a New England town, a modern Samuel sat on the judge's bench. His own boy was brought before him, charged with drunken driving and property damage. The boy expected an "easy deal" because his dad

was on the bench, but the judge found his son guilty and leveled a stiff fine. Then, as the boy watched in amazement, his father came out from behind the bench, and paid the fine.

When we neglect our children for any purpose—no matter how worthy that purpose might be—the good becomes the enemy of the best. We and our children suffer. So we conclude that the first way to ruin our children is to **NEGLECT THEM**.

A chill came over my heart the other day when I read of the odd way the children in a California tourist camp had of locating their homes. The homes, identical cabins, each had an identical garbage can at each identical back door. The children would go along the path lifting the lids of the garbage cans. When they found the garbage from their own tables, they knew they were home.

Children often take their bearings in life from the "garbage" of their parents' poor example. We may blame the TV or comic books, but most of the real trouble is caused by the image we parents provide.

Remember King David? Although he was a wonderful man, his failures were so serious they lived on in his children. David was to blame for the garbage of his own bad example. One son, Solomon, for all his wisdom, married too many women. So did his father. Amnon and Tamar indulged in forbidden romance. So did their father. Absalom coveted what was not his. So did his father.

Actually, the sins of the children were more disastrous than David's. If parents let down the bars, their children kick down the walls. Thus we learn that the second way to ruin our children is **TO SET A POOR EXAMPLE**.

Luther Burbank, the famous naturalist, once said: "If we had paid no more attention to our plants than we have to our children, we would be living in a jungle. . . ." What a polite way of saying our children's bad habits need some weeding! Maybe not enough of us are on spanking terms with our children!

Eli, the high priest of Israel, had two sons, Hophni and Phinehas. Both turned out to be scoundrels and both degraded God. How did it happen? The Bible gives us a clue to his family tragedy. It says in 1 Samuel 3:13 that "he restrained them not." God judged Eli severely for failing to discipline his sons.



During World War II there was a general who received word that his son had been dreadfully wounded. When he arrived at the hospital and saw his son so pitifully maimed, the general had a heart attack and died on the spot. If such a shock can come to the heart of a parent because of a son's physical injury, what heartache is endured by parents who see their children fail spiritually because they, the parents, have failed to correct and discipline them! The third way to ruin a child, then, is TO NEGLECT CORRECTION AND DISCIPLINE.

Discipline need not take the woodshed form. What we need, more than anything else, is wisdom to handle situations as they arise. In the New Testament, James tells us that if we ask for

wisdom it shall be given to us liberally. This means we can turn to God for wisdom to solve family discipline problems His way.

What do you do when two children squabble over a toy? One wise father who could have bought another wagon, didn't. He could have removed the toy, but he didn't. This father told his boys that each could play with the wagon for a week, and during that week the other boy would have to keep the wood box filled. The next week they would trade.

At first, this sounded like a good bargain to the boys. But they soon discovered that playing alone was no fun. So, it wasn't long before they began sharing the wagon and the work.

Neglect, poor example, and failure

to discipline are three guaranteed ways to ruin your child. Which is worst? Well, it's a little like having to choose between whooping cough, diphtheria, and smallpox—all are pretty terrible, but one is more deadly than the others.

The worst character destroyer is neglect. It's the most cruel, because a child needs his parents—both of them—as the flowers need the sunshine.

"In my experience with police departments I have never encountered a delinquent child who had one decent adult friend," said Dr. Howard Lane, professor of elementary education at New York University. "The great need for children is for fun and real affection from adults." And we add, those adults should be the parents—both of them!  
—*The Christian Mother*

## THE PTA AND You

BY DON L. COLLINS  
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MARY, RETURNING HOME FROM school, dashed into the room and said, "Mother, will you go to PTA—go and stand up for our home room? We want to win!"

The mother, bent over the ironing board, replied in rather a cross tone, "I don't have time for PTA—I have to do this ironing!"

By this, the mother told Mary that the ironing was more important than her school. If we fail to show an interest in our children's school activity, or place too little value on education, can we wonder if they want to quit school when they reach the ninth grade or so?

It is unthinkable that we should endeavor to evaluate, judge, or condemn our educational system when we have refused to acquaint ourselves with its purposes, and when we have refused to become active in local Parent-Teacher Associations that have urged our enlistment and participation.

Examine your own attitude toward the school. Do you ignore the letters

and notices they send you appealing for your co-operation? Are you more than superficially interested in your children's achievement reports and visits from school counselors? Your interest in the school affairs of your children will determine, in part, their future success.

Parents should use their influence for the benefit of the schools, whenever opportunities arise. They should attend the PTA meetings and vote for men with convictions to hold positions of responsibility. What would happen if every Christian parent excluded himself from the PTA, the school board, etc.?

The healthy condition of a free society depends upon active participation of its individual members. By the same standard, local community programs, organizations, and institutions prosper only to the degree that the entire community exerts itself in their behalf.

Consequently, it is important that Christian people take time from their busy schedules to assist in some of the worthwhile community endeavors. Foremost among these is our public school program.

Some have the impression that all valuable character training is given in the home and in the church. Certainly, these are basic training grounds for our youth; but the influence of the school must not be underestimated; each child spends approximately 13,000 hours in

school under disciplined guidance. Significant is the fact that these hours are spent during the years when attitudes, values, and morals are being established.

We can criticize the moral standards of our day, but we are partners in evil if we sit idly by and do nothing to combat these bad influences. Many authorities feel that the breaking up of our moral codes is not only the result of laxity in our school and church teachings, but is also attributable to a lack of concern and interest in what the school and church teaches. Thus, the school has little hope of succeeding without the co-operation of parents.

We who believe that secularism is responsible for much of the chaos in the world today, and we who are concerned about the school's effect on our children, should be concerned enough that we will sacrifice that improvements might be made.

We, as Christians, have not been pushed into the background. Rather, our attitudes have indicated that we are not interested in policies and activities of our schools.

Let us follow Christ's example by going out into our communities and letting our lives and influence be active for the betterment of our society and its schools. Remember this: our schools will succeed or fail according to the quality of the people wielding the greatest influence upon them! ◀◀

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# Why Camp for Kids?

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**C**AMPING IS SYNONYMOUS WITH FUN and adventure. It means a new environment—woods, wildlife, unfamiliar noises, campfires, cook-outs, games, and water. All these draw like a magnet upon the imagination of a youngster as he makes plans to enjoy a camping experience.

The camper has many preconceived ideas about camp—its setting and program, and that which he intends or hopes to experience. His parents, likewise, believe he will be taught some crafts and sporting activities, hoping

in addition that camp will make some contribution to his mental and spiritual development.

Our church camps, keeping this in mind, have programs designed to keep the wants as well as the needs of the camper uppermost in their planning.

Camping makes its greatest contribution to the welfare of our youth through a balanced program. Its program is so designed that all the facets of camp life are blended together to provide a rich and rewarding experience.

Camp is an ideal setting in which to measure and contribute to a child's development; it can give direction to his future growth.

The tranquil setting of camp may soon be exchanged for a cosmopolitan atmosphere with all its problems and challenges. Realizing this, camp personnel stand ready to help the youngsters in whatever ways possible. They know that in the days at camp, each camper will have some of his most profitable relationships with his fellows. And by skillful direction the staff members can help the youngsters to make worthwhile adjustments in their ways of thinking and acting.

Camp personnel are trained to assist the camper in a week or more of fun. From the minute he arrives at camp until he checks out—from reveille to taps each day, and through the night—the entire staff and especially the counselors give themselves untiringly to the personal welfare of each camper.

Whether in devotions, spirited sports competition, hiking, crafts, or eating at a bountifully-supplied table, the principles of Christianity become the standard of measurement and guidance.

Why have camps for kids? This can best be answered by parents, educators, campers themselves, and the camping statistics of last year. We have observed as youngsters passed year after year from one age-level camp to another. On they have marched to places of Christian leadership as faithful ministers and devoted laymen.

The phenomenal growth of our camping program, plus the effect of the camp ministry alone, sparks the desire of many parents to see their children attend year after year even though it entails financial sacrifice.

Last year, records from a combined total of 158 camps (70 boys and girls camps and 88 youth camps) reveal that over 14,000 of our youth attended camp. There were over 3,600 decisions for Christ, and over 4,100 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Think of 14,000 youth who were privileged to bask in a spiritual atmosphere second to none. This is revival and a fulfillment of Joel 2:28, 29.

Parents, you have a golden opportunity to add to the spiritual, physical, and mental development of your children by providing them an opportunity to attend an Assemblies of God camp this year.

Our camping program across the nation is the fastest growing phase of our Christian education program. ◀ ◀

## Camps Get Annual Certification Award



Twenty-seven Assemblies of God Boys and Girls Camps and Youth Camps have been awarded Certification status for their camping operation in 1960. Certification status is awarded each camp which meets the minimum requirements of the Assemblies of God Youth Camp Standard.

These Certified camps must qualify again in 1961 to retain Certification status. In addition, many other camps have applied for Certification and may receive such status through their 1961 camping operation.

Alabama: Two Youth Camps, Boys and Girls Camp  
 Eastern: Maranatha Park Youth Camp  
 Kentucky: Boys and Girls Camp  
 Mississippi: Youth Camp  
 New York: Lakeview Boys and Girls Camp, Camp Lakeview Youth Camp, Mountain View Boys and Girls Camp, and Youth Camp.  
 Northern California-Nevada: Bass Lake Youth Camp, Bethany Park Youth Camp, Lake Tahoe Camp, Mt. Lassen Youth Camp, Redwood Youth Camp.

Oklahoma: Osage Hills State Park Youth Camp  
 Southern Idaho: Silver Mt. Bible Youth Camp  
 South Carolina: Youth Camp  
 South Texas: Camp Pearl Wheat Youth Camp, Camp Wildurr Youth Camp, Ross Sterling Youth Camp, Singing Hills Youth Camp.  
 West Central: Storm Lake Boys and Girls Camp, Storm Lake Senior Camp, Storm Lake Teen Camp, Troy Boys and Girls Camp, Troy Youth Camp



# Our Church Believes in Home Bible Clubs

BY THOMAS PAINO, JR.

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EVERY CHURCH SHOULD PROVIDE its people with varied opportunities for Christian service. In our experience we have found that a ministry among children is not only fruitful in the lives of the youngsters but also is a most gratifying area of activity for adult members.

At Indianapolis\* last fall we inaugurated a home Bible clubs program. Here, in the form of story hours, was an opportunity for many to do something for the Lord in individual homes and neighborhoods.

At meetings designated for those interested in sponsoring or leading such clubs, our program was outlined. We showed materials to be used and talked of the possibilities to be explored. As this was new to many, we presented a typical program that could be followed. It included songs suitable for children, Bible memory work, and illustrated stories.

We discussed the age limits to be set, and the various methods of advertising. We offered to supply handbills to be used for distribution. A library of visual aid stories and Bible-story books was set up. We also included an album of recorded gospel songs for children and made available catalogs for those who wished to supplement the material we offered.

After the first ladies to start such clubs brought back their enthusiastic reports, others were inspired to begin. Soon we were reaching over two hundred children a week with our home Bible program. In one instance over 40 children responded to the invitation to attend; the Bible club soon outgrew the home.

We discovered that children themselves are the best advertisement for their meetings. They were anxious to bring their friends with them to enjoy the story hour. Children love clubs, and what a wonderful opportunity to teach Christianity is provided by that characteristic! Here the seeds of the gospel can be sown when children are gathered together having a good time.

The primary purpose of the home Bible clubs is, of course, to present the gospel message to children who otherwise may never have the opportunity to hear. But they provide also an excellent way of reaching new prospects for our Sunday school. As the direct result of one of our clubs, we purchased another bus and began a route in that neighborhood.

We have found that in most neighborhoods a large percentage of the chil-

dren have no church home. After getting acquainted with us, they gladly accepted an invitation to Sunday school.

Recently we were talking to two lady missionaries from Latin America. They said they began their missionary work by holding meetings for children in their own home, and discovered that it was a most effective method of gaining admittance to homes that otherwise would have been difficult to approach. So many times the children hold the key to winning the entire family for the Lord.

Our home Bible club program has more than lived up to our expectations. The women of our church have found a new opportunity for service. So often the women feel frustrated because they cannot do as much for the Lord as they would like to do. Mothers of young children find it difficult to leave the house for many outside activities. By means of a Bible club a mother can have a ministry right in her own neighborhood.

In some cases, one woman can conduct the Bible club alone if it is small. In most cases it is better to have two persons working together.

Some women are willing to open their homes for a Bible club but are not able to help in other ways. C.A.'s who are free after school or during the holidays can step in and offer their services in such cases.

This effort to gather the children together in homes to teach them the way of salvation has yielded large dividends in our church. It will do the same in yours. ◀ ◀

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# The Child at Church

Second in a Series of Three Articles  
BY ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

**T**HE CHILD HAVING BEEN BROUGHT into a place of definite relationship with the Lord first, our next consideration has to do with the outward recognition of the same. Whether church membership, water baptism, or partaking of the Communion should come first, there would be a difference of opinion. We are not attempting to settle this matter.

## CHILDREN AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Let us discuss church membership, for it would seem that a child's definite experience of meeting Christ as his personal Saviour should warrant his acceptance into the church, either on a probationary or permanent basis. His age can scarcely be considered the determining factor; it is the child's definite awareness of God and his sincere desire to be a member of the church that demands careful consideration.

We all recognize the apt illustration of young feet crippled from wearing outgrown shoes. There is also the possibility of stunting some children's spiritual growth by the denial of some form of church recognition. Again we must note that some children mature at an earlier age than others, and some have a more spiritual nature even from birth.

Growth along spiritual lines as well as natural lines must be accommodated or there will be crippling later.

In addition to the parents' wise counsel relative to the child's church relationship our churches could well profit from youth classes for indoctrination. This can be made attractive and acceptable to the children by the pastor (or someone whom he might choose, well qualified to direct such sessions). Most important is the co-operation of the parents in encouraging the child's attendance. This is something that should be provided apart from the Sunday school sessions.

Such activity will require effort on the part of church leaders and parents. But what cause is more worthy of such effort? Consider the constant and insidious appeal of every evil cause to touch our children at the earliest age possible. Consider again those children saved in evangelistic meetings, Vacation Bible Schools, as well as church services, who have been left to grow spiritually "like Topsy." No constructive spiritual upbuilding aside from the brief Sunday school lesson has been provided in many of our churches.

An alert pastor in Oklahoma, along with his church, has caught a vision of

indoctrinating and preparing their youth for church membership. This is being done in spite of crowded facilities. To quote the pastor, "Youth must be trained today to carry on the church program of tomorrow." The pastor himself takes the six- to thirteen-year-olds in the main auditorium for what he calls a "Youth Evangelism Hour." It affords him the opportunity of grounding the child in the basic doctrines of the church, as well as his becoming personally acquainted with each child. Using the main auditorium encourages a definite worship atmosphere. By instructing the children the pastor is preparing them for the day when they will become active members of the church. Most of the children have been saved and filled with the Spirit and, although not eligible to become voting members until sixteen years of age, they are taken into the church as junior members when they express such a desire and display a life of true Christian principles.

This may be the proper place to express the value of families sitting together in the church services. Some smile at the old-fashioned idea of family pews, but at least the family was closed in together and the problems of discipline and reverence were greatly simplified in those days of family pews. We do not have them in our churches, but every father and mother may gather the family about them for reverent participation in the worship of God and the hearing of His Word.

There is a question of how much good children derive from a service while sitting together without some parental oversight. In some churches, outside visitors have been shocked by the lack of reverence shown by youthful groups unattended by adults. More distressing than this is the wrong done to these children themselves. Surely God can enable us to combine Holy Ghost liberty with respect for the house of God and Christian behaviour. We mention this as a part of the solemn task in nurturing those of tender age who may have been taken into the church.

The fact that a child has accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour, and has even been received into some form of church membership, does not mean that he has become a mature saint. The same may be said, however, of newly saved adults. The child has been introduced to Jesus and under careful tutelage there can be an increasing consciousness of the need of Christ's



help as well as the greatness of His sufficiency to meet every longing of the young heart. Children do have deep longings and often find it difficult to communicate their feelings to the very ones who might help them.

Wise parents and children's workers can sense a child's outreaching heart and skillfully anticipate the need under God. This is beautifully illustrated in the life of Samuel who mistook the voice of God for that of Eli. Whatever mistake Eli made with his own sons, he was able to direct young Samuel in the proper response to God. In a sense, Eli's sad mistake with his own sons may have spurred him to direct the lad who was to become God's great messenger to Israel in a crucial hour. The tragedy in the story is that God had to use young ears to receive His message instead of the high priest appointed for that very office.

Whatever church recognition is given the child, it must be understood by the parents and teachers that the converted child still needs discipline. Because a child makes a mistake he should never be told, "God doesn't love you," or "You were not a Christian." Such statements are a discouraging and negative approach and fail to produce the desired improvement. Rather, there should be the positive challenge of pleasing Christ and living up to His expectancy as a true soldier of the Cross. In any area of child direction, a positive appeal is considered the most effective influence.

If we examine Paul's letters, especially his exhortations to new Christians, we will find he was continually placing Christ before them as the ultimate of their attainment. Even his own personal testimony declares, "I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those

things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13, 14). This attitude should be followed with the Christian child in all his relationships to the church. It might be well to recall Paul's word to the fathers of the Ephesian church, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6: 4; Colossians 3:21).

A word on discipline may not be out of place here. Some people have considered "discipline" a harsh word; and, in keeping with the modern trend today, they have allowed their children to go practically undisciplined with tragic results. To me, the word discipline has been a kindly word. I compare it to the trellis which supports the carefully-pruned rose vine, thus producing "a thing of beauty and a joy forever." The otherwise sprawling bush is trained to symmetrical perfection on the supporting framework. Proper discipline does this very thing for a child.

But the disciplinarian must be fair, consistent, and persevering. We all know a child's extreme sense of justice. In our experience of raising six children, there were occasions when the hasty punishment of one child proved to be unwarranted. The fact discovered always brought proper apology from their father or me. "What!" says someone, "ask your child to forgive you?" To which we always reply, "Most certainly." If any unjust punishment had occurred the apology strengthened respect and confidence on the part of the child. Some of the best lessons in my life have come in the process of trying to teach my own as well as other children. This principle applies

to Sunday school teachers or any other directors of children's work.

Is it necessary to press the matter of consistent living on the part of all who deal with children? They are not fooled as easily as some adults assume. Painful, yes, shameful disclosures of home conditions that have come from childish lips would shock their parents beyond measure. It is mentioned here as an all-important requisite for the successful performance of the task we have outlined.

#### PROPER AGE FOR BAPTISM

We have been asked, *How old should a child be for water baptism?*

The scene is still vivid of a baptismal service in the Meramac River of central Missouri some years ago. God had given a gracious revival in the community and Mr. Flower, having returned from field work, was baptizing new converts. Our two oldest children, Joseph and Adele, were both under eight years of age, but had given evidence for some time of having accepted Christ. We had brought no pressure upon the children as far as water baptism was concerned, but during that service both were so moved with desire that they came to me and begged that their father might baptize them that day. The witness in my own heart was so strong I led them over to their father who baptized them after the other candidates.

Both of us had questioned them to our satisfaction that they realized what this step meant. To this day, that baptismal service has carried its own deep meaning in both of their lives. This is not recorded as a pattern, since it may not coincide with some others' conviction. Perhaps it is the exception, but both children have given their lives fully to God for His service. In the days that followed there was plenty of teaching to enlarge the meaning of the step they had taken.

Recognizing there are churches who place the whole burden of salvation on the actual rite of baptism, there should be an endeavor to simplify and make plain the scriptural meaning of this ordinance. It was Jesus at the time of His baptism in Jordan who spoke the words, "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). After a child has accepted Christ and shown evidence of spiritual life, whether he has been admitted into relationship with

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#### FOR THE JUNIOR READER

### PRESCRIPTION FOR LIFE

Here is an important message for you, but it is in code. Can you de-code it?

#### CODE

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(To check your answer, look up Proverbs 10:27.)



the church or not, water baptism can be made to have real meaning to him. This can be accomplished regardless of his age. But again we would emphasize he must give evidence of having met the Lord Jesus in saving grace.

There are so many ways of teaching deep truths to a child through the various processes of life and nature. Consider the Lord Jesus in His dealings with the common people, and the deep lessons He brought to them from the natural things about them—the wind, the flowers, the grass, the land, and the sky. Some children are able to grasp spiritual truths even more readily than older folk when such truths are presented clearly by the teacher.

Perhaps I should repeat here that the conscious presence of God in a home makes spiritual values easy to understand. How wonderful the home atmosphere for any child where the parents know the meaning of “being

spiritually natural and naturally spiritual.” Valuable doctrinal teachings become plain and appreciated by the children in helpful discussions in the home life or at the family altar. God give us more such homes!

As adults, we associate water baptism with the wonderful passage in Romans 6:3, 4. “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

The task now will be to interpret this so that the child can realize the A.B.C.’s of identification with Christ. Is it necessary for us to state what should be so apparent to every reader—that the act of baptism is symbolic of Christ’s death and resurrection? No doubt a wise pastor from the pulpit

will augment the teaching of the parents by clear, simplified sermons on the subject, helpful to old and young, preceding a baptismal service where children are to be baptized. With all this reinforcement a child who knows God may profitably participate in water baptism at an early age.

Children considering water baptism might be helped by knowing the procedure in our various foreign fields. In some places, converts must wait a full six months before being baptized. This is done to impress them that this outward expression of obedience to God must be fully attested by a consistent life. In some places, a lengthy delay gives time for growth in grace to meet the severe persecutions that ever attest the outward profession of their faith by water baptism.

(Next week, in the concluding article of this series, the question will be answered, *How old should a child be to take Communion?*)

## VBS IN A TWO-CAR GARAGE

BY WARREN MCPHERSON



AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, THERE is absolutely no excuse for any church not having a vacation Bible school! That is an extremely strong statement, but I believe it thoroughly.

As a young Christian I always feared God would call me into a pioneer ministry. *And He did!* However, God’s provisions in those years of beginnings were marvelous. No small part of our success, I believe, was due to the time we spent ministering to the children in the community.

The Assembly of God in Newport, Rhode Island, got its start by renting the basement facilities of a little Lutheran church for services twice a week. We paid rent on a *per service* basis and had to hold our services at times when the church was not otherwise in use.

As the weeks passed, attendance at our Friday evening and Sunday afternoon services grew steadily. A yearning grew within us as summer approached to do something more for the children

and young people. Someone suggested we conduct a VBS. But how could we? We were not able to rent the church for such a long period of time and buy needed materials, too.

Stationed in Newport at that time was Benjamin Janes, a chief petty officer in the Navy. He and his wife were dedicated Christians. They gave every assistance to the struggling new church. One day the Janeses, my wife, and I were discussing the idea of a vacation Bible school. We agreed that it could fill a real need!

Suddenly, all of us were startled with a most revolutionary idea. Why not arrange the Janeses’ two-car garage into classrooms and conduct our VBS there? Our shock at such an idea quickly changed into open enthusiasm and we decided to give it a try.

We began working feverishly. First, we cleaned and rearranged the garage, stringing up curtains to allow for divided classes. Then we purchased lesson materials at a Christian bookstore in a nearby city. We pooled all available knowledge and ideas and improvised where there was a shortage of equipment or materials.

Finally the opening day arrived and we were there early. I will honestly admit we were all secretly filled with doubts. Mrs. Janes, my wife, and I anxiously watched for the first pupil. We had arranged every available chair—an even dozen in all—in a circle for the opening exercise.

Just about 9 a.m., the announced starting time, the first child arrived. Within a very few minutes eleven more appeared. We had exactly as many chairs as we had pupils! And the garage seemed full to overflowing. What would we do with more pupils? It was evident the garage wouldn’t hold them.

We worked all afternoon and into the night. I rushed back to the Christian bookstore to buy more VBS materials.

On the second day our attendance rose to 18, and we were ready to face the situation. We divided into three classes with one meeting on the front porch. That afternoon we recruited all available friends who could assist in any way as teachers or helpers. By the end of the week we had 45 enrolled and that number held rather steady to the end of the VBS. We had classes meet-

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ing in the two-car garage, living room, kitchen, and on the front porch.

As our VBS neared an end, each of us commented that our bold venture of holding school in a two-car garage had far exceeded our expectations. And the thrilling part of it was that we reached a great number of families who had never attended our services and were unfamiliar with the Assemblies of God.

We concluded our VBS with a grand commencement ceremony in our Fri-

day evening service at the rented Lutheran church. What a thrill it was to see nearly all of the 45 youngsters participating in that service. However, an even greater thrill was the number of parents in attendance who were strangers in our services.

From that day to this I have been 100 per cent sold on VBS. It is my opinion that any church can have one and, furthermore, any church that doesn't have one robs itself and its people of one of its richest blessings.

## A Little Child Shall Lead Them

BY EVELYN GUNTER

**I**N THE WORK OF SOUL WINNING, children are often overlooked and yet it has been sufficiently demonstrated to some of us that a child, when properly encouraged and instructed, is a potential soul winner.

I am thinking about a children's revival in which the main soul winners were the children themselves. This could not have happened, of course, until some of the children had first

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been led to the Lord. The God-given time for these first conversions was during the morning devotions at our public school. We can thank God that there are some states where the law still allows us to read the Bible and have prayer at the opening of the school day.

After experiencing the new birth, my second graders became evangelistic. I did not know what was happening until one day at recess I found a group of them playing in the pines. They were re-enacting our morning devotions. Linda, who had experienced a wonderful conversion, had a small chalkboard and was drawing her Bible story for a group of children who had gathered around. The little service had everything—songs and prayers—but what thrilled us was the message of salvation that was given!

Revival began—and spread. Soon older children from other grades were joining in. We teachers did not interfere, for it was indeed music to our ears to hear the sounds of singing and a gospel message. We used to hear

nothing but arguments and fights!

In spare time I instructed my group how to win mother and daddy at home. We had special prayer for the parents. I discovered later that it was not just the indirect impact our prayers made on the parents, but the children were using their technique of repeating the morning devotions at home for their parents, and God was using this means of bringing conviction and the sense of need to the hearts of mothers and dads. One mother told me, "I want Jesus as close to me as He is to my son." Several found their way to repentance.

We consider it an honor indeed to have our principal say, "May I join you for your devotions this morning?" It is no secret that we call his name in prayer, along with those of our teachers, the students, and the parents of our boys and girls. Neither do our prayers stop with mere generalizations; if someone needs shoes or is sick, we ask Jesus to supply the need.

I do believe that children can become our greatest soul winners, especially in reaching into homes untouched by the evangelists. And surely no one can reach other children as effectually as a child. You can equip your child to become a winner of souls merely by teaching him a few simple verses on salvation, and encouraging him to begin to work for the Lord *now*. Let him have a club in your home for other boys and girls in an effort to get them saved. He can sing, and he will get them to sing. You will be surprised how well he can tell the Bible stories in a way that will be effective to his young audience, for children can reach children. Who knows but what your home may hold a little Samuel?

Dear Christian Worker:

Often we are challenged by the things we read, and even inspired to action. Yet, too often, the desire does not become the deed because of lack of direction.

If after reading the articles in this issue you are challenged with the needs of children but are not sure what to do about the matter, perhaps we can help you. The Child Evangelism Division has gathered materials and ideas which will be gladly shared. You may use the coupon below to request such information.

If you have specific problems which are unique to your local situation or any ideas you would like to share, write to me personally. I will be happy to give individual attention to your requests.

God bless you for your work with the children! Because they may not remember to do so, let me say "thank you" for them.

Your co-worker in reaching children,

*Billy E. Reeves*

Billy E. Reeves, Supervisor  
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# PLEASURES OF LIFE

## ARE A CHALLENGE!

BY L. NELSON BELL

In the Parable of the Sower (Luke 8) Christ warned that soft living can be fatal to the soul.

SOME OF THE DEEP TRUTHS OF GOD are presented so simply in Scripture that we often fail to appreciate their significance. We read of our Lord's parable of the sower, how He would use a graphic illustration and also give a detailed explanation to His inquiring disciples.

There are three elements in this parable: the *sower*, the *seed*, and the *ground*. Its importance was marked enough that the first three Gospels included it.

Christ told His disciples that the sower is the preacher, the seed the gospel message, while the types of ground represent four kinds of hearts which hear the gospel but react to it in different ways.

There are many lessons we can find in this parable.

The first is that man's eternal destiny is at stake. For this reason the work of the sower is the greatest importance.

In these days when there is a new philosophy of Christian vocation it is important to remember that while a Christian can serve and honor God in any calling consistent with the Christian faith, the Christian ministry does stand apart by virtue of its primary concern with man's eternal destiny.

The apostle Paul lays great stress on the importance of preaching. He tells us that "the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." And he goes on to say: "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of *preaching* to save them that believe.

That which he preached he affirmed to be "...the word of faith, which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath *raised* Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Paul, amplifying the ministry of the preacher, goes on to say: "How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

It is therefore obvious that the sowing of the seed—the preaching of the gospel—is the greatest task to which man can be called.

Secondly, with the importance of preaching there runs an equally compelling imperative: *the message to be preached*.

Our Lord tells us that the seed is the message of God, and the Scripture leaves us no room to speculate as to that message—it is God's redemptive act in Christ, a redemption necessary for man's salvation and accomplished in but one way.

Paul compresses this in a few sentences: "...I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you... how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He *rose again* the third day according to the Scriptures."

Unless this message has been given, unless this seed has been sown, the gospel has not been preached, nor is there any substitute which can bring forth fruit to life eternal.

The third lesson in this parable is that men's hearts vary and because of

### *Alone with God*



I FOUND a lonely place high on a hill  
Where I could rest from burdens of the day,  
And there at evening when the world was still,  
I knelt within the quietness to pray.

From distant nook there came a songbird's call,  
And mingling with the wind's discordant sigh  
Was music from a nearby waterfall.  
I listened, and I knew that God was nigh.

His presence put all anxious thoughts to rest  
And banished from my heart each little care.  
Communion with my Maker was more blest  
For being all alone with Him up there.

—MARK BULLOCK

this you and I who hear the gospel need to take warning. In fact, there are four warnings to be found here.

*Beware of Satan.* Probably there is no time he is more active than when the gospel is being preached. Behind those roving thoughts, wandering imaginations, listless minds, dull memories, sleepy eyes, fidgety nerves, weary bodies, and distracted attention, there rests the malignant activity of the enemy of souls—the one who fears and hates the gospel message.

*Beware of temporary impressions or emotions.* The seed falling on rocky ground had no permanent fruition. So too, when our hearing of the gospel results solely in fleeting impressions and emotions, there will be no deep and abiding work in our hearts and lives.

Let the scorching heat of persecution or temptation come, and the little bit of superficial religion we have withers and vanishes away. We are prone to confuse our delight in the words of some favorite preacher with a work which the Holy Spirit does in our hearts.

*Beware of the cares of this world.* Our hearts may be like thorny ground. We hear the gospel and give assent to it—then other things come between us and God.

The “cares of this world” are on every hand—frustrations, disappointments, sorrows, and problems. All conspire to claim our attention and to depress us. Instead of looking upward and outward to God, we look around us and within.

The “deceitfulness of riches” is a danger, even to the many who have little of this world’s goods. All of us can find ourselves putting money and things first and forgetting our Lord’s command to “seek *first* the kingdom of God and His righteousness.”

The “pleasures of this life” are a challenge to every child of God. Recreation and amusements have their rightful place. But the world has so many allurements, so many things to attract, that when they assume a priority they do not deserve, the soul withers and dies.

Finally, *beware of being content with any concept of Christianity that does not bring forth fruit in our lives.*

One of the tragedies of every generation is the separation that people make between faith and action in Christian profession.

The “good ground” represents the heart in which the gospel takes deep root and brings forth fruit for the

# Adrift . . .

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glory of God. Christianity is not only the salvation of the soul through faith in Christ; it is also the transforming of individuals by the Lord of life.

It is the fruit of a redeemed life that commends the gospel we profess. Philosophical arguments may be raised against Christianity, but there is little argument against a sinner transformed by the power of the living Christ.

These things being true, how carefully we should value the calling and privilege of preaching the gospel. How certain we must be that we preach Christ's gospel and not another gospel, and how carefully we should heed our own hearts as we hear and react to the message of eternal life!

This parable of the sower carries its

warnings, but it also carries a glorious hope, for wherever the gospel is preached there will be results. This will not be due to the eloquence, personality, or brilliance of the sower but the *Seed* which he sows.

We also know that it is the Holy Spirit who prepares the hearts of men for the gospel seed and then waters that seed to bring forth fruit for eternity.

Our Lord—the greatest preacher who ever lived—preached and taught, and only a minority believed and followed Him.

Our responsibility, therefore, is the *sowing* of the good seed. We can safely leave the harvest to Him.

—Christianity Today





# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Government

### MORE U. S. SURPLUS FOOD GOING ABROAD THIS YEAR

Religious and charitable agencies can look forward to more help from the federal government in their overseas food distribution programs, it was announced at Washington. Government officials promised donations of bulgur wheat, which can be cooked like rice, and larger donations of other items in a stepped-up "Food for Peace" program.

By the end of 1961, the Agriculture Department will have given the agencies 100,000,000 pounds of food oils during the year, and 560,000,000 pounds of non-fat dry milk. The agencies, at their own expense, distribute these surplus foods to an estimated 60,000,000 persons in nearly 100 countries and territories.

### DR. LAUBACH IS ASKED TO HELP TRAIN PEACE CORPS

A world literacy expert says he has been asked to help train members of President Kennedy's new Peace Corps.

Dr. Frank Laubach, world-famed Protestant missionary whose literacy teams have taught people in 101 countries to read 297 languages, says he regards the Peace Corps as an excellent idea. But it is much too small, he says. "We ought to use the million American soldiers abroad and organize them for literacy and technical aid programs."

He suggests that sending technical experts to help the two-thirds of the world's people who live in slumlike conditions would be the most effective way of fighting communism. He says that "communism thrives wherever people are ignorant, hungry, and desperate."

### GOVERNMENT AUCTIONS HORSES TO SETTLE TAX DEBT

The U. S. government recently auctioned three horses owned by Valentine Byler, a Mennonite farmer of New Wilmington, Pa., who had refused to pay his self-employment tax because of his objection to Social Security. He

is a member of the Old Order Amish who are opposed to insurance; they believe that to buy insurance implies a lack of faith in the judgments of God.

The *Daily News* at Washington, D. C., published an editorial on "The Stupidity of the Law" in which it called for Congress to amend the Social Security law to provide for religious objectors such as farmer Byler. "There is room in this country for honest dissent," it stated. It termed the incident "an example of heartless and inhuman use of the power of government" against a religious people who will not accept government benefits.

## Temperance

### MOVIE ACTOR DECLINES BEER OFFER

People in the movie industry probably are as familiar as anyone with the devastating effects of beer, wine, and whiskey. Sir Alec Guinness, the Oscar-winning British actor, recently turned down a \$1,400,000 contract to appear on U. S. television for an American beer company. At the beginning and end of each show, viewers would have seen him holding up a glass of beer and praising its virtues. Guinness said he would have despised himself had he accepted the offer.

### EMBASSY PARTIES TOO WET ALREADY, SAYS DRY SENATOR

Senator Olin D. Johnson, a total abstainer, fears that more money for embassy cocktail parties might turn the U. S. Foreign Service into a bunch of "pitiful, blurry-eyed, fuzzy-headed wrecks."

The South Carolina Democrat was quoted by *United Press International* as saying it is a wonder things aren't worse in Washington, let alone in remote United States embassies. He said persons in Washington have a "merciless way" of forcing guests into cocktail hours before every meeting, and as a result "everyone must stand around in a din of conversation while everyone gets fuzzy-minded over cocktails."

The Senator's lament was included in a letter to Senator Carl Hayden,

chairman of the Appropriations Committee studying the bill to appropriate more "representation allowance," or entertainment expenses, for the State Department.

While some officials in the American government try to drown their fears in drink, the Russians soberly and relentlessly drive forward in their campaign to win the world for atheistic, materialistic communism.

### MORE WOMEN DRINKING NOW

The widespread and expensive advertising campaign of the liquor interests is paying off—for them. Women are being deceived into believing that alcoholic drinks are an indispensable part of the American way of life for them, as well as for men.

Two years ago a public opinion poll disclosed that 45 per cent of all adult women drank liquor at least occasionally. A few months ago another poll showed that 54 per cent now drink.

The U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare estimates that there are five million alcoholics in this country and that the number is rising 200,000 a year.

Until recently, most experts believed that there were six male alcoholics to one female alcoholic. Now they think the ratio is three to one.

And of the women alcoholics, 97 per cent are not barflies or underworld characters but suburban housewives including mothers who are supposed to be setting standards for the rising generation. What will America be like twenty years from now unless present trends are reversed by a great spiritual awakening?

## Morals

### LOWER MORAL STANDARDS BLAMED FOR RISE IN SOCIAL DISEASE

A breakdown in morality was blamed for a nation-wide increase of 192 per cent in infectious venereal-disease cases in the U.S. since 1957. The sharp rise was reported by the American Social Health Association.

In New York City, health experts

were told, the VD rate has risen 300 per cent in three years.

According to *U. S. News and World Report*, Dr. William J. Brown of the U. S. Public Health Service says a lowering of moral standards is evident.

#### MINNESOTA GETS NEW LAW AGAINST OBSCENE LITERATURE

A new obscene literature law has been enacted by the Minnesota state legislature to replace one declared unconstitutional recently by a district court.

The new law makes it a crime to "knowingly" exhibit or distribute such material. It defines obscene literature as follows: "Whether to the average person, applying contemporary community standards, the dominant theme of the material taken as a whole appeals to prurient interests."

Violators will be fined \$20 to \$100 for each offense.

## Moslems

#### PRISONERS ASK FOR MOSLEM TEMPLES

Moslem prisoners in New York State are demanding concessions for the practice of their religion. More than 100 court actions have been brought by prisoners, many of whom have been converted to the Moslem faith while in jail. Many are Negroes (half of the 19,500 people in New York state prisons are Negroes).

Among other things, the prisoners are asking the right to receive visits from officials of the Temple of Islam in New York City, to hold meetings within the prison, and even to build temples within the prison yards.

#### MUSLIM LEADER TOURS ASIA

In a current tour of Asian countries, Sheik Mahmoud Shaltout, highest religious figure in the Muslim world, recently visited the Philippines where there is an estimated Muslim population of 800,000. The 69-year-old Sheik was accorded the same degree of reverence by Muslims as the Pope would receive from Roman Catholics.

Following a strategy similar to the Vatican's which now appoints Asian leaders to its highest offices, the Muslim Sheik said he favored the inclusion of Senator Domocao Alonto, president of the Muslim Association of the Philippines, to the Council of Elders of the Islam religion. *Far East News Service* states that this powerful body is composed of thirty members, all of whom are Egyptians at the present time.

# Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**Can you explain the meaning of the title, "Lord Jesus Christ"?**

"Lord" means *Sir*, or *Master*. "Jesus" means the same as Joshua—*Jehovah-Saviour*. "Christ" means *Anointed One*, or *Messiah*. It is the title of the Son of God, never the title of the Father or the Holy Ghost. 2 Corinthians 13:14.

**Is it right for a minister to try to mould a church in his likeness?**

Ministers cannot avoid the influence of their personality. However, the supreme desire of a minister should be to see the members of his flock molded into the image of Christ. The apostle longed to see Christ reproduced in the believers (Galatians 4:19).

**What did Paul mean when he wrote, "Blindness in part is happened unto Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in"? Why did he say "blindness in part," rather than just blindness? Romans 11:25.**

As a nation, Israel has been blind to the gospel of Christ. They have not, however, been entirely blind to their calling, or to reverence to God and His law. As a nation, Israel still reveres God. Their blindness concerning Christ will be removed when Christ comes again. They will then "look on him whom they have pierced" and repent. See Zechariah 12:10 to 13:1. Their national restoration to Christ is foretold in Romans 11:26.

**What happens to the souls of those who commit suicide?**

Only God knows the hearts of all men. He alone knows what nervous breakdowns and deep despair can bring. Therefore, we do well to commit to the judgment of God any who have taken their own lives. At the same time we never should minimize the seriousness of suicide for it is self-murder and the Bible says no murderer shall inherit the kingdom of God.

**I believe in worshiping God correctly, but I cannot find any reference in the Bible to what we call an "altar service." An altar in Israel was a place where animals and other sacrifices were offered to God. Please explain.**

An altar in our churches is a bench at the front of the auditorium where people may kneel to offer themselves to God. The apostle Paul exhorts us to present our bodies "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God" (Romans 12:1). Sinners come to the altar and kneel there in prayer, giving their hearts to God and putting their trust in Jesus, the Lamb of God. Christians come to the altar and kneel there, offering their lives to the Lord as "living sacrifices." Altar services have helped many people to find Christ; but if other churches have a different form of worship which gets similar results, we find no fault in this.

**Jesus said to Peter in Luke 22:32, "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Did this mean that Peter was not saved at this time?**

Before this time Peter was saved, since his name was written in heaven with the other disciples. Luke 10:20. But Jesus knew that in the darkness that would descend upon the disciples when He was taken and crucified, Peter would fail and even deny his Lord. Also, Jesus knew that though Peter would fail under pressure, yet he would still love Him. So when Jesus was risen from the grave, He sent word by the women to "tell his disciples and Peter, that he goeth before you into Galilee" (Mark 16:7 and Matthew 28:7). There Peter was converted, or turned again toward the Lord, and restored (John 21:15), and he was told how he must die for Jesus (John 21:18, 19).

*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).*



# The Bible - What It Is and What It Does

By Albert J. Gunter

UNDER THE ROYAL COMMAND OF King James I, fifty-four learned scholars spent seven years in compiling one book. It was a book that was to literally challenge and change the English-speaking world.

In 1611, exactly 350 years ago, the first edition of the King James (Authorized) Version of the Holy Bible came off the printing presses in London.

The success of this volume down through the years has been phenomenal. If an author sold as many books in one year as the Bible sells in one week, he could retire and live in luxury. One could write many pages on the effect of the Word of God on individuals and even entire nations, and it would be possible to quote facts regarding its sales and universal appeal until our heads whirled under the avalanche of figures.

To us as Christians, facts about our Bible are both important and in-

teresting. To us as Pentecostal Christians, however, what is even more important is the actual message contained within the covers of the Holy Writ.

As Christians, the Bible must play a very important part in our life. Not only will it be the book that is most often found in our hands, but its precepts must guide and, in fact, rule our lives.

Whatever laws we are bound by, the law of God must be supreme. Whatever else we are guided by, the one guide that we can rely upon is the written Word of the Lord. The words of the Psalmist are very true: "*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path*" (Psalm 119:105). It is interesting to note that the *law* or *commandments* of God are mentioned, in some form or other, in every verse in this Psalm. So important is the Word of God.

What is the Bible to us? It meant a lot to those who, under the inspira-

tion of the Holy Ghost, wrote it. It meant a lot to that noble host of men and women who became martyrs rather than renounce their faith in the Bible. It meant a lot to men and women like Carey, Brainerd, Mary Slessor, and others who willingly suffered privations and hardships in order to make the glorious message of the Bible known to others.

The Bible, in figurative language, declares itself to be several different things, all of which are applicable to us today.

## A SWORD

The writer to the Hebrews tells us in the fourth chapter, verse twelve, "*The Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword.*" There is a cutting power in the Bible. It has an edge which is razor sharp.

We could compare it to the surgeon's scalpel. The doctor does not use his tool indiscriminantly, but he uses it to cut away that which is dead and cancerous. Similarly the Word of God will cut away all that is corrupt and evil in our lives.

If the patient had not received some sort of anaesthetic, the surgeon's work would prove to be very painful to the patient. Without it, however, it might be impossible to save the patient's life. Although the pain would be almost unbearable, it would be the only means of sparing the life.

The Word of the Lord will cut right into us, dividing as it were between soul and spirit. It might well prove to be a painful experience, but it is the only way to save our lives and our souls from being destroyed by that malignant disease—sin.

Referring once more to our illustration of a sick man, notice that he will only be able to appreciate his painful

## Rare Copy of King James Bible Viewed on 350th Anniversary

C. C. Burnett, President of Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, Calif. is shown a first edition of the King James Bible by Secretary Gerald Boyce of the Church Relations Department of the American Bible Society. Christians throughout the world are observing the 350th anniversary of the King James Version this year.

The rare King James Bible is one of many historic volumes in the Bible Society's unique library which contains more than 21,000 volumes all on one book—the Bible.

Brother Burnett is a member of the special committee of the Advisory Council which recently met in New York to plan the program of the American Bible Society for the next five years, looking toward the Society's 150th anniversary in 1966.



treatment when he has recovered. When he is fit and healthy, no longer confined to a sick bed, he will be glad that he endured the pain inflicted by the surgeon, although at the time it was excruciating.

This fact is also very true spiritually. After the cutting and cleansing power of the Bible in our lives, we become new creatures. Then we are glad we endured the experience, although painful. The Bible says, "*No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby*" (Hebrews 12:11).

#### A FIRE

God's Word, however, is not merely like a sword. God Himself says, in Jeremiah 23:29, "*Is not my word like as a fire?*" Surely we cannot find a better analogy than this. There are many ways in which we can liken the Bible to a fire.

(a) It gives warmth and comfort. To the Christian there is no greater comfort, in times of distress or perplexity, than the words of the Master as recorded in Holy Writ.

The story is told of Sir Walter Scott, the famous writer, that, on his deathbed, he turned to his servant and requested him to read a little from the Book. The servant, a little bewildered, looked up at the book-covered walls and asked, "From which book, Sir?" To which Scott replied, "There is only one Book."

Similar stories could be told in their thousands. Stories of men and women, who, when everything has been against them, found help in the Bible; when hemmed in from all sides, or faced with death, they have turned for consolation and encouragement to the Word of Life.

(b) A fire also has healing potentialities. When one is in pain, the comfort that warmth can supply has to be experienced to be appreciated. How often in an illness that brings pain and stiffness the doctor will prescribe some form of heat treatment.

The Bible also contains wonderful healing powers; it is like a balm which brings welcome relief. The words of the Bible, when they become real to us, are able to put a silver lining on the darkest clouds.

(c) A fire has burning properties. It will not burn anything and everything, however. It will burn the wood,

the hay, and the stubble, but the silver and gold it will refine. God's Word has cleansing and purifying power. It will completely burn up anything which is less than the best. It will also purify that which is good in our lives, making it better.

We have a wonderful promise in Zechariah 13:9, regarding God's kiln. "*And I will bring the third part through the fire, and I will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on My name, and I will hear them; I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God.*"

#### A HAMMER

Referring once more to the writings of Jeremiah, the same chapter and verse, we find the Word of God is likened to a hammer. "*Is not My word like... a hammer that breaketh the rocks in pieces?*"

I have watched a gang of men working in a small quarry. Armed with large sledge hammers, it's not long before they have reduced the largest boulders into small convenient-sized stones.

The laborer is quite helpless without the hammer. He never could make any difference to the size of the rocks with his bare hands. The hammer, likewise is useless by itself. The ideal arrangement comes about when the workman uses the hammer. It then can break in pieces the biggest rocks. The Bible, when used correctly, is the most powerful and reliable weapon in the heavenly armory. It can break the strongest chains and fetters, but it must be used by persons who have faith in God.

#### A BOOK WITH A MISSION

Although most men will admit, perhaps reluctantly, the value and importance of the Holy Scriptures, many are vague as to why they were written. The Bible lists at least three very important reasons why God should have recorded His message to mankind.

(1) Hebrews 10:7 tells us, "*Lo I come... to do Thy will O God.*" One reason for the writing of the Bible was to show us God's will. To the child of God, nothing is more important than the will of his Father.

While it would be impossible to even list all the facets of the will of God, there is one side worth our special attention. Paul tells us that the will of God is perfect. There is nothing haphazard about it; it has been planned

to the most minute detail. Unlike the plans and blueprints of man, the will of God is final; there will be no amendments to it. The Psalmist said, "*Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven*" (Psalm 119:89). There is no variance between one part and another. Every section of the will of God is in complete harmony with the other. It is, in every sense of the word, perfect.

(2) Another reason for the recording of Holy Writ is given by John in his Gospel, the last verse of chapter twenty, "*These things are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.*" The Bible was not written as wonderful literature; it was not written to provide preachers with texts for their sermons, nor to supply theologians with doctrines to ponder and argue over; nor was it written merely to give us some very interesting stories to read. It was written to establish our faith in Almighty God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Without these two simple basic facts, the Bible is a closed book to us. When in faith we embrace these two fundamentals of its teaching, the Bible then opens up to us in a marvelous manner. On the foundation that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, rests the whole superstructure of the Christian faith.

(3) To cite the apostle John again, in the same chapter and verse, "*... that believing ye might have life through His name.*" This is the ultimate purpose of the Bible, that we might receive life, eternal life, from God.

The Bible tells us that God does not will the death of one sinner. This is evident from even a cursory reading of the Scripture. No sooner had Adam sinned than God had promised a Saviour. God did not spare even His Son. He reached His limit at Calvary; He could do no more to give us salvation than to give us His Son; and He could give no greater gift than that of eternal life.

It was to tell us these things that the Bible was written. Let us, on this 350th anniversary of the printing of the greatest English Version of the Bible, openly renew our faith and confidence in the Word of God. In Pentecostal circles, the Bible always has held a high and lofty position. Let us, in these days when men would try to shake our beliefs, show the world, in an even clearer picture, that we are a people of one book, and that book is the Bible. ◀ ◀



## On Home Missions Fields, Child Evangelism Is Often a

# Door to the Heart

BY RUTH LYON

**S**UFFER THE KIDS TO COME BY ME and ya dasn't tell 'em no, for they belongs by heaven," the ragged little urchin rattled off to his teacher in a New York City Mission. The Sunday school worker hid her surprise and amusement at this unusual rendition of Mark 10:14.

Later, while pondering this response to her request to repeat the scripture, she considered the importance of Jesus' command, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not..." and from that day forth she redoubled her child evangelism efforts in the slums of New York City.

Assemblies of God home missionaries consider child evangelism a vital part of their church activities. Missionaries are appointed in five of the

seven Special Ministries fields under the supervision of the National Home Missions Department: Alaska, American Indian, Jewish, Deaf, and Blind.

On Home Missions fields, often children are led to Christ through special child evangelism activities. Children are naturally drawn to the Lord and open their hearts like flowers to drink in the gospel teaching.

Child evangelism is often the door to parents' hearts as well.

For instance, take the case of the Indian children in San Carlos, Ariz., who asked for shoes so they could keep attending Sunday school. The O. B. Treeces, missionaries, supplied the shoes. Several months before, they had had opportunity to show kindness to the children's drunken father, and he never forgot it. The Sunday following the request for shoes, the whole family came to church! Now the father, who is a musician, uses his talent for the Lord.

Home missionaries employ various methods of child evangelism. Each chooses the activity which is best suited to his particular area. For Sunday school opening worship services, some missionaries find flannelgraph or flash-card stories and short Bible quizzes helpful in teaching and in creating interest. Besides Sunday school, here are some of the most successful methods missionaries use:

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Gerald Lees, missionaries in Homer, Alaska, report new families started attending their services as a result of VBS. At Cordova, Alaska, vacation Bible school is an important event for the children, Missionary C. B. Personeus writes. The majority of Alaska workers find VBS a wedge into the community life and, more specifically, the home.

On Indian reservations, missionaries have used the VBS approach with encouraging results. As an example, numbers of children have been saved each May in the VBS conducted by the Winslow Indian Assembly to reach the boys and girls living in the Indian dormitory. These children are sent home each summer. The VBS classes convene after regular school each evening.

Child evangelism efforts of the missionaries at Shiprock, N. Mex., the Charles Lees, have been largely responsible for the more than 200 members of the church who now attend regularly.

Among the six foreign branches of the Assemblies of God, VBS plays a major role. A new Spanish Assembly was started with a vacation Bible school at Globe, Ariz. Many of the children who attended were from Catholic homes.

### RELEASED-TIME CLASSES

This method of evangelism is not so common as others, but where the opportunity presents itself it is a valuable contact for missionaries. About five years ago, the Lord opened the door for the Caleb Smiths at Gallup, N. Mex., to go to the Government Indian school on the reservation each week for one-hour religious education classes.

Twenty boys and girls, ranging in age from six to eleven years, attend the Smiths' classes. Keen interest in the study of the Bible is evident.

Most of the children in the classes attend the Smiths' Indian Mission in Gallup on Sunday and when school is out. A number have been saved.

Mrs. David Phillips, missionary to Indians at Hoopa, Calif., and four other workers from the Hoopa Assembly assist Mrs. Paschall who directs the



Mrs. David Phillips teaching religious class of white and Indian children, Hoopa, Calif.



Children's story hour group in front of ramada (brush arbor) at Sells, Ariz.



Children attending VBS at the Indian Mission in Gallup, N. Mex.

released-time classes in the Hoopa church once a week. Around four hundred children (both Indian and white) are enrolled. All are Protestants.

#### STORY HOURS

Many home missionaries find Bible-story hours especially profitable. W. E. Anderson, missionary to Indians at La Push, Wash., finds an evening children's hour best suited to his situation. Missionary Owen Mincks of Aberdeen, S. Dak., reports that Bible-story hours have been responsible for parents' coming out to special meetings on the Cheyenne Reservation.

Children who never would be allowed to come to Sunday school because of their own church affiliations are reached through the weekly Bible-story hour at Haines, Alaska. Cordova, Alaska, missionaries conduct Bible Scouts (a Bible-story hour with patriotic emphasis) with encouraging results.

#### CHILDREN'S REVIVALS

Children's revivals, usually consecutive meetings for a two- or three-week period, provide another effective avenue of child evangelism.

The Virgil Zeiglers of Tucson, Ariz., had a very successful Kids Krusade (a series of meetings) with the Leo Banksons in charge. Since the Krusade, new Indian children are attending Sunday school and unsaved parents are meeting the church bus and visiting a little with the missionaries.

#### OTHER PROJECTS

Extra activities for children directly add to the enrollment of the Sunday school and also increase the outreach into the community. Believing this, John E. Phillips, missionary at Skagway, Alaska, has several projects such as a Bible club for children five to nine; workbook and handcraft classes for junior boys one evening a week; and Junior and Senior Missionette groups.

Christmas activities, which interest both children and parents, afford special opportunity for participation of children. The majority of missionaries take advantage of this. Many unsaved parents who have come to see a Christmas program have been pricked in their hearts by the gospel and have returned again and again until they have found Christ.

Child evangelism needs no champion. Its results speak loudly for themselves.

# Healed of Blindness

The Personal Testimony  
of Mrs. Donald Baker of  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**T**HE MIRACLE OF HEALING BEGAN in my eyes one month after my conversion in September of 1959. My eyesight has steadily improved since that time.

Stigmatism had caused nearsightedness since my birth in 1937. I attended a public school through the ninth grade, but as my sight grew worse it became necessary for me to attend the Oklahoma School for the Blind. There I learned Braille, a system of tiny raised dots on paper, which can be read with the finger tips.

During my tenth grade of high school I had brain surgery in an attempt to improve my condition. Many have not recovered from this type of surgery, but the doctors were amazed at the success of the operation. They released me from the hospital after two weeks. I did not know Christ as my personal Saviour at that time, but I did realize the power and greatness of God. I wanted to dedicate my life to Him, even though I knew it would be impossible to repay God for His concern for individuals.

After graduation from high school, I began my study of music with a major in organ at the Southwestern State College in Weatherford, Okla. It became very difficult to study, however, as more and more spots began forming on the cornea of the eyeballs, resulting in a great loss of sight. Tension increased within me and I soon found it necessary to withdraw from school.

In June of 1959, while in an office equipment store in Oklahoma City I came in contact with Catherine Osborn, a faithful member of Faith Tabernacle in Oklahoma City. In the course of conversation she asked me about my musical ability and invited me to play a special number for a Christ's Ambassadors service. Mrs. Osborn became very burdened for my spiritual and physical condition and prayed earnestly for me, claiming the promise that nothing is impossible with God.

After a few months the results of her faith and prayers were evident. In September, 1959, I found Christ as Saviour and a month later my sight began to return. Objects became clearer and clearer and lights appeared brighter.

On one particular day, especially, more sight came rapidly. On the following Sunday night, while testifying of God's healing power, I stated that I could then distinguish faces. I could not recognize my friends by their faces, however, as I had never seen them before. A man in the audience cleared his throat and from this sound I recognized him and his wife seated by him.

One characteristic of blind persons is the special ability to recognize individuals by sound and voices. It was a thrill to see the faces of my friends for the first time. It was even possible to describe the details of the dress the lady (whom I mentioned before) was wearing. This couple and their children have been instrumental in leading me into a deeper spiritual life. The Lord baptized me with the Holy Spirit on April 23, 1961, two weeks after I was united in marriage with Donald Baker. Donald is blind, but we are believing God for healing.

After attending Faith Tabernacle for a short time we were thrilled to discover through the pastor, S. J. Scott, that full-gospel Braille literature and gospel tapes are available for the Blind from the National Home Missions Department. The materials are a great blessing to Donald, as I am sure they are to hundreds of other blind persons. He has been saved and was gloriously baptized with the Holy Spirit on March 29, 1961. We have dedicated our lives to the Lord's service.

It is wonderful to realize that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). What He has done for others He can do for you. Jesus can meet your need today. ◀◀



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Baker



# Third School of Missions Convenes in Springfield

BY RAYMOND T. BROCK

**M**ISSIONARIES FROM AROUND THE world and candidates for missionary appointment are meeting in Springfield, Mo., June 12-23 for the third annual School of Missions sponsored by the Assemblies of God. Joining the missionaries this year will be the missionary secretaries from our various districts and teachers of missions in our Bible colleges.

Noel Perkin, Director Emeritus of the Foreign Missions Department, is again serving as Dean of the School of Missions. He has invited a number of outstanding speakers to participate in this year's school. Dr. Henry Brandt, representative of the Inter-Mission Candidate Training Program, will discuss "A Basis for Evaluating Yourself" and "Living Together in the Mission Family."

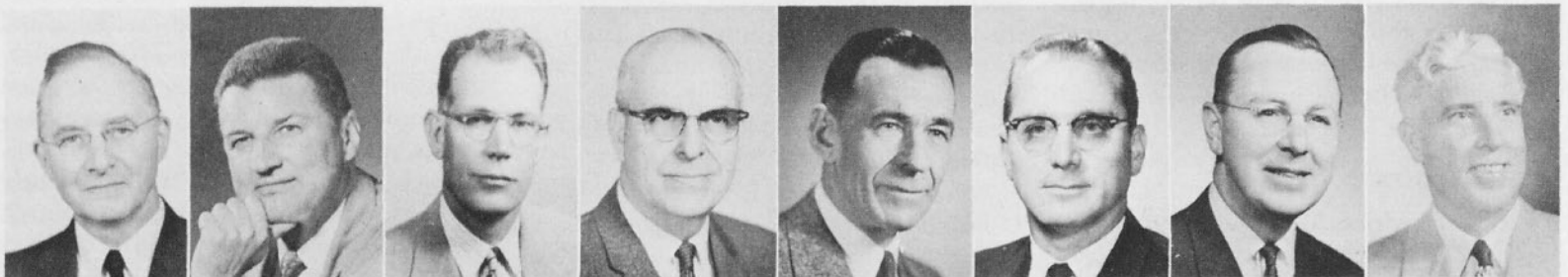
Dr. Clyde W. Taylor's contribution to the school last year was so vital that he is returning this year to speak on the subjects, "Communism, Catholicism, and Missions," and "Current World Events and Missions." As Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, Dr. Taylor is an authority in his field.

Newcomers to the School of Missions include Dr. F. W. Langham, Executive Director of the Central Region of the American Bible Society, and George R. Upton, Foreign Missions Secretary of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

Faculty members for the two-week school include J. Philip Hogan, Executive Director of the Foreign Missions Department; R. T. McGlasson, Foreign Missions Secretary; M. L.

Ketcham, Field Secretary for the Far East; M. L. Hodges, Field Secretary for Latin America and the West Indies; E. L. Phillips, Field Secretary for Africa; V. G. Greisen, Field Secretary for Europe and Southern Asia; W. R. Hurst, Secretary of Promotions; R. T. Brock, Editor of Foreign Missions Publications; C. W. Denton, National Secretary of the Sunday School Department; R. C. Fulmer, National Secretary of the Christ's Ambassadors Department; Mrs. Mildred Smuland, National Secretary for the Women's Missionary Council; T. C. Cunningham, District Missionary Secretary of Southern California; Mrs. Melvin Hodges, former missionary to Latin America; Mrs. W. R. Hurst, former missionary to Tanganyika; and P. H. Pipkin, missionary and representative of the Asia Missionary Radio Crusade of the Assemblies of God.

Welcoming the School of Missions to the Central Bible Institute campus will be President J. Robert Ashcroft who will present the opening devotional message. Ernest S. Williams, former General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, will present a series of devotional messages relating the missionary's personal life to his ministry. John F. Hall, missionary to West Africa, and Ernest C. Sumrall, member



Noel Perkin Dr. Henry Brandt Dr. Clyde Taylor Dr. F. Langham George R. Upton J. Philip Hogan R. T. McGlasson M. L. Ketcham



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of the Foreign Missions Board and pastor of Stone Church, Chicago, Ill., will also participate in the devotional periods.

Last year 45 missionary candidates and 37 veteran missionaries attended the School of Missions.

Two-thirds of these candidates have

already sailed for their fields of service and the remaining couples are scheduled to leave during the summer.

Pray for this important training session for our missionaries. The instruction and inspiration received will increase the effectiveness of our missionary program around the world.



National pastor Samuel Jensen directs the boys in their morning flag-raising ceremonies in the Machali city park in Chile.

## Christian Cadets in Chile

**C**ADETES CRISTIANOS (CHRISTIAN Cadets) is reaching boys and girls of Chile with the Pentecostal message.

In conjunction with the district camp at Machali in Central Chile, a special Christian Cadet camp was conducted. The city park was made available for the activities. Each morning at the flag-raising ceremonies people from the town watched the boys and girls and voiced their interest in the cadet program.

Mrs. Wesley Bjur reports that before the camp was over "most of the boys received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and all of them went away with a new experience in their hearts.

"After one of the all-night prayer meetings at the camp, two of the boys went out into the country to pray for a sick woman," reports Mrs. Everett Devine. "They found and brought the

whole family to church where several of them were saved."

Pray for the continued blessing of the Lord upon these boys and girls as they take the inspiration of this Christian camping experience throughout the country of Chile.



Most of the boys were baptized with the Holy Spirit at Christian Cadet Camp.

## Evangelist in the Sunday School

BY WOODROW YASUHARA  
Superintendent of First Assembly, Honolulu

**F**IRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD IN HONOLULU, Hawaii, where Eldon Vincent is pastor, puts special emphasis on evangelizing the children of its Sunday school.

Sunday school teachers are encouraged to take special courses in personal work and teacher training at the Aloha Bible Institute.

Besides the sixty-one teachers and workers, First Assembly also has an evangelist for the Sunday school. This evangelist takes a different class each Sunday, allowing the teacher to attend the adult class. He does not teach the regular Sunday school lesson, but gives an evangelistic message which is followed by an altar service. The results have been gratifying. Many have accepted Christ as their Saviour through this evangelistic ministry.

It is true that leading his pupil to Christ is the teacher's first responsibility. So is it the responsibility of a pastor in his church. That children also respond to the special ministry of an evangelist has been proved by our Sunday school.

Kirby Hunter has had a very excellent ministry in this capacity. Since this method of evangelizing the children started six months ago, 111 have accepted Christ or renewed their consecration.

## MISSIONARY News Notes

**COMING:** Mr. and Mrs. **Herman Engelgau** are home from Upper Volta. Their address is 5725 N. E. 62nd Ave., Portland 18, Oregon.

The **Robert Boltens** have arrived from Formosa. They may be reached % Pastor Harry Schaumberg, 425 Elm St., Kearny, N. J.

Home from North India is Miss **Mary Waggoner**. She is living at 504 N. Maple Ave., Argos, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. **Richard McGee** have arrived from Nicaragua. Their address is 22299 Wyman, Detroit 19, Mich.

**BIRTH:** A baby daughter, Evangeline Ruth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. **Lawrence R. Larson** (Fiji) on April 15, 1961. Mr. and Mrs. **Vernon Metz** (Dahomey) welcomed a new son, Roger Lee, into their home on April 17, 1961.

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# SPEAKING of BOOKS

BY RUSSELL P. SPITTLER

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As a service to Evangel readers the price and order number are given for each book. All books reviewed here may be obtained from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

## DONALD GEE'S NEWEST BOOK

*FRUITFUL OR BARREN?* by Donald Gee. 98 pages. \$1.25. Order Number, 2 RV 502.

What you *are* is far more important than what you *do*. *Being* a Christian exceeds *doing* Christian acts.

Two Pentecostal privileges are the gifts of the Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit—the “gifts and the graces” of the Spirit, as one writer calls them. The gifts in expression are what we *do*, even though it is the Holy Spirit who motivates such action. The fruit of the Spirit, on the other hand, is the manifestation of what we *are*.

The gifts of the Spirit concern Christian *action*. The fruit of the Spirit produces Christian *character*. The one shows the Spirit in us to *do*; the other shows the Spirit in us to *be*. God's will for every believer is that both his action and his character be powered by the Spirit.

In this brand new book, Donald Gee has given us another study on the fruit of the Spirit. Taking one translation of the Greek word for fruit, he emphasizes throughout the book that the nine-fold fruit of the Spirit constitutes a “Pentecostal *harvest*,” an abundance of ripened Christian character matured by the inward work of the Spirit.

In a refreshing way, the author has suggested a triple partitioning of the nine stated qualities of character constituting the “fruit of the Spirit.” The fertilizing force of the Spirit yields a harvest for others—love, long-suffering, gentleness. It yields a harvest for ourselves—joy, peace, temperance. It yields a harvest for God—goodness, faithfulness, meekness. Thus, the three primary relationships of man—to others, to God, to himself—are all governed by the work of the Spirit.

An interesting and helpful chapter treats “Holiness and Spiritual Gifts,” addressing itself to the distressing problem of the existence of the one without the other. “Here we touch one of the

deepest reasons why those exercising spiritual gifts sometimes fail in holiness. They shirk the cost” (page 77).

*Fruitful or Barren?* is not the same book, though it concerns the same subject, as the author's earlier study on *The Fruit of the Spirit*. This new treatment represents a maturity of thought and study ripened by experience. *Fruitful or Barren?* presents an intelligent, satisfying, and refreshing exposition of the concern of the Spirit for Christian character.

## THOUGHTS ON PENTECOSTAL UNITY

*ALL WITH ONE ACCORD*, by Donald Gee. 61 pages. 60c. Order number 2 RV 689.

The Pentecostal movement has been primarily an *evangelistic* movement. Its major concern has been to apply the experienced power of the Holy Spirit in getting out the gospel. Education was sacrificed on the altar of evangelism—a far better sacrifice than the reverse, if the choice must be made.

For this reason we have produced few thinkers but many doers. There have been “not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble” among us, as among the Corinthian Christians (1 Corinthians 1: 26). Pentecostal evangelism we have always had. Pentecostal theology is just beginning to grow. Whatever development of theological expression has taken place came about as a response to some specific challenge. (The most elaborate portion of our statement of fundamental beliefs—itself nearly as long as all the rest of the tenets of faith put together—opposes the so-called “Jesus only” teaching which arose around forty-five years ago.)

While it is true that we are essentially a revival movement, God has not left the Pentecostal movement without a thin line of teachers whose balanced judgment has given stability to a movement susceptible by its very nature to enthusiastic eccentricity. In the Assem-

blies of God, surely the names of P. C. Nelson and Myer Pearlman rank high. It is no accident that the libraries at Southwestern Bible College and Central Bible Institute bear their names, respectively.

In our own day, such a leveling influence has come to be connected with the name of Donald Gee. When the World Conference of Pentecostal Churches sought an editor for its news magazine *Pentecost* containing items of interest concerning the Pentecostal revival throughout the world, Donald Gee was chosen. A Britisher, for many years he has served as the busy principal of the Assemblies of God Bible School at Kenley, Surrey, England.

Many readers have already translated into their own experience the previous writings of Donald Gee. Still available and still profitable are more than a half-dozen titles by this modern Pentecostal statesman.

*All With One Accord* gathers together for the first time in one volume eleven outstanding editorials originally published in *Pentecost*. (Incidentally, this magazine, which is issued four times a year, would make an excellent supplement to your *Evangel* reading. A subscription may be placed by sending one dollar for six issues to the Foreign Missions Department or the Gospel Publishing House at Springfield, Missouri.) To these eleven editorials is added an outstanding address on “The Pentecostal Experience,” given by Donald Gee at the Fifth World Pentecostal Conference in Toronto, Canada.

The range and depth of these editorials may be gauged partially from their titles. One demonstrates the basic harmony between “Healing Campaigns and Bible Schools.” Another traces the relation between “Mental Health and Pentecostal Religion.” A third calls the attention of the Church to its own creed, “I Believe in the Holy Ghost.” Still another summarizes “What Others Are Saying About Us.” The title of the book is drawn from the first essay, which explores “Possible Pentecostal Unity.”

Note these samples of illuminating quotations: “A besetting weakness that has dogged the Pentecostal revival from its beginning has been misguided attempts to produce apparent evidences of the Pentecostal experience without its reality. It is infinitely better to *wait many days* for the real experience, if need be, than to be defrauded hastily

with a worthless imitation" (page 55).

"My friend says that a certain preacher, after receiving his personal Pentecostal experience, has 'gone back to the churches.' But he has not, as I suppose, left the Church. This contradistinction between the Pentecostal movement and the 'churches' is a bad hangover from the early years of mutual ostracism" (page 37).

"Conservative evangelicals seem increasingly willing to have fellowship with us, and we are very happy to reciprocate in Christ. This does not mean that the other denominations have been converted to our particular doctrine, neither does it mean that we are prepared to compromise. What it does mean is that a clearer sense of proportion has come to us all" (page 32).

This brief, clearly-written book voids the criticism that Pentecostalism has no persons who, avoiding exclusivism, are alert to currents in the modern church scene. Subtly drawn, you will find here a positive and constructive—yet acutely critical—attitude toward the modern "Ecumenical Movement," the "urge to merge" found in recent Protestantism.

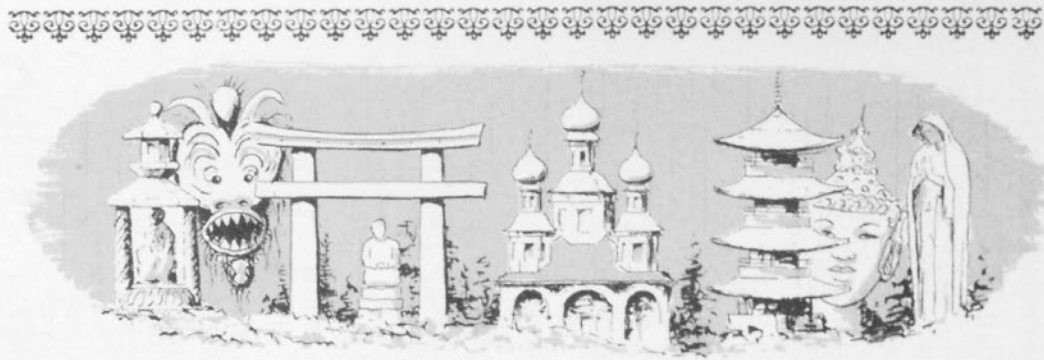
Responsible church leaders—laymen or ministers, at local, district, or national levels—will be digesting this book. It will appeal to all who have any interest in the solid Pentecostal thought that lies behind fervent Pentecostal action. ◀◀

### "I Want to Be Like Old Jim!"

A village carpenter in an Indiana town always started down the main street to church on Sunday morning promptly at 9:15. He wanted to be on time for Sunday school. This man's name was Jim. The villagers for many years had learned that they could set their clocks by his regular trips.

Now, Jim wasn't an orator. He couldn't sing a solo. He was just a quiet Christian who went to church every Sunday, come rain, blizzard or shine.

One of the "wild" young fellows at the village tavern was heard to remark, "If I ever become a Christian, I want to be like Old Jim!" During the next Easter season, this same young man did turn from sin to the Saviour, and become an active member of the church. What initiated the change? It was the faithful example of loyal Old Jim who plodded down the street precisely at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday. Old Jim's feet preached a very effective sermon through all those years!



# Useless Kinds of Religions

BY J. C. RYLE

**T**HERE ARE TWO WAYS BY WHICH A man may lose his soul.

(1) He may lose his soul by living and dying without any religion at all. He may live and die like a beast, prayerless, godless, graceless, faithless. This is a sure way to hell.

(2) He may lose his soul by taking up some useless kind of religion. He may live and die contenting himself with a false Christianity, and resting on a baseless hope. This probably is the most common way to hell that there is today.

Let me tell you what I mean by useless kinds of religion.

A religion is entirely useless in which Jesus Christ is not the principal object, and does not fill the principal place. There are many calling themselves Christians who know practically nothing about Christ. Their religion consists in a few vague notions and empty expressions. They trust they are no worse than many others. They attend their church. They try to do their duty. They do nobody any harm. They hope God will be merciful to them. They trust the Almighty will pardon their sins, and take them to heaven when they die. This is about the whole of their religion.

But what do these people know practically about Christ? Nothing—nothing at all! What experimental acquaintance have they with his office and work, His blood, His righteousness, His meditation, His intercession? None! Ask them about a saving faith; ask them about being born again of the Spirit; ask

them about being sanctified in Christ Jesus. What answer will you get? You are a barbarian to them. You have asked them simple Bible questions, but they know no more about them experimentally than a Buddhist or a Turk. And yet this is the religion of hundreds and thousands of people who are called Christians all over the world.

If you are a man or woman of this kind, I warn you plainly that such Christianity will never take you to heaven. It may do very well in the eyes of man. It may be very acceptable at the church meeting, in the place of business, or in the streets. But it will never comfort you. It will never satisfy your conscience. It will never save your soul. Neither will it meet the approval of Almighty God.

I warn you plainly that all notions and theories about God being merciful, except through Christ, are baseless delusions and empty fancies. Such theories are purely an idol of man's invention. They are all products of earth. They never came down from heaven. The God of heaven has sealed and appointed Christ as the only Saviour—the only way of life—and all who would be saved must be content to be saved by Him, or they will never be saved at all.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Take notice and warning: A religion without Christ and His substitutionary sacrifice on the cross of Calvary will never save your soul.

—American Tract Society





# Fifty-five Souls Saved During Revivaltime Tour



by  
CYRIL McLELLAN  
Radio Choir Director

THE REVIVALTIME CHOIR HAS RECENTLY completed an eleven-day tour, in which the members presented sacred concerts and conducted services for churches in six states. At the conclusion of the trip, the choir rejoiced because fifty-five souls had been won for the Kingdom and several others were deeply convicted.

Pastors of the churches visited expressed appreciation for the Spirit-anointed ministry of the choir. Church members with whom the choir members stayed overnight reported the blessing they received from entertaining the choir members in their own homes. Singing to capacity crowds almost every night, the choir members themselves were greatly blessed from the tour.

The congregations were most impressed not by the perfection of musical technique but by the evident moving of God's Spirit upon the choir, the freedom of worship, and the sincere spiritual purpose of the young people. Each night in conclusion of the service, the choir presented a sermon in song entitled, "Christ Is the Answer." This presentation included the songs,

"Christ Is the Answer," "I'd Rather Have Jesus," "Then I Met the Master," "In Times Like These," and "Until Then," climaxing with "Room at the Cross." Pertinent narration was interspersed between these songs.

As the choir formed a "V" and a spotlight shone on the cross, an invitation for salvation and rededication was given. People were visibly moved as this sermon in song was presented. Often Christians would rejoice audibly, while others brushed tears from their eyes. The tremendous impact of thirty-three Spirit-anointed young people was felt by everyone.

In the Easter morning service in Louisville, Kentucky, the Spirit of God was present so mightily that eighteen came forward for salvation. A similar move occurred at Granite City, Illinois, the following week. Christians who had

grown somewhat cold in their experience were seen weeping their way through to victory.

The choir members will never forget the service in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. God blessed in such a wonderful way that it was impossible to conclude the service formally. The congregation moved forward to the altar, and God climaxed the service with a time of earnest prayer and great rejoicing.

One of the young ladies in the choir had a Roman Catholic sister-in-law in Philadelphia. Through the influence of the choir's ministry and the personal work by the choir member, this Roman Catholic lady was gloriously saved. Though it was all new to her, she stated that she now had a wonderful, clean feeling inside.

In another service there was an older lady who apparently was not a Christian. One of the girls in the choir went to talk to her. As soon as the lady was asked to come forward, she broke down and came. After she had prayed through to salvation, she told the choir member who had invited her to come forward that she had been hoping someone would talk to her. For several months she had come to church, but no one had asked her whether or not she was saved.

In Ohio, a very sophisticated young lady attended the service. She was extremely well dressed and appeared to be a person in high society. Throughout the entire service she sat very cold and unmoved. A choir member felt burdened for her and prayed during the service.

After the service, this young lady in the choir went to the girl to talk with her, but she remained unresponsive. She stated she belonged to a different denomination and prepared to leave. She had only walked about ten feet away, when the choir member felt impressed to speak to her once more.

She told the girl, "I wanted to walk away and leave you, but as I was walk-



Choir loading the risers and other equipment for the Revivaltime tour



Revivaltime choir and director prepare to board bus for eleven-day tour.

ing away, the Lord spoke to me to tell you that Jesus wants you." As she spoke, the girl broke into tears, went to the altar, and was saved.

Each choir member felt he had received a new burden for souls from the tour. One young man stated that his call to the ministry was confirmed. Other members confessed they had never really had a burden for lost humanity until the tour opened their eyes. Wonderful times were spent while having devotions on the bus. Some of the greatest moves of the Spirit occurred while en route to the next service.

During the two weeks' tour, the choir ministered to eleven churches in Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York. The members returned to Central Bible Institute with a new vision and enthusiasm for their regular ministry of singing each week on the *Revivaltime* broadcast.

We received nearly \$1,000 more than our expenses during the tour. These funds are earmarked for our special project—to pay toward the airtime costs of two stations in the Philippine Islands. Because of these contributions *Revivaltime* will continue to be carried over stations in Iloilo City and Cebu City for another year.

Thank God for the dedicated young people of the *Revivaltime* choir. If you have enjoyed their ministry in song, we would appreciate hearing from you. Write to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. We will be glad to hear that you are standing with us in prayer and support of the *Revivaltime* broadcast ministry.

## PLAN TO ATTEND



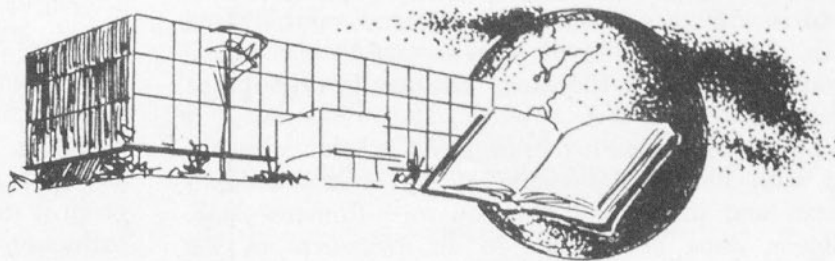
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# Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



## GIDEON, GOD'S MAN OF VALOR

Sunday School Lesson for June 18, 1961

JUDGES 6:1-34

"God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty... that no flesh should glory in his presence" (1 Corinthians 1:27, 29). This principle is strikingly illustrated in the life and work of Gideon. Gideon became the deliverer of his people not because of great natural ability and talent but by the transforming grace and power of God.

GIDEON'S COWARDICE. 6:1-18.

Gideon in these verses is a rather pathetic figure, timid and fearful, cowering in abject terror for fear of the Midianites. To such a man the Angelic Messenger said, "The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valor." How could such a thing be said of such a man?

(1) God sees men as they may become by His grace and power.

(2) Whether he knows it or not, any Christian who has the Lord with him is, by virtue of that relationship, a mighty man and more than a conqueror! Romans 8:37.

(3) Gideon must be aroused to an awareness of the possibilities of life in God! As long as he was content to think meanly of himself, and as long as he had no sense of having a mission in life, he could do nothing for God. He had ceased to believe in himself and God would have this man know that God believed in him!

How reluctantly Gideon seemed to accept God's verdict! "Oh... if... why?" How filled with uncertainty, unbelief, false humility, and persistent doubt! Yet how patient and tender was God in dealing with him. Twice more, God re-assured him, "Thou shalt save Israel... have I not sent thee?... Surely I will be with thee." It ought to be said in Gideon's defense, however, that he was a man who was sincere and who really wanted to believe. Unbelief had beclouded his judgment (as it always does), so that he was about to blame God for Israel's troubles instead of realizing that Israel's sufferings were due to her sins.

GIDEON'S CONVERSION. 6:19-24.

The oft-repeated Word of God, the miraculous fire that consumed the food Gideon laid out before the angel, the fleece—all these things worked together to transform Gideon. The fact that Gideon built an altar to Jehovah is a sign of his conversion, for the altar is the place where man and God meet, an outward symbol of an inward relationship between God and man. In naming the place Jehovah-shalom, which means "God is my peace," Gideon was testifying to the fact that faith had replaced fear and that God's peace had come to his soul.

GIDEON'S CONSECRATION. 6:25-32.

The reality of Gideon's conversion of heart is seen in his obedience to God's command that he tear down the altar of Baal that belonged to his father. In obeying God, Gideon risked his life, but he was willing. And, as a result of his courageous stand, his father forsook Baal-worship

too! Perhaps if there were more of such loyalty to divine principle, there would be more people won to Christ.

GIDEON'S CONTROLLER. 6:13, 14.

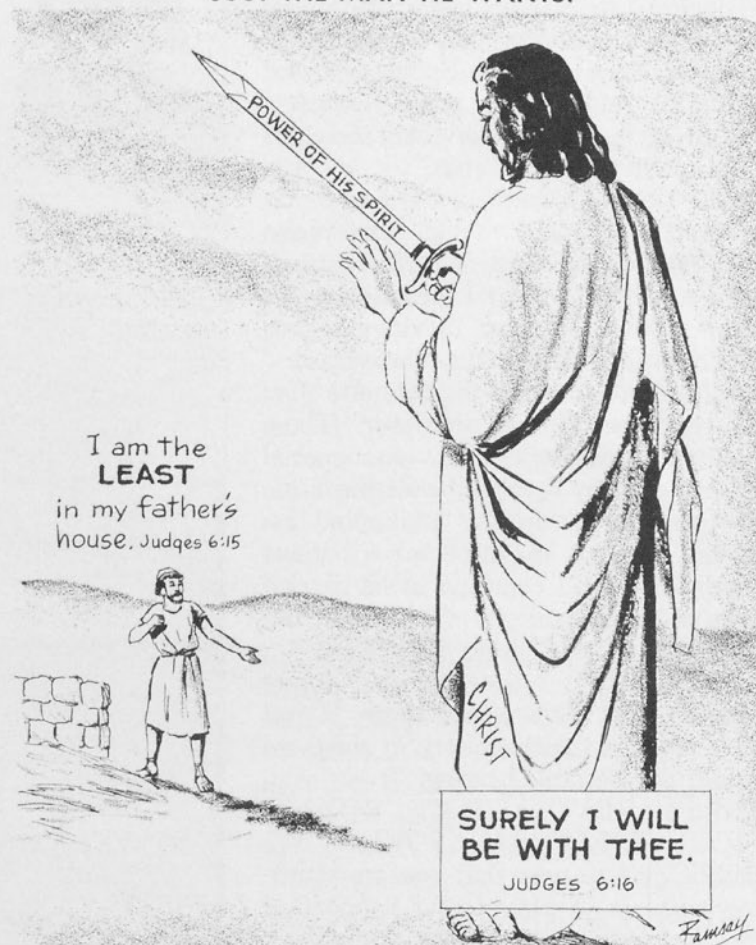
"But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon." Here is the secret of the success which was to come to Gideon. He became a God-controlled human being! And, again, does this not suggest the secret of the progress of the church today? We may justly thank God for better church edifices, better systems, better education than we had forty years ago, but all these things are not of significance in the spiritual realm except as they are *servants* of the Holy Spirit and not *substitutes* for the Holy Spirit! Men and methods controlled by God and anointed by the Spirit are the need today as much as in Gideon's day!

—J. Bashford Bishop

## HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT

The Lord sometimes gives us things that are too hard for us. He gives them to us that we may cast them upon Him for His all-sufficient grace and efficient working. "Cast what He hath given thee upon the Lord" is the marginal reading in the revised version of Psalm 55:22. We may have asked Him for new manifestations of His power in our lives, and God has met us by giving us some harder place, some more impossible task or burden. Perhaps our first impulse was to lay it down in discouragement as being too heavy for us to bear. Rather let us take it up and roll it over on Him, reminding Him that He has given it to us, and that He must carry us through this new pathway of faith and victory. We have His own warrant in the words: "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not."—A. B. Simpson

## JUST THE MAN HE WANTS!





# The Family Altar



MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS . . . . DAILY BIBLE READINGS . . . . BY R. G. CHAMPION

## MONDAY, JUNE 12

READ: Hebrews 3:7-19

LEARN: "For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end" (Hebrews 3:14).

FOR THE PARENT: From this passage point out: (1) the importance of having a tender conscience toward God and the things that are right, vv. 7, 8; (2) the reminder of the hardness of the hearts of the Israelites in the wilderness and the resulting punishment, vv. 9-11; (3) the warning this is to us, vv. 12-18; (4) the help we can be to one another, v. 13; (5) the qualifications for being a Christian, v. 14; (6) the cause of Israel's failures, v. 19.

QUESTION TIME: What lessons can we learn from the experiences of the Israelites in the wilderness? (See above)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Chaplain (Capt.) Wayne Rowland, Georgia; Edith V. Imhoff (superannuated), North India; Mrs. R. L. Johnston, Korea; Mrs. H. J. Petersen, Korea.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 13

READ: Hebrews 4:1-8

LEARN: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" (Hebrews 4:9).

FOR THE PARENT: Review yesterday's material, stressing how unbelief cheats us out of God's blessings and the privileges that are ours as God's children. The first three verses of this chapter repeat that thought: if we do not really believe God's promises, we cannot enter into the rest He has promised us. The writer then uses the illustration of how God rested on the seventh day of creation, v. 4. This is a type of the rest that God has for believers, vv. 5-8.

QUESTION TIME: Why didn't many of the Israelites enter into the rest that God prepared for them? (See above.) How can we enter into the rest that God has for us?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: T. Glenn Dunn, Philippines; Roy W. Armstrong, Philippines.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

READ: Hebrews 4:9-16

LEARN: "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the material studied earlier this week. Today's passage stresses the possibility of entering into the rest that God has for us—the rest in the confidence of the completed redemption God has provided for us. Show again the importance of faith, v. 11. Also point out: (1) what God's Word accomplished, vv. 12, 13; (2) Jesus is our High Priest in heaven, v. 14; (3) He knows and feels all our trials and can help us because He has conquered temptation, v. 15; (4) we can enter God's presence boldly in prayer, v. 16.

QUESTION TIME: What is the rest God has for us? How can Jesus help us in our daily lives? (vv. 14-16)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Olga V. Olsson, Germany; Palma Ramsborg, Taiwan; Mrs. R. M. Stawinski, Paraguay; Delbert H. Tarr, Republic of Upper Volta.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 15

READ: Judges 6:1, 6-16, 34; Philippians 2:12, 13

LEARN: "It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Gideon, God's Man of Valor" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) This is the first of two lessons about Gideon and deals with God's call to Gideon to serve the Lord. Point out: (1) why Israel was under bondage, v. 1; (2) what Israel began to do in their bondage, vv. 6-10; (3) God's message to the nation, vv. 8-10; (4) God's call to Gideon, vv. 11-16; (5) Gideon's reluctance to accept the commission, vv. 13, 15; (6) God's promises of help, vv. 14, 16; (7) the source of Gideon's power, v. 34.

QUESTION TIME: What does the story of Gideon tell us about how God sometimes uses weak vessels? What was the secret of Gideon's power? (v. 34)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Robert W. Cummings, India; Leland B. Good, Costa Rica; Verne A. Warner, Dominican Republic; Louise J. Davis, Liberia; Mrs. Ralph Buchanan (Indian), North Carolina; Caroline Kingsley (Indian), New York.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 16

READ: Acts 27:20-26, 30-36, 41-44 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God" (Acts 27:25).

FOR THE PARENT: A good and faithful witness is characterized by his firm belief in God and in God's promises. Show how Paul exemplifies this through his trust in God in spite of the terrific storm that destroyed the ship he was on. Show also how Paul used that faith to encourage others on the ship, to prophesy concerning the fate of the ship and the passengers and to spare the lives of all who were on the ship with him. Our trust in God should bring good cheer to others.

QUESTION TIME: What are some characteristics of a faithful witness? (See above.) How did Paul's faith sustain him in the trial of the storm and shipwreck? (See above.)

## SATURDAY, JUNE 17

READ: 1 Kings 5:1-6; 6:14; 8:22-40 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "Know ye not...that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16).

FOR THE PARENT: When David was king he wanted to build a temple for the Lord. But because David was a man of war, God did not permit it. Show how God chose Solomon to build the temple. Then, from Solomon's prayer of dedication (1 Kings 8:22-53), discuss: Solomon's awareness of the fact that there was no other god but God, v. 23; (2) God keeps His promises, vv. 24-26.

QUESTION TIME: Why did God not permit David to build the temple? What were some points of Solomon's prayer.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Edsel Jones (Deaf), Indiana; Robert B. Carlson, Nigeria; Mrs. G. G. Hemminger, Sierra Leone.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SUNDAY: Mrs. J. E. Baker, Taiwan; Mrs. W. S. Brooks, Costa Rica; Mrs. W. H. Clifford (superannuated), British Honduras; William E. Lovick, Togo.





# Spotlight on Evangelism

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, 434 WEST PACIFIC ST., SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

► MEGARGEL, ALA.—There was a real move of God in a four-week revival conducted at the Assembly of God here by Evangelist James D. Kelly of North Carolina. Sixteen accepted Christ as Saviour, six received the baptism in the Holy Ghost, and many were refilled. The spirit of revival continues in the church.

—Morris D. Hyatt, Pastor

► SHERBURN, MINN.—We are grateful to the Lord for the visitation of God as Evangelist Ed Barg of St. Paul, Minn., ministered here for a couple of weeks. The services were marked by individuals being saved and filled with the Spirit of God. We sensed God beginning to do greater things than we have seen before.

—Melvin B. Hanson, Pastor

► COLUMBUS, GA.—Special revival services have just been concluded here at East Highland Assembly of God under the ministry of Evangelist Lorene Daniel of Atlanta, Ga. The altars were filled every night. Fifteen new members affiliated with the church, and eleven persons were baptized in water.

—Keetah Jones, Pastor

► INDEPENDENCE, KANS.—First Assembly experienced two weeks of heavenly visitation. Evangelist E. R. Winter ministered at this time. During his ministry here twelve were saved and fifteen filled with the Holy Spirit. Many were delivered from sinful habits. The messages on prophecy made a great impact upon the church.

—Max L. Manning, Pastor

► MINDEN, LA.—Evangelist Jack Pruitt of Ft. Worth, Tex., was used by the Lord in an outstanding revival here at First Assembly of God. Crowds were excellent, filling the house many nights. Several persons were

saved and others filled with the Holy Spirit, five being filled in one night. This was one of the most beneficial revivals our church has had. In the last five years, an addition was built to the old church and the Sunday school department was finished. We are grateful to God that the congregation doubled in membership and Sunday school attendance during this time.

—Leslie E. Hunter, Jr., Pastor

► CHICAGO, ILL.—For three and one-half weeks the Holy Spirit was outpoured at Ebenezer Church as "The Lord Family" of Montgomery, Ala., ministered. The evangelists were used of God to stir the people. They also had a unique ministry among the Sunday school children. We thank God for this visitation from heaven.

—Paul S. Bredesen, Pastor

► ATMORE, ALA.—Bratt Assembly of God is grateful for the harvest of ten souls and for the experience of eleven persons who were filled with the Holy Spirit under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. L. C. Eldridge of Bakersfield, Calif. The presence of the Holy Spirit was sensed by the congregation in each service.

—T. E. Barnes, Pastor

► EAST BREWTON, ALA.—From the very first service of the campaign at First Assembly with Evangelist and Mrs. Michael Lord, it was evident that a revival was in progress. Sinners were saved, and God mightily poured out His Spirit as believers were filled with the Holy Ghost. Outstanding healings were also reported. The daily radio program during the campaign stirred wide interest and attracted many visitors to the services. Special children's features helped to gain a substantial increase in Sunday school attendance. —R. H. Broadhead, Pastor

► WESTON, W. Va.—During the first three weeks of April the Assembly of God here experienced a real visitation from heaven under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. W. E. Tatem of Back Bay, Va. God honored the anointed preaching with visible results. At least twelve decisions were made for Christ and five received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Believers were greatly stirred by these services as well. Much of the success of the meetings was the result of a prayer chain started prior to the meeting and carried on to the last night.

—George E. Van Riper, Pastor

► PLAINVIEW, TEX.—First Assembly rejoices in the thrilling results that were accomplished in a series of special revival meetings held here recently. Guest evangelist for these services was Chester Jenkins, D-CAP of the Eastern District, and guest singers and musicians were The Gospel Crusaders of Flora, Ill. The preaching and musical numbers blended together so beautifully that every department of the church felt the impact of their evangelistic appeal. A number accepted Christ as Saviour and many visitors attended for the first time. This revival also climaxed a five-week Sunday school contest with a neighboring church in which First Assembly was victorious.

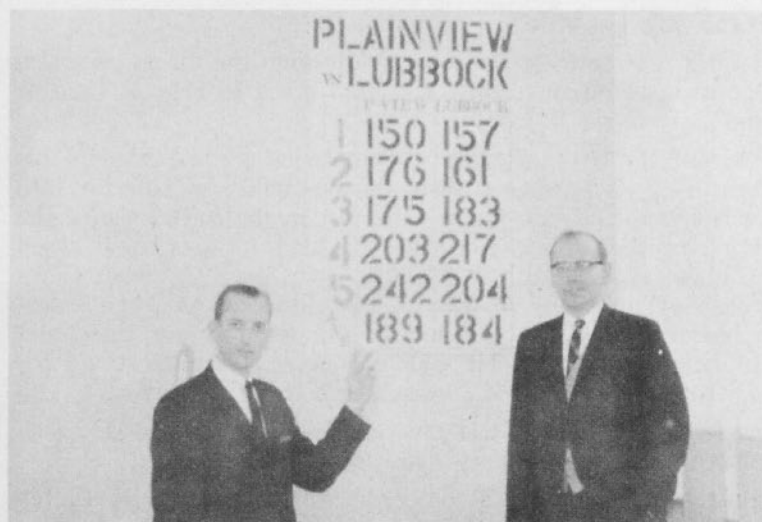
Other evangelists who contributed much to the growth of the church during this past year were Jerry Roberts, Bob Pruett, Quentin Edwards, Ken George, and Jack Pruitt.

—J. Don George, Pastor

► BURLINGTON, N. C.—The Assembly of God here reports a successful revival with Evangelists Bill and Mrs. McPherson. God poured out His Holy Spirit upon the people so that a number of persons were saved and others were healed. Six persons were filled with the Holy Spirit in one night and



A view showing attendance at First Assembly of God during Michael Lord meetings in East Brewton, Ala. (R. H. Broadhead is pastor)



Pastor Don George points to chart showing results of five-Sunday attendance contest during revival with D-CAP Chester Jenkins

five were saved during another service. Every meeting was marked by definite results.

—Aubrey Sara, Pastor

► **CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO**—The Assembly of God here recently concluded a three-week revival conducted by the "Musical Vanns." There were over 100 visitors in the meetings, and an estimated 40 decisions for Christ. The building was filled nightly. To God be the praise for the gracious move of His Spirit.

—Leslie A. Thompson, Pastor

## REVIVALS IN NORWAY

Two pastors in Norway have reported good results from revival campaigns conducted in their churches recently by Assemblies of God ministers from the U.S.A.

Erling Strom, the leading pastor of the great Filadelfia Church in Oslo, invited E. Howard Anderson of Stamford, Connecticut, to conduct special meetings. The people were greatly blessed by his preaching and simple faith. About sixty received the baptism of the Spirit or were refilled during these meetings, and many received the Lord's healing touch in their bodies.

One person testified: "For a long time I have not been able to drink anything else than boiled water and some light food, and the doctor thought he had to take an X-ray photo of my stomach. One night I was prayed for. The next day the doctor examined me and found I was completely healed. Now I can eat anything. Praise be to the Lord."

Another said: "I am very thankful to God for this week. He has healed me and also baptized me with the Holy Spirit."

Another typical testimony was: "Glory to God. Jesus baptized me in the Holy Spirit Sunday night. Pain in my nerves has gone."

The Filadelfia Church in Oslo is the largest free church in Norway. T. B. Barratt was founder of this great Pentecostal church and was pastor until his death in 1940.

Brother Anderson earlier ministered at Bethel Church in Trondheim, Norway (900 members) and the pastor, Thoralf Gilbrant, reports there were good results both in a summer campaign and in a two-week campaign last November. Many unsaved came to Christ in these meetings and scores of believers were baptized with the Holy Spirit. The power of the Lord was present to heal in these campaigns.

Other ministers who conducted meetings at Trondheim during 1960 were Joe Ragsdale, Richard Vinyard, David du Plessis, and Harry Warwick. Brother Warwick is of Norwegian background and was able to preach in the Norwegian language. He is now the chaplain of the Federal prison in Soledad, California.

Pastor Gilbrant said the Norwegian people were richly blessed by the ministry of all these brethren.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES**—June 8-11 at Assembly of God (Route 519), Baptistown, N. J. Speakers: Albert Testa, Steve Durasoff, Leslie Miller. Homecoming service, June 11 at 3 p. m. with district officials participating.—by James Occhipinti, pastor.

## WITH CHRIST

**JOHN W. HOLLOWAY**, 67, of Pensacola, Florida, went Home to be with his Lord on April 9 as a result of a coronary thrombosis. Brother Holloway was one of the early pioneers of our fellowship, being ordained in

the Alabama District in 1918. He served pastorates in Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Florida. He also engaged in an evangelistic ministry. At the time of death he was pastor of the Bethel Assembly of God, Pensacola. He is survived by his wife.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Dothan	* Harper's Joy	June 18—	Fisher-Cheek Team	G. Roger Cook
Ark.	Fayetteville	Northside	June 14-25	Cyril Chegwin	Branham & Steele
Calif.	Atascadero	First	June 7-18	Orrin & Anne Kingsriter	Richard E. Jessup
	Bakersfield	Full Gospel Tab.	June 18-July 2	Robert Watters	D. H. McLaughlin
	Bakersfield	Niles	June 13-18	Ralph & Edith Coe	Ernest L. Friend
	Gridley	** A/G	June 18-24	Loretta Kaupanger	Hazen Chester
	Marysville	** Linda	June 11-16	Loretta Kaupanger	James Davidson
Colo.	Sterling	*** A/G	June 11-23	Victor Etienne	J. A. Call
Ga.	Columbus	East Highland	June 7-18	Warren Litzman	Keetah Jones
	Newington	First	June 4—	Harold Walker	Paul Wetzel
Ind.	Bloomington	South Side	June 13-25	Calvin Melton	Don Carroll
Iowa	Ames	A/G	June 11-25	Larry Allbaugh	Norman Tosten
	Boone	Christian Tab.	June 12—	John French	Samuel A. Sanders
Kans.	Andover	A/G	June 7-25	Bob McCutchen	Loran D. Wimbish
	Coffeyville	** First	June 12-18	Bob & Jeri Winford	C. E. Rohde
	Mankato	A/G	June 13—	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	Byron T. Luckey
Ky.	Lexington	** Bethel Temple	June 18-24	Lucelia Lanz	LaVern Snyder
La.	Oakdale	First	June 11-25	Joey Laird	C. E. Teagle
	Vivian	First	June 11-25	C. B. & Mrs. Anderson	A. L. Pearson
Mass.	Fitchburg	A/G	May 31-June 11	Sid T. Regnier	Edward Neuhaus
Mo.	Chillicothe	First	May 28-June 11	W. O. Cox	O. L. Grace
	Clinton	A/G	June 18-July 2	Gerald Brewer	Ralph A. Bently
	Festus	A/G	June 12-16	Dedelow-Friederici	T. D. Jennings
	Independence	** Central	June 18-23	Gladys Voighi	John Waldron
	Kansas City	Friendly Church	June 14-18	John French	Bill Cambers
	Mexico	A/G	June 14-25	The Tanner Team	Merle J. White
Mont.	Coalridge	A/G	June 13-18	Evelyn Glosser	R. M. McCallum
	Plains	A/G	June 18-30	Charles Senechal	Donald E. Everson
Nebr.	Central City	A/G	June 13-25	Geoffrey Duncombe	M. D. Markland
	Lyons	A/G	June 13-25	Henry K. Kahalehili	A. J. Mickelson
N. J.	Englewood	A/G	June 13-25	Sid T. Regnier	Alton Richardson
	Salem	First	May 28-June 11	Oren Paris	Robert Lundstrom
	Somerville	** A/G	June 13-18	Paul Hild & family	Norman Spong
N. Mex.	Anthony	A/G	June 18—	Wm. Harrel Team	W. A. Vanzant
	Roswell	Central	June 18-July 2	Tommy Crider	Fred L. Ridener
N. Y.	Corning	A/G	June 18—	C. S. Tubby	Norman Love
	Elmira Heights	Glad Tidings	June 11-25	Winfred Mack	Eddie Lowmaster
	Holley	A/G	June 6-18	Edward E. Menaldino	Morris S. Williams
	Rochester	First	May 31-June 11	Jack & Clara Peters	Ernest Morgan
N. Dak.	Edgeland	A/G	June 14-24	The Musical Cude's	M. J. Smith
Ohio	Bryan	A/G	June 5-11	W. R. & Mrs. Nimmons	R. L. Buckingham
	Dayton	Bethel Temple	June 12-18	J. Bashford Bishop	Cyril E. Homer
	Fremont	** Calvary	June 12-18 a.m.	W. R. & Mrs. Nimmons	J. G. Gott
	Tiffin	** First	June 12-18 p.m.	W. R. & Mrs. Nimmons	James Earls
	Zanesville	** First	June 11-16	Bob Olson	Curtis Arnold
Oreg.	Eugene	First	June 11—	W. E. (Gene) Scott	Murray McLees
Pa.	Albion	A/G	June 13-25	Olshevski Musical Team	Jim Jenkins
	Carlisle	** Bethel Tab.	June 13-18	Musical Wellards	Malius Davidson
	Clearfield	** Glad Tidings	June 12-18	Bob & Virginia Bradley	J. C. Sheridan
	Manheim	* A/G	June 13-25	Nate Killian	Howard Pfoutz
	Moosic	** Full Gospel Tab.	June 12-23	Rebecca M. Beisel	Fleming VanMeter
Tenn.	Knoxville	Island Home	June 12-18	Joel Palmer	L. M. Hadler
Tex.	Denton	Faith Tab.	June 11—	T. W. Carlton	H. A. Johnson
	El Paso	**** Scot. Rite Aud.	June 15-25	Morris Cerullo	Wm. Hageman, Chm.
	Houston	Radio Revival	June 18-25	Joseph DeGrado	Kenneth Berry
	McCamey	First	June 11-16	The Evangelicals	Raymond Schaeffer
	Odessa	Highway Temple	June 18—	J. W. Farmer	C. L. Gillock
Wash.	Ephrata	A/G	June 14-18	Linfield Crowder	Einar McGhee
Wis.	Janesville	A/G	June 14-25	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Otto Lemberg
Canada	Prince George B.C.	Pent Tab.	June 6-11	Oliver & Fern Johnson	Michael Horban
	Toronto, Ont.	Evangel Temple	June 6-25	Bill & Verna McPherson	Willis McPherson

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## The Challenge of Our Children

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real as a living heavenly Father. While we teach them that prayer is talking to God, we must also teach them that God talks to us through His Word and that reading the Bible is the way we hear His voice.

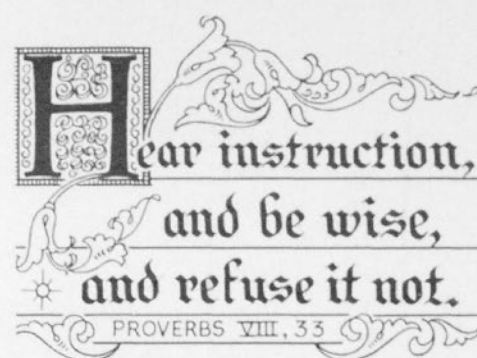
I recall that when I accepted Christ as a lad, I began to read my Bible. I read it constantly and systematically until its influence began to mold and change my life into a new pattern of living for God. This relationship has provided a foundation for a life of service to the Master.

A class of girls was given to a young Sunday school teacher who assumed her assignment with the determination to bring them to Christ. As fast as

they were converted, they were replaced in her class with unconverted children. Of sixty-three children who passed through her class, sixty-one were converted. As the years went by, she continued her great ministry of winning children to the Lord. In explaining how she accomplished this work, she said, "I never expect one to leave my class unconverted. I visit every home that I may know the home life of the family and win the confidence of the child. Then I invite the children to my house to talk, and I pray with them, and lead them to Jesus."

In the story of 2 Kings 4:18-37, Gehazi went forth with the prophet's staff and laid it on the body of the dead boy. He had faith in it. He relied on it, but nothing happened. He came back to the prophet and announced that the child had not awakened. When Elisha went into the room where the dead child lay, he shut the door and prayed. He identified himself with the need as he stretched himself to fit the child: mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. Instead of sending his staff he gave of himself and the child was raised.

The Saviour's words to Peter are



still a command to us, "Feed my lambs." We must accept the challenge of our children by surrounding them with the gospel and its message of salvation. Let us begin in our homes with family altars; then in our churches, by bringing them to Christ; and in our Sunday schools, by indoctrinating them with truth.

A farmer was congratulated on the appearance of his splendid flock of sheep. "Do you know the secret?" he asked. And then he answered his own question as he said, "I take care of my lambs."

God help us to be as wise as the farmer and accept the challenge of our children by providing evangelism which win them for Christ. ◀◀

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