

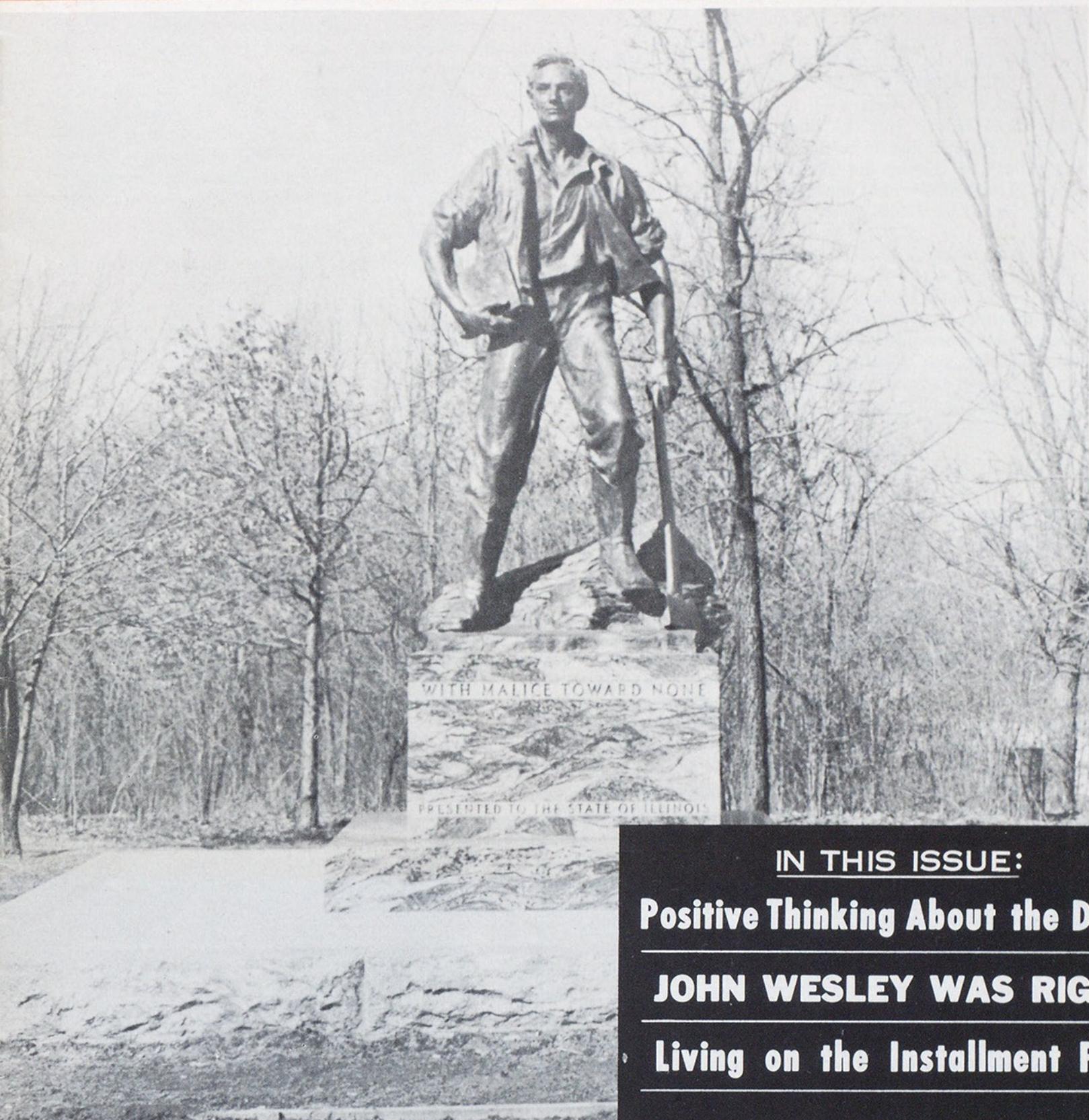
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HATING SIN

There is only one thing to do with sin—hate it. Hate it in your own life. Hate it in the lives of others.

It is said that when the emperor of Constantinople arrested Chrysostom and thought of trying to make him recant, the great preacher slowly shook his head. The emperor said to his attendants, "Put him in prison."

"No," said one of them, "he will be glad to go, for he delights in the presence of his God in quiet."

"Well, then, let us execute him," said the emperor.

"He will be glad to die," said the attendant, "for he wants to go to heaven—I heard him say so the other day. There is only one thing that can give Chrysostom pain, and that is to make him sin; he said he was afraid of nothing but sin. If you can make him sin, you will make him unhappy."

Oh, that God would make us like Chrysostom!

—Selected

SHUT THE DOOR

A man was standing in a telephone booth trying to talk but had great difficulty in hearing. He kept saying, "I can't hear you. I can't hear you." The other man could hear not only the man's voice but also the noises from the shop and the street, and so he said, "Shut the door and you can hear."

Many Christians are like that. They do not hear God speaking to them because they have not shut out the noises and confusion of the world. Jesus makes the shut door a condition of our communing with God in secret.

—The Standard

PARENTAL FAITH

We believe in the power of parental faith. The late Dr. A. J. Gordon tells a beautiful story of the mother of Christian Schwartz, who died at the time of the birth of her son. However, she lived long enough to beseech her husband to promise her that when God called the babe to be a missionary he would not stand in the way. She could give no guardianship to the life of the child but the guardianship of faith.

Is it strange that, in an age when missionary enterprise was almost unknown, that child when grown to manhood should come home from the university and declare to his father that God had called him to be a missionary? After three days of great soul conflict the father, recalling the promise made to his dying wife, gave him his blessing and wished him Godspeed as he went forth to India, a pioneer missionary a generation before Carey.

—Evangelical Christian

RIGHT PERSPECTIVE

I have long ceased to pray, "Lord Jesus, have compassion on a lost world!" The Lord rebuked me for making such a prayer. He seemed to say to me, "I have had compassion on a lost world and now it is for you to have compassion."

—A. J. Gordon

THIS WEEK'S COVER

These were his words—and his epitaph: "With malice toward none." This statue of a young Abraham Lincoln stands at the entrance of New Salem, Ill., the village in which he lived for six years. It shows the great emancipator carrying a law book and an axe: the "rail-splitter" and attorney who went on to greatness in the Presidency.

DIRECTION MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Holiness is very much a matter of aspect. We are changed by beholding; therefore, very much depends on the way in which we look.

Once, in the happy month of May, I walked with a friend in his orchard, marvelling at the exquisite show of dainty blossoms, white and pink, and the varieties of trees setting off each other and lending new charms of beauty. Then we came toward the house and near it stood a tree without a blossom, every leaf blackened and withered.

"How is this?" I asked.

"Ah," said my friend, "this faces the east while those all look south. That makes the difference."

Some people live looking within at their failures. Some people look around at their hindrances. Some people live looking up at their Saviour; they face the sunny south.

—Mark Guy Pearse

STRENGTH FOR THE DAY

One reason the Lord gives for not worrying about the future is that we have nothing to do with it. Each day has its own duties, its own needs, its own trials and temptations. And God always gives us strength enough for the day. But if we insist upon dragging out tomorrow's cares and adding them to today's, our strength will not be enough. For God will not add to the day's portion of strength just to humor our whims of anxiety. So the lesson is that we should keep the days fenced off, each one by itself.

—J. R. Miller

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

—Bunyan

We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule over the nations. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.

WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

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Keep Happy!

Happiness does not depend on outward circumstances. True happiness is a condition of the heart. Joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit who dwells within. The kingdom of God, we are told, is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Therefore it is not mockery to say to one's friends, as one dear brother is habitually saying, "Keep happy!" It is a glorious possibility to do this, as this brother's own radiant life testifies, if one's happiness finds its source in God. The happiness to be found in worldly sources is fleeting and uncertain, but the happiness one finds in God is eternally and entirely satisfying.

This is the kind of experience the Psalmist must have meant when he wrote the 100th Psalm. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands." Never mind if someone accuses you of being too noisy in your worship. If you are making the noise *unto the Lord*, and if it is a *joyful* noise, you are in step with the Scriptures.

"Serve the Lord with gladness," the Psalmist said. Can you think of any other appropriate way to serve Him? The Lord has been very kind to His people. He has washed away their sins, transformed their lives, healed their bodies, filled them with His own blessed Spirit, and answered their prayers in so many wonderful ways. The least they can do, in gratitude for all His mercies, is to serve Him—and to do it with gladness.

"Come before His presence with singing." No matter how your voice may sound to men, it is sweet in God's ears. He has put a new song in your mouth and He wants you to sing it. He has given you a song of praise. Sing it for your Saviour. Sing it unto Him who loves you with an everlasting love. The Holy Spirit inspires love songs in your heart because He wants you to sing them to Jesus. Sometimes they may be in a language that only He can understand. Many times they will be in a language known to all, and as you sing His praise others will be blessed.

"Know ye that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves." How well you should know this. If left to yourself you would be of all men most miserable, for who has power in himself to do that which is right?

"We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." He has made you. He has redeemed you. He deserves all the credit for everything in you that is good. As a good sheep of His flock you will follow where He leads and pasture where He feeds you.

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise." There is nothing like the giving of thanks to drive away the clouds and carry you into the sunlight of His presence. Enter the courts of the King with praise for His majesty and power. Remember that He is still on the throne. The wicked may seem to prosper for a time, and the proud may seem to triumph temporarily, but the kingdom of God is an everlasting kingdom. He shall triumph.

"Be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." Therefore, keep happy!

—R.C.C.

POSITIVE THINKING ABOUT...

THE DEVIL

BY RAYMOND L. COX

The Bible tells us to resist Satan, not to ignore him.

DALE H. CONRAD, MINISTER OF CRESCENT HEIGHTS Methodist Church, has been hailed by the religion editor of the Los Angeles *Times* as that area's "bard of the church billboard." Instead of posting his Sunday sermon subjects, Conrad exhibits brief messages, which he changes weekly, and these become conversation pieces among people passing his church. Indeed, newspaper columnists quote his pithy observations regularly. Conrad himself calls his comments, "Stop-Light Sermons."

Occasionally the pastor displays a statement about the devil. This almost invariably stirs up a storm. Sometime ago a woman telephoned and berated Conrad because the bulletin board warned, "Sleeping saints serve Satan best."

"I'm a staunch advocate of positive thinking," the critic stated, "and I object to such negative concepts as the devil."

But can positive thinking put the devil out of existence? The fundamental question remains, Does Satan

actually exist, or is the devil a figment of the imaginations of spiritual hypochondriacs?

If the devil really exists, denying him and ignoring him constitute *negative* thinking! If Satan is malignantly masterminding the mischief engulfing this poor planet, no diagnosis of the world's woes is realistic without recognizing him. It is fatal to ignore a cancer. Physicians dare not counsel sufferers, "Forget about your diseases. Just ignore them and deny them." Imaginary ills should be ignored, to be sure, but actual afflictions require attention.

In order to think positively about Satan one must determine whether he is a hoax or a horror! Does the devil exist?

Billy Graham answers affirmatively. Some months ago the evangelist authored an article entitled, "Why I Believe in the Devil." Almost at once Graham was challenged and contradicted. An influential Southland minister objected that belief in the devil is setting back the spiritual development of man and is a dire disservice

to God and truth. "This Devil-belief teaching presents religion and the church today as ridiculous in the mind of any thinking person," he charged. "Devil belief is a poison to the mind."

What does the Bible say?

The devil is directly designated at least twenty times in the Old Testament and over one hundred times in the New Testament. Moreover, a comparison of these references furnishes convincing and cumulative evidence of Satan's actual existence.

"Personifications!" exclaim unbelievers endeavoring to explain away the evidence. "Qualities are personified, like evil and temptation."

Did Jesus wrestle with a phantom? The Bible says, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8). Moreover, Paul enumerated among the purposes of the gospel witness: "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God" (Acts 26:18). The apostle's announcement contrasts Satan and God. Both must actually exist, or both are hallucinations. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood" (Ephesians 6:12). Satan is not flesh and blood. He is a fallen spirit. Does this make him any less real? Indeed not; rather, he is all the more real and more menacing.

To deny the devil's existence is negative thinking. Positive thinking about Satan requires recognition of the infernal spirit. He is neither hoax nor hallucination. Spurgeon said, "Satan is a mysterious personage, but he is not a mythical one."

Positive thinking about Satan, however, involves more than conceding his existence. Perryman commented, "Scripture tells us to resist the enemy, not to ignore him." People who admit the enemy's reality sometimes tend to deify him. The impression prevails that the devil's devices are irresistible, that men are helpless victims of his cruel cunning. Recognition leads to resignation to Satan's mastery in many circumstances. The believer who thinks right about this problem, however, knows better. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you" is the promise to everyone who submits himself unto God (James 4:7).

We overcome this enemy by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony (Revelation 12:11). Satan's claims over the believer were abrogated by the atonement of Jesus Christ. His shed blood releases us from bondage. Our testimony confesses this deliverance, basing faith on the Word of God. Satan cannot hold authority over the Christian unless the Christian consents to it by ignoring the victory with which Christ has invested him.

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Positive thinking about Satan thus is translated into action. Paul exhorts, "Put on the whole armour of God,

that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:12).

The first-mentioned feature of that armor is most significant: "Having your loins girt about with truth" (Ephesians 6:14). The clergyman who compared devil-belief to a mental poison added, "There is only one antidote—truth." But the apostle Paul insists that truth is important in fighting a very real enemy.

Any observer is capable of seeing that modern civilization is degenerating into a nightmare that makes Dante's descriptions seem tame. The more his existence is denied, the more the devil's business prospers.

"Men don't believe in a devil now,
As their fathers used to do;
They've forced the door of the broadest creed
To let His Majesty through;
There isn't a print of his cloven foot
Or a fiery dart from his bow
To be found in earth and air today,
For the world has voted so.

"But who is mixing the fatal draught
That palsies heart and brain,
And loads the earth of each passing year
With ten hundred thousand slain?
Who blights the bloom of the land today
With the fiery breath of hell?
If the devil isn't and never was
Won't somebody rise and tell?

"Won't somebody step to the front forthwith,
And make his bow and show
How the frauds and the crimes of the day spring up?
For surely we want to know
The devil was fairly voted out,
And of course the devil is gone;
But simple people would like to know
Who carries his business on?"

—Anonymous

People cannot think the devil out of existence, nor can they vote him out of existence. But his devices can be defeated. The foul fiend's purposes can be frustrated if believers recognize that greater is God who dwells within them than the devil who disturbs the world.

The shield of faith will quench every fiery dart from the evil one. Christians must never give place to the devil (Ephesians 4:27). Though he prowls about as a menacing predator, believers are enabled to resist him steadfastly in faith (1 Peter 5:8), forcing him to flee.

If we combat the devil scripturally, he can't win and we can't lose! We are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us. ❖❖

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John Wesley Was Right

by LLOYD CHRISTIANSEN

DR. SCHUBERT M. OGDEN, THIRTY-three-year-old associate professor of philosophical theology at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Tex, has written a book calling for "radical reinterpretation" of the New Testament.

His recently published *Christ Without Myth* debunks the supernatural incidents and teachings of the New Testament. This book stands in sharp contrast to the beliefs of the founder of Methodism—John Wesley.

"The belief that only in Jesus Christ can man find salvation is mythological," Dr. Ogden avers.

This Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and of the University of Chicago insists, "We must give the people an interpretation of the New Testament that is valid to them." He does not advocate expunging what he terms "mythology" from the New Testament but says we must find the real meaning of this for today.

He asks, "What is heaven and hell? Hell means you lose the meaning of life. It's gone forever. Everybody knows that God doesn't live in a place. What do heaven and hell really mean?"

The entire book runs in this vein. The professor is *wrong*. We wish to be charitable but the contents of this misleading book beg for faithful refutation. No one will ever find eternal life by following the directions of this book. How much better to take the Bible literally and find the peace that

comes by putting trust in the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

JOHN WESLEY WAS RIGHT! What was his experience and faith?

The founder of Methodism was born in the Church of England rectory at Epworth, England, on June 17, 1703, and died March 2, 1791 in his 88th year. He was the fifteenth child of Samuel and Susannah Wesley.

He studied at Charterhouse School, then Christ Church College, Oxford University, and after graduation became a Fellow in Lincoln College, Oxford. While at Oxford he became the leader of the Holy Club. The members of the Holy Club, all affiliated with the Church of England, followed such rigorous methods of holy living that they were called in derision "Methodists."

After leaving Oxford he went to Georgia as a missionary in 1735. He said of this experience that though he went to Georgia to convert the Indians, he found that he had never been converted himself. On a ship on the Atlantic Ocean he came in touch with some Moravians. They had much to do with the direction of his life.

The real turning point came on May 24, 1738. That day he went unwillingly to a meeting on Aldersgate Street, London. Someone was reading Luther's *Preface to the Epistle to the Romans*. Luther was describing saving faith. Here are Wesley's own words: "About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change

which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed." John Wesley had found peace! That night marked the beginning of a life of power. Like Paul of old, it was a Damascus Road experience.

From then on for fifty-three years he went up and down the British Isles preaching, praying, converting, organizing, writing.

Now, honestly, which way of life rings true? The cold rationalism of Dr. Ogden, or the warm personal experience of John Wesley? Whose faith would you rather die by?

To quote the book again, Ogden says, "The belief that only in Jesus Christ can man find salvation is mythological"—how does that square with the Bible? Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Peter said, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). There you have it! Now which will you believe: the philosophy of a liberal professor or the incontrovertible statements of God's holy Word?

Reader, you must make your decision. Dr. Ogden has thrown down to you the gauntlet challenging your belief in the New Birth. On the other hand, the Lord Jesus Christ beseeches you, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Of this you may be sure: if you will pray with an open heart, "God be merciful to me a sinner," and ask the Lord Jesus to come into your life, you will not be disappointed. All of your present intellectual dilemmas will completely evaporate and you will possess the Certainty of all certainties—"Christ in [you] the hope of glory."

Yes, John Wesley was right. He was converted through faith in Jesus Christ. The world was witness to the fact. He had a faith that worked. You can too. Why not, just now, invite Jesus Christ to become your Lord and Saviour! Without further delay, make the decision that will "warm" your heart, too. ❖❖

PRAY FOR ME...

by

NORMAND J. THOMPSON

UPON MY INTRODUCTION TO PENTECOSTAL churches by my devout mother-in-law some years ago, I was startled to find that *practically everybody* preached!

I saw one person after another stand and give stirring testimonies. They sounded earnest and dedicated as they thanked God for His love, salvation, blessings, and healings. Basking in heaven's favor as they obviously were, it seemed incongruous for them to end their testifying so often with the request, "Pray for me."

A few years later, by the grace of God, I was saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit. Now I could understand why Christians needed the prayer support of other Christians. I, too, began to request, "Pray for me."

I am still soliciting the prayers of the saints. Why? Because I realize I need a closer walk with God. I need to be made humble and kept humble. I need power—God's power—to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil. And I have learned that God will supply these needs of mine often through the prayers of His saints.

The great missionary Paul fully recognized the importance of having his ministry undergirded with the prayers of the saints.

Humbly he acknowledged, "The good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do" (Romans 7:19). His good work was hindered, he knew, by unseen Satanic forces. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the

darkness of this world," he explained to the Ephesian brethren. He urged them to battle these evil powers equipped with God's full armor. Then he ended his vivid description of God's armor by enjoining the Ephesians to pray for him.

Moreover, Paul directed them to pray for him in a specific manner, i.e., "in the Spirit."

What did Paul mean? Is there more than one kind of praying? Oh, yes! It is estimated that almost fifty million Americans recite, parrot-like, their prayers by rote. And the average born-again Christian spends only *ten minutes a day* in prayer!

Thank God, there are above-average Christians everywhere. They live in an aura of prayer, they "walk in the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16), and they know the secret of praying in the Spirit. These prayer warriors could well be used of God to stir our nation and the world with a great spiritual awakening.

Intercessory prayer was responsible no doubt, for the conversion of Saul of Tarsus. This young Pharisee, while fiercely ferreting out and punishing members of the hated sect of the Nazarene, must often have been the subject of earnest prayer in the Early Church. The disciples, of course, prayed for Saul in obedience to their Lord's command: "Love your enemies... pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

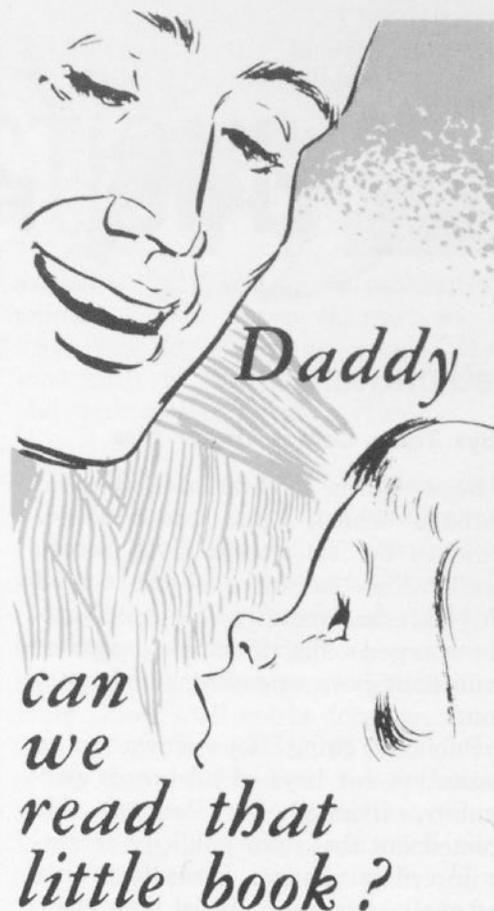
The answer to their prayers amazed them. God changed Saul the persecutor to Paul the preacher!

Again and again God has saved souls, healed sick bodies, wiped away tears, and baptized believers with the Holy Spirit in answer to prayer.

Adoniram Judson, famous missionary to Burma, once said, "I never prayed sincerely for anything but it came; at some time, somehow, in some shape, it always came."

John Wesley, as a starved high-churchman, kept himself busy performing good deeds to "earn" his salvation until one evening when he attended a little prayer meeting on Aldersgate Street in London. There he "felt his heart strangely warmed." From that prayer meeting he strode forth to become one of the greatest soul winners of all time.

Many centuries ago, Ezekiel in a
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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Catholicism

Boys Town Comes Under Fire

Boys Town, Nebraska, a Roman Catholic school, came under severe criticism by Dr. George S. Bancroft, Presbyterian executive of the Synod of Nebraska, recently. He specifically charged discrimination against Protestant boys attending the institution.

Publicity citing Boys Town as an institution for boys of all creeds particularly irritated Dr. Bancroft. He pointed out that until publicity recently forced a change, Protestant boys had their services in one of the dormitories. Even now they are held in the field house while Catholics have exclusive use of the elaborate and ornate memorial chapel in the heart of the "Town."

According to Dr. Bancroft, Boys Town is now an elaborate establishment with a field house superior to that of the University of Nebraska and an income largely from Protestant sources which far exceeds its current needs.

"Protestant boys do not go to public schools," says Dr. Bancroft, "but attend the town's parochial school, with Roman Catholics in their religious garb as teachers. . . . There are many subtle pressures brought to bear upon the Protestant residents.

"One cannot but wonder," Dr. Bancroft concludes, "if the hundreds of thousands of Protestants who contribute funds each year to the support of this Roman Catholic home . . . realize that in the same city (Omaha) are two Protestant-sponsored institutions for homeless children."

Liquor

Cat Becomes Intoxicated

Some time ago letters of protest poured into newspaper offices from aroused readers all over the country denouncing a man who had given

liquor to a cat. Various degrees of punishment were suggested for one so cruel to an animal.

These protests stemmed from a letter written by this man's wife which appeared in a newspaper. The distressed woman said her husband thought it was funny to make their pet cat drunk by pouring gin in its milk. The cat would dance like mad, stagger around in circles, and finally fall in a heap in the corner, and go to sleep. Besides, the woman reported, the cat was now losing all of her hair as a result of the gin diet.

It's mean to get a cat drunk, but what of liquor interests that spend millions in advertising to get our sons and daughters intoxicated? Why is it that hundreds will get indignant over a drunken cat and never raise their voices to protest over drunken youth?

Brain Washing

Drug Could Brainwash a Nation

A Swedish medical researcher, Dr. Holger Hyden, of the University of Goteborg, has disclosed his experiments with a drug that conceivably could brainwash the population of a nation within hours or days. Its initial effect on human beings is to increase their acceptance of suggestions, he said.

Dr. Hyden, a specialist in cell functioning, recently addressed a symposium on Control of the Mind, sponsored by the University of California Medical Center. The experimental drug, he announced, is an inexpensive compound called tricyano-amino-propene. It works by causing changes in the chemical structure of an important constituent of all living cells called



PUBLIC BIBLE READING—Pastor Kenneth D. Barney and members of the Heights Assembly of God Church in Houston, Tex., gave special emphasis to the motto, "Read it Through in '62," by sponsoring a continuous public reading of the New Testament during the first week of the New Year. The reading took place in the church vestibule and was carried to the street by a public address system.

The youngest reader was Kenny Barney, 11, son of the pastor, who is shown in the photo receiving the microphone from Mrs. Hattie Frantz, 87, the oldest reader. Pastor Barney, right, read the first chapter of Matthew in starting the project.

The reading, begun New Year's Eve, was done in connection with the week of prayer which was in progress at the same time. By Friday night the entire New Testament had been read twice, the Gospel of John and Revelation three times, and Psalms and Proverbs twice. The total reading time was 52 hours, and 58 individuals took part, reading in 15- and 30-minute shifts from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

ribonucleic acid (RNA). A tiny drop will effect a change in the nerve cells making the mind subject to suggestion, particularly when the nerve cells have been stirred to activity by stress or some other stimulant.

Dr. Hyden, according to *The Midnight Cry*, called attention to what such a drug might do in the hands of a police state. "Doctoring the country's water supply might make the population more amenable to the imposition of austerity measures," the doctor was reported as saying.

Capital Punishment

Delaware Restores Death Penalty

After three years of abolition, the Delaware government has restored the death penalty. Governor Elbert N. Carvel's veto was overridden by the state legislature, making provision for death by hanging in cases involving murder, rape, treason, and kidnapping.

Of the 50 states, eight are now abolition states and 42 invoke the death penalty.

Of interest is the fact that there is greater support among evangelical groups for capital punishment than among liberal church organizations. Many believe that God's edict for capital punishment, issued before the Law (Genesis 9:6), has never been abrogated and is still in force.

Contributions

Records Broken for Church Donations

Donations to 47 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations in the U.S. broke all previous records during 1960. The total reached \$2,533,120,871 (over two and one-half billion) which was 5.5 per cent higher than the year before.

On the overall average, church members gave \$66.76 each during the year but for many smaller denominations the per capita giving was much higher. The Free Methodist Church (54,906 members) led the list with \$271.86 per member. Others were the Wesleyan Methodist Church (36,581 members) with \$231.77 per member and the Pilgrim Holiness Church (30,429 members) with \$216.49 per member.

Figures on the total per capita giving of Assemblies of God church members for all religious purposes are not available.

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

YOUR QUESTIONS



✧ *Is it right for a man who is not faithful to the church to denounce the pastor publicly during a church service?*

Probably the man who denounces the pastor needs denunciation himself. The church is to be conducted in a Christian spirit. If there is dissatisfaction with the pastor, let the church call a business meeting and vote on whether he should remain. "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40).

✧ *Dr. Edersheim, the well-known Jewish expositor of the Old Testament, says Judges 3:22 should read that the blade of the dagger went entirely through the body of King Eglon, instead of (as in the A.V.), "and the dirt came out." Is this correct?*

Where the Authorized Version reads, "and the dirt came out," the Revised reads, "it came out behind," which would mean that the dagger went entirely through his body.

✧ *In his sermon a minister preached that there is no such thing as death-bed repentance. Doesn't the Bible say that "whosoever will" may be saved?*

Only God knows when a person may have his last opportunity for salvation. I would be loath to take a chance on death-bed repentance, as it is called, if I had rejected Christ all through my life. "He, that being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy," the Bible warns.

✧ *How do you account for the dinosaurs?*

Many scholars believe the earth is very much older than Adam. They believe the words, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1), refer to the original creation. They believe further that the original earth was destroyed so that "the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep" (Genesis 1:2). Then "the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters" and our present earth was formed. This supposedly

explains the existence of prehistoric animals. I am not a scientist so I leave this for others to decide. My interest is in the Lord Jesus Christ and redemption through Him.

✧ *I would like to be a Christian, but I have been so sinful and adulterous I shrink from going to a church. Do you think I could become a Christian?*

The Bible says, "All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men" (Matthew 12:31). If all manner of sin may be forgiven, this includes every sin you have committed. Our Lord Jesus bore the penalty for sin, and "whosoever believeth in him [shall] not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..." (Acts 16:31).

✧ *Who is God and what does He look like?*

God is Spirit and His appearance has never been revealed to man (John 1:18). His character and works have been revealed in miraculous acts, through the miracle of inspiration in the Holy Scriptures, and in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. See John 14:9. The glory of God, however, has been seen. Read Exodus 33:18-23; 34:58.

✧ *Are a trance and a vision the same? Acts 10:10.*

A trance is a condition; a vision is that which might be seen while in a trance. The dictionary defines a trance as "a state in which bodily consciousness and sensation are suspended for a time; a state of abstraction; ecstasy; a sleeplike state." Peter was in a trance when he had the vision of the sheet let down from heaven.

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 Ave., Springfield, Mo. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

TWO CHURCHES DEDICATED



The new Faith Assembly of God in Brevard, N. C. A six-room parsonage is over the basement. Pastor Rudolph Nichols and family at left.

Brevard, North Carolina

THE LITTLE MOUNTAIN RESORT TOWN OF BREVARD, N. C., HAS a lovely new Assemblies of God church with Brother and Sister Rudolph Nichols as pastors. This couple had felt burdened for some time to launch a work for God in this area.

In August, 1956, the Nicholoses conducted the first service in Brevard in the American Legion building which they were allowed to use free of charge. Each Sunday thereafter Brother and Sister Nichols and their two sons drove the fifty miles from Greenville to Brevard to conduct Sunday school in the morning and a worship service in the afternoon. Occasionally night services were held when a building was available. At these times, members of the other assemblies in the section attended the meetings. The former district superintendent, the late Andrew Stirling, and the sectional presbyter, Fred Sorrells, aided the Nicholoses in this new venture.

Property in a fine location was purchased in October 1958 on a main highway just inside the city limits. Plans obtained from the National Home Missions Department were altered slightly to fit the local need. In June, 1959, workers began construction of the new building with less than \$500 in the church treasury! This paid-for labor and materials were bought on credit. By the time funds were exhausted, money was supplied through the Minute Man Plan of the district and from the district WMC's. A loan of \$2,000 and a grant of \$500 from the Home Missions Department encouraged the congregation in its worthy endeavor.

In February 1960 the pastor conducted the first service in the new church. He and his family had moved into the rooms provided in the building as temporary quarters for the pastor in December 1959. The sanctuary auditorium will seat about 300 as soon as money is available to buy the pews. The basement of the wing includes five classrooms, one utility room, and a furnace room. The six-room parsonage over the basement makes an economical arrangement for a pioneer work. However, it was designed for a future educational unit. The building is appraised at \$54,000 and cost \$25,000. Present indebtedness is \$19,000.

The new assembly was dedicated April 28, 1960. The late Andrew Stirling, then district superintendent, brought the message. A written expression of appreciation was handed to a prominent local attorney who handled free of charge all the the

church business transactions during the building operations.

Since the new building has been finished the church has gone through a trying time due to the closing of some industries in the area, but God has been faithful. At present the Sunday school average is 75. The church is experiencing a wonderful move of God on a Biblical foundation and offers great promise for the future.

Fryeburg, Maine

FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY PEOPLE JAMMED INSIDE, OUTSIDE, and downstairs to attend the dedication service for the Fryeburg Assembly of God on Sunday, June 11, 1961

Carl O. Lindberg, superintendent of the Northern New England District, was dedicatory speaker at this small country church. Other participants in the dedication service were Robert V. Miraglia, pastor; Gerald Barney, organist; and James Richardson, Jerry Citro, and Gail Shackford, all soloists. Special guests from around the Boston, Mass., area were the Joyettes, a ladies' quartet; the Boston brass Quartet; the Boston Ladies Trio, and a saxophone trio.

Much of the remodeling work on the building the congregation had purchased was done by the local people with the build-as-you-have-the-time-and-money system. The first service was held in the church December 22, 1960.

Pews, rug, and pulpit furniture were all miraculously provided by the Lord through various means. Gifts even came from faraway places such as Texas. And on the day of dedication, the congregation was able to purchase a new Hammond spinet organ through pledges taken.

Robert Miraglia is the congregation's first regular pastor. However, the first gospel meetings were held by William Leach several years ago in the homes of Edward P. Cox and others who are now members of the church. When it became necessary for Brother Leach to move away, Dagmar Lindberg and Virginia Avery filled in until November, 1956, when Brother Miraglia came to Fryeburg from South Windham, Me.

The group held services at the home of Brother Cox for one more month and then they moved to Fryeburg Harbor into a building given by the Thurman Charleses. Later the congregation felt they should move back to Fryeburg Village, and in 1959 they rented the K of P hall on Elm Street. Not long after moving into this place, the group purchased a building and a lot on Drift Road and this became the site of the new church.

Brother and Sister Miraglia are graduates of the New England Bible Institute. They are looking for an increased attendance as the year progresses and a great potential ministry in their community.



Part of the 450 people who attended the dedication of the Assembly of God in Fryeburg, Me. stand in front of the church. Pastor Robert V. Miraglia and wife front row at left.

Another District
Superintendent
Believes . . .



'BREAKTHROUGH' Is the Answer

By JOSEPH R. FLOWER
Superintendent of the New York District

THERE IS A GREAT UNFINISHED TASK WHICH SHOULD ever be a challenge to the Church. The will of God is that all men hear the gospel for a witness. The whole world is our mission field, and our primary work must ever be personal witnessing and church extension.

Assemblies, or places for the gathering together of those interested in hearing the Word of God and desirous of Christian fellowship, should be made accessible to those of every community and segment of society.

When we see the vast areas untouched by our Pentecostal message in New York State alone we are not tempted to discouragement, but challenged afresh. Not only do we have scores of towns of considerable size which do not have our testimony, but we have many large cities where the surface has barely been scratched.

The new Assemblies of God church extension program, called BREAKTHROUGH, arose out of a concern on the part of some connected with the National Home Missions Department that we have been slowing down in our rate of expansion. At the same time, with the population explosion, opportunities face us on every hand. The goal is to establish 8,000 new churches within the next ten years, starting with 500 this year.

The name BREAKTHROUGH for this forward thrust in Home Missions is a good choice. It denotes that there is something that resists our moving ahead in this area. May we suggest a two-fold resistance: (1) that which is on the outside of the church; and (2) that which is on the inside.

We are faced with tremendous obstacles and problems which could easily dampen our zeal. Many communities resent any intrusion from the outside, and sometimes the greatest opposition to starting new churches comes from the nominal Christian community. Those bound by traditions of long standing do not easily change. Banking institutions often show little cooperation, seemingly as a matter of general policy.

The resistance within the church is a greater obstacle than that on the outside. The very magnitude of the task in the light of our apparent dearth of resources can discourage us before we even begin. We must fight our own fears with an unswerving faith that in pushing out our borders we are doing God's will and can never fail, since He is working with us.

"It can't be done here," is a deadly theme. A resignation and capitulation to adverse circumstances and a feeling that we face different conditions than others will

defeat us before we start. The moment we take that attitude we are already defeated. We should not grow old before our time!

One of the main reasons for our lagging vision, burden, and zeal may be that we, like the Ephesian church, have left our first love. True love gives itself unreservedly, and if we are going to reach the unreached within our borders that is what we must do. We must renounce our unwillingness to sacrifice, our preoccupation with selfish interests, and our thinking in terms of what our church or we personally may gain or lose. In short, *we must put God first.*

Like the apostle Paul we may feel at times that we are troubled on every side; fightings within and fears without. But we may also experience, like him, a great and effectual door of service which the Lord will open before us.

I am convinced that if the power of the Holy Spirit, which we profess and potentially possess, is released through us in obedience to our Lord's command, there is no limit to what God can do through us. This will make a way through the obstacles and destroy the mental blocks which we erect.

Instead of 160 churches of the Assemblies of God in New York State we can have double that number. The more people who can be put to work for God, the greater will be our accomplishments in reaching unreached souls and areas of our state. Our job is only begun, and there is enough to do to keep us all busy until Jesus comes. //

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD SUNDAY SCHOOLS MAKING INCREASED USE OF STORY PAPERS

THERE HAS BEEN A DECREASE IN THE CIRCULATION OF SUNDAY school papers in most denominations during recent years, according to a survey conducted by the American Baptist Convention, but the circulation of the Assemblies of God papers has shown a marked increase. The survey, which covered seventeen large denominations, revealed that the circulation of Assemblies of God story papers is high in comparison with the size of our church.

Seventeen Sunday school papers were listed for juniors, among which the Assemblies of God *Junior Trails* ranks fourth. Only the Methodist, United Presbyterian USA, and Southern Baptist denominations reported a larger circulation of junior Sunday school papers.

Seventeen papers were listed for teens. Our *HiCall* paper is in third place with the Methodist and Southern Baptist story papers ahead.

Thirteen papers for young adults were compared. *Live*, with a current circulation of 152,000, is in second place surpassed only by the Methodists.

The American Baptists reported their Sunday school enrollment as of 1962 to be approximately 1,030,000 which is slightly more than the Assemblies of God. The survey showed their total circulation of story papers to be about 250,000 compared with 474,000 for the Assemblies of God.

"This shows the loyalty of our people toward our story papers," says Ralph W. Harris, editor of Assemblies of God church school literature. "It is a tribute not only to the effectiveness of the papers themselves but also to the importance that our pastors and the officers and teachers of our Sunday schools attach to these papers."

The survey report contained the very significant statement that "story papers will receive acceptance only in proportion to the respect which is accorded them by church leaders. If they are thought to be performing an important part in the church's ministry to the youth they will have increasing circulation."

Living on the **INSTALLMENT** Plan

*In the light of the Bible teaching that we should
"Owe no man anything," Christians ought to review this question.*

By ROSS L. HOLMAN

NEVER WAS IT AS EASY TO OWE MONEY as it is now. The average American family, according to government reports, owes five times as much today as it did eleven years ago.

Merchants are offering their refrigerators, beds, fur coats, dishwashers—even airplane trips to vacation wonderlands—for nothing down and years to pay. Banks and other lending agencies temptingly hold out money to add that playroom to your home, or to make some other dream come true.

There's only one catch. Somewhere along the road of these better-living bonanzas there must be a payday—several of them.

Don't misunderstand. Installment or credit buying is no lurking evil. It has helped countless struggling couples get a start. Many have used modern credit wisely. But the ease with which the average family can hock future earnings to live well today has created some tragic problems. Thousands of families are going through agonizing reappraisals of their financial condition, and are not finding it too hopeful.

What is the Christian approach to debt? What precautions should a Christian family use in assuming credit commitments? What course should be pursued when creditors press for payment of bills which have piled up?

There was a time when debt was almost synonymous with sin. Debtors went to prison. When creditors closed in, the borrower had to pay up or leave town fast.

Society now recognizes that borrowing money is a convenient way to meet certain economic needs. Whether we borrow outright or buy on credit, we use someone else's assets to serve

our own interests. The borrower has a moral responsibility to make every effort to pay back to a creditor what is rightfully his on the terms agreed upon.

Of course, the best way to avoid crushing debt loads is to avoid taking them on. That is, never owe more than you can pay up promptly. This frequently means resolving conflicts among members of the family over individual needs.

Robert L. Heibroner, noted economics writer, says that the one marital problem psychiatrists listen to most frequently is "money." This is especially true in families where there is only one breadwinner.

Usually the problem doesn't reach a crisis until a family is swamped by too many obligations. The deluge of debts doesn't sweep in suddenly. It slips in gradually like creeping paralysis. By the time a family realizes the extent of its indebtedness, it may already be too late.

William H. Whyte, Jr., a well-known economist, says: "Along with the obsession for assuming debt goes a disregard for cost; few even notice or remember the total price. Ask them how much a certain object costs and the response may be, say, \$12.73 a month! They do not notice that their department store budget account piles up 12 per cent to 18 per cent interest. In buying autos, they almost never multiply to find out how much of a 'pack' the dealer is taking them for. Not only thrift, but ordinary American shrewdness seem to have been replaced by a general and willing gullibility."

Barring an emergency, credit buying may seem harmless enough so long as payments do not outstrip in-

come. Usually a family sees no point in denying Betsy the freezer, or Johnny the bicycle, when sellers insist that either can be had on such easy terms "it's almost like free."

But when these accumulating obligations get out of hand, a family is put to the test. It is no time for recriminations or charges that somebody isn't a good provider. Such conflicts only make the problem harder. When a solution is reached in a genuine give-and-take spirit, the triumph is something both parents and children can remember with pride.

When too many "pay up or else" notices pile up and the telephone becomes an instrument of torture, there is one course that will do more to smooth the waters than anything else. One of the best-known advisers on family finance is the Kiplinger Service in Washington, D. C., which advises a "do it yourself" plan:

"When you get behind in your bills, go straight to your creditors and lay your problem on the line. If you are really sincere about working out from under, you will find most creditors will meet you halfway."

Kiplinger advises the debtor family to decide what portion of income can be set aside each month on a consolidated debt payment basis. Then get each creditor to agree to accept his pro-rata share each month.

Generally, creditors are glad to accept any reasonable plan for meeting an obligation. The average retailer who sells on terms is anxious to keep the honest debtor family as a customer. He doesn't do himself or his reputation any good when he cripples a family's buying power by harsh measures.

Regardless of how many creditors

are on the family pay-up list, there is one obligation a Christian home cannot neglect. That is the tithe. Malachi 3:8-10 indicates how important this obligation is. In every credit or installment plan, the family tithe takes priority.

Thomas Kane, a wealthy manufacturer, himself a tither, made a forty-year investigation in which he spent several thousand dollars trying to find one businessman who would say he had not prospered when he tithed. He wrote to every tither he could locate and every one said he had gained both temporally and spiritually by the experience.

It is quite a problem for some married couples to work themselves out of a bad debt situation or to develop a cooperative plan to prevent one. Not long ago, however, I heard a woman tell how well a family plan worked in her home.

Her husband had become executor of a deceased friend's estate. He found it in bad shape. He told her the dead friend's house was mortgaged; there were unpaid installments on his car and other installment debts. The deceased had borrowed on his life insurance to send his son to college. It was heartbreaking for him to tell the widow she would have to give up her house and take her boy out of college.

But this tragedy caused the husband to call his own wife and three children into a conference to appraise their own finances. They formed a family business called Family Sessions, Inc. All future expenditures would be decided by vote with each member of the family having a voice.

Each member of that family knew exactly where they stood financially. They gave up their high-rent house and bought a cheaper one on which the outlay was \$24 a month less. They voted to put a quarter of the income into savings and more life insurance, as a nest egg in case of Dad's death or permanent disability.

They held periodic business conferences to re-examine their financial situation and decide whether they could afford a new freezer, car, or whatever appeared necessary. In those conferences they discussed plans that would enable each child to get a college education and what he himself could do about it. In short, it not only kept family affairs functioning smoothly but gave the children eco-

nomics training with which to face the world.

Such a plan may not be the answer to every family's debt problem. However, Sylvia Porter, nationally known adviser to many business and government operations, insists that family finances should in one way or another be a family project.

"Call the family together on a quiet evening," she suggests, "and discuss what you are trying to do. Let the children become a part of the team. Keep simple records of finances. Don't try to know where every penny goes. Deduct the money for your savings as an 'unavoidable expense' before you start spending for the pleasant but unessential things of life. Provide a personal allowance for each member of the family, including the children. Children learn to handle money surprisingly fast when given the chance. Don't be too arbitrary about your figures or set limits that are impossible to meet."

Mrs. Porter indicates that this kind of teamwork has turned out well with many families. It has helped many a home out of a debt crisis and prevented it in others.

To make installment buying less of a risk, Kiplinger advises families to shop around for credit. "Compare the cost," says Kiplinger, "of buying a refrigerator on time, with the cost of buying with a cash loan from your bank. Borrow the minimum. The more you borrow the more you pay."

Of course, bankruptcy is to be avoided if at all possible. Sometimes a family becomes so heavily involved that this seems the only way out. The purpose of the bankruptcy law is good in that it enables a debtor to treat all creditors alike. But since many have abused the law by using it to pay off their obligations with a few cents on the dollar, it has acquired a bad name. It is extremely difficult for a breadwinner to re-establish his credit after bankruptcy.

If bankruptcy is unavoidable, there remains a moral obligation on the part of the debtor to pay all debts in full. That is true even though he is legally exempt from payment beyond what creditors got from the bankruptcy settlement.

It should be noted that the rapid increase in installment and charge-it buying is partly responsible for today's booming economy. It has helped to make possible greatly increased take-

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Join the Letters

In this puzzle are 15 words found in Psalm 119:11—a good verse for all Christians to follow. Can you figure out the message from the puzzle?

Here's how to do it: take one letter at a time and then move either to the right or left, or move up or down. You start at the upper left-hand corner of the puzzle and end at the lower right-hand corner. Each gray square indicates the end of a word—some words are only one-letter words.

You can check your answer by looking up Psalm 119:11 in your Bible.

—By Dick Champion

home pay, opportunity for good jobs, universal employment, and many other blessings.

Even so, continuing prosperity depends on the continued good faith and solvency of buying families. You owe it to yourself, your family, your future, and your peace of mind (as well as your Lord) to keep your pay-later commitments under control.

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God Is Blessing



REVIVALTIME in Foreign Lands

Radio Releases Abroad Perform Effective Missionary Ministry

By LOIS HOKANSON

FROM FORTY-SIX POWERFUL RADIO STATIONS OUTSIDE THE continental United States, *Revivaltime* is performing an effective missionary ministry. It is carrying out the great commission, "Go ye into all the world," by broadcasting the full-gospel message.

Currently *Revivaltime* reaches the newly educated of many nations, in addition to American and British personnel in foreign lands, servicemen stationed abroad, and entire countries such as British Guiana and Trinidad where English is the common language.

"I am a native of North Borneo," writes a schoolteacher to *Revivaltime*. "My job is teaching in one of the villages of the West Coast Residency here in North Borneo."

Requesting some books by C. M. Ward, he continues, "Your sermons have helped me to study more about the Bible. I am sure that the Bible is the true Guide to the heavenly kingdom." This schoolteacher, receiving spiritual food through *Revivaltime*, is in an influential position to reach young people for Christ.

Another listener who can be influential for Christ is a manufacturing chemist in India. He writes:

"I have been one of your radio broadcast listeners for a very long time. I am working in a sugar factory which is in a village. *We have no church*. We can only get your radio messages. Sometimes we have no electricity and cannot even hear you, so we much appreciate hearing your broadcast when we can."

Another listener who is isolated from church is assistant manager of an estate in South India. He lives on a coffee estate in the hills, twenty-five miles from the nearest church located on the plains.

"These broadcasts," he writes to *Revivaltime*, "help us never to waver or fail in our faith. I've been a Christian since September, 1959. I've never looked back since then. These broadcasts have strengthened our faith and our love in the Almighty."

Many times unsaved persons in foreign countries will start listening to *Revivaltime* simply to improve their understanding of English or to satisfy curiosity about

the United States. Others who have accepted Christ listen out of curiosity and enjoy the spiritual food and blessing so much that they become regular listeners.

Also, homesick servicemen and American personnel living abroad often listen to the broadcast because it reminds them of home. This provides a great opportunity to reach them with the gospel.

Obviously, *Revivaltime's* foreign releases—like most missionary projects—must be financed by persons in the homeland. The missionaries and workers on the field cannot possibly pay for the releases, nor should the people we are trying to reach be expected to support the broadcast.

Recently our missionaries in Taiwan sent word that they would like to have *Revivaltime* released on the island. They suggested a release over the Taipei station and possibly one or two other cities where there is a concentration of American personnel.

The broadcast would be keyed to the ten thousand American personnel and several thousand British stationed in Nationalist China. A great many English-speaking Chinese and Taiwanese also would listen to the broadcast, as all high-school and college students on Taiwan learn and use English in their schools.

Broadcasting in Taiwan is not expensive by American standards. The missionaries report that a weekly half-hour release would cost only between six and eight dollars a month per station (plus, of course, the postage and production costs of \$36.40 a month).

While celebrating with C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* speaker, his eighth anniversary on the ABC network, Calvary Temple of Springfield, Mo., gave the first offering toward the new releases on Taiwan.

Others who would like to help support this important missionary ministry are urged to send their offerings to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. Please designate your offering for "Broadcast in Taiwan."

Additional information about how to sponsor foreign missionary releases will be sent upon request. ❧❧

MALNUTRITION

Plenty to eat but little to nourish the inner man!

By E. W. LINDALE

Pastor, Pennsville (N.J.) Assembly of God

"WHAT, ME—SUFFERING FROM MALNUTRITION? That's a joke. You ought to see the food I consume!" How often one hears words like these, and perhaps from someone who really does not look undernourished but who consciously or unconsciously is suffering from "hidden hunger."

Quantities of food may be eaten and yet the complaint is, "I'm full—but not really satisfied." It is only when that proper vitamin or mineral or other lack is supplied that the inner clamor is quieted.

This physical fact is strangely paralleled in the spiritual. According to sociologists the three basic aims of modern Americans are success, security, and the acquisition of property. But an individual may achieve all these and yet find an internal vacuum, a dissatisfaction and an unhappiness! We have been victimized by the materialism of the age—an outlook expressed by the concept of "anything for the dollar," and as a result America is suffering most severely from spiritual malnutrition.

"What—with all the churches that are going up? With the Bible so easily attainable—with all the easy talk about religion in so many circles? This must be a joke!"

But it is not a joke. To achieve material gain and earthly security many hold two jobs, or both husband and wife work. In the fast pace of modern living, spiritual concepts and values are lost or forgotten. God is relegated to a secondary position; or what is worse, to no place at all. Material success thus actually becomes meaningless in the final analysis.

Jesus clearly taught that "Man shall not live by bread alone," and that "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." The rich man who said, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry," heard God's answer. The Lord said to him, "Thou

fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." He had reckoned without God, and the Scriptures teach that man was made by God *for God*.

It is impossible to have a properly balanced life without placing God in His proper perspective because man is basically a spiritual creature as well as a physical being. This is one of the reasons why we find religion among the most primitive of peoples. It is only in more recent cultures that man has endeavored to live without even the slightest thought of God and so many suffer and die of spiritual hunger. They eat but are not satisfied (Micah 6:14).

King Solomon looking at life in a similar manner came to this conclusion about materialism, "Vanity of vanity, all is vanity." Why? "He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver, nor he that loveth abundance with increase" (Ecclesiastes 6:10).

Bread alone will not satisfy man's inner longings. Only God through Christ can do that. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

The Bible says, "The meek shall eat and be satisfied" (Psalm 22:26).

An Arthritic Receives Healing

For twenty-five years I suffered severely with arthritis of the spine. I underwent three major operations. Only God will ever know how much I suffered. But in 1961 everything changed—for the Lord saved my soul and healed my body.

I was taking everything I could get for pain, from aspirin to strong narcotics. Finally I was forced to quit my job and I even became unable to drive a car. Doctors at the Veterans Hospital in Birmingham, Ala. gave up my case. However, while they were waiting for me to die my wife, who was a Christian, brought some

church people to visit me at the hospital. They prayed that God would spare my life and let me return home.

God heard their prayer and let me go home. Then I began to seek the Lord. On January 12, 1961, I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour. Later the pastor of the Assembly of God Tabernacle visited me and invited me to attend his church. I went one Sunday evening and heard several testify to being healed of various sicknesses and diseases. I began to believe God for my healing. At the close of the service I requested prayer so they laid hands on me and prayed. At that moment the pain left my body for the first time in ten years. A miracle had taken place.

Almost a year has passed and I have not been troubled with arthritis. I have taken no medicine, not even aspirin, because the former pain never has returned.

I now can walk, drive the car, and go about my regular routine. I have joined the Assembly of God Tabernacle and enjoy telling others what Christ has done for me.—William Baxter, Gadsden, Ala.

(Endorsed by Pastor David L. Hearn, Assembly of God Tabernacle, Gadsden, Ala.)

Girl Healed of Deafness

When I was two years old I had brain fever which left me completely deaf. When three, my parents took me to the clinic at Champaign, Ill., and were told nothing could be done for my hearing. My experience proves, however, that a certain Physician *could do something* for me.

I was taken to the Jacksonville, Ill., school for the Deaf when I was old enough to go to school, and each year I returned to spend the full year there. I am now seventeen years old.

Last December our church had revival meetings with Evangelist Joseph DeGrado. I was prayed for and the Lord graciously healed me. I can now hear. In fact, a few days after my healing I was riding with my Dad in the car and the radio was so loud I had to ask him to turn it down.

I thank the Lord that after fifteen years of deafness He has seen fit to heal me.—Linda Sue Polen, Clinton, Ill.

(Endorsed by Pastor C. R. DePrenger, Assembly of God, Clinton, Ill.)



'Mama Lillian' and Her Children

By RAYMOND T. BROCK

"MAMA LILLIAN DIED TODAY." THIS cable signaled the end of a missionary career that spanned more than half a century of dedicated service. Miss Lillian Trasher died at 6 P.M. on Sunday, December 17, after ministering in Egypt for fifty-one years.

There were many tears when the 1,400 children and widows of Assiout Orphanage heard the news of Mama's Homegoing. Hundreds of her former boys and girls returned to Assiout to pay tribute to the Florida-born woman who became their mother.

Pulled by six horses, the carriage carrying Miss Trasher's body moved slowly through the streets of Assiout. Moslems and Christians wept unashamedly as they stood side by side to pay their last respects to the person their newspapers called "The Saint of the twentieth century" and "The virgin mother of thousands of Egyptians." Telegrams from Egyptians of all walks of life—including one from Egypt's President Nasser—flooded the Assiout telegraph office.

Miss Lillian Hunt Trasher was born

in Jacksonville, Fla., on September 27, 1887. She sailed for Egypt on October 8, 1910. Shortly after her arrival she was given a starving infant by its dying mother. Miss Trasher continued to accept orphaned children and became mother to more than eight thousand Egyptian boys and girls to whom she gave tender loving care and spiritual guidance. Many of her boys and girls now hold responsible positions in the Republic combining their spiritual nurture with the professional skills they learned under Miss Trasher's tutorage.

Only twice in the last twenty-five years did Miss Trasher return to the United States for furlough—once to participate in the Oklahoma City General Council (1955) and again in 1960 to participate in the International Sunday School Convention in Minneapolis, Minn. She cut her last furlough short because of ill health, fearing she would die in the United States when her expressed desire was to be buried in Egypt.

Miss Trasher's story has been told effectively in *Lady on a Donkey* by



Lillian Trasher

Beth Prim Howell and *Nile Mother* by Lester Sumrall, and has been visualized by the *Nile Mother* and *Miracle on the Nile* films. The home of her great missionary ministry stands on the banks of the Nile River in Egypt. Assiout Orphanage consists of dormitories, a hospital, kitchen, and dining facilities, chapel and classrooms—each a mute reminder of the days when Miss Trasher plied the roadways and waterways of Egypt to raise funds to feed, clothe, and house her growing family. These physical structures, however, are secondary to the Christian faith Miss Trasher instilled into the lives of her children, a faith that has prepared them for Christian leadership in their predominately Moslem country.

Miss Trasher's grave in the Orphanage Cemetery will remain as a symbol of her devotion: she buried herself in Egypt fifty years ago and lived and loved her adopted people until the Lord saw fit to call her home.

Missionary Joseph Brown, who has spent fourteen years in Egypt, was already on his way back to the field when news of Miss Trasher's death arrived. He has been designated as the official representative of the Assemblies of God at the orphanage.

In reporting Miss Trasher's death, Pastor George Assad of the Orphanage Church said: "We trust you are praying for the Orphanage, especially in these days, and will continue to do so until we meet the saints in heaven. At that moment Mama's dear voice will be heard again, saying, 'Lord, here I am and the children which Thou hast given me.'" ❧❧



Miss Trasher's last building project was the erection of this building for the widows of the orphanage staff. The building was dedicated shortly before her death.

Lyman Richardson Appointed Pastor of Bethel Temple in Manila



LYMAN RICHARDSON HAS BEEN APPOINTED to missionary service in the Philippines as pastor of Bethel Temple, Manila. Succeeding Alfred Cawston, who is returning on furlough, Brother and Sister Richardson will assume their responsibilities about February 15.

For the past six years the Richardsons have been pastoring Riverside Gospel Tabernacle in Jacksonville, Fla. Previously they pastored in Gary and Fort Wayne, Ind.

Brother Richardson has served as secretary-treasurer of both the South Florida and Indiana districts and represented each district on the general



Lyman and Louise Richardson

presbytery.

Lyman and Louise (Parry) Richardson are graduates of Central Bible Institute. They have two children who are graduates of South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Fla.

Manila's Bethel Temple is one of the largest evangelistic centers of the Assemblies of God. With its outstations its attendance averages approximately two thousand in Sunday services.

Foreign Missions Department MONTHLY REPORT November, 1961

CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 5,341.09	N Texas	13,001.33
Appalachian	1,817.36	Northwest	33,904.89
Arizona	2,457.60	Ohio	12,862.30
Arkansas	5,121.04	Oklahoma	20,469.26
Eastern	20,287.95	Oregon	15,557.51
Georgia	2,404.50	Potomac	9,546.11
German Br	1,599.51	Rocky Mtn	13,196.37
Greek Br	119.46	S Carolina	754.22
Hungarian Br	10.00	S Dakota	2,083.90
Illinois	15,038.40	S Florida	7,900.91
Indiana	7,449.08	S California	48,674.77
Italian Br	976.94	S N Eng	4,189.50
Kansas	10,832.19	S Texas	12,579.55
Kentucky	509.40	S Idaho	2,053.50
Latin Am Br	812.32	S Missouri	10,629.47
Louisiana	3,473.45	Span E Dist	167.25
Michigan	17,577.17	Tennessee	5,216.76
Minnesota	20,311.81	Ukrainian Br	145.93
Mississippi	1,736.44	W Central	8,306.86
Montana	5,486.59	W Florida	2,426.88
Nebraska	6,332.20	W Texas	5,768.49
New Jersey	9,971.18	Wis-N Mich	9,029.11
New Mexico	2,205.73	Wyoming	1,312.21
New York	14,143.82	Alaska	221.89
N Carolina	1,930.37	Canada	1,924.32
N Dakota	3,560.26	Hawaii	847.23
N N Eng	1,186.22	Foreign	5,833.91
N Calif-Nev	33,626.66	Yugoslavian	5.00

Total Amount Reported	\$444,928.17
District Funds	\$12,038.59
National Home Missions	2,889.08
Office Expense	5,055.73
Given Direct to Missionaries	1,297.17
	21,280.57

Received for Council Missionaries	\$423,647.60
Rec'd for Non-Council Missionaries	3,718.19
Missionary Offerings not Allocated to any State	6,484.63

Total Receipts \$ 433,850.42

DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$169,269.70
Missionary Equipment	39,836.91
Missionary Work	75,601.36
National Workers Abroad	6,974.96
Deputational Returns	1,382.80
Buildings in Foreign Lands	19,952.61
Missionary Transportation	42,894.00

\$355,912.34
Transfer to "Hold Accounts" 77,938.08

Total Disbursements \$433,850.42

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MISSIONARY News Notes

GOING: Mr. and Mrs. Charity Harris have arrived in Nyasaland for another term of service.

Returning to Nigeria for another term are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hargrave.

Verne Warner has arrived in Argentina where he will continue his ministry as principal of the Bible School of the River Platte at Buenos Aires. His wife and family will follow later.

COMING: Mildred Duncklee is on furlough from Liberia and is living at Bows-

mont, N. Dak.

The J. Edwin Rills have returned from South Africa. They are at home at 2048 Pontoon Road, Granite City, Ill.

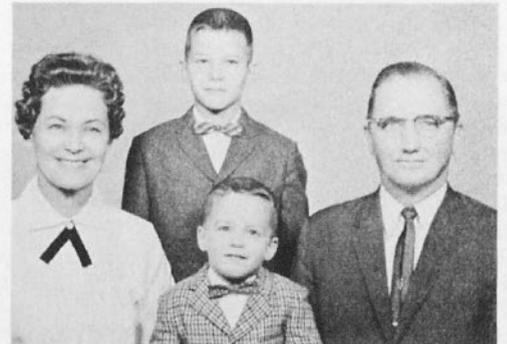
OPPORTUNITY FOR VOCATIONAL VOLUNTEERS: There are many opportunities for schoolteachers, stenographers, and people with technical qualifications to serve abroad under Civil Service or the Armed Forces. Opportunities for Christian service are available in local Assemblies of God churches and field missionary projects. There is a special need for schoolteachers in Guam to assist with the rapidly developing Assemblies of God program. Will those interested please contact the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo.



Mr. and Mrs. Charity Harris and family



The Andrew Hargrave family



Mr. and Mrs. Verne Warner and sons



Spotlight on Evangelism

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, 1445 BOONVILLE AVE., SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

CARIBOU, ME.—The Pentecostal Assembly here reports two successful weeks of revival meetings with Evangelist Oren Paris of Ft. Worth, Tex. The ministry in Word and song was especially blessed of God. The church rejoices over the individuals who found Christ as Saviour. There were over 130 visitors in attendance.

—Robert K. Steward, Pastor

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CRESTVIEW, FLA.—There was a good attendance at First Assembly during a recent Victorious Life Campaign with Evangelists and Mrs. Michael H. Lord. Sinners were saved, backsliders were reclaimed, and believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit. A young woman who had been blind was able to read small print clearly following prayer in her behalf. There were outstanding healings from goiter, growths, and other afflictions. God's Spirit moved upon the people to fast, pray, witness, and win souls.

—S. L. Breland, Pastor

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KANSAS CITY, MO.—God has truly honored the recent "Consecration Week" held at Evangel Temple with Evangelist Zelma Argue of Santa Monica, Calif. A mighty spirit of unity and faith was evidenced from the very beginning. The services commenced with a regular Saturday night prayer meeting where 60 individuals gathered to seek the face of God. This had been preceded by 12 weeks of similar gatherings for prayer and intercession. In the opening service a man was gloriously refilled with the Holy Spirit after having been a backslider for a number of years. From then on it was thrilling to witness the moving of the Spirit of God as people were filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit. The melting ministry of the Holy Spirit was also in evidence in the Sunday school. One woman received a marvelous experience of the baptism in the Holy Spirit during a class session of the Women's Bible class. The scripture chosen as the theme for this special week of consecration was, "A broken and a contrite

heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Psalm 51:17). This truly was demonstrated as pastor, evangelist, and people humbled their hearts before the Lord in unified intercession, resulting in a mighty move of the Spirit of God.

—Robert Wilson, Pastor

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ORANGE, VA.—God's blessing rested upon a two-week Deeper Life revival conducted here by Evangelist Mildred Kimel. Several were saved, four received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, a number were refilled, and there were some testimonies of healings. The church especially rejoices over the salvation of a lady of Catholic persuasion who also received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—C. B. Glover, Pastor

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CLINTON, ILL.—The Assembly of God Tabernacle here has just experienced one of its greatest revivals with Evangelist Joseph De Grado. Though this two-week campaign was held just prior to Christmas with extremely inclement weather, there were some great results. Twenty-five individuals were saved, 32 filled with the Holy Spirit, and scores upon scores of persons were healed—many of them instantly. People were healed of various afflictions including spinal injuries, ruptures, heart trouble, and deafness. Individuals who had been dealt with for years accepted Christ as Saviour. There were approximately 250 visitors.

—C. R. DePrenger, Pastor

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MOBILE, ALA.—God poured out His Spirit in a gracious way during a recent two-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Swagart at the Orchard Assembly of God. Some 35 knelt at the altar for salvation and several were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday school more than doubled its attendance and the church witnessed its greatest crowds during this meeting. Several Assemblies cooperated in this effort.

—A. L. Calhoun, Pastor

DALLAS, TEX.—The congregation at Grace Assembly of God enjoyed a fine revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Leon Bayless. God's presence was felt in a definite way each night as a good number were saved, reclaimed, and refilled with the Holy Spirit.

—Fred Davis, Pastor

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BAKER, FLA.—Shady Grove Assembly of God recently enjoyed a great outpouring of God's blessings during a two and one-half week "Victorious Life Campaign" with Evangelist and Mrs. Michael H. Lord. Many referred to this as one of the best revivals in many years. Individuals found Christ as their Saviour. Some who had

sought the Lord for years for the infilling of the Holy Spirit were filled during this campaign.

—Albert C. Vickers, Pastor

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BALDWIN PARK, CALIF.—October 18 through November 5 marked three great weeks of Holy Ghost revival at First Assembly with Evangelist Glen and Faithe Shinn of Ft. Worth, Tex. The outstanding preaching of the evangelist brought the church face to face with their need of God. As a result the spirit of revival still continues to the present moment. Sinners are being saved and believers filled with the Holy Spirit in each service.

—Burl Rogers, Pastor

Former Head of Canadian Assemblies Killed in Automobile Crash

TORONTO, Ont.—Campbell Bannerman Smith, 61, general superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada from 1944 to 1952, was suddenly called from this life into the presence of the Lord as the result of a three-car collision on an icy road near Napanee, Ont., December 30, 1961.

In the company of two sons, Robert and David, he was en route to Dorval, Que. where he was to fill the pulpit for another son, George, when the accident occurred.

Brother Smith was president of the Eastern Pentecostal Bible College at Peterborough, Ont., at the time of his death. Funeral services were held at Peterborough in the Dublin Street Church with hundreds of students and friends present. Many traveled hundreds of miles to pay their last respects to the departed leader and his family.

George Griffin of Kitchener preached the funeral sermon. Several other ministers participated in the service, including W. E. McAlister, general superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, who paid high tribute to the dedicated life of the departed man of God.

The deceased is survived by his wife, the former Beulah Argue, a

daughter of the late A. H. Argue of Winnipeg, by one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Catherine) Lindblad of San Jose, Calif., and three sons. Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Alex Bathgate, Peterborough, a brother, Lennox R. Smith of Toronto, and four grandchildren.

By his preaching and ministry as pastor, district official, general superintendent, and Bible college president, Brother Smith endeared himself to many thousands of Canadians from coast to coast, and he had many friends in the U. S. and other lands as well who mourn his passing.



C. B. Smith



CHRIST PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sunday School Lesson for February 18, 1962

JOHN 16:5-15; ROMANS 8:1-4

Christ had broken the news to His disciples concerning His imminent death and departure from them. What a crushing blow would be the loss of His presence! Their world had fallen apart. How they needed His words of glorious promise and hope—"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you" (John 14:18).

How would He come to them, after He had departed from them? Through the Holy Spirit! "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." Our lesson text contains the continuation of Christ's teaching concerning the coming of the One who would take His place in the lives of His followers.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SPIRIT'S COMING

"It is expedient for you that I go away." How could it possibly be profitable for the disciples to have Jesus leave them? Only in that thereby He would send them the Holy Spirit! Though they did not know it (Do we?) they were going to know Christ far more intimately when He would be revealed to them, in them, and through them by the Holy Spirit, than they ever had known Him during their human contact with Him. The words that followed explained to them why this was so.

THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT IN THE UNREGENERATE WORLD

1. *The Holy Spirit would convict men of sin.* In verse 9 Christ showed that the sin for which the wrath of God abides upon men is the sin of unbelief; that is, the rejection of infinite love and the refusal to believe upon Christ for salvation.

2. *The Holy Spirit would convict men of righteousness.* It is through the working of the Spirit in the hearts of men that their false concepts of righteousness are destroyed and they are made to realize the nature of God's ideal of righteousness.

3. *The Holy Spirit would convince men of the reality of coming judgment.* Since it is by the power of the Holy Spirit alone that this threefold convicting work can take place, it becomes clear that Christ's followers must thus be anointed and filled with the Spirit if they are to carry out Christ's commission.

THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BELIEVER

1. *"He will guide you into all truth."* The Holy Spirit is the Great Teacher. "He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." All spiritual illumination is made possible through the Holy Spirit. Through His active agency we are preserved from error, receive divine illumination, and "rightly divide the word of truth." Ob-

serve that Christ promised only to bring to remembrance "whatsoever I have said unto you;" that is, those things which we have studied and read in His Word.

2. *"He will show you things to come."* This statement probably has a twofold reference. First it is the work of the Holy Spirit, working in connection with the Word, enabling us to understand prophetic truth; that is, those things which are yet to come. Second, it may also refer to supernatural knowledge which is the result of the revelation gifts of the Holy Spirit; namely, the word of wisdom or the word of knowledge.

3. *"He shall glorify me."* The Holy Spirit does not call attention to Himself. He is not in competition with Christ. On the contrary, it is His unique and blessed office to work in such a way in the hearts and minds of men that they will see Christ in all His glorious fullness and know Him in all His love and power. Everything the Holy Spirit does is in some way calculated to cause men to love, worship, adore, and serve the Lord of glory! Let Him, then, have His way!

—J. Bashford Bishop

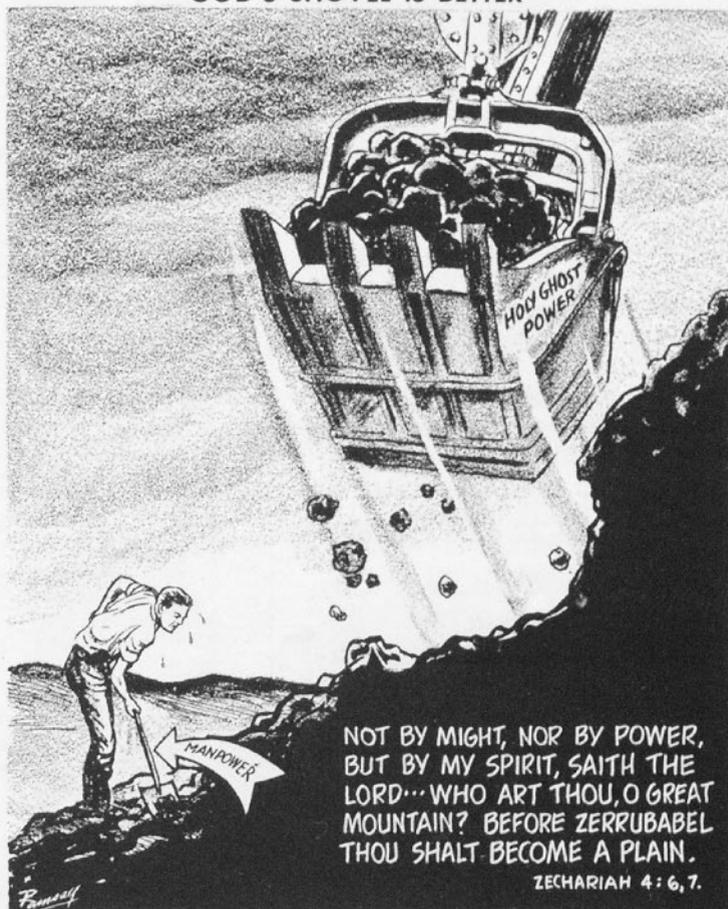
SHE JUST WANTED TO KNOW

While a missionary was speaking to a group of Hindu women, one of them silently walked away. Soon she returned and listened more intently than before.

"Why did you leave in the midst of my message?" asked the missionary.

"I was so interested in the wonderful things you were saying that I went to ask your servant if you live like you teach. He said you do. So I came back to hear more about Jesus," said the woman. —*Gospel Herald*

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EVANGELISM CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Chandler	Santan Ind. Miss.	Feb. 12—	John Timm	Edna Griep
Ark.	Blytheville	First	Feb. 13-25	Bob & Jeri Winford	A. J. Frank
	Dumas	First	Feb. 11-18	N. B. Rayburn	Willis Brothers
	Little Rock	Cloverdale	Feb. 18-Mar. 4	Woodrow Oxner	Alvin Hicks
	N. Little Rock	Calvary	Feb. 18	Keith & Mrs. Belknap	James Wischart
	Truman	A/G	Feb. 19	Loyd Middleton	J. L. Campbell
Calif.	Burbank	Glad Tidings	Feb. 13-25	Orrin & Anne Kingsriter	H. P. Wilde
	Coalinga	A/G	Feb. 13-25	The Tanner Team	Thomas O. Grams
	Escalon	A/G	Feb. 14-25	Stanley McPherson	Melvin W. Steward
	Lomita	Calvary	Feb. 18	J. G. Hall	Leo Duncan
	Monta Vista	A/G	Feb. 6-11	J. G. Hall	H. Russell Baker
	Ontario	Calvary	Feb. 18	David Bunch	Walter Hanneman
	Palmdale	First	Feb. 11—	L. H. Sheets	H. A. Pegg
	Richmond	Central	Feb. 13—	Ron Prinzing	Russell Griffin
	San Leandro	Haven of Rest	Feb. 13-18	Billy D. Guthrie	P. A. Scroggins
	South Gate	Firestone	Feb. 15-25	Don & Patti Hall	Harry J. Steil
	Visalia	First	Feb. 14-25	Wallace S. Bragg	O. H. Mitchell
	Wilmington	First	Feb. 18-Mar. 4	J. W. Henegar	Thomas Ming, Sr.
	Yuba City	First	Feb. 11-25	Ralph Bender	Thomas Don Carlos
Fla.	Bristol	A/G	Feb. 11—	Nettie Parham	Fannie Hutchison
	Cottage Hill	A/G	Feb. 6-18	Leon Morrow	Atha Lackey
	Ft. Myers	Faith Tab.	Feb. 13-25	Jack & Clara Peters	E. W. Williams
	Key West	Glad Tid. Tab.	Feb. 13-25	Calvin Melton	Wayne Pitts
	Miami	Bethany Tab.	Feb. 11-Mar. 4	R. S. Peterson	C. H. Holland
	St. Petersburg	First	Feb. 14-25	Wm. H. Kautz	Kenneth I. Wright
Ga.	Macon	First	Feb. 14-25	Ferrello Brothers	C. M. Hicks
Idaho	Weiser	A/G	Feb. 11—	Warren Combs	Charles Shaklee
Ill.	Belvidere	A/G	Feb. 13-25	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Charles Grams
	Brighton	*A/G	Feb. 18-23	Bob Olson	Jack Roe
	Wheaton	First	Feb. 14-16	C. M. Ward	Wayne Kraiss
Ind.	Anderson	First	Feb. 14-25	Paul Hild	Robert R. Bayless
	Decatur	A/G	Feb. 6-18	T. T. Ward	W. A. Van-Winkle
	Lebanon	A/G	Feb. 6-18	Charles E. Hackett	John Washler
Kans.	Chanute	First	Feb. 13-25	Norman & Mrs. Hays	LeRoy Whiteman
	Dighton	A/G	Feb. 6-18	Jeremiah Hanley	Goeffrey Duncombe
	McPherson	First	Feb. 13-25	Larry Allbaugh	O. R. Bray
	Wichita	South Seneca	Feb. 6-18	Ray C. Eskelin	John DeVasher
Minn.	Wadena	A/G	Feb. 12—	Richard Orchard	Sherman Buschow
Mo.	Chaffee	A/G	Feb. 12—	Loyd Middleton	Wm. Marshall
	Des Arc	A/G	Feb. 18-Mar. 4	Glenna Byard	Chas. F. Brown
N. J.	Pleasantville	A/G	Feb. 4-18	J. B. Woolums	Thomas String
N. Mex.	Farmington	First	Feb. 4-18	Sara E. Sharp	Don E. Stover
N. C.	Wanchese	A/G	Feb. 13-25	Arthur Bristol	Dana Spence
Ohio	Weston	A/G	Feb. 13-25	John Eller	John W. Hammack
Okla.	Bartlesville	Tuxedo	Feb. 13-18	Paul D. Van Winkle	C. H. Asher
	Lawton	Lawton Hgts.	Feb. 11	Al Davis	Franklin Blair
Oreg.	Creswell	A/G	Feb. 6-18	J. W. & Mrs. Whitlock	T. A. Seevers
Pa.	Bristol	Pentecostal	Feb. 13-18	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Anthony A. Marinacci
S. Dak.	Huron	A/G	Feb. 12-Mar. 4	Robert A. Paul	E. A. North
Tex.	Arlington	Bethel	Feb. 14—	Ken George	Charles Savage
Va.	Norfolk	Glad Tidings	Feb. 13-25	Olshevski Musical Tm.	David Berquist
	Warwick	A/G	Feb. 13-25	Ruby & Merrill Rayner	Leroy Howe
Wash.	Everett	Bethany Tem.	Feb. 11—	Hattie P. Hammond	Mr. Lee Wilson, Chm.
	Tacoma	First	Feb. 11-18	W. E. (Gene) Scott	Everette Ewing
Canada	Langley Prairie	B.C. Pent. Tab.	Feb. 13-25	O. E. (Gene) Vaale	J. E. Ehrhardt
	Belleville, Ont.	Calvary Tem.	Feb. 14-Mar. 11	Sunshine Party	H. Smith
	Mt. Forest, Ont.	Pentecostal	Feb. 13-25	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	Ralph Lyons
Indonesia	Bandung	A/G	Feb. 11—	Bob Hoskins	A. F. McGrew, Chm.

* Teen Revival

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Pray for Me

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vision saw a broad river, its banks adorned with fruitful trees. This river was symbolic of the Spirit of God—life-giving, refreshing, and prolific. This is the same Spirit that Jesus promised to all believers. He said, "From within him the [believer] shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38, A.S.V.).

Scientists tell us that if we could harness the energy in a single drop of water, it would drive a train. Oh, how great and marvelous are the exploits Spirit-filled prayer warriors can do for God.

However, there are times when the praying Christian feels he is praying amiss and his prayers are useless. At such times it is comforting to remember that the Holy Spirit will come to the aid of the bewildered Christian. "We know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groan-

ings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26).

This is "praying in the Holy Ghost." Further, this is actually the Spirit of God praying through us, "making intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

The Holy Spirit not only helps us to pray, but helps us to answer the prayers of others.

Recently I received a distressing letter from a Christian lady in a distant state. Once she had been on fire for God, filled with the Holy Ghost, and rejoicing in God's blessings. Then Satan snared her. Now she was sick, discouraged, wretched, unable to find her way back to God. Would I pray for her—*please?*

I had about decided to send her an anointed handkerchief, but the Holy Spirit restrained me. The Spirit directed me to write her and encourage her to *pray one hour a day*. The Spirit knew her heart better than I. This woman admitted her greatest need was to renew the sweet fellowship with God she once enjoyed.

Job is a classical example of a man interceding with God for others. Poor

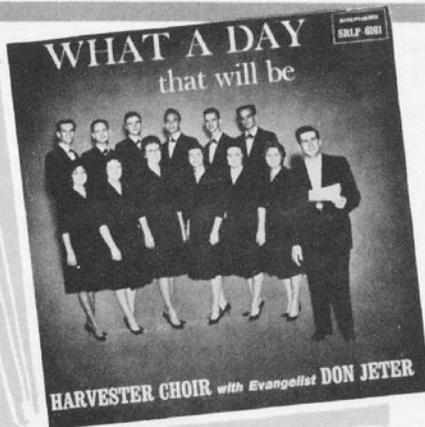
Job had lost all—wealth, friends, influence, health. He was overwhelmed by the calamities that had befallen him. He seemed forsaken by God and man. But, lo! when he prayed for his friends, God wonderfully healed him and blessed him with twice the wealth he formerly had possessed.

The rewards of earnest prayer are often wonderful, and sometimes startling. Prayer is twice blessed. It blesses him who prays and him who is prayed for.

So if you want a blessing, just pray for me!

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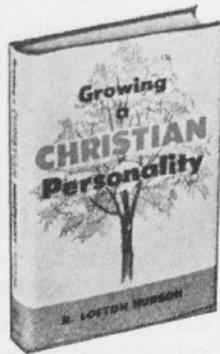
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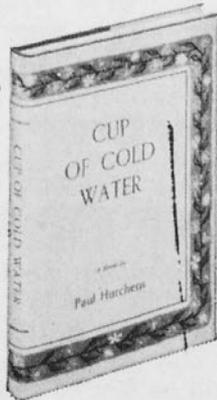
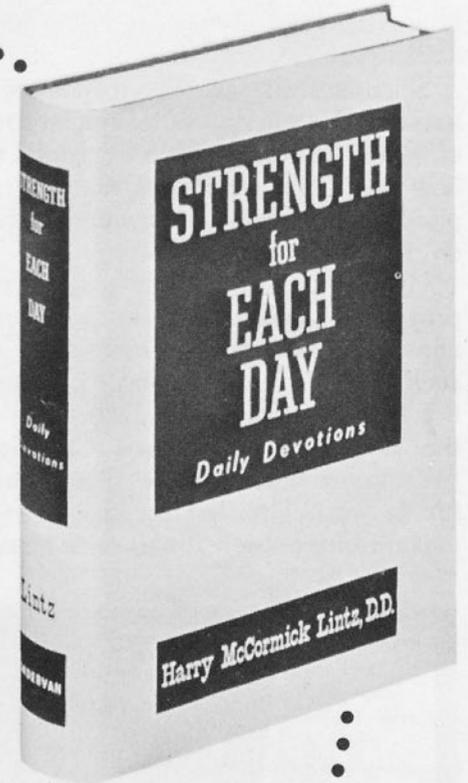


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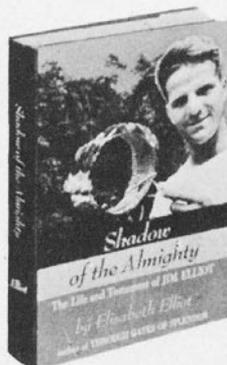
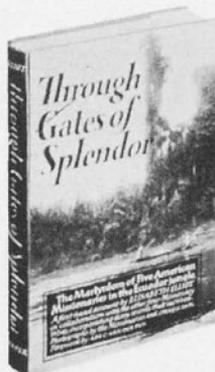
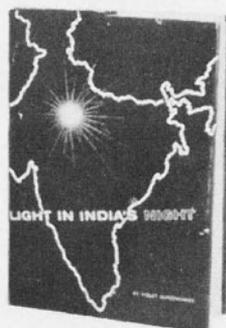
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ONE DAY JESUS SET A CHILD IN THE MIDST OF HIS disciples and said, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

The Lord is still placing little children in the midst of adults to teach some much-needed lessons. All the education, sophistication, and vaunted maturity that grownups acquire with the years can hardly equal the priceless qualities God has given the child—qualities which a mistaken world tries to remove as one grows older.

As the prophet said, "A little child shall lead them." *Don't be so busy teaching boys and girls that you miss the lessons they can teach you.*

So—take a good look at that child.

Look at his *faith*. Have you ever watched a child standing on a high place and jumping into the strong arms of its father? There is no fear in the child's mind. The father just says, "Jump," and he jumps. The child knows he can trust his father to catch him. So he does not stop to measure distances or weights. He wastes no time trying to "feel faith" or to define it. There is instead a daring disregard for consequences and eventualities. One think alone controls the situation—the father's word; and with eyes fastened on that trusted face the child lets go and takes a step into the unknown.

Without faith it is impossible to please our heavenly Father. He wants us to become like children with unquestioning confidence in His love and wisdom and strength.

Look at the child's *enthusiasm*. What a lively interest he shows when he is given a part in Sunday school or C.A.'s. There is little time wasted in offering excuses or talking of his inability when he is asked to participate in a project. What if his particular part is small? Interest sparkles in his eyes as he makes his simple contribution, concerned only about getting the whole thing done.

How many hurdles and obstacles would be overcome if we caught the intended lesson here and learned to throw ourselves wholeheartedly into the tasks to be

done, whether thanks comes to us for our particular part or not.

Look at the child's *cheerfulness*! Perhaps you have been among a group of adults where ill-feeling exists between several and this has cast a blanket of coldness and silence over the whole group. Everyone is uncomfortable. No one seems able to break through the cold barrier.

Now bring into that gathering a child—even a babe in arms—and watch the differences melt as attention is focused on that sweet bit of humanity. Or let an older child join the group with his cheerful prattle and innocent smile, and instantly the tension is broken. Something happens to the gloomy overcast and the atmosphere becomes normal again. What a lesson God has for us here! Look at the child's *humility* and *selflessness*. He fully depends on others—the very attitude God desires in His children who must depend on Him for everything. We see that it is the child's need that speaks for him. It is his need he presents to the one who cares for him. Let that child remind us of our constant need of the Lord as we serve Him "with all humility of mind."

And how much disease there is both in individuals and in churches because of our adult failures to *forgive*. With the child before us the Master would teach us a lesson along this line. Spank the child if you must, speak sharply to him—even misuse him—but in just a few minutes he is making up with you. The least encouragement brings back the smile. No grudges, hatred, or ill feeling are allowed to accumulate in a child's heart. "Now" is so important to him he does not want to spoil it with past unpleasantness. Indeed, for him it is possible to forgive and forget—anything.

Let him lead us close to the heart of our Father in this, ". . . forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

With the live object lesson held before us let us examine our own lives. Do we still have within us these priceless gifts which God gave to each of us when we were children? ♦♦