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

SAITH THE LORD

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Invocation for the New Year

*God give you Faith this coming year!
The faith that will not fail in keenest test;
That trusts and sings in midst of fire and storm;
And dares rely upon His Word and rest.*

*God give you Hope this coming year!
The hope that through the darkness sees afar—
The purifying hope that fondly waits
The rising of the Bright and Morning Star.*

*God give you Love this coming year!
His own great love that burns out for the lost;
That intercedes, and waits, and suffers long—
That never fails, nor stops to count the cost.*

—Margaret D. Armstrong

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Our ministers preach that the whole Bible is inspired of God and relevant to our lives today, and our printed lessons treat the whole Book. In fact, it was the Assemblies of God who pioneered the idea of a Whole Bible Lesson Series for Sunday schools in contrast to the modernist series of lessons which omits many important segments of the Scriptures.

But the tendency to dwell upon favorite portions of the Word is always present and we need constantly to examine our Bible habits to be sure we do not skip something that we need. *All Scripture is profitable*, the apostle said. Therefore we would urge every *Evangel* subscriber to read the *whole Book*. Our slogan for the new year will be, "Read It Through in '62."

Amos R. Wells expressed the value of this method of reading consecutively from Genesis to Revelation, like any other book, in his poem, "When I Read the Bible Through," which is quoted below:

I supposed I knew my Bible reading piecemeal, hit or miss,
Now a bit of John or Matthew, now a snatch of Genesis,
Certain chapters of Isaiah, certain psalms (the twenty-third);
Twelfth of Romans, first of Proverbs—yes, I thought I knew the Word.
But I found that thorough reading was a different thing to do,
And the way was unfamiliar when I read the Bible through.

Oh, the massive, mighty volume; oh, the treasures manifold;
Oh, the beauty and the wisdom and the grace it proved to hold!
As the story of the Hebrews swept in majesty along,
As it leaped in waves prophetic, as it burst in sacred song,
As it gleamed with Christly omens, the Old Testament was new,
Strong with cumulative power, when I read the Bible through.

Ah, imperial Jeremiah, with his keen, coruscant mind;
And the blunt old Nehemiah, and Ezekiel refined!
Newly came the Minor Prophets each with his distinctive robe;
Newly came the Song idyllic, and the tragedy of Job;
Deuteronomy, the regal, to a towering mountain grew,
With its comrade peaks around it—when I read the Bible through.

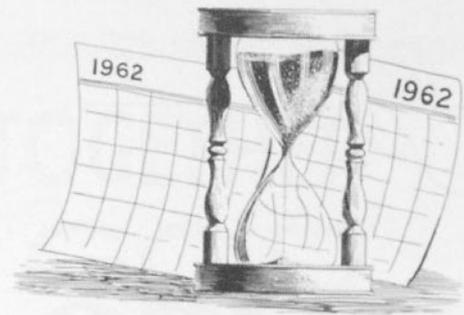
What a radiant procession as the pages rise and fall,
James the sturdy, John the tender—oh, the myriad-minded Paul!
Vast apocalyptic glories wheel and thunder, flash and flame,
While the Church Triumphant raises one incomparable Name.
Ah, the story of the Saviour never glows supremely true
Till you read it whole and swiftly—till you read the Bible through.

You who like to play at Bible, dip and dabble here and there,
Just before you kneel, awary, and yawn through a hurried prayer;
You who treat the Crown of Writings as you treat no other book—
Just a paragraph disjointed, just a crude, impatient look:
Try a worthier procedure, try a broad and steady view;
You will kneel in very rapture when you read the Bible through.

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HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Your thought life is the key to happiness. Your character depends on the meditations of your heart—but how many practice the art of meditation today?

By LOUISE NANKIVELL

MEDITATION IS ALMOST A LOST ART today. It is difficult to do any serious reflecting amid the hurly-burly distractions of our modern rush-and-roar, hustle-and-bustle way of living.

In fact, we do not *want* to do much thinking. We prefer to be entertained. Instead of musing we like to be amused. Instead of reading the Word of the Lord we like to read the news of the day. The pleasures of *this world* will take away all the pleasure we find in contemplating and reflecting upon the glories of the *world to come* if we do not watch out.

But there is nothing that brings greater blessing than lingering in our thoughts upon the Lord and upon His Word. You don't have time? Then make the time. Stop! God commands it. "Be still and know that I am God."

BE STILL! This is one of the most difficult things for us mortals to do. We like to keep moving and working, doing and going. But in this fast, furious, feverish age we must have times when we halt from our mad pace of ceaseless activity. So God says, "Be still and know!"

If we ourselves are not silent we cannot hear what others are saying. Nor can we understand them fully unless we give them undivided attention. God desires to speak to our hearts as we center our thinking upon His Word. He wishes to give us a revelation of ourselves and He likewise waits to give us a revelation of Himself. He wants to make us over into His image and the Bible says *you are what your thoughts are*; as a man "thinketh in

his heart, so is he." No wonder God speaks to us about meditation!

Webster tells us that to meditate is to think or reflect upon, to ponder, to revolve in one's mind. Have you ever considered what a current of thought is perpetually running through your brain? What do you think about—have you ever analyzed your thinking? Do you let your thoughts run wild? The Bible advocates *controlled thinking*—"bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

*"Whatsoever things are true,
Whatsoever things are honest,
Whatsoever things are just,
Whatsoever things are pure,
Whatsoever things are lovely,
Whatsoever things are of good report;
If there be any virtue, and if there
be any praise, think on these things"*
(Philippians 4:8).

God's directive to you, His child, is to think upon the higher things of life and especially to live day and night in His Word.

So much of our reading of Holy Writ is superficial, a mere perfunctory, surface reading. We do not expose ourselves to His Word long enough for the truth to soak in. We must get hold of the Word and let it get hold of us! Meditating upon it—not the mere reading of it—instructs and nourishes the Christian and begets confidence and faith to go forward. Down to this present day, spiritual strength has been given to those who devote time to daily meditation.

Are you troubled, tired, discouraged?

Has adversity knocked at your door? Have those you trusted proved untrue? Are you plagued by endless fears, sickness, insecurity, reverses, danger, death? Do you find it difficult to get healing for your body?

Perhaps a contributing factor to all of this among professing Christians is found in a lack of meditating upon the Lord and His precious Word. You cannot neglect God's Word, fellow Christian, without suffering for it.

In that living Word are all the answers you need, but God asks that you stay your mind upon it. He says if you dwell deep in the law of the Lord its healing balm will spread widely into every avenue of your life. Use it for a stimulus, for repose, for consolation, for help, for encouragement. Think thoughts of faith, victory, deliverance, and healing by quoting the precious promises.

God gives you the key that will unlock the door to success—meditation upon His Word and obedience to it. Note His prescription:

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8).

Meditate in the Word day and night—don't just skim over its contents! Look not only once. When Elijah's servant looked once at the sky, he saw nothing. It was the seventh time that

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One Man Without CHRIST

By HOWARD S. BUSH

Executive Director, Department of Men's Fellowship

IN THE GLOOM OF THE FADING DAY, the man sat in the car and thought of the hopeless situation that faced him. All alone at that hour, he felt there was no way out of his problem. He took the small-caliber revolver from the glove compartment, stepped from the car, and walked a few short steps down the path that was to lead from this life into the next.

He sat for a few minutes on a decaying log in a cluster of trees. He must have waited for some time, but finally he came to his fateful decision. He lifted the gun to his temple, pulled the trigger, and hurled his soul into eternity.

This is not a make-believe story. This actually happened.

Why did this man take his own

life? Why did he voluntarily embrace death?

The answer lies in the simple, tragic fact that this was one man—without Christ.

We are launching Action MANDATORY for 1962 with the agonizing prayer that men who are Christians will awaken to the condition of the lost, and will gain a burden to win them to Christ.

MEN WITHOUT CHRIST ARE HELPLESS

The above true account of a man who committed suicide is repeated thousands of times a year. According to Joseph Hersch in *Mental Hygiene*, once every minute—or perhaps even more often—someone in the United States either kills himself or tries to do



so. Fifty or sixty times each day people succeed. Somewhere between 16,000 and 20,000 people commit suicide each year!

These gruesome figures illustrate this important fact: men without Christ are helpless against the attacks of Satan. The enemy of their souls can bring waves of despair, discouragement, and defeat until they give up their inborn desire to live and take their own lives.

Not all men express their helplessness by committing suicide. Some attempt to escape the confining shackles of sin by escaping reality through the stupefying effects of alcohol. Eager to escape the nagging feelings of inadequacy and guilt that bondage to sin brings, they drink big and talk big, but are helpless. Seeking to escape sin's pressures, they fall even further under sin's control.

Alcoholism is a symptom of the helpless state of men without Christ. This symptom is widespread, and it is growing.

Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, head of the clinical sciences department at the University of Illinois, says that alcoholism poses a greater health menace to Americans than radioactive fallout.

"The dangers from radioactive fallout are guarded against and every effort to protect the public is made, whereas very little is being done to protect the public from the disastrous effects of alcoholism," Dr. Ivy said.

Eight million known alcoholics wan-

ACTION MANDATORY TO BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY

The second annual Action Mandatory campaign will be launched next Sunday night, New Year's Eve, in the watch night services.

The object of this campaign, sponsored by the Department of Men's Fellowship, is for every man to win another man to Christ.

der their sin-bound way in this country alone. The number is increasing at the rate of 450,000 a year. Twenty thousand persons die and 400,000 are injured in accidents caused by drunken drivers.

These figures represent men—without Christ.

The man without Christ may not commit suicide or find refuge in the numbing narcotic, alcohol, but he nevertheless is helpless to live the way he should. Many times he is unable to live a decent life and be an adequate husband or father, a fact attested to by the mounting divorce rate.

The U. S. Census Bureau reports that the number of divorced persons in the United States increased between 1950 and 1960 at a rate twice as fast as that of population growth!

When you see a man without Christ you are looking at a person who is helpless. Bound by sin, he must be set free. You have the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. You can release him, if you will.

Unless you reach him, he will continue on his sinful way and be forever lost. He is helpless in sin. He cannot escape—without Christ.

MEN WITHOUT CHRIST ARE HARMFUL

The loss of a single soul into the torments of hell should stir to action every born-again man. But consider for a moment that the man without Christ not only is bound for hell; he also is exerting an ungodly influence wherever he goes. When you fail to speak to a man about his soul you fail to help him and you fail to help those he could influence for God.

Every one of us makes dozens of contacts with others each day. These contacts can be influences for righteousness; or they can be influences for evil. Think of the damage that one man, without Christ, can do.

Consider the person who divorces his wife and cuts his family loose from the moorings a normal parental relationship provides. That home, that wife, those children all suffer.

Howard Whitman, writing in *The Christian Herald*, tells a little of the effects of divorce. He states that close to 4,000,000 families were destroyed during the past ten years through divorce. "Not all our wars put together have broken up so many homes," Mr. Whitman states. "The displaced persons in the wake of ten years of di-

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WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

Turning From the Vision to the Task

BY F. B. MEYER

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS SURE TO manifest itself in holy activity as certainly as the life of a plant manifests itself in flower and fruit. It is perfectly true to speak of such activities as work—"to every man his work." But to describe them as fruit brings out another shade of meaning, and indicates our entire dependence for all successful work on our living connection with our glorious Lord.

The Lord Jesus is Himself the great Worker. He came to finish the work which His Father gave Him to do. Mark fitly describes Him during His earthly career as the swift and incessant worker, whose days were crowded from early dawn far into the night. "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day."

It is a great mistake to suppose that His work has ceased. The Gospels tell us only of what He began to do and teach. But the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, which might be better called the Book of the Acts of the living and ascended Lord, takes up the wondrous story, and tells us of what He continued to do and teach, after He had passed through the heavens to the right hand of God. He is still the great Worker throughout all the ages, both in the universe and in the Church.

But is it not true that the ascended Lord requires organs and instruments for the expression and working out of His mighty thoughts and purposes? He is the Head of the body, the Church; and He needs members as the instruments through which He may convey His purposes of grace and power towards the world.

As of old the blessings that throbbed in His heart were passed through the hands, and lips, and presence of His mortal body; so now He must employ His own beloved ones to be His hands,

His lips, His feet, His body—by which men may receive healing virtue. And we shall work effectively when we understand that we are not required to originate or execute work for Christ, so much as to work out His schemes in His own strength.

Who, among the readers of these lines, does not long to be as useful as possible in this brief life; to fulfill all the possibilities of usefulness; and to apprehend that for which Christ has apprehended him? But this can never be, until all the powers of nature, which Christ has redeemed, are placed absolutely at His disposal, with this prayer, "Do with me, in me, to me, by me, as Thou wilt; only make as much of me as can be made on this side of the gates of pearl. Work out Thine own ideal. Fulfill in me all the good pleasure of Thy will. Perfect that which concerneth me."

Let us note a few hints which may be of assistance to Christian workers.

WORK FROM PURE MOTIVES

Legends tell that when the Emperor Justinian had built the Byzantine Church with a view to his own glory, on the day of dedication he looked in vain for his name on the memorial stone. Angel hands had obliterated it, and substituted for it that of the widow Euphrasia—whose only merit was that out of pure devotion she had strewn a little straw in front of the beasts that drew the heavily-laden trucks of marble from the quarry to the sacred pile. His motive was so ignoble that heaven ignored his gift; hers was so pure and lovely that she received credit for the whole.

Our most splendid deeds have been irreparably spoilt by the meanness of the motives that prompted them. Our motives must be pure. We must be-

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Be Soon to be Safe

By MAUDE C. JOHNSON

JACK AND JILL, TWO-YEAR-OLD TWINS, lived next to a heavily traveled road and parking lot. The blacktop was so smooth it was fun to ride on, but it was very dangerous with the continual parade of cars coming and going in every direction.

The children's mother seemed to realize this danger for she screamed at them every day telling them not to go there. But she never enforced her commands. Naturally the twins became accustomed to her voice, so they turned "a deaf ear" toward her and continued on their merry way.

Terrible threats could be heard in the neighborhood as the mother would call after the children, "A great big dog will come and bite you if you go over there!" At first the twins seemed impressed and they would stop and look for the big dog, but experience soon told them there were no dogs to fear. It was only mother who threatened and she didn't bite. So they continued to ride their tricycles across the street and around the parking lot.

The mother tried a different scare. "The policeman will come and get you

if you go over there," she asserted darkly. Experience again taught them—and very quickly—that there were no policemen in their neighborhood.

Finally one day Jack failed to see a truck bearing down upon him. There was a screeching of brakes when he turned directly into the path of the truck. It was too late. The truck driver had to carry the lifeless form of the tiny lad to the mother.

"Why didn't she paddle the twins when they went too far?" an indignant neighbor asked. But all the criticism that was made in those next few days could not bring Jack back.

And if Jack had been spared what promise of safety and security did the future hold for him? Already his mother's voice with all its threatening had become an empty sound, powerless and hardening. And yet it was God's plan that that very voice should have taught the child respect and a healthy fear of disobeying authority. Only in this way could he have found it easy to respect other authority, and especially that of God's Word. There is no escape from discipline in this world; and home dis-

cipline should pave the way for the discipline that must be met at school, in business, in marriage, and all through life.

A parent may threaten with no intention of following through on his word, but not so God. God always means what He says. His threatenings are never vain words. How sad when a child has to learn this from hard experience with no help in the home.

The empty threats of a parent reveal a sad lack in the character of that parent. Moreover, this is a solemn trifling with truth itself, and teaches children by example to speak lies.

Perhaps the little phrase in Ephesians 6:9 is applicable here as well as in its setting, "Forbearing threatening." Surely it is important to keep this warning in mind when administering discipline. Think twice before you declare yourself, mother! Forbear threatenings! If you have promised punishment, be sure to carry out your word.

God's Word stresses the fact that it is in early life that the training and disciplining is to take place. When Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go," it refers to a young child of tender age and not to an adolescent or teen-ager whose habits and character have already largely been fixed. The spirit of disobedience is almost impossible to break after the habit of disobedience has been formed.

Dan was an unruly and belligerent sixteen-year-old who had quit school. He became bored by the long days of inactivity at home. He found fault with everything that was done for him, and since he had become so large his father did not try to discipline him. Dan pursued his selfish, lazy life and did nothing to make life easier for his home folk or anyone else. When he was told to do things he would grumble, "Do it yourself." When he was called in the mornings to get up he would mumble some oaths and turn over and go back to sleep.

His mother always excused their lack of discipline by saying, "Dan is so big now that we don't dare to touch him because he has such a temper he would most likely turn on us."

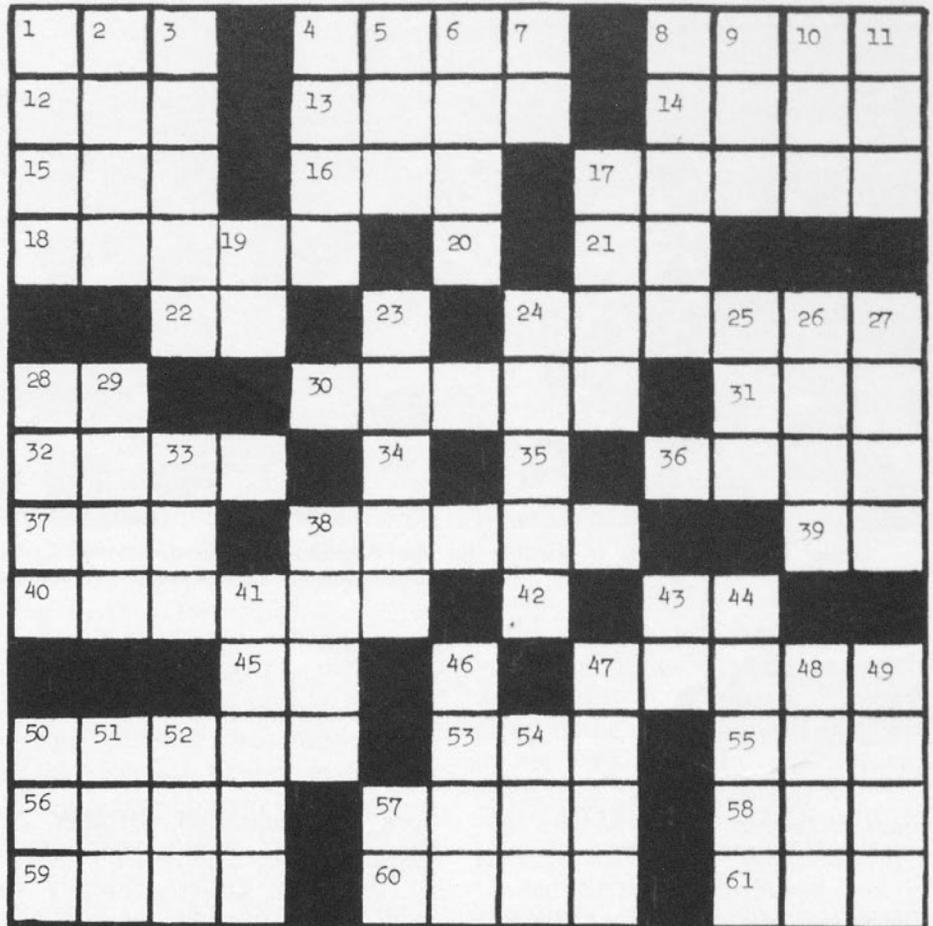
What a sad confirmation these parents were giving to the Word of God which declares, "A foolish son is a grief to his father and a bitterness to her that bare him." But they could have spared themselves the grief and bitterness had they consulted and acted

ACROSS:

1. Sack
4. To stop
8. An appeal
12. . . . There went out a decree . . . that _____ should be taxed (Luke 2:1)
13. Two-toed sloth
14. To merit
15. An expression of disapproval
16. And suddenly . . . a multitude of the heavenly host, praising _____, and saying . . . (Luke 2:13)
17. And all went to be _____, every one into his own city (Luke 2:3)
18. Weird
20. Nineteenth letter
21. Ocean
22. _____ shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes . . . (Luke 2:12)
23. Carbon (chemical)
24. . . . a decree from _____ Augustus . . . (Luke 2:1)
28. And _____ it was, that, while they were there . . . (Luke 2:6)
30. Fourth word of John 3:16
31. And there were in _____ same country shepherds . . . (Luke 2:8)
32. Makes a living in scanty fashion
34. Lira
35. Latin
36. Past participle of "to be"
37. Before
38. Sixth word of John 3:16
39. Mountain
40. One who saves or delivers
42. South
43. Alcoholics Anonymous
45. Mister (title)
46. Sulphur (chemical)
47. And the _____ said unto them, Fear not . . . (Luke 2:10)
50. A short stalk (botanical)
53. . . . because there was no room for them in the _____ (Luke 2:7)
55. Trouble
56. Mountains in Russia
57. Keyed up with interest
58. Noun suffix equivalent to eer
59. But _____ kept all these things and pondered them . . . (Luke 2:19)
60. Let us now go even _____ Bethlehem, and see . . . (Luke 2:15)
61. National Norse Degree

DOWN:

1. And they came . . . and found the _____ (Luke 2:16)



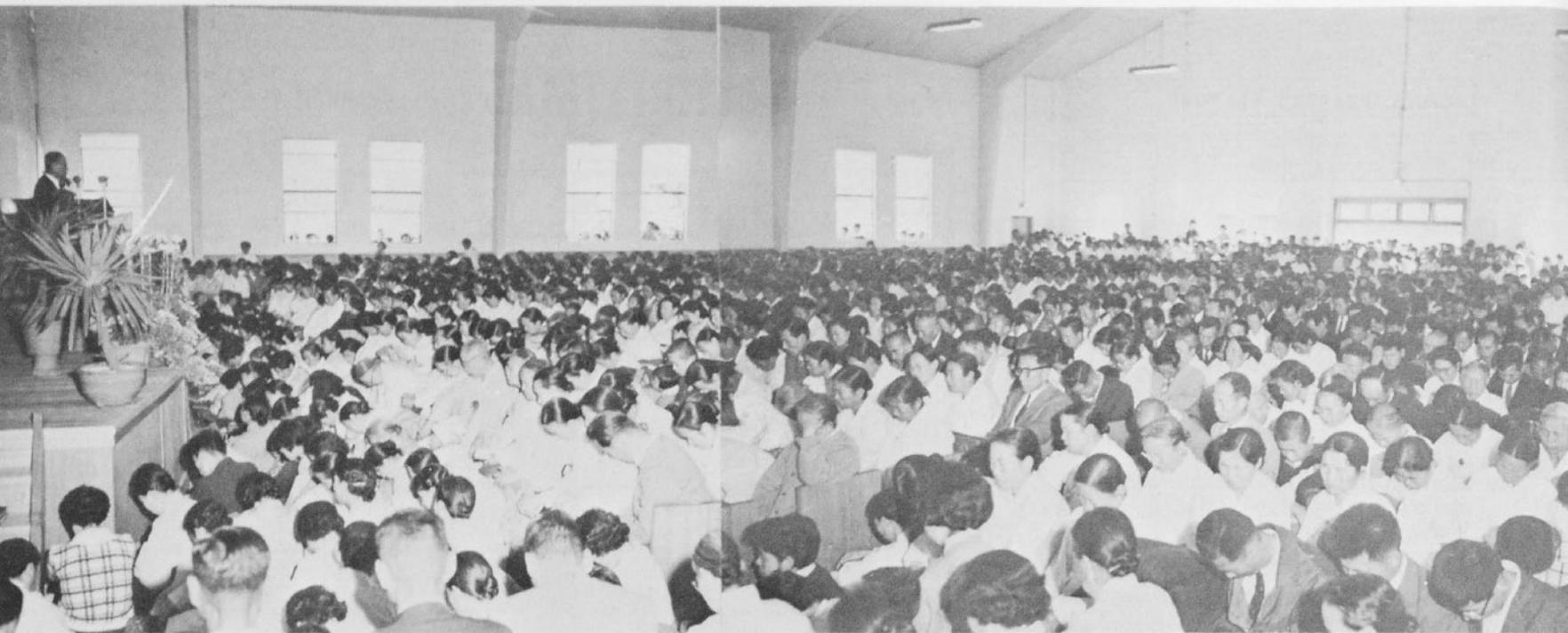
2. Fragrant wood of an East Indian tree
 3. _____ to God in the highest . . . (Luke 2:14)
 4. Enormous
 5. Agricultural Nationalist Organization
 6. Boys
 7. Tungsten
 8. . . . and on earth _____, good will to-ward men (Luke 2:14)
 9. Slack
 10. Before
 11. _____ she brought forth her firstborn son . . . (Luke 2:7)
 17. Any of a genus of tailless, leaping am- phibians
 19. That is (Latin)
 23. Hue
 24. Structural and functional units of plants (biological)
 25. Sainte
 26. Interjection used to attract one's attention
 27. Fissure
 28. Looks
 29. Gumbo
 33. Electrical Engineering Volunteers
 38. Past Participle of wear
 41. To hint
 43. Indefinite article
 44. Moreover
 46. And this shall be a _____ unto you . . . (Luke 2:12)
 47. Anglo-Norman General Order
 48. Paradise
 49. For unto you is born . . . a Saviour, which is Christ the _____ (Luke 2:11)
 50. Total
 51. Telegraphy report accepted
 52. International Association of Reviewers
 54. Fear _____: for, behold, I bring you good tidings (Luke 2:10)
 57. Gold (chemical)
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on the Word of God which gives the remedy for this situation in Proverbs 22:15, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction will drive it far from him." One of his former teachers upon hearing of Dan's actions said, "What Dan needed many years ago was strong dis-

cipline in the home. He should have been paddled but now it is too late. "Too late!" What pathos in those words! And how it must grieve the heart of the heavenly Father as well as the earthly parents! There was a time when it was not too late for Dan—a time when there was hope. For

the Bible says, "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying" (Proverbs 19:18). The safe motto to follow in discipline is, "Be soon to be safe." A child left to himself is being deprived of one of the greatest assets of character—self

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Global Conquest made it possible for the Assemblies of God Revival Center to be established in Seoul, Korea. The ministry of the Revival Center reaches throughout the country.



Seoul Revival Center Dedicated

By JOHN HURSTON
Missionary to Korea

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE STREAMED from all directions toward the busy Suda Moon intersection of downtown Seoul, Korea. They poured into the large, beautiful new sanctuary of the Assemblies of God Revival Center. On this day, October 15, 1961, dreams and visions had come to fruition!

For the missionary staff of the Assemblies of God of Korea, this represented the fulfillment of the hopes of many years. There, in visible blocks, plaster, paint, and steel, stood the sanctuary of the Seoul Revival Center for which so many prayers have been offered and so many tears shed.

For the *Global Conquest* program, this represented the successful culmination of the "pilot" project.

For Field Secretary M. L. Ketcham this represented a glorious victory—a victory which has been won over almost insurmountable obstacles.

For Evangelist and Mrs. Sam Todd it was the fulfillment of a dream that had gripped them soon after their successful Seoul revival in 1956.

For missionary builder Arthur Ahlberg it was the successful completion of one of the largest church auditoriums on all our mission fields. The day be-

fore the dedication, Brother Ahlberg stepped back with a sigh and looked at the huge girders expertly covered with wood paneling, the soft aqua-colored ceiling, the restful beige front paneling, the white plastered walls, and the lovely pews providing seating for 1,500 people. Reverently he murmured, "Finished by the grace of God!"

For Korea it was the beginning of a new and vigorous approach to evangelism. Here young ministers will come and see revival in action. Here multitudes will come, not only from Seoul but from many other areas of Korea, and hear the New Testament message which truly is the power of God unto salvation. Here they will find the power of God in action.

For my outstanding associate, Pastor Cho Yonggi, and for my wife and myself, this was the glorious fulfillment of a burden with which we had lived for many months. It was also the beginning of the greatest responsibility we have ever known.

Dedication day climaxed a three-week revival effort in a large tent pitched on a lot adjoining the Center. Leading this campaign was Evangelist Sam Todd. During the latter days of the tent campaign, the crowd outside the tent had been larger than the capacity crowd inside. More than 3,000 had given pub-

lic testimony to salvation. Hundreds of these are now regularly attending services in the Center.

During the tent campaign, large numbers testified to physical healing. A deaf mute was brought to the microphone and testified to the crowd that God had instantly opened his ears and given him the power of speech, in answer to prayer. Cripples regained the use of limbs. God gloriously visited the city during the campaign held while the Center was being finished.

The dedication service was to begin at 2:30 P.M. but 1,500 people (a full capacity crowd) were in the church at 1:45. By 2 P.M. the aisles were filled and people were seated on the floor. Fifteen minutes later, every available foot of space was occupied. People overflowed into the tent which was still standing next to the building. An auxiliary speaker was erected in the tent. At least 3,000 people were present for this momentous occasion.

As the opening song filled the auditorium, our hearts were filled with thankfulness and praise to Him who had brought us to this moment. Dr. Kim Che Syum, dearly beloved Korean saint, led the prayer and was used by the Holy Spirit to bring a sense of the presence of God to the entire congregation. Dr. M. S. Kim, representing

the Office of the Minister of Education, declared that Korea welcomed this unique addition to its Christian community, and predicted that from this Center the fires of revival would spread to many denominations and churches.

Dr. Yoon Ce Yung, Vice-Speaker of the National Congress, declared that there is a secret in the atmosphere of the Revival Center—a secret which can counteract the inter-church conflict that has wounded Christianity in the land of Korea. He declared that it is time to return to Bible Christianity, and stated that even ten real Bible Christians can change the history of a nation.

Said Dr. Yoon, "The God of the Bible is not a denominational God; He is the God of all believers. Let's all be Christians, not denominationalists." Then Dr. Yoon continued, "Pastors, your Government calls on you to do more than preach. In these days we need to see your message in action. We in government are watching for the products of your preaching. The recent religious strife which has torn our land has caused us to suffer a most serious national and church wound. Our religious fighting has become a tragedy which the whole world knows. Let us start practicing Christianity. I say to you that the consciousness of my relationship to God through my personal faith in Christ is the great stabilizing factor of my life. I want to be an example of the Christian faith in action. I would like to testify to my joy for the emphasis on the message of healing going out from this place. I deeply believe in divine healing, for I myself have been healed by the power of God."

Evangelist Sam Todd, with the as-

sistance of Associate Pastor Cho Yonggi, who served as interpreter, voiced the dedicatory sermon and prayer. "We stand here today in debt," Brother Todd said. "We are in debt to the past, in debt to those who have handed us this message, this light, this opportunity. History must not record that we broke faith with those who suffered, sacrificed, and died in this land and in other lands, to hand us this Book, this faith, and this opportunity. Not only must we keep faith with this, but we must keep faith with this disturbed and frustrated generation. This hour demands a high standard of spiritual leadership from the church. We propose that from this platform a message of divine, dynamic, living faith shall reach Korea; that within these walls souls shall find divine forgiveness for sins, hearts shall find comfort, and bodies shall find healing. Here the believer shall find the personal baptism of power and anointing in the Holy Spirit."

Missionary John Stetz, Chairman of the Assemblies of God Field Fellowship, spoke as the representative of the Foreign Missions Department. "We expect this Revival Center to be like that of the early church in Jerusalem—a place from which the Word of God goes forth with boldness, and mighty signs and wonders attend the preaching of the Word," Brother Stetz said.

Chaplain Chung Dall Bin, retiring Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Chaplains of the ROK Armed Forces, brought a warm welcome to the Assemblies of God Korea on behalf of the Chaplains and personnel of the Armed Forces.

Missionary Arthur Sholtis, pastor for the English-speaking services at the

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Center, emphasized the potential of the Center in ministering to the English-speaking community at Seoul.

In the evening service there was a larger crowd present than in the afternoon. How the Holy Spirit blessed on that Sunday evening service—the first regular evangelistic service of the Center! More than 175 testified that they had definitely experienced salvation during the service. More than 100 testified to healing. A deaf mute heard and spoke. A blind person exclaimed, "I can see, I can see!" One woman, unable to walk, crawled on hands and knees from the street into the auditorium. She lay in the aisle and listened to the message. During the preaching of the Word, her paralyzed muscles began to receive life. At the close of the healing prayer she jumped to her feet, began to walk, wave her arms, and rejoice ecstatically.

We have already started to reap the harvest for which thousands in the United States have prayed and given and for which many on the field have labored. The Seoul Assemblies of God Revival Center is now a reality! Not only will it be a great and mighty church in its own right, but it will be the very heart-center from which the Pentecostal testimony will emanate with much greater force and grip the whole country of Korea. ◀◀

MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

COMING: On furlough in Independence, Mo., are **Mr. and Mrs. John Mattox** from Upper Volta. Send their mail % Mrs. Ruby L. Wix, 9903 E. 23rd, Independence, Mo.

The **Ernest Sjobergs** are home from the Philippines and can be reached at Box 1, Holden, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Correll have returned from Tanganyika and are now living at Mission Village, 3230 N. Grant, Springfield, Mo.

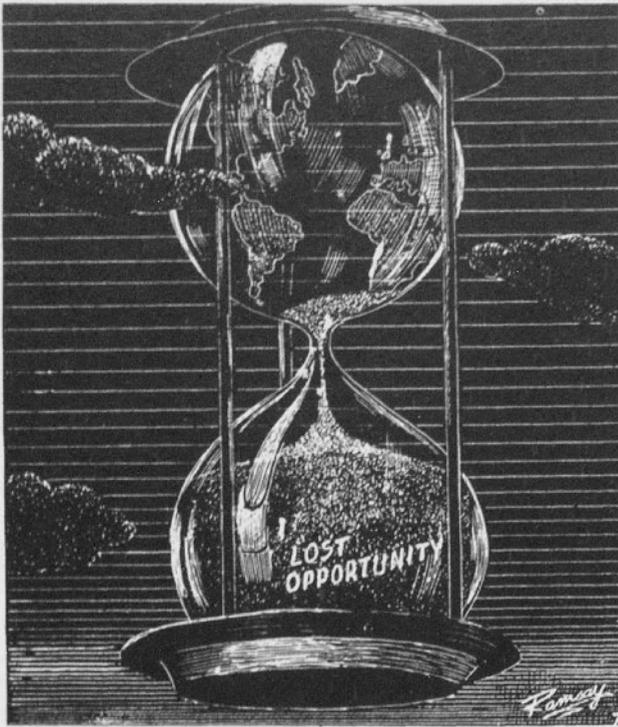
Also living at Mission Village, 3230 N. Grant, Springfield, Mo., are **Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jackson**, on furlough from Nigeria.

David Nyien and family are living at 531 Bell Street, Springfield, Mo., while on furlough from Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Bard have returned from Hong Kong and are making their home at 796½ N. Glassel, Orange, Calif.



Associate Pastor Cho Yonggi interprets for Pastor John Hurston at the dedication of the Revival Center in Seoul.



With every minute sharply
 scheduled in routine household
 and other duties how
 does one go about

REDEEMING THE TIME!

By Eleanor Eliason Meier

OUR LIVES ARE FULL—WE LIVE IN such a busy time! We shall never have hours of leisure. We must take the minutes, yes, even the seconds and use them for Christ. The apostle Paul tells us that we should “walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time” (Colossians 4:5).

“Oh,” you object, “I do not even have minutes to spare. I just do not have free time.” That is what Satan would like to have all of us believe, but let us examine our days and our ways as we face another new year.

I remember that when I was a little girl my grandmother would take me to town with her. She was a busy woman—what housewife is not? But my grandmother had learned a secret—*she used her seconds.*

When the clerk would hand her a package, my grandmother would thank her for such courteous and efficient service. The smile she wore conveyed the sincerity of her words. She always received a warm response that made it easy for her to leave a gospel tract—as a token of her appreciation. A tract given in that manner was usually read.

Grandmother never wasted the minutes she spent waiting for a bus. She didn't pace the street and keep glancing at her watch. Instead she would begin a conversation with the nearest person. She always made sure that the conversation included Christ. Before she boarded the bus a soul had been witnessed to. The driver received her fare, a cheery greeting, *and* a tract.

She never took an empty seat, but always chose to sit by someone. The twenty-minute ride was a good opportunity to tell a fellow passenger of Christ.

My grandmother loved to have salesmen come to her door. Even when she had to hurriedly excuse herself, she handed them one of her tracts which she kept by her door for that purpose.

How many times do you wait in line at the drug or grocery store? Here again are minutes that can be redeemed. How many times a month do you greet the newsboy, the postman, or the milkman? Does your greeting contain an inquiry of their soul's destiny?

Christ Himself set the example of using time. When He waited at the well He spoke to the Samaritan woman about the water of life. When He walked in the market place He healed and preached. When He went into a wilderness to rest He fed and taught the people. In the still of the night He spoke to Nicodemus telling him, “Ye must be born again.”

Since Christ has set the example we must ask ourselves, how do we use our times of waiting—our trips to the shopping centers—our vacations? When we cannot sleep at night, do we use those moments to pray?

Continuing on in the fourth chapter of Colossians, we read in the sixth verse, “Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.” If our speech is always with

grace, then our words will never be idle, but always a testimony of our Saviour. Often we hesitate because of fear or uncertainty. This verse, however, promises that when Christ is the center of our vocabulary we will know how to answer every man.

The most startling revelation to each personal worker is the fact that people are anxious to hear. They expect us as Christians to speak of our Redeemer. Your guests would find their meal flat and tasteless if you were to prepare it without salt, and so they find your conversation dull and insipid when it is not seasoned with the salt of Christ's regeneration within you.

How often we wait for a convenient day—one in which we will have the whole morning or afternoon free in which to witness. Since that day never arrives, we feel justified with our neglect, until we are brought face to face with eternal calamity as was the case of a certain friend of mine.

We entered the corridor of the hospital greeted by the quiet of efficiency and the odor of cleanliness. As we walked toward the information desk I could sense the uneasiness in my friend. The nurse looked up from her work in response to the name we requested.

“Oh, I'm so sorry—you're too late. He is in a coma and would not even know you were present.”

“What about his wife, is she here? May I speak with her?” my friend inquired.

“No, she was so exhausted we had her taken home to rest. I believe she

realizes too that there is nothing to do now but wait." Then seeing the distress on my friend's face, she said, "Don't worry. The wait will not be long now and then all of his pain will be over."

We left the hospital and walked toward the car in the bright sunlight. "Do you know," my friend broke the silence, "I have been intending to witness to that man for years. Somehow, I could never get the courage to do so. When he had this attack I knew it was an opportune time. Yet for some reason I kept waiting 'until tomorrow' to go and see him. Last week I learned that he had been brought to the hospital. Today I finally took time to come and see him and speak to him of his soul and eternity. Only now I am too late—he cannot hear me."

There were no words I could offer to ease the grief. Nothing can weigh so heavy as the obligation of a lost soul. Regret can never bring back the moments lost, or regain the time when a few words could have meant eternal salvation.

We quote the words contained in 2 Corinthians 6:2, "For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation," and we delegate them to the sinner and unbeliever. As I viewed the remorse of my friend I wondered if these words should not be the charge of every born-again believer. "Behold, *now* is the day of salvation" for the souls with whom we come in contact. "Now is the accepted time" for us to speak to them.

Do you remember how many times you had thought of a kind word or gesture and then postponed it? In most cases delay meant finality and the deed was never done. At every funeral we hear the regrets of those left behind. These are not for the big impossible tasks, but for the small tokens of affection that cost so little but carry such value. It is the little insignificant things that can turn an ordinary day into something special. Each time you promise yourself that this shall not happen again—you *will* write that letter, send that greeting, or make that telephone call. But how easily we forget those promises if we do not lay hold of the present moment!

A new year lies ahead of us. Have we learned a lesson from bitter experiences in the past? Will we "redeem the

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Judas was a son of Simon. Was he the son of Simon Peter, or of a different Simon? John 6:71.

Simon was a common name among the Jews. There were Simon the leper, Simon the sorcerer, Simon the Pharisee, and other Simons mentioned in the Gospels. I do not know which Simon was the father of Judas, but I am sure he was not Simon Peter, or any of the other Simons I have mentioned. Judas was possibly as old as any of the Simons whose names are recorded.

We have named our first child Alpha. A neighbor told me this was wrong because Alpha is a name ascribed only to God in the Bible. What should we do?

According to the dictionary "alpha" is the first letter of the Greek alphabet as "a" is the first letter in our alphabet. Therefore, it seems appropriate for you to name your first child Alpha. When the Lord says, "I am Alpha and Omega," He means that He is the first and the last, the A and the Z, the beginning and the end.

What is meant by the references to "liberal" preachers that we hear so often?

A "liberal" preacher is generally considered to be one who holds "liberal" views concerning the Bible, God, and Christ. Such usually doubt or deny what we consider to be fundamental doctrines of the Bible: the virgin birth of Christ, the inspiration of the Scriptures, the bodily resurrection of Christ, and probably the resurrection of the dead. Some liberal ministers are less conservative than others.

Do the glasses, rings, etc., that Isaiah denounced include engagement and wedding rings? Isaiah 3:16-24.

Isaiah was denouncing the worldly adorning that prevailed in his day. I do not believe it has any reference to engagement and wedding rings. However, this ought to be a lesson to many in our day who are conforming to the world rather than to Biblical principles in what they wear.

My little son, nearly three years old, was killed in an accident. Do you think he will be limited to the knowledge of an infant in heaven or will he grow to maturity?

I am unable to say. Should your son remain a little boy, you may be sure his spirit and mind will be greatly enlivened so that he will not be restricted to the limits of an earthly child. I think it would be pleasant were there to be glorified children in heaven as well as older persons, but God knows how to handle all of this. We must trust Him to do all things well.

Our high-school teacher insists we must attend dancing classes. She says such exercise develops grace and poise, and aids in acquiring friends. I would like to have these benefits of the dance, but my mother says I cannot go to the classes. What is wrong with dancing?

No doubt much the teacher says is true. Your mother, however, knows the temptation that might come through the close contact of your body with that of the person with whom you may dance. I wish the booklet, "From the Ballroom to Hell," by a dancing teacher, were still in print. It reveals how many lovely girls have lost their virtue as a result of the dance. This is what is wrong with dancing. "Necking," of course, is equally bad and may be even more dangerous than dancing.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS PRAYED IN desperation from foxholes on the battlefield: "O God, if you will spare my life and let me return safely to my family and America, I will serve you the rest of my life."

But how many remembered their promise to God when they returned to their peaceful homeland? Many were like the little boy who, finding himself rolling down a roof towards a big rock, prayed: "Lord, help, help me—oh never mind, I'm caught on a nail!"

It's only human for man to rely on himself and his surroundings. Very few people look up to God until they are lying flat on their back.

Perhaps everything is going well for you now. Your family is well. Your bankroll is gaining weight, and your home life was never so good.

Think back a moment—remember when death stared you in the face? When the doctor gave your child ten days to live? Or when you had bills piling up and there were insufficient funds to meet them?

What were your thoughts then? No doubt you prayed, "God, if you'll help me through this, I'll be a real Christian."

Now days, weeks, months, perhaps even years have slipped by. Possibly God hasn't heard from you since your dark hour. But He is merciful and patient, and He has given you another chance to keep your word.

HAVE YOU KEPT YOUR

PROMISE TO GOD?

If you have not kept your promise to God, why not?

One thing is sure. God has been

good to you. He has kept you. He has given you a free country in which to live and worship Him. And He has given you His Word, the Holy Bible, which declares, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, . . . but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

God never fails to keep His promises to you. The Bible assures you, "For all the promises of God in him [Jesus Christ] are yea and . . . amen" (2 Corinthians 1:20).

Two of His most precious promises to you are these: "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

Are you tired of sin and of a guilty conscience? Do you long for forgiveness and peace of mind? Then keep your part of the promise—*come and call*. That's right—just *come* to the Lord, as the hymn puts it,

*"Just as I am without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me."*

Just *call* on Him to save your immortal soul. If you will do this in faith and sincerity, He will keep the other part of the promise—"I will give you rest."

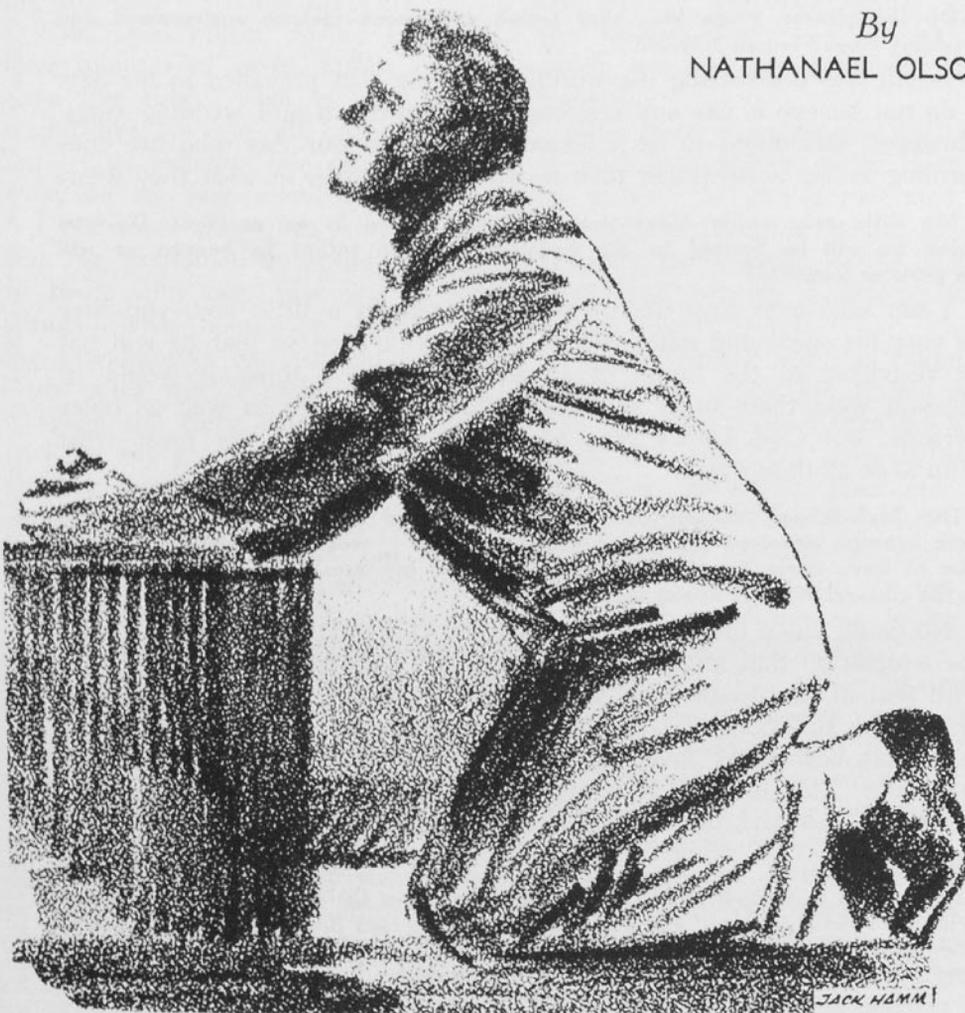
Right now is the best time for you to keep your promise to God. "*Now* is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). You may not be able to keep your promise tomorrow. Sickness or death may strike. Take your stand for the Lord today!

Sign the form below as an outward expression of your inner decision. Clip this pledge and save it as a reminder of your decision for Christ.

Have You Kept Your Promise?

By

NATHANAEL OLSON



—Yes, I admit that I'm a sinner and have failed to keep my promises to God. But I will call upon Him for salvation today. With His help I'll live for Him from this day until He calls me to heaven. Until then I'll confess Him publicly before my friends and relatives as my Saviour and my Master.

In sincere faith I sign this pledge.

Signature

Date

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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he saw a little cloud which spread until it covered the heavens. Occasional reading of verses with passing glances may reveal very little. But careful pondering brings about the penetration of the full meaning to our consciousness until the words stand out like a rare collection of jewels under a blazing light. Only as we contemplate the truths which flow from His wonderful life-giving Word shall we receive that which will become a motivating force to joyful obedience.

The blessed man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly is pictured for us in the first Psalm as having his delight in the law of the Lord: "And in his law doth he meditate day and night." He has such positive joy in contemplating God's law that he muses in it constantly.

Is the Lord's Book a delight to your heart, or do you read it from a sense of duty? Many of us live lives filled with Christian "duty." We go to church on Sunday morning; we attend Wednes-

day night prayer meeting; we read the Bible—all because it is the thing to do. Yet how many of us meditate in His Word out of sheer delight?

"But," you ask, "how can I take pleasure in the Scripture when the first thing it does is to condemn me?" The same Book which reveals the wickedness of the human heart, also propounds the way of salvation, and paves the way to grace and victory. In the Word we behold God's likeness and it is the power of that same Word that changes us into the same image!

The Bible is filled with sacred, holy verses upon which we would do well to meditate. Reflect for a moment upon a sample passage:

"Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

"He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.

"With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation" (Psalm 91:14-16).

What a lavish array of benefits are

proffered to those who set their love upon the Lord! Answered prayer for the suppliant! His presence in trouble! Deliverance in every place of need! Length of days! The revelation of a salvation that will be consummated in the eternal bliss of heaven! Isn't it all unspeakably precious? What more could one ask?

In this program of profit that God has laid down for all people, we have nothing to lose. Fasten your love upon the Lord. Plan frequent times for meditation. Cling to His Word day by day and moment by moment. While there are other things that must legitimately occupy your mind, see to it as you go about your daily tasks that recurring thoughts of the Lord and His Word diffuse throughout the whole continuity of your busy days.

*Fix firmly your thoughts on the things of the Lord,
Keep rooted and grounded through His holy Word;
Fresh vigor and strength to receive by the way
Till, safe past earth shadows, you reach endless day.*

3 INSPIRING CONVENTIONS*

3 OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS



IVAR FRICK

EASTERN: Ivar Frick, pastor of a large and growing Michigan church, is the featured speaker for the Eastern Regional Sunday School Convention. Drawing from a rich background in Sunday school work, he will speak three nights concerning effective evangelism in and through the Sunday school.



WILLIAM KIRSCHKE

CENTRAL: William Kirschke, who recently returned from Australia where he has been conducting Sunday school rallies, tours, and seminars, is the featured speaker for the Central Regional Sunday School Convention. William Kirschke has been a recognized leader in the field of Sunday school, having served with both the National Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God and the National Sunday School Association. During the past few months he has been speaking at Sunday school rallies throughout the United States.



KENNETH SCHMIDT

WESTERN: Kenneth Schmidt, present pastor of a thriving Colorado church, is engaged as special speaker for the Western Regional Sunday School Convention. A background of world-wide evangelistic ministry, years of pastoral experience, and district work qualify him as the convention speaker. He will present the subject of Sunday school evangelism during this two-day, three-night convention.

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THE YAQUIS' MERRY CHRISTMAS



Children and parents wait for the distribution of Christmas gifts.



Children proudly wear new clothing provided at Christmas by WMC's.

EXCITEMENT WAS IN THE AIR AS THE MISSIONARIES' station wagon pulled up in front of the Assemblies of God Indian Mission at Guadalupe, Ariz. It was time for the festive Christmas service for the Yaqui Indian people.

Youngsters were scurrying toward the brightly lighted church from every direction. When my husband and I entered we met a sea of dark faces. It appeared that every chair was occupied. But we were the invited guests of the Alvin Boothers, missionaries in charge at Guadalupe, and they placed some folding chairs in the aisle to seat us.

A glittering Christmas tree with gift-wrapped packages stuffed beneath it adorned the platform. The piano also was stacked high with gifts, and even the baptistry behind the pulpit was running over with packages.

Anticipation was written on every face as the service began. Angi Suchil, a talented *senorita*, led the congregation in singing "Joy to the Word." Next, three small children gave recitations. Then a white-robed choir entered and sang some beautiful carols. Nearly all of the service was in Spanish for that is the language spoken by the Yaqui Indians.

Brother Booher's deaf class "sang" a Christmas carol in the sign language. It was beautifully done. The children also sang a few action choruses, and Miss Suchil led the congregation in another Christmas hymn.

The high light of the service was the presentation of the Christmas story with the aid of flannelgraph figures.

Then the presentation of gifts began and what a happy time it was. The generous distribution of toys, purses, sweaters, belts, dolls, color books, candy, and so many other good things made possible by kind-hearted WMC's was a fitting illustration of that divine love that sent the Saviour into the world.

"The members of the Sunday school may come first to get their gifts," announced Sister Booher when she could make herself heard above the excited murmur. "Then we want our visitors to come, for we have gifts for all."

As the children marched by, Sisters McKnight and Pritchett gave each one a big paper bag. Another helper watched those who passed by and added an appropriate gift—a doll for each girl's sack, a toy for each little boy, a stuffed animal for each small child. Other helpers added pencils, color books, crayons, oranges, and candy to the open sacks as the children moved along.

The mothers and teen-age girls next received special gifts—purses, each filled with handy items such as soap, wash cloth, handkerchief, pins, needles, spools, buttons, and a gay apron.

Teen-age boys received a package containing socks, comb, belt, tie, key ring, and perhaps some gum.

Each mother received a surprise package—a bag containing a sweater, towels, doilies, salt and pepper shakers, or whatever useful items the WMC's may have sent.

It was midnight when the service was formally dismissed. Many of the Indians were loath to leave the church. For some of them, this would be all the Christmas they would have. They were in no hurry to leave this wonderful atmosphere where they felt wanted and loved.

The missionaries and their helpers, though weary in body, experienced that true Christmas joy that comes from giving rather than receiving. Theirs is a labor of love; their love for these dear people makes the yoke easy and the burden light. They serve unselfishly because they love the Indians and they love Christ. At Christmas they gave "as unto Him," knowing also that some who visited the church for the first time would come back again and again. Their prayer is that these visitors might return and find the Saviour of whom they may have heard for the first time at this Christmas service.

If those who contributed to the Christmas fund, and all the women who worked untiringly to provide a merry Christmas for the Indian people at Guadalupe—and at other Assemblies of God missions—could have attended the Christmas service as we did, they would have felt repaid many times over. ◀◀

I CAN ONLY ATTEMPT TO DESCRIBE the most shocking scene I have ever witnessed. The fellow, a handsome teen-ager, kept pleading, "All I want, Davie, is a fix! Do something—don't just stand there." Every muscle in his body was twitching. He was gasping for breath and vomiting blood. His eyes were wild with pain. Every vein in his neck was puffed and dark-bluish.

Joe was ill and desperate for an injection of heroin. I lost sight of him through my tears as he fled down South Second Street threatening to "mug" another victim.

Joe is only one of thousands of youth who were only looking for a thrill but are now "mainline" drug addicts who spend an average of \$20 to \$60 each day to support their habit.

Teen-agers across the continent have gone "drug" crazy. In Baltimore, hundreds of youth are getting "high" on the new kick called "glue sniffing." Glue sniffing is addictive. It can damage the brain, nervous system, bladder, kidneys, liver, and bone marrow. Police officials have even found eight-year-olds deathly sick from "glue sniffing."

High-school students in metropolitan areas are drinking cough syrup for a "fix"—a very dangerous act.

Unnumbered thousands of teen-agers are dragging on "marijuana sticks," so-called. "Pod" smokers can now be found in the smallest towns and villages from coast to coast. I have dealt with eleven-year-old youngsters who thought nothing of smoking five and six marijuana sticks in one day.

Glue sniffers, syrup suckers, and pod puffers usually end up as "mainline" heroin users.

I have been called an alarmist and often have been accused of exaggerating the extent of adolescent drug addiction. Yet I have heard the hoof beats of Satan; I have touched the pulse of the "asphalt jungle." Unless God in His great mercy undertakes and intervenes, your own neighborhood may become plagued by this curse of narcotics.

The alarming spread of drug addiction can be traced largely to the Chinese Communist regime. The People's Bank of China handles millions of dollars from the sale and promotion of drugs. Opium and heroin shipments are guarded by the Red Chinese army. *Narcotics experts claim that over five*

There is only one cure
for a predicted

One Million New Teen-Age Drug Addicts



BY DAVID WILKERSON

Teen-Age Evangelism Missionary in New York

million acres in starving China are now devoted exclusively to intensive cultivation of narcotic poppies.

I am told that Chinese Communist leaders have forcibly kidnapped Chinese youth and shipped them off to sea on a dope fleet. They tie their hands and feet and forcibly give them injections until they manifest a craving for narcotics. They soon become confirmed addicts. This is the young army of slaves produced by Chinese dope mobsters who are now willing and eager to undertake any criminal assignment in exchange for daily narcotic requirements. They are now stalking the streets of every major city in California as well as New York!

Around the world, reports are the same. The Communists are spending much time and money enslaving unsuspecting teen-agers everywhere. They are cultivating new drug addicts daily. While you sit in comfort and read this report, forces are hard at work to cultivate over ONE MILLION new teen-age drug addicts in the western bloc in the next year.

Red China is screaming for a seat in the U.N.—and for a good reason. Once seated she can expand her billion-dollar-a-year narcotics traffic through trade missions into every major port in the U.S., Canada, Latin America, and Western Europe.

If Red China is seated in the U.N., I predict that within ten months we will be reading of teen-age opium addicts in our major cities. Any minister

of the gospel who clamors for the recognition of Red China is a Benedict Arnold to our youth.

Is this a hopeless situation? Is there no cure for our addicted youth? Jails have failed in the "cold turkey" process practiced in confinement. Psychiatrists have failed in the "quarantining" of victims. Hospitals and clinics suffer from a "sense of frustration" in the field of narcotics. The medical profession claims there will never be a magic key to a "cure." *It seems we have heard from every source except the church!* If every other attempt has failed, is it not time to recall the everlasting words: "With God all things are possible."

There is a positive cure for drug addiction and we want the whole world to hear about it. We can prove it at the Teen Challenge Center. "Mainline" addicts with suicidal tendencies have not only been cured but are now preaching the gospel. Within one year they are going into hideouts to rescue other addicts.

The cure is *Christ*.

"If any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Other agencies cannot accept this fact because the carnal mind cannot receive the things of the Spirit. But while they say it cannot be done, and while they look on with skepticism, these converted drug addicts keep preaching, praying, and loving man and God. ◀◀



LOOKING OVER OF WONDERFUL

*On its eighth anniversary of live
Revivaltime recounts past successes
to new conquests for the future*

Revivaltime origination at General Council in Portland, Oreg.

BECAUSE OF THE RESULTS OF *Revivaltime's* WORLD-WIDE ministry during the past eight years, the prospects appear bright for bold advances into new areas and further expansion of its present ministries.

This month we celebrate the eighth anniversary of live network broadcasting. Since 1946 the Assemblies of God has had a weekly international broadcast service beginning with "Sermons in Song." In 1950 the broadcast was expanded to thirty minutes and renamed *Revivaltime*. Then on December 20, 1953, *Revivaltime* began broadcasting its service live on the ABC network.

BROADCAST SERVICE

Stirred by the gospel music and moved by the evangelistic sermons of C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* speaker for the past eight years, more than 12,000,000 persons listen each week as the broadcast goes out over 353 stations. Each week persons write telling of spiritual blessings resulting from a broadcast service. Here are two of these testimonies:

"I listen to your sermon every Sunday. I am shut in with a very ill mother eighty years old, whose sickness has taken her mind. Because I care for her alone, I don't get to church any more. Your broadcast has been so much help to me."—G. W., Kansas

"Before I knew your program was on the air, going to church was more of a form than a blessing. But since I started listening to *Revivaltime*, the wonderful presence of God blesses us each Sunday and prepares us for church."—B. P., Michigan

MUSIC MINISTRY

Directed by Cyril McLellan, forty dedicated young people from Central Bible Institute form the *Revivaltime* choir. Hours of prayer and practice go into each week's broadcast.

Many persons have been attracted to listen to the broadcast sermon as a result of the choir. "I was just turning the dial when I heard beautiful music." "As your soloist sang, my heart was convicted." "The song comforted me and reminded me of my childhood."

Twice a year the choir makes a major tour. During the Thanksgiving tour last month churches in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Louisiana were visited. Next spring the choir will make a two-week tour of churches in Kansas, Colorado, and Missouri. As a result of these tours hundreds of souls

have been saved and a number of young people have dedicated themselves to Christian service.

Because of the demand, three long-playing record albums of songs by the *Revivaltime* choir have been produced. *Music of the Pentecostal Churches*, the first album, was in the top-ten list of Word Records for twelve consecutive months, twice as many months as the second highest consecutive month seller. A fourth album is scheduled for production next spring.

FIELD MINISTRY

C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* speaker, D. V. Hurst, national secretary of radio, and Stanley Michael, *Revivaltime* field representative, conduct many meetings outside of Springfield. At ministers' institutes, camp meetings, youth conventions, *Revivaltime* rallies, crusades, and other services, these men minister in person. Scores of persons have been saved and brought into the local churches because of these personal appearances. During the past year *Revivaltime* crusades were held in San Jose, California; Detroit, Michigan; Rochester, New York; Whiteman Air Force Base; and other places.

OUTSIDE ORIGINATIONS

Each year a small number of *Revivaltime* broadcasts are produced outside of Springfield. During 1961, ten broadcasts originated in this way, including two in conjunction with special world-wide prayer services and one from the General Council at Portland, Oregon. These originations enable local churches and radio listeners to participate in a broadcast and to meet the *Revivaltime* team.

PRAYER MEETINGS

Revivaltime sponsored two world-wide prayer meetings this year. During the recession of early 1961, the *Revivaltime* team visited Detroit, Michigan, and called a special prayer service on May 14 for persons seeking employment. More than 3,110 requests were received for this prayer meeting.

The thirteenth special prayer effort was the annual Thanksgiving prayer service, held November 19. The *Revivaltime* team, the Rochester, New York, origination audience, and more than 30,000 persons in 850 prayer groups throughout the world joined together in prayer for the unsaved members of our families. More than 20,000 special

SEND YOUR CHRISTMAS AND ANNIVERSARY GIFTS TO RE

OVER A YEAR FUL VICTORY

of live network broadcasting,
successes and looks ahead
for Christ's kingdom.



C. M. Ward preparing sermon for Revivaltime broadcast

requests for prayer for unsaved loved ones were sent to *Revivaltime* for this prayer meeting.

COUNSELING BY LETTER

Between 10,000 and 12,000 letters come to *Revivaltime* during an average month. A large number of these letters are from persons with serious problems and questions.

A man wants to know how to be saved. A wife wants help to keep her home together. A young person is in love with someone of another faith. A child is unhappy because his parents drink and do not attend church. All these and many other problems require spiritual advice.

Sometimes a tract or book can provide the answer, while at other times a personal letter is required. Whatever the problem, each letter with its problems is prayerfully considered and answered.

LITERATURE

More than 2,500,000 pieces of literature have been distributed by *Revivaltime* since December, 1953. The literature includes tracts, sermons, books, and special bulletins by C. M. Ward.

Often the literature has been directly responsible for the salvation of an individual. "The Tragedy of Mixed Marriage" has been useful in persuading young persons not to marry Roman Catholics, while books on prophecy, the Holy Spirit, marriage and the home, teen-age problems, and numerous other topics have been used by God to meet other specific needs.

In addition to the literature in English, missionaries and interested persons have translated some pieces into other languages. *The Personal Workers' Guide* was translated into Spanish. Hal Herman's life story was translated into Italian for his crusade in Italy. A man in the Netherlands regularly translates sermons and books into Dutch for people in his country.

FOREIGN CRUSADES

Revivaltime is currently heard over forty-seven stations outside the continental United States. Because of the great popularity of the foreign releases in British Guiana and Trinidad, the missionaries and workers there called C. M. Ward and D. V. Hurst for special foreign crusades.

During the British Guiana crusade in 1960, nightly attendance reached 12,000 and more than 1,980 decisions for

Christ were recorded. More than 500 were saved during the Trinidad crusade this year, where up to 5,000 attended the nightly meetings.

FOREIGN ASSOCIATE BROADCAST

Revivaltime's foreign arm has also been strengthened by the association begun in 1960 with the "Voice of Truth" broadcast, produced by Paul Demetrus. Broadcast in the Russian and Ukrainian languages, *Revivaltime's* "Voice of Truth" is practically the only method now available to the Assemblies of God to reach the millions behind the iron curtain. An estimated 6,000,000 persons listen to these broadcasts.

ASSISTANT TO PASTORS

Because they enjoyed listening to *Revivaltime*, a number of persons and families have been encouraged to attend Assemblies of God churches. They are often hungry for the full-gospel message and glad to find a church which preaches it.

However, for the greatest benefit to his church, a pastor must make an all-out effort to tie his church in with the ministry of *Revivaltime* in the eyes of the community. Among the effective means which have been reported by pastors are to follow up names provided by the Radio Department, display the *Revivaltime* sign, make announcements in church bulletins, and run spot radio announcements.

HOME MISSIONS EFFORTS

Revivaltime has received letters from nearly as many cities which have no Assemblies of God churches as from those which have. This nucleus of listeners makes an effective beachhead for establishing new works. Recognizing *Revivaltime's* value in opening new works, the Home Missions Department is currently using the broadcast as a primary step in launching a new Pentecostal work in Norwalk, Connecticut.

As *Revivaltime* faces the future, the prospects are greater than ever before for reaching new areas with the full-gospel message both at home and abroad. To assure an enlargement of *Revivaltime's* ministries, your faithful prayers and regular financial support are needed.

At this holiday season, remember His great gift and *Revivaltime's* anniversary by sending a special gift for this radio ministry.

—Lois Hokanson



PAUL FINISHES HIS COURSE

Sunday School Lesson for December 31, 1961

2 CORINTHIANS 11:23-28; 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8

We come to the close of the life of the man whose dedication to Christ probably has never been excelled and whose spiritual contribution and ministry has never been equalled. Though God has not called all of us to duplicate Paul's ministry, He is surely looking for both ministers and laymen who will be equally faithful and dedicated to Christ.

I. PAUL DEFENDS HIS APOSTLESHIP (2 Corinthians 11:23-31).

Christ taught—and it is the general teaching of the New Testament—that the Christian need not and ought not defend himself but commit his case to God and allow the Lord to vindicate him. However, Paul's situation was unique. Since he was the only preacher many of the Gentile converts had ever heard, and since he was in a special way the custodian of divinely inspired truth which had not as yet been reduced to writing, it was imperative that he defend his apostleship and apostolic authority. For if his accusers could discredit him they would simultaneously discredit the authenticity of the gospel he preached.

In the opening of the chapter he apologizes for having to boast. He is aware that in itself boasting is of no value. Yet he finds it necessary to prove his apostleship, and he specifies just what his credentials are. He tells the church why he has a right to claim to be an apostle.

And what are these proofs, these credentials? He had been "in labours . . . in stripes . . . in prisons . . . in deaths." Then he speaks further of his personal sufferings. "Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one . . . thrice . . . beaten with rods . . . once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck." We cannot but be awe-stricken as we go on through the long list of perils, snares, and dangers which the great apostle endured. And is it not enlightening to note that these things are the proof of discipleship rather than possession of a Cadillac, a huge congregation, an expensive and elaborate church edifice? Is it not significant that he did not give statistics as to the number of churches he had established, the number of souls he had won over the years, the number of the miracles God had performed through him?

Finally he points to his love and concern for the churches as a proof of his apostleship. And all through this Second Letter to the Corinthians there is revealed the burning and tender love this man had for those to whom he ministered.

He concludes his defense with a solemn declaration, "The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . knoweth that I lie not." Paul had not been guilty of exaggeration. He knew it and he could also say, "God knoweth." And what a source of strength and comfort to any minister or any faithful Christian to be able so to speak.

"He knows, He loves, He cares, nothing this truth can dim;
He gives the very best to those who leave the choice with Him."

II. PAUL'S LAST TESTIMONY (2 Timothy 4:6,7).

Paul is in prison in Rome waiting execution at the hands of the Roman emperor. This is the end of a life of utter self-abnegation and abandonment to the Lord Jesus Christ—and after he has endured the rigors and hardships described in the first portion of our lesson!

What is his attitude in view of his plight? "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand." Not a word of complaint does he have—not a trace of bewilderment or doubt. There is no questioning of the love and justice of God. "I am ready." For that matter, he had lived in a state of readiness; he had lived in the constant realization that at any time, "to depart and be with Christ" was more appealing than abiding in the flesh.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." What a testimony! He had run a courageous race. He had given God his best. He had fulfilled the will of God for his life. His motives had been pure.

III. PAUL'S GLORIOUS PROSPECT (2 Timothy 4:8).

Paul could face eternity with eagerness and expectation of eternal reward. He was sure that since he had served only for love, he would receive a reward—a crown of righteousness. He was equally sure that such a reward could be anticipated by all who loved his Lord! Paul teaches us not only how to live but also how to face eternity and death. Though one's last days may not be spent in material comfort, any and every faithful Christian may face the future with the joyful assurance that "our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." We know that "the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

—J. Bashford Bishop

REWARDS FOR THE CHRISTIAN

CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
FOR COMPLETED TASKS
2 Timothy 4:8

CROWN OF LIFE
FOR FAITHFULNESS
Revelation 2:10

CROWN OF GLORY
FOR LOYAL PASTORS
1 Peter 5:4

INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN
FOR SELF-DISCIPLINE
1 Corinthians 9:25

CROWN OF REJOICING
FOR SOUL-WINNERS
1 Thessalonians 2:19

CHRIST, OUR DEAREST PRIZE

I PRESS TOWARD THE MARK FOR THE PRIZE OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS. PHIL. 3:14



The Family Altar



MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

READ: Matthew 1:18-27; Luke 2:1-7

LEARN: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

FOR THE PARENT: After prayerfully reading the Christmas story, stress how Christ was the promised Redeemer (Genesis 3:15), the promised perfect Ruler (Isaiah 9:6, 7). His kingdom upon this earth is yet to come, but He is now our Redeemer as we look to Him, asking Him to cleanse our sins. Christmas is the time when we remember how He became like us—so He could save us.

QUESTION TIME: Why did Christ come to this earth? (See above.) What is the most important message of Christmas?

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

READ: Luke 2:25-40

LEARN: "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him" (Luke 2:40).

FOR THE PARENT: When Jesus was yet very young, Mary and Joseph took Him to the temple to fulfill the requirements of the Law of Moses (Luke 2:21-24). While there, two saints, Simeon and Anna, saw and recognized the Christ-child. Discuss the revelation which had come to Simeon, his statements regarding the Child and His ministry. Discuss also the comments of Anna, showing how Christ was looked upon as the One who would bring redemption, v. 38. Jesus grew up just as any other child, but notice what verse 40 says about His growth.

QUESTION TIME: Who were Simeon and Anna? What did they have to say about Jesus?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Robert L. Cobb, Nigeria; Mrs. Benjamin H. LaFon, Honduras.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

READ: Luke 2:41-52

LEARN: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52).

FOR THE PARENT: Have the group review the story about Jesus' visit to the temple when He was 12, pointing out: (1) the faithfulness of Mary and Joseph to the requirements of the law, v. 41; (2) they were unaware that Jesus was still in Jerusalem, vv. 43, 44; (3) they returned to Jerusalem, v. 45; (4) they found Jesus in the temple, v. 46; (5) what Jesus was doing in the temple, vv. 46, 47; (6) Mary's remonstrance and Jesus' answer, vv. 48, 49; (7) Jesus' obedience to His parents, v. 51; (8) Jesus' intellectual, physical, spiritual and social development, v. 52.

QUESTION TIME: What was Jesus doing in Jerusalem? (vv. 46, 47) What was the reaction of the doctors to Him? (v. 47)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Edward Granholm (Deaf), Maine; Esther Fritz, India; Paul N. Goodwin, Jamaica.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

READ: 2 Corinthians 11:23-28; 2 Timothy 4:6-8

LEARN: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Paul Finishes His Course" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Today's passage from 2 Corinthians is a resume of the ministry of Paul and his sufferings for the cause of Christ. Review these, pointing out Paul's great dedication to the responsibilities the Lord had given him. Then from the passage in 2 Timothy show Paul's reaction as he neared the end of his life, pointing out his personal testimony, v. 7, and the confidence he had in the reward awaiting him, v. 8.

QUESTION TIME: How much did Paul suffer for the sake of the gospel? (2 Corinthians 11:23-28) What was Paul's testimony as he neared the end of his life? (2 Timothy 4:7)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Luther Cayton (Indian), Nevada; Mrs. Cleo Crabaugh, Liberia; Mrs. Jimmie Davis, Japan; Walter Erickson, Peru; Mrs. C. E. Greenaway, Senegal; Kenneth C. McComber, Philippines; Arthur E. Wilson (superannuated), Dahomey.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

READ: Luke 14:26-33; 17:26-30; Romans 15:1; Luke 5:27, 28 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24).

FOR THE PARENT: This week's Junior lesson emphasizes that Christian growth includes the quality of self-denial. Discuss: (1) the emphasis Christ placed on self-denial in His teachings, Luke 14:26-33; (2) the effect of not practicing self-denial, Luke 17:26-30; (3) the responsibility of self-denial—bearing the infirmities of the weak, Romans 15:1; (4) the practice of self-denial—leaving all, as Matthew did, to follow Christ, Luke 5:27, 28.

QUESTION TIME: What happens to those who do not practice self-denial? (See above.) How is Matthew an example of self-denial?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Floyd Horst, Philippines.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

READ: 2 Kings 12:1-16 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

FOR THE PARENT: When Joash (Jehoash) became king over Judah, he began to do that which was right in the sight of the Lord. One of his major accomplishments was repairing the temple. Point out: (1) a hindrance to accomplishing the task, vv. 4-8; (2) securing the money necessary, v. 9; (3) the generosity of the people, v. 10; (4) the repairs made, vv. 11-16. Stress the importance of giving of our substance to the Lord—and of giving it cheerfully. God has given us so much that we should gladly give Him back a portion of it.

QUESTION TIME: What was one of the major accomplishments of King Joash? (See above.) How did they collect the money to repair the temple? (v. 9)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Samuel Beckdahl, India; Anthony Giordano, Uruguay; Mrs. W. H. Morris, Venezuela; Mrs. Alva Walker, Cuba.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SUNDAY: Mrs. Kenneth Andrus, Alaska; Fred A. Cruse (Indian), Arizona.

In the resurrection the seed that was sown in weakness shall be raised in power—and if the seed was a beautiful spirit in the individual believer, it will be clothed with a beautiful body.

THE MIRACLE OF SEED

BY JOSEPH SMITH, WOKING, SURREY, ENGLAND

SO SMALL, SO VERY SMALL, YET WHAT a potential lies in a tiny grain of seed! Our Lord speaks of the miraculous power of a grain of mustard seed. How true to type is every seed sown in the earth: like producing like—everyone “after his kind” (Genesis 1:11).

We ourselves are born into this world of corruptible seed, but into the kingdom of God we are born again “not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever” (1 Peter 1:23). What is that seed? It is the gospel, or the good news of a Saviour who bled and died and rose again, according to the Scriptures, that we might be saved (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Again the law of Genesis 1:11 comes into force—this glorious, pure, divine, living seed reproduces itself “after his kind”; and we are born into a kingdom not of darkness but of light—not of sin but of righteousness. As it is written: “For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost” (Romans 14:17).

But Paul carries this matter of seed and its miraculous powers still farther

—into the next life and to the great resurrection morning. “But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. . . . So also is the resurrection of the dead” (1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42).

In the natural realm we are well acquainted with the manner in which God gives to “every seed his own body.” Slowly and steadily, by means of natural growth the new life draws from mother earth a body for the seed. But concerning the resurrection of the dead Paul says: “Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.” That glorified body will come forth not by growth but by a miracle—in the twinkling of an eye—from mother earth.

And that body which once walked the streets and highways of the USA

or whatever country you have lived in, will leave this earth and speed toward the Lord faster than the fastest rocket. The body being dust goes back to dust when the spirit leaves it, but when the spirit again enters it—oh, what a change! It matters not to the Almighty whether the body has gone into ashes or gases. It matters not what the body looked like when it lived on the earth. A beautiful spirit will have a beautiful body. “There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead” (1 Corinthians 15:41, 42). Whether you shine like the sun, moon, or a star in glory is up to you. “God is no respecter of persons.”

But someone raises the question, does not the Bible teach that “as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly”? Quite true. But although we do all bear the image of our first parents it is very difficult to find two persons in this world who are exactly alike. Supposing we were all exactly alike—what an uninteresting crowd we would be! The confusion it would lead to is hard to imagine.

God seems to love variety, for He has placed plenty of it in every branch of creation: in the mineral kingdom, in the vegetable kingdom, in the animal kingdom, and in the human family. Now it is evident that if we do not all look the same in the next world some will be better-looking than others. Why not? Seeing that God gives to every seed its own body in the resurrection, and knowing full well that the seeds are not all alike, but some of them have far more of the beauty of Christ in them than others, why should not these (following the laws of this perfect God) have far more beauty in their glorified bodies than others?

Here is where the perfect justice and



Blessed Nearness

The calm of heaven rests upon my heart
When I behold the scenes of nature's art.
There is an unseen presence that pervades
The splendor of the mountains, fields, and glades.

It is a thing sublime to know God lives
So close to His creation that He gives
The feeling that you're walking hand in hand
With Him who made things beautiful and grand.

I walk with reverent step these quiet ways
Where every thought is lifted up in praise.
His blessed nearness makes my spirit whole
And lingers like sweet fragrance in my soul.

—Mark Bullock

love of God shine forth in all their perfection. Here is where God gets the opportunity to distribute rewards to His people in a manner which everyone must admit is the fairest and most perfect manifestation of justice and love the world has ever known. For example: here is a poor old soul from the heart of Africa who has suffered year after year the lash of the cowhide whip from her cruel, idolatrous husband, and has not only borne patiently this cruel suffering for her Lord but has carried in her body, like Paul, the marks of the Lord Jesus. Why should such a one not be rewarded accordingly?

Thousands of God's dear children are handicapped through life by having to carry a disfigured body, but the beauty of their inner life has been fairer than many of the most highly honored beauty queens of the earth.

Daniel 12:3 speaks of two kinds of rewards given to the children of God: one for what you are and one for what you do. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." We know what kind of wisdom God will thus reward. You will find it recorded in James 3:17: "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." This is the very essence of the spirit and character of Christ reproduced in a human soul. "And to every seed his own body" is the order in the resurrection.

Would you like to share deeply in this perfect and glorious distribution of rewards for what you are as well as for what you do? Then let that little chorus we frequently sing be your motto: "*Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me—all His wonderful passion and purity. O Thou Spirit divine, all my nature refine; till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me.*"

We know that there is in this present earthly arrangement what we call "the accident of birth." You are not asked even whether you want to be born, whether you want to be a boy or girl, tall or short, dark or fair, good-looking or ill-looking. But in this more perfect arrangement you are asked about everything: Do you want to be born again? If so, John 1:12 is the answer. You are not born into God's family without voluntarily accepting Jesus



WHERE PRAYER CONFERENCE WILL MEET JANUARY 15-17

The annual Seven-District Prayer and Bible Conference will convene at the First Assembly of God church in Hobbs, New Mexico, beginning Monday evening, January 15, and continuing through Wednesday noon, January 17.

Since its beginning twenty-five years ago the emphasis in this conference has been on prayer, praise, and God's Word. It has always been an occasion of spiritual uplift and fellowship for the ministers and laymen of the Oklahoma, North Texas, South Texas, West Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and New Mexico Districts. No business will be transacted at the conference. The time will be devoted entirely to worship, Bible study, and prayer.

For reservations kindly contact the host pastor, H. R. Ratliff, First Assembly of God church, 601 E. Snyder, Hobbs, New Mexico. (E. R. Foster of Amarillo is conference secretary.)

Christ as your Saviour and Lord.

In the natural realm you are not asked to grow—it would be to very little purpose. But in God's family you are asked to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. God's desire for you is that you should grow up "unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Therefore what you are depends on you, on your obedience, on your conformity to the pattern set forth in the Word of God, on your submission to the perfect will of God, on your love for Christ, on your loyalty to and your delight in the presence and person of Christ. This more perfect arrangement is one which we all must admire for it places the responsibility on ourselves as to what we shall be and what we shall look like throughout the countless ages of eternity. "And to every seed his own body."

The next time you have a walk through your garden, stop and look again at the flowers. You know quite well that all their beauty comes from the seed. The more beauty in the seed,

the more beauty in the flower when nature grants that seed a resurrection. The flowers will last only a few weeks at the most and then they will die. You are going to have a resurrection, and God is going to clothe you with a new body on that great eternal spring morning that never will die. Is it going to be a beautiful body? How beautiful?

Of One whom you know and love it was said in this world, "He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him." This may or may not be true of you. But of this Person in Psalm 45:2 we read: "Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever."

Yes, the Lord Jesus Christ will indeed be the fairest of ten thousand in that great day of all days, and those who share most fully the beauty of His character down here will also in that great day and for all eternity share the most fully His wondrous beauty. "And to every seed his own body" is the order for every one of us. It is up to you. ◀◀



SPEAKING of BOOKS

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A LONG-AWAITED HISTORY

● *SUDDENLY... FROM HEAVEN*, by Carl Brumback. 380 pages. \$3.95. Order number, 2 RV 608.

"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven..."

With these words the Holy Spirit through Luke described the beginning of the first Christian Pentecost. From the same verse author Carl Brumback selects the wording for his history of another Pentecostal outpouring—this one twenty centuries later.

This important book is the first full-length, authorized history of the Assemblies of God, largest of the Pentecostal denominations.

Author Carl Brumback has long been known as an outstanding author through such previous books as *What Meaneth This?* (still the best Pentecostal apologetic), *Accent on the Ascension* (reportedly "the first volume on the subject in forty-five years"), and *God in Three Persons* (a stout refutation of unitarian Pentecostalism). As a pastor and camp meeting speaker of long experience, the author has gained an intimate acquaintance with denominational affairs and personnel eminently qualifying him to produce this history. He has in addition conducted extensive interviews with surviving "oldtimers" and consulted contemporary periodicals, documents, and files.

The book opens with a sketch of forces and factors contributing to the late nineteenth-century arid spiritual background against which the Pentecostal movement arose. With the arrival of the twentieth century, new spiritual vitality resulted from a fresh effusion of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has descended before throughout the sequence of revivals in the Church. But in this revival a new phenomenon appeared with surprising regularity: just as in the first Pentecostal outpourings described in the New Testament (Acts 2:4; 10:16; 19:

6), persons so over-powered by the Holy Spirit found themselves speaking in another language.

Such a phenomenon was not welcomed in the established churches of the day. Persons convinced of its reality (despite admitted fanatical distortions) had to seek church fellowship elsewhere, often forming themselves into unrelated congregations. One of the organizations of independent Pentecostal groups took form in April of 1914 and called itself "the General Council of the Assemblies of God."

All did not move smoothly for the new denomination which had formed itself reluctantly, fearful of the squelching potential of organization. Already—even before the denomination had organized—there was a sharp controversy over whether sanctification began at conversion or at the same time as the baptism in the Holy Spirit, or was still another "subsequent work." Within months after the infant denomination was formed the so-called "Jesus Only revelation" drew off a fourth of the ministers and nearly wrecked the denomination.

The question arose in the late twenties whether one could receive the experience of the Spirit without speaking in tongues. Then, in the late forties came the "Latter Rain" movement.

But these issues were definitely if painfully settled, and the outcome has contributed to the doctrinal solidity of the Assemblies of God today.

The author does not lose himself in detail. His avowed purpose forbids a mere denominational chronicle. The inner forces of development—chiefly the contagious effects of genuine revival—are carefully uncovered. He is not blind to the defects and distortions which constitute a sort of occupational hazard to Pentecostal patterns of worship. He recognizes a continuing purpose of God in the Pentecostal movement: a widening witness to the spiritual potential

in a deep, inward experience of God's Spirit.

Twenty-four pages of photographic illustration and a series of factual appendixes make the volume one of lasting reference value. The full index makes it easy to locate particular items of interest.

This book will long remain the standard history of the Assemblies of God.

Readers should not confuse the purpose of Carl Brumback's denominational history with previous books produced by the Gospel Publishing House. Most recent of these is Klaude Kendrick's thorough historical review of the entire Pentecostal movement in the U.S. entitled *The Promise Fulfilled*. Dr. Kendrick's book devotes considerable space to the history of the Assemblies of God but is not limited to that denomination as is Carl Brumback's book. Stanley Frodsham's older work, *With Signs Following*, traces the outpouring throughout the world; while Brumback and Kendrick concentrate on the United States. Frodsham's book (revised edition) was published fifteen years ago. Donald Gee's smaller book, *Upon All Flesh*, surveys the world-wide spread of the Pentecostal movement from reports gathered first-hand on a world-wide tour of Pentecostal works.

Each of these books has its own purpose. Any serious student of the history of the Pentecostal movement should be acquainted with all of them.

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The deity of Jesus stood out in all His sayings—even when He was only twelve years of age.



THE STARTLING ANSWER

BY DON MALLOWH

THE GOSPEL WRITERS ARE STRANGELY silent about the boyhood of Jesus. That period of His life has often been called the silent years. Supposed traditional accounts of boyhood events at Nazareth have been related and written in an attempt to embellish that period but they are but poetic fancies and fantasies.

Only Luke of the four biographers tells anything at all about the boyhood of Jesus, and that account is scanty. He merely opens a peep shutter and gives a momentary glimpse into that period. From shortly after His birth until the age of twelve the record is missing. Then for eighteen years following the account of Luke 2:41-52 the same is true.

It is logical that Luke should relate boyhood events because his Gospel

stresses the humanity of our Saviour. To see human traits, such an intellectual, physical, social and spiritual growth, is most interesting. Reading of parental neglect on the part of Mary and Joseph at a hurried time makes us realize it is not just a story but something that could happen to anyone. However, the *key truth* in the boyhood of Jesus did not have to do with His humanity but with His deity. To understand that fact is to grasp one of the greatest of all Bible truths.

To journey to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover was exceedingly important to a young lad in his thirteenth year. It was then that he entered into adulthood and became officially a "son of the law." Jesus went with His family the sixty-five miles to Jerusalem and must have looked forward to the trip and enjoyed it. After seven days at the feast the caravan for Nazareth headed for home. In the hubbub of the journey Jesus was forgotten by the persons most unlikely to do so—His parents. When at the end of the first day they missed Him they sorrowfully retraced their steps. Three more days elapsed before they found Him in the temple, in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking questions.

It is only natural that a distraught, anxious mother should give vent to her feelings and rebuke her son. To be sure, the rebuke was restrained but still it was evident that she felt He had been in the wrong in causing them so much trouble. With a motherly reprimand she said, "Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing."

The answer of Jesus was most startling and surprising. On the surface it indicated almost a flippant attitude. Did the lad not realize the depth of His mother's concern? After having been separated from His parents at least four days had He no longing for them nor an understanding of their uneasiness? In the light of these circumstances how could He have said, "How is it that ye sought me?"

The strange reply of the twelve-year-old Boy stands at the very heart of this whole episode. He had astounded the learned doctors by both His questions and His answers, and now He shook Joseph and Mary by saying, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" What did He mean by that utterance which could have been misunderstood to be independent

and almost arrogant? It was a profound statement, and one that they did not understand but which "his mother kept . . . in her heart."

Mary said, "Thy father and I have sought thee." Jesus replied, "I must be about my Father's business." These statements were in conflict. Who was the father of Jesus? It was as if He were saying, "Let's get this matter straight as to who my father really is." Mary spoke of the recent actions of Joseph whom Jesus had called His father up until this time. Now there was a change. He talked about being in His Father's house and about His Father's business. Was this the first time He senses His position, His mission and His relationship to God, who was His Father?

The reason this boyhood episode is recorded in Holy Writ is not merely to give us an insight into the human traits of the lad, Jesus. Rather it is

The greatest truth of the gospel is Christ Himself—a human body become the organ of the divine nature, and revealing, under the conditions of a earthly life, the glory of God.

—Horace Bushnell

to confirm the truth of His deity by bearing witness to that fact as He entered adulthood. He was aware of His deity and His destiny. The words of Jesus on this occasion were the first of His utterances to be recorded in the Scriptures. They were the last words of His childhood and the first ones of His adulthood. They closed the door on an ordinary boyhood and opened it on a brief, but noble, manhood. This utterance gives us a glimpse into the inner heart of the Son of God who was resident in the body of a twelve-year-old. It is one of the gems of all spiritual truth.

The word *must* deserves to be underscored, encircled, printed in capitals or in red ink. It is the motivating and driving force in the life of the Son of God. As the only begotten Son it was imperative that He do His Father's bidding and be in constant communion with Him. Thus that word and the great utterance of Jesus charted the course of His whole life and ministry.

A strange reaction to this declaration was the puzzled attitude of Joseph and Mary. Of all people they should have known His destiny. Still the record

God's faithfulness in the past year should encourage the Christian to continue trusting in the new.

A MUFFLED ANNOUNCEMENT ECHOED through the airport—inside the waiting rooms, and outside—as a mammoth transport plane dropped its wheels for landing and glided smoothly into position.

"TWA flight 61, now arriving at the north concourse."

The most impatient passenger on the plane, ten-year-old Douglas, so eager to see his waiting dad, unfastened his seat belt and rushed to the plane's door, as if to hasten its opening.

The understanding stewardess leaning down said, "Douglas, that door was locked from the outside and it must be opened from the outside. However, you may keep your hand on the door knob. It won't be long now."

The door on the plane became the center of interest as the eyes of all the passengers turned toward it. We were all waiting for the same thing—for the door to be opened.

Doors are important. As movable barriers they can either be opened to us or be closed against us. They include or exclude. Doors can say a cold, "Private—do not enter," or a warm and friendly, "Welcome—come in." And your hand is on the doorknob too!

At this particular time in life's journey we have come to another door. As passengers, our eyes turn toward the door, and for a moment, perhaps, we reminisce.

There were three hundred sixty-five days on this journey. We enjoyed smooth gliding and also experienced some rough flying. Sometimes we soared upward, and again we dropped to far

Hand on the Doorknob

BY EDITH QUINLAN

lower elevations. We felt darkness and faced fog.

Days of pain were endured here. Days of disappointment and sorrow, and hours of fear and worry lest our plane not weather the storms, are recalled.

But we recall with gratefulness the times when the sunshine streaming in the windows gave us new strength; when the storms were followed by calm; after the rains came a rainbow; and when the gentle winds blew the plane was able to travel on its exact course.

Often, seated in the chair of ease and comfort, we partook freely of the cup of blessing provided for passengers. All these things we experienced on this journey thus far, and we can't help but think of them now.

When the appropriate moment arrives, the door will be opened and we will pass through it. In this we have no choice.

Some are anticipating this with eagerness. Others are reluctant if not fearful to face it, wondering what is beyond. What may we expect in the future?

There are many things of which one

cannot be sure. But one thing is certain. Regardless of age or circumstances we will find, as ten-year-old Douglas did, our Father waiting for us. He is always waiting for us. He said, "Fear thou not for I am with thee," and "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

We will find light for our journey, for He is light; food to satisfy our hunger—He is that food. When we become thirsty from the heat and pressure, as we surely will, there is provision made in the *living waters* which He shall supply.

For our enjoyment there is beauty—the beauty of the holiness of the Son of God, and His fragrance as the *lily of the valley* and the *rose of sharon*.

What a picture! Our Father, with love, beauty, and ample provision for our needs, is faithfully standing by awaiting our approach to Him.

You may relax, unfasten your seat belt, and wait with hand on the knob as God opens the door into an unknown new year, for all is well.

God, who planned the past and the hereafter, will not fail in the *present!*

says, "They understood not the saying which he spake unto them." Had Mary forgotten the word of the angel to her prior to the birth of Jesus (Luke 1:28-35)? Had Joseph forgotten the staying hand of an angel when he was about to put Mary away (Matthew 1:20)? Could they not recall the prophetic words of Simeon relative to Him (Luke 2:25-35) or the corroboration of Anna as to who He was (Luke 2:36-38)? The very ones who should have best understood the truth were the ones

who were dull of understanding.

As unexpected as was the pearl of wisdom that came from the lips of the boy Jesus, so also was His attitude after having made that momentous statement. It is written, "And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them." He knew that He was the Son of God as no person has ever been. He announced that fact boldly for all to hear. Yet there was no insubordination or superior attitude. He had borne witness

to His deity, but was then willing to abide the proper time and development of physical, intellectual, social and spiritual stature before accomplishing the perfect will of God. Only His greatness enabled Him to humble Himself in subjection to Mary and Joseph and remain in obscurity for eighteen more years.

All parts of the Bible attest the deity of Jesus Christ. Even in His boyhood the light of that deity shone forth for the glory of God. ◀◀



Spotlight on Evangelism

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

► CARLSBAD, N. MEX.—First Assembly recently enjoyed a profitable revival with Evangelist Morris Sheats of Lubbock, Tex. More than 20 were saved or reclaimed, and six were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

—C. R. Love, Pastor

► OXFORD, FLA.—God met His people in a wonderful way at Mt. Zion Assembly of God during a recent revival with Evangelist J. W. Wooldridge of Durant, Fla. Four adults were saved on the closing Sunday night.

—C. A. Symonds, Pastor

► FT. WORTH, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. O. K. Stephenson concluded a successful revival at the Victory Assembly of God here. Some were saved, several reclaimed, and five received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. New people attended the services. There were some outstanding healings.

—T. F. Shultz, Pastor

► SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBR.—First Assembly of God received a wonderful uplift in a three-week meeting just concluded by Evangelist and Mrs. L. H. Sheets. The presence of God was felt in a marked way throughout the services. Many first-time visitors attended and, on occasion, the church was packed out.

—Milo Harmon, Pastor

► HERCULANEUM, MO.—A two-week revival conducted recently by Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo., at First Assembly proved to be one of the finest in years. Eight or nine were saved or reclaimed, including a 74-year-old woman who was reclaimed and refilled with the Holy Spirit on the last night of the revival. Two young people received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many others testified to refillings.

—Othel Nall, Pastor

► HILLSBORO, TEX.—A very successful revival has concluded at First Assembly. E. W. Labby of Winnie, Tex., was the evangelist. Several were saved and a number were reclaimed. Six followed the Lord in water baptism and seven united with the church. (N. R. McDonald is the pastor.)

—Ruby Salter, Church Secy.

► GRAND FORKS, N. DAK.—Evangelist and Mrs. Paul J. Graban of New Jersey just recently concluded two weeks of special meetings here. Sinners were saved, believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit, many were refilled, and several were healed.

—W. L. Serdahl, pastor

► WARNER ROBINS, GA.—A two-week revival has just been concluded at First Assembly with Evangelist and Mrs. J. I. Carroll of Columbus, Ga. Several were saved, one received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and two joined the church.

—H. F. Freeman, Pastor

► MILTON, WASH.—Evangelists Archie and Laverne Phelps from Richmond, Calif., just concluded a very successful campaign at the Assembly of God here. There were some outstanding healings. A highlight of the revival was when an Episcopalian girl came to the services and received the baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4.

—W. J. Phelps, Pastor

► FRESNO, CALIF.—A gracious revival spirit continues here at West McKinley Assembly of God after a successful two-week revival with Evangelist Don Hall of Anaheim. The anointing of God rested upon the ministry in Word and song, resulting in over 35 finding Christ as Saviour and 16 being filled with the Holy Spirit. At a special service during the revival the evangelist gave his personal testimony of conversion in jail after a

teen-age life in crime and narcotics. Twelve were saved and several were filled with the Holy Spirit in this one service.

—Joseph Opperman, Pastor

► CARTHAGE, N. Y.—Calvary Assembly reports an outstanding revival campaign with Evangelist Oren Paris of Ft. Worth, Tex. The congregation was so inspired that they brought many new visitors to the meetings, resulting in excellent crowds each night. More than 30 came forward for salvation, many received healing, and all were encouraged by the moving of the Holy Spirit. The church rejoices over the new families that were added during the special meetings. Revival fires continue to burn in the hearts of the people.

—Gerald Glidden, Pastor

► SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—The congregation at Capital Assembly of God was wonderfully revived in a recent crusade with Evangelist Claude Wood of Fresno, Calif. God met His people in each service as the evangelist with his unique ministry led them into great liberty and freedom in worship. Several were saved, and some baptized in the Holy Spirit.

—George E. Elrod, Pastor

► SALEM, OHIO—First Assembly reports a most successful revival just concluded with Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Eskelin. Sinners were saved, believers baptized with the Holy Spirit, and the entire church edified during these services. There were 130 first-time visitors to the church. The Sunday school attendance record was broken with 302 present the last Sunday of the campaign. On a Monday night when the evangelist showed pictures of a human sacrifice which he had personally filmed while in Africa, there were approximately 400 in attendance.

—W. T. Dick, Pastor



Sunday morning crowd attending the Ernie Eskelin revival at First Assembly in Salem, Ohio. (W. T. Dick is pastor.)

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Enterprise	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	G. A. Snaveley	H. P. Trawick
	Whistler	A/G	Dec. 31—	Michael & Mrs. Lord	Daniel Mosier
Ariz.	Ft. Apache	Canyon Day	Dec. 28-Jan. 1	Val & Elora Munson	Leo Gilman
Calif.	Carlsbad	Gospel Tab.	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	Watson Argue	P. A. Zimmerman
	Colton	A/G	Dec. 31—	Orrin Kingsriter	Thomas Benvenuti
	Downey	First	Dec. 31—	J. G. Hall	Ray Curtis
	Hawthorne	A/G	Dec. 26-31	Billy & Mrs. Guthrie	James Ireland
	National City	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	Robert Watters	Harris E. Lidstrand
	Sunnyvale	First	Dec. 31—	Ernie Rogers	Ralph Hillegas
	Idaho	Nampa	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	Walter & Ruth Lascelle
Ill.	Granite City	First	Dec. 27-Jan. 1	Ernie Eskelin	Paul Evans
	Melrose Park	Community Gospel	Dec. 31-Jan. 7	Bob & Pat Ludwig	W. W. Gillespie
Ind.	Covington	Bethel FG	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	E. E. Petroski	J. A. Snodgrass
	Indianapolis	Central	Dec. 31—	Jimmy & Carol Snow	Ted Vibbert
Iowa	Burlington	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 7	Larry Allbaugh	Art Sovern
Mo.	Columbia	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	Jimmie & Mrs. Parrack	Charles A. Parker
	Festus	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 10	Glenna Byard	Thomas D. Jennings
N. Y.	Lee's Summit	First	Dec. 31—	Don Martin	Robert E. Palmer
	Dansville	A/G	Dec. 27-31	John French	Rudolph Metzger
Ohio	Dayton	Bethel Temple	Dec. 24-Jan. 17	W. Clifford Nelson	Cyril E. Homer
	Elyria	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	Joel R. Palmer	Edwin E. Eliason
Okla.	Fairland—R. #1	Long	Dec. 27—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	C. C. Thompson
Pa.	Danville	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	A. J. Chandonnet	Robert L. Lafferty
	Dover	Rohler's Pent.	Dec. 29-31	Olshevski Musical Tm.	William Farrell
S. Dak.	Mitchell	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	Oliver & Fern Johnson	Richard Tutte
	Atlanta	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	Leon Morrow	Charles Gibson
Tex.	Highlands	First	Jan. 1—	M. R. McKnight	Jim Morris
	Stinnett	A/G	Dec. 31—	E. L. & Mrs. Surratt	J. R. Brasher
Va.	Tyler	Rose Center	Dec. 26—	Jimmy & Mrs. Merritt	D. D. Lewis
	Wichita Falls	Beverly Drive	Dec. 17—	Shelvey Holland	Wm. F. Blakley
Wash.	Nassawadix	Calvary	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	John Wesley Briscoe	J. L. Moser
Wis.	Naches	A/G	Dec. 31—	Wesley W. Fleming	Alfred J. Hanson
Canada	Pioneer	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	Linfield Crowder	Elvin Irwin
	Cloverdale, B.C.	Salem Tab.	Dec. 31-Jan. 13	Don E. Gossett	Art Bell, Chm.
	Toronto, Ont.	Evangel Temple	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	Bob & Jeri Winford	W. G. McPherson
	Montreal, Que.	LeCentre Evangl	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	E. L. Lassegues
P. I.	Negro Island	* A/G	Jan. 1-14	Quentin-Dwight Edwards	Lester Kenney, Miss.

*Open-Air Revival

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► **PENNSVILLE, N. J.**—Evangelist Oren Paris of Ft. Worth, Tex., recently conducted a most successful evangelistic campaign at the Assembly of God here. Some 30 individuals came forward for salvation, among whom were several backsliders. Approximately 100 visitors attended the two-week crusade. —*Elmer W. Lindale, Pastor*

► **SILSBEE, TEX.**—The congregation at Evergreen Assembly was stirred in meetings just concluded with Evangelist Charles W. Hyde of Vidor, Tex. A good number came to the altar for salvation or to be reclaimed, and one individual was filled with the Holy Spirit. Numerous healing testimonies were given. The ministry in song and the Word was highly appreciated by the church, as were also the children's services. —*F. C. Drake, Pastor*

W. E. KIRSCHKE STIRS MICHIGAN SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

FLINT, MICH.—We have recently concluded an outstanding one-day, district-wide Sunday school convention at Riverside Tabernacle. We felt fortunate in having William E. Kirschke, recently returned from Australia, as our guest speaker. He challenged our hearts with the main theme, "Frontiers of Evangelism," covering the areas of "Trained Personnel," "Classroom Evangelism," and "Community Outreach." His ministry moved us deeply to our responsibility with Sunday school incentive and impact.

Brother Kirschke is presently devoting his time to ministry of this kind.—*Orie L. Robinson, District Sunday School Director.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT C. A. CONVENTION—Dec. 26-31 at Bacalod City, Philippines. Quentin and Dwight Edwards, Evangelists. Lester S. Kenney, host missionary.

EASTERN DISTRICT SECTIONAL C. A. RALLY—New Year's Day at First Assembly of God, Allentown, Pa. Services at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Virginia Gunderson, speaker.—by A. D. Skymer, pastor.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT MINISTERS' INSTITUTE—Jan. 22-24 at Mt. Hope Assembly of God, Lansing, Mich. Frank J. Lindquist, speaker. Services on Monday at 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Afternoon services for ministers and companions.—by Orie L. Robinson, secretary.

WITH CHRIST

JOHN P. NEWMAN, of Amarillo, Tex., passed away October 30. He was around 88 years of age. In 1924 he was ordained in the Texas District, later becoming a member of the West Texas District. He served as an evangelist until he was superannuated in 1945.

MRS. MYRTLE BRESSON, 67, of Springfield, Mo., passed to her eternal reward on October 10. She was a licensed minister with the Michigan District and had served as assistant pastor to her husband in Bellevue, Pontiac, and Ferndale, Michigan. In 1960 she was superannuated. Survivors include her husband, Bernard L. Bresson, and one son. Brother Bresson is a member of the faculty at Evangel College serving as Chairman of the Division of Social Science and Associate Professor of History.

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Read It Through in '62

BY JOSEPH R. FLOWER
New York District Superintendent

THIS IS A TIME WHEN PEOPLE TALK GLIBLY OF TURNING OVER A NEW leaf or making new resolutions. Not that it is improper to make an attempt at rectifying what we see to be wrong. But most of our methods at self-improvement are but feeble stabs in the dark at solving the problem.

More than willpower or a determination to reform is needed. God has given us a mighty instrument for the conquest of our fallen human natures in the sharp Sword of His Word. For it to do the work it is capable of doing it must be mixed with faith.

If we would take the Word of God literally to heart:

1. We would have a satisfactory answer to the major questions which plague our minds relative to the meaning of human existence.

2. We would have a reliable guide for the journey of life, and we would learn what it means to live with purpose.

3. We would solve most of our psychological problems.

4. We would become stabilized emotionally.

5. We would be saved from ourselves, and this is not something to be regarded lightly.

6. We would be possessed of hope in a world where real hope is sorely lacking, and we would know all of the future which we need to know.

7. We would come to know God and have spiritual and eternal life.

If we must make a resolution for the new year, let it be to "receive with meekness the engrafted Word," the incorruptible seed by which we are born again. When the Word is received in faith, the Spirit of God works with it to make it experientially effectual in our lives.

—Beacon

WORKERS TOGETHER

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come oblivious to the praise or blame of man

WORK ON GOD'S PLAN

One of the most far-reaching texts in the Bible, in its many applications, is that in which God says to Moses, "See that thou make all things according to the pattern showed thee in the Mount."

Do not run hither and thither, asking for work. How can anyone tell you what the Master wants you to do? Men can but guess at the best. Go straight to the Lord Jesus for yourselves. Tell him you cannot bear to be shut out of His glorious fellowship. Entreat Him to indicate your place. And never rest content until, like Peter, you turn from the vision to the task; and you are summoned to the work which needs you.

WORK AS THOSE FRESHLY CLEANSED

The priests must wash in the laver before they perform the service of the sanctuary. They must be clean who bear the vessels of the Lord. A man must purge himself from iniquity, if he shall be "a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work."

If, in haste, we would give a draught of refreshing water to a traveller, we take from our shelf the first vessel which is clean. We pass over the elegant and richly chased cup for the earthenware mug, if the latter has a cleanliness which the former lacks. And our Lord Jesus will gladly use us for His service, though we be of but common ware, if only we are clean and ready for use. ◀◀

BE SOON TO BE SAFE

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control, a thing he is not apt to learn by himself. He must be taught and helped with this. Punishment for the early outbreaks of unsocial behavior will make the need for later and more serious punishment unnecessary.

There are thousands of parents who give in to their youngsters entirely rather than go contrary to their wishes in the smallest detail. They didn't begin to discipline them when they were small and the older the children become the more difficult it becomes. The parents have found in these cases that to demand any work from their children just brings out a "leave-me-alone" attitude; or, as in Dan's case,

a string of oaths. And thus they become slaves to their children.

God's Word of wisdom is, "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth" (Lamentations 3:27). It is not kindness on the part of parents to encourage slothfulness by excusing their children from the duties and chores of the home, or by permitting half-done work at home or at school.

The period of childhood is a very small part of one's entire life, and the years are few during which children can be trained and nurtured in the Lord. How valuable then are those days of early childhood and what a challenge every hour of it holds! There is no time to experiment by trial and error, lest at the end it is "too late." We must heed the guideposts and follow the definite principles of God's Word in training our children.

Everyone has heard the proverb about sparing the rod. The language may seem strong to some modern-day parents, but the fact is that he that spares the rod "hates his son." Administering proper discipline proves a parent's love. The examples of Eli and David in the Old Testament should suffice to illustrate this truth, but we also have plenty of modern-day cases to confirm the truth of Proverbs 29:15, "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."

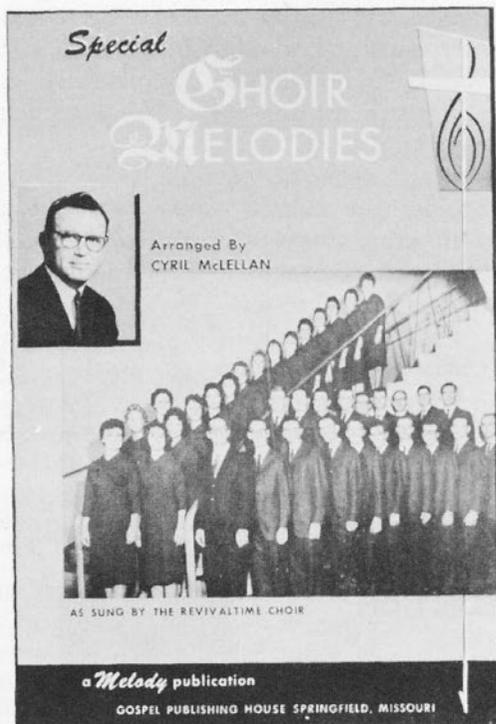
Not to render punishment when it is due is to fail in teaching right and wrong. Dan, the unbridled, unbroken, untrained teen-ager is merely the same child, undisciplined, spoiled, neglected—with a few years added. Perhaps his parents did not want to punish him because they hated to hear the child cry. But in most cases the cry is louder than the hurt; God surely knew this and said, "Let not thy soul spare for his crying." There is a way of spanking that will not injure the body but will not soon be forgotten either!

Not only does the Bible show us that God believes in child discipline, but there is a hint that the child's salvation may be at stake. "Withhold not correction from the child," we read in Proverbs 23:13, 14, "for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell."

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MAN WITHOUT CHRIST

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voice are half a million American children."

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We are living in a country and during a time marked by unconcern about the spiritual welfare of others. There are more bartenders than clergymen! The U. S. Census Bureau reports there are 36,000 more bartenders than clergymen of all denominations in this country.

We dare not permit ourselves to be swept up in the spirit of our times—that careless, indifferent spirit characterized by the fact that men would rather gather at the corner tavern than at the corner church. We must wait before God. We must ask the Holy Spirit to impress upon us the awful reality of the lost condition of men—without Christ.

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Find one man—the man without Christ—and win him for Jesus. ◀◀

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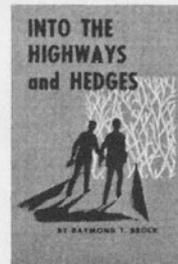
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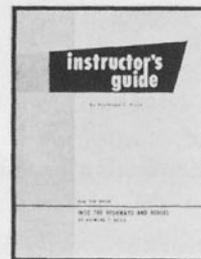
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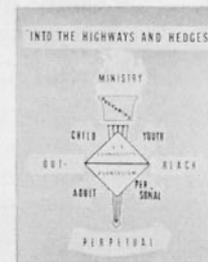
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