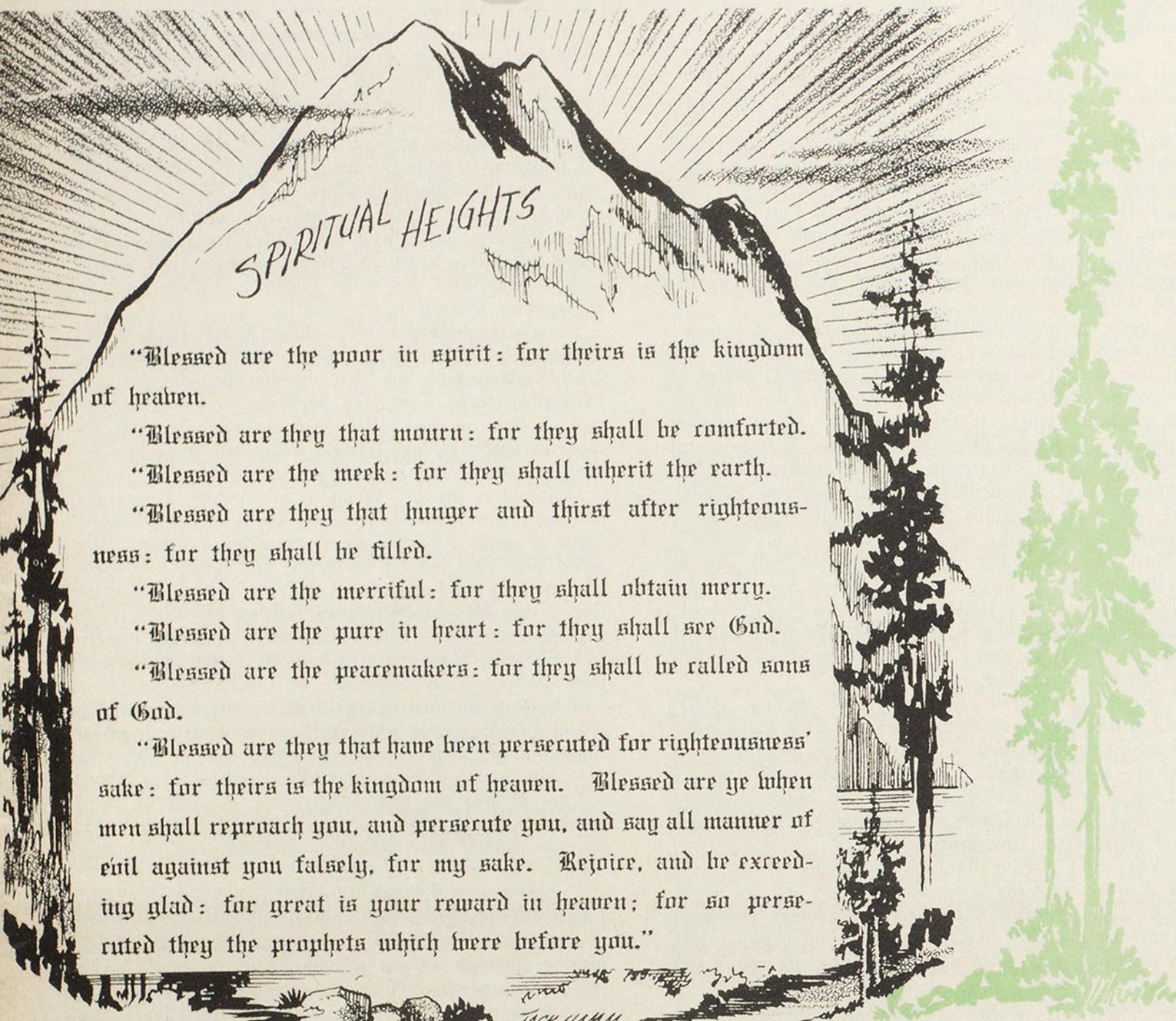


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SPIRITUAL HEIGHTS

“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”

JACK HAMM

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In the valley of the shadow of death the Lord not only healed my physical body but He also illumined the dark corners of my heart. I found "light in the valley."



God Healed My Heart

BY MRS. H. W. BARNETT
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THE MUDDY, SWIRLING FLOOD WATERS OF THE KAW RIVER swept rapidly over a large section of Kansas City, leaving such devastation that officials said the flood of July 13, 1951, was the worst in U.S. history. Our new parsonage was completely inundated. Victoria Tabernacle, the church where Pastor Barnett and I had worked, prayed, and given our best for God, was ruined by the flood waters.

A great heaviness filled us, but the needs of the moment were so urgent we had no time for self-pity. We had our church services wherever we could. Many of our congregation had been so scattered by the flood we did not know where to find them, but somehow they found us. The work we felt had been destroyed still lived. We carried on services without interruption. Miraculously God helped us to purchase a choice location, and one year from the time of the flood we moved into our new church.

Then one fall night in 1952, after a full day of Sunday services, I became very ill. I had been working on a Sunday school project that involved much work. I was very happy doing it but I had noticed an unusual tiredness. I was so weary I could not walk up or down the stairs without stopping to rest.

Since I had had a recent physical checkup, I discounted this fatigue as nothing serious. This night, after the others were in bed, I had a desire to pray, so I knelt in a room alone. The prayer was very strange, and yet I seemed moved by the Holy Spirit to pray: "Oh God, don't let there be any dark corners in my heart. Illumine all my heart."

"Why am I praying like this?" I wondered. At 1:30 A.M. I arose from my knees and went to bed but about 3 A.M. I was awakened by first a numbness and then an excruciating pain in the center of my chest. I had been stricken with *coronary thrombosis*, though I did not know it then.

Frantically my husband and I tried to think of some way to relieve the terrible pain. Thinking perhaps it was acute indigestion I walked the floor. Finally my husband said: "Why don't you lie down and be as quiet as you can, and I will pray for you." This I did, and in a few moments fell off to sleep.

I awoke as usual at 6:30 A.M. to get my two children off to school—rushing around, going up and down the stairs, and thinking little about it. But after they were gone I had another attack, and then another!

I called the doctor who said, "It is probably a small blood clot in the heart. Don't be frightened, just take it easy. I will send you some tablets and then later in the evening I want to see you."

I could not believe it was a heart attack. Such things happened to other people, but not to me! But when the doctor talked with me that evening he said he was reasonably sure. Ten days later an electrocardiogram showed that my heart had been severely damaged. In fact, the specialist said I might die at any moment. The slightest strain might be fatal, he said.

Confined to my bed in an upstairs room, I was not allowed to see anyone outside my family and the doctors. Little by little I learned more about my condition. The blood clot filled half of my heart, and blood was seeping out into the sack around it. They said I could not live. I was only functioning on half of my heart. They explained the blood clot was so large it would require two years to dissolve, and it was impossible to live that long with only half a heart.

Because there was no circulation in the damaged half, it had already turned white and deterioration had set in. Should I live long enough, it would decay. "She will probably die in her sleep," the doctor said to my husband.

They blamed the church work for the attack. "You have worked too hard and given too much of yourself for the people. Now although you are just a young woman you are paying for it!"

I could not understand why God had let this happen. I had willingly given my best and gladly helped others—now I was faced with a premature death and leaving my children without a mother!

The doctors offered one ray of hope. If I would get away from the church and be alone, I might live a few days, they said. I decided to take their advice. My husband agreed to look for some quiet little house where I would live as long as I could.

But God had other plans. We were in a revival meeting at the time, and the good men of the church had

hooked up an amplifier in my room so I could hear the services. That night the powerful, Spirit-filled singing stirred my heavy heart. They had prayed for me at our church and at many others. Different ministers had come and prayed for me. Yet I was not healed. The mocking voice of Satan suggested: "Ha, you are sure serving a good Master, aren't you? You give Him the best you have and He pays you like this!"

In a flash the Holy Spirit enabled me to know what I must do. I could not run away; I had to stay! I was a front-line soldier in God's army and I had been injured in the battle. Not because I had sin in my life. Not because God was a respecter of persons. It was because I was in the front line of the battle and that is always Satan's target.

I was not supposed to move, but I had to. I fell on my knees by my bed and reached for my Bible on the dresser. Opening it, I read Luke 9:24: "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it." I had not intended to read this particular verse; I had meant to read a different scripture as a challenge to Satan, but instead the Lord had given me a verse to challenge my own heart!

Throwing up my hands in full surrender, I cried aloud: "Oh God, please forgive me for thinking all those terrible things. I will not run in the face of battle. If I live one moment, it is yours; if I live a day, it is yours; if I live a year, it is yours—but I WILL NOT RUN." Incomparable joy flooded my soul. The triumph of victory encompassed me. I had learned to go with Him ALL THE WAY. One dark corner of my heart had been illuminated.

God Answers Prayer

Let us learn to give God time. God needs time with us. If we only give Him time—that is, time in the daily fellowship with Himself, for Him to exercise the full influence of His presence on us; and time, day by day, in the course of our being kept waiting, for faith to prove its reality and to fill our whole being—He Himself will lead us from faith to vision; we shall see the glory of God. Let no delay shake our faith. Of faith it may be said: first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear. Each believing prayer brings us a step nearer the final victory. Each believing prayer helps to ripen the fruit and bring it nearer to us; it fills up the measure of prayer and faith known to God alone; it conquers the hindrances in the unseen world; it hastens the end. Child of God! Give the Father time. He is long-suffering over you. He wants the blessing to be rich, and full, and sure. Give Him time, while you cry unto Him day and night.

—Andrew Murray

I waited in His presence. When I started to rise to get back in bed, I noticed I was stronger; my heart was beating more slowly; I had a calm and peace such as I had never known. As I reclined in my bed, resting and thanking God for the spiritual victory, I realized that He *had also healed my body!*

When our family doctor came again, I insisted that he arrange for another electrocardiogram. Reluctantly he agreed. When I asked him questions about my condition he answered them and tried to console me about death. I told him I believed God was going to spare my life. The doctor had been raised not to believe in God but somehow he sensed my faith and said: "Young lady, I believe you will be well."

When the test was run the next day, the heart specialist looked puzzled, but he said he would have to wait until the film was developed before giving us any report. Later that evening he telephoned: "I have good news. The blood clot is completely dissolved. As you know, I am a Jew, but I'll have to say your Christ sure does more for you people than our religion does for us."

The work I knew God had done was confirmed by medical science. They said it would take two years for the clot to dissolve, but it was gone in two months. When the family doctor confirmed the report we were both so happy we cried. He said he now had to acknowledge God, because he knew it was God who had healed me—for I was beyond any help medical science could give.

I was healed, but I must now regain my strength. During this time I learned some wonderful lessons. How careful and mindful of me God was. He did not leave me alone, but spoke to my heart and always gave me exactly what I needed. I could relax each night and sleep like a baby knowing I was held by the strong arms of my heavenly Father. I came to realize it is not how much you hold on to, but how much you let go. Faith is not struggle but trust. Letting all fear and anxiety go and resting in His care—this is faith. Before, I had lacked faith. Now faith sprang strong and alive in my heart. Another dark corner of my heart had been illuminated!

People were allowed to come in for short visits. A doctor's wife who lived in our neighborhood called several times. She often brought or sent some of her delectable cookies, or a pie. She also brought a book and I learned she was a follower of Christian Science. With sincerity of heart she tried to help me; in turn I told her how I believed. Through my illness, and watching the new church being built by faith, she and her husband began attending our services. One night this lovely lady knelt at our altar and with upraised hands said: "Jesus, I take you as my personal Saviour." A few months later she was gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit.

The time came for the final electrocardiogram. The doctor gave the report: "A most unusual recovery and no additional damage to the heart." He said: "It is as though the half of the heart that was damaged is *brand new!*"

Defeat will turn to victory—if we turn to Him!

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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 a thousand years. WE BELIEVE in the Blessed Hope, which is the Rapture of the Church at Christ's coming. 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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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Sick Benefits

Have the insurance salesmen been talking to you about "sick benefits" lately? There's a passage in the Bible that outlines some very attractive benefits which are available to all Christian believers. It is Psalm 103, verses 1 to 5.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me; bless his holy name," the Psalmist sings. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Then he enumerates five great benefits which God offers to each of His children.

1. FORGIVENESS

The Psalmist says the Lord "forgiveth all thine iniquities." This is the first step toward getting well. A clear conscience goes a long way toward restoring one's health. Guilty feelings have been diagnosed as the basic cause of some illnesses, and a guilty conscience will slow down the healing process in anyone; but God will forgive all your sins if you will confess them to Him. You may apply for this gracious benefit today.

2. HEALING

The Lord "healeth all thy diseases." No disease is too difficult; no case too complex. You are sure to enjoy this benefit if you will give up your sins and pray to the Lord in childlike faith.

A certain Christian man had a large cancerous growth on his leg. It kept spreading until the flesh was eaten away and the bone was visible. The doctors said his case was incurable, but he and his wife knew the Lord was able and willing to heal all their diseases. One day this man went to a church conference and asked the elders to anoint him with oil and to pray for him according to the instructions in the Bible (James 5:14, 15). They did so, and he went home singing and praising God for healing him. The next morning his wife helped him to remove the dressing. They found that a thin milky flesh had formed over the bone—and at the end of two weeks the leg which had been afflicted with an "incurable" cancer for nine months was normal like the other. God will heal "all thy diseases."

3. FULL REDEMPTION

The Lord "redeemeth thy life from destruction," David said. In other words, He not only makes you well; He also keeps you well. After all, we need divine health more than divine healing. We need new strength for each day, to withstand all the disease germs and other hazards to which we are exposed. This deliverance from destruction is one of the "benefits" and it carries no age limit.

4. A SPIRITUAL BONUS

He "crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies." In other words, on top of all the other benefits of forgiveness, healing, and full redemption the Lord adds this bonus of extra kindnesses and tender care. He makes you the special object of His love. You enter a holy intimacy with your Healer.

5. LONG LIFE

The Lord "satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." The eagle is blessed with long life due to its peculiar ability to become rejuvenated. The Bible says that they who wait upon the Lord will have a similar experience. You can find a fullness of strength that will enable you to run without being weary, and to walk without fainting.

These benefits are both physical and spiritual. You can claim every one of them if you will.

—R.C.C.

TRUST IN GOD

Our limitless trust in God seems to satisfy Him as nothing else can do, because it corresponds with His eternal faithfulness. It honors His veracity and is a constant silent worship of all His perfections.

God forever honors those who believe Him. He has organized us on a pattern of trust, and not to trust ourselves to God is to derange the very plan of our creation.

Faith in God is at once the sweetest necessity, the sublimest duty, and the greatest privilege of a creature toward his Creator.

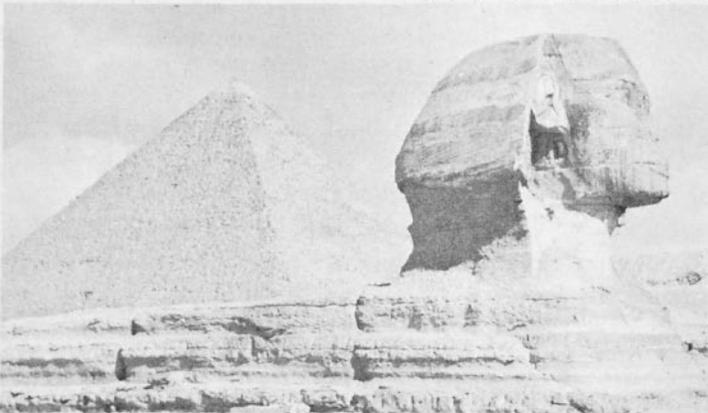
—GEORGE WATSON

STANDING ON GOD'S WORD

While in Puerto Rico we met the uncle of a national pastor with whom we were ministering. "Uncle" was a rugged old character. At the time we met him he was at least seventy years old and in the best of health. He had had a chronic disease which was very painful and which no doubt would have proved fatal in time. But, in God's mercy, during an evangelistic campaign in which God saved and healed many, "Uncle" was both saved and healed. He received a deep, positive assurance of God's perfect provision for the body, and to him it was an appropriation of a glorious truth from which he refused to deviate.

About a year after his healing, all the symptoms of

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PYRAMIDS

The Pharaohs built great pyramids,
Cold tombstones of the past;
And we, today, build pyramids—
Memorials that last—
In words we say, and deeds we do,
Etched deeply in the heart
Of those we've known, and those we've loved,
Long after we depart.

What are the pyramids we build
For our posterity?
Will they mean shame to our good name
Throughout eternity?
God help me build a pyramid
That He is proud to see;
A life of love that points above
To Him who died for me.

—By Thelma Ireland



the disease from which God had so marvelously delivered him returned, causing agonizing pain as it had formerly. His family begged him to go to the hospital, but he would have none of it. Taking out his watch, he said to them, "It was 2:30 P.M. when Satan attacked me. We will see how long he can hold out against God's Word."

In great pain he continued to look at his watch from time to time, trusting God and remarking, "One hour"; then later, "One and a half hours"; then, "Two hours"; and, finally, after he had suffered for two and a half hours, God completely delivered him. He had stood in positive faith in the truth, from the first pain.

"Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth" (Ephesians 6:14). Victory, when one is looking to God for any particular benefit, is not when one receives the evidence or the answer to the prayer, but when one's faith takes hold and stands, not being moved by any subsequent condition. Victory is in the spirit, and the outward evidence of that victory is the result of the inner spiritual victory already experienced.

—RUTH THOMPSON BANKS

PRAYING FOR FAITH

I hear men praying everywhere for more faith; but when I listen to them carefully and get at the real heart of their prayers, very often it is not more faith at all that they are wanting, but a change from faith to sight. Faith says not, "I see that it is good for me, and so God must have sent it," but "God sent it, and so it must be good for me."

Faith, walking in the dark with God, only prays Him to clasp its hand more closely—does not even ask Him for the lifting of the darkness so that the man may find the way himself.

—PHILLIPS BROOKS

ZEAL VERSUS KNOWLEDGE

A great many people are afraid of enthusiasm. If a man is enthusiastic, they raise the cry, "Zeal without knowledge!" I would rather have zeal without knowledge than knowledge without zeal.

—D. L. MOODY

BURNING DESIRE

Call it what you will, there is a waiting before God that we hurried, modern mortals do not know, that sends a man back to his task with the hand of God upon him in such a fashion that the waters of Jordan part before him. It is not that God puts a premium on fasting, and nightlong prayers, and tears, and austerities of the flesh. But He does reward burning desire for His very best—that leaves no stone unturned.

—VANCE HAVNER, in *The Alliance Witness*



Alexander Tee, Scotland

Is Sickness in the Will of God?

By ALEXANDER TEE

THERE ARE MANY REASONS WHY SICKNESS OVERTAKES us—some are known and others cannot be understood. And there are problems which neither the cleverest Bible scholar nor the most learned medical professor can explain. But because many of the Lord's dear children are not in good health, the subject of sickness and the will of God is a very delicate one.

In Eden sickness was not the will of God, for in

giving the tree of life God wanted man to enjoy continual health. However, when Adam chose to disobey God the tree of life became out of bounds. Sickness, disease, and death found his marvelously constructed body an easy prey.

We are told in Exodus 15:16 that deliverance from disease was the will of God for His chosen people. If they would obey His commandments and do that which was right in His sight, God covenanted that every one of them—and there were over two million—should enjoy continual health. As Psalm 105:37 says: "There was not one feeble person among their tribes."

Reading John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth, we note there will be no sorrow, no crying, no death, neither shall there be any more pain (Revelation 21:4). The hour will dawn when all of God's redeemed children, safely gathered home, will enjoy complete health and strength for evermore!

But what about sickness and the will of God for His born-again children today? He declares: "I am the Lord: I change not" (Malachi 3:6). "God is love," says John, and, "Like as a father pities his children, so the Lord pities them that fear him," affirms the Psalmist.

Interwoven in the garment of the Atonement is healing for the body. Isaiah 53:5 says: "And with his stripes we are healed." However, it must be clearly understood that the salvation of a man's soul is on an entirely different basis than the healing of his body. When a man is converted and receives eternal life, the soul is immediately freed from the grip of sin, and its binding guilt is snapped in an instant. But we cannot say that sickness and every pain is always healed the moment a man gives his life to Christ. According to Ephesians 1:14 and Philippians 3:21, the redemption of the bodies of believers is still in the future. Thus sickness can come to the Christian just as it comes to the unsaved.

BUT the fact God has made healing *available* in the Atonement shows it is His will to heal us. And because it involves God's consistency and impartiality of character and the whole structure of Christ's work on the cross, it is a serious matter to say that healing is for some and not for others. If divine healing is available at all today it must be for ALL of His dear children (unless He speaks and makes an unusual exception).

However, the TERMS of God's will for Israel's healing were often broken and they suffered sickness. It was not a question of God's will, but of meeting His conditions, and these were not the same as those for their deliverance from Pharaoh and Egypt's bondage.

Similarly, the terms of our deliverance from sickness today are not the same as those of our deliverance from spiritual bondage. God's will is made clear by His wonderful provision, but His terms are important. For example, if an enormous fortune were put in a bank for you to draw upon at any time, and you found yourself in financial need, your benefactor would will, or desire, that your needs be met, but it would be your responsibility to write a check or sign your name before you received the benefit. Whether you complied with these terms or not would not alter the plan of the kind person who made the provision.

There are a number of DIVINE TERMS FOR HEALING. For instance, there is the taking of the Communion when

our hearts are not right with God and man. But there is one term especially that needs to be brought into a correct focus, and that is FAITH.

Faith is often misunderstood. It is not trying with all one's might to believe God is going to heal—it is much easier than that! Very sincere people have really tried hard to believe, and the very fact they were trying so hard shows they not only lacked faith but lacked understanding of the nature of faith. Faith is not something worked up by mental effort!

Such dear people, after all their trying and receiving nothing, feel they must try a bit harder to have more faith and, through simply misunderstanding how and from where faith comes, lash themselves! Faith does not come from tremendous human effort—it comes from God through the Word spoken by the Lord! "Faith comes by hearing [not by trying], and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

A word from the Lord can come to a person in a number of ways. God who is a Spirit can come to the inner consciousness and impart an assurance God has spoken. Or He can inspire one of His servants to be His mouthpiece and, as he ministers, the Spirit of God can take something that is said and bring it right home to the heart as a word from the Lord.

Again the Spirit can take a portion of the written Word and suddenly grip and make one sensitive to the fact God is speaking that Word personally. It seems to come from heaven directly to the soul. When experiences like these become alive inwardly, faith is born!

Sometimes such an experience will come like the gentle dawn, but on other occasions it only comes after much diligent seeking the face of God. Romans 12:3 tells us that it is God who deals to every man the measure of faith. Here the verb *to deal* is "merizo" in the Greek
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FAITH IS AN ACT!

By HAZEL W. TIBBIT

ANOTHER DAY OF PAIN HAD COME TO AN END, AS BEA stretched out on her studio couch and looked up at the darkened ceiling. She was so tired—oh, so tired! As she had done every night for ten months, once again she was about to ask God to relieve the awful agony of her affliction.

Ten months ago Bea had been stricken suddenly with painful arthritis. The very day it began was so clear in her mind. She had been waiting in a drugstore for her friend Leah to pick her up and take her to a Sunday school class meeting.

It had seemed foolish to her for Leah to drive by the apartment house where she lived in a small buffet apartment. Bea had walked a couple of blocks to the drugstore and saved Leah from driving out of her way. When she stepped into Leah's car and started to sit down that first sharp pain had gone through her knees.

"Whew!" she gasped, "my knees feel as if I threw them out of joint. Not as young as I used to be!"

She tried to make light of it, but by the time they reached their destination Bea found it difficult to get out of the car. In fact, Leah helped her take each painful step.

The afternoon went by, but the pain in Bea's knees did not. She waited a few days and then went to see her doctor.

"I'm afraid it's arthritis," he said not unkindly. "We have to expect these things as we get older."

Other than offer a prescription for pain, there was little he could do for her.

Now, painfully adjusting her position, Bea scanned the outline of the darkened room which was her home. A small attached kitchenette provided cooking facilities. Her bedroom was also her living room, with a studio couch doubling as a bed and a chest of drawers. She

was glad the tiny quarters, which were all her pension would allow, were no larger. It took all her strength to get from her bed to the sink as she leaned heavily on a cane.

Bea was a Christian and believed in prayer. But in ten months, although she prayed nightly for relief, the pain had crept relentlessly from her knees to her feet. Her feet were so swollen she put on her shoes with great difficulty. Walking became an ordeal and the church steps must be taken very slowly—lifting one foot and drawing the other up with it, then repeating the process. Each step was a challenge—a goal to be reached! It was not as if the church members were impatient—they were very helpful. Finally the ordeal became too much for Bea to bear. Helping hands brought her to church and took her home, but she stayed away from anything which involved climbing stairs.

Months of pain and increasing crippling had formed new lines in her face. Where formerly there had been an almost constant smile there was a set expression. But more important, something was happening to Bea herself! It was not as if she did not expect such things as arthritis to come along as a person grew older—the hardest part was to accept and live with it.

It was very difficult to be pleasant, or even to try to act cheerful. Her once happy outlook on life was being more and more colored by discouragement and self-pity. She thought about this as she stared up into the night. Her prayers for relief from pain had not been answered. There must be a reason, she mused. Either the Lord did not mean for her to get better or there was something wrong with the way she had been praying. It was not because she had not been in earnest; each prayer was a fervent plea for relief.

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TESTIMONIES OF HEALING



Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever (Hebrews 13:8).

Healed of Cerebral Trouble

IN THE SPRING OF 1962 IT SEEMED my entire life was ruined. Within a period of five weeks I underwent major surgery twice, suffered a cerebral accident (a light stroke) during surgery, and lost my husband. Life seemed worse than useless.

After surgery I had eleven nervous attacks that caused me to go into shock. During the last attack I was in shock for thirty-three hours.

The dear friends at Lighthouse Tabernacle, Indianapolis, where I am a member, prayed for me a number of times, but I was unable to reach out and touch God for my deliverance. I lost all interest in my job, my home, and even my church. Dense darkness surrounded me.

Eventually I returned to work for two or three hours each day, but the balance of my time was spent in bed. Mentally, spiritually, and physically I was utterly depressed.

My doctor advised a change of environment for a few days so when some long-time friends in Shenandoah, Va. (Brother and Sister Ball, pastors of the Shenandoah Assembly of God) invited me to visit them, I accepted.

No mention was made of my handicap in the Sunday morning service at Shenandoah, but on Sunday night Brother Ball briefly told the congregation of my circumstances and called me to the platform. He also called the elders of the church and his prayer warriors to pray for me. Some-

how I felt this was the night of my deliverance.

I had not been able to close my fist since April 2, 1962. When those folk began to pray they really bombarded heaven. I tried to bend the three fingers which had been useless since the cerebral accident, but without success. Suddenly I felt two large hands slip over my right hand and heard an old brother say, "Lord, my hands are an extension of your Hands, and this hand must open and close tonight."

Soon it sounded as though someone was cracking his knuckles. I heard a lady in the audience say, "She is

Healed of Erysipelas

THREE DOCTORS SAID I NEVER WOULD walk again but I am glad the days of miracles are not past. God showed me He could do what medical science could not do.

My trouble began on Christmas Day, 1958. I was very sick and had a red spot on my right foot (just above my toes) that burned like fire. The next day I was taken to the doctor with four wide red streaks running up my foot and leg. I said, "Doctor, is it blood poisoning?" He replied, "Indeed it is blood poisoning—*erysipelas* in your blood stream." It went all over me. My ears itched so terribly I rubbed them until they looked like two big balls of raw flesh.

The doctor gave me massive injections of *penicillin* each day for ten days. He prescribed *sulfa* tablets and *aureomycin* tablets three times a day. When this did not cure me they put me in the hospital. I took so much strong medicine my hair began to fall out and it had to be cut.

My nerves went almost completely to pieces. They made X rays of my foot and leg. They found the bones

bending those fingers!" and realized that I was making a fist. I continued to bend those fingers for some time. Such shouting, rejoicing, and praising the Lord was beyond description.

I had been unable to play my accordion except with thumb and forefinger. After the service I picked up Sister Ball's accordion and played for an hour, reaching octaves and fingering the keys with ease.

The following day we returned to Indianapolis and it seemed as though I was sailing through the air. My home looked so good to me. The folk at Lighthouse Tabernacle looked so different. In three days I returned to my position full time. I operate my typewriter, play my accordion and portable organ, take care of my home, and fire my own furnace.

This is nothing short of a miracle. God who granted me this deliverance on October 7, 1962, must receive all the glory!—Mrs. Bernice L. Gipe, Indianapolis, Ind.

(Endorsed by Pastor Linwood M. Ball, Assembly of God, Shenandoah, Va.)

in my foot were in pieces as though my foot had been crushed. Two medical doctors and Dr. Charles Davis (rated as one of the best surgeons in two of the largest hospitals in Norfolk, Va.) said I would never walk again. Dr. Davis said anything he or any other doctor could do for it would only make it rot that much more quickly. The leg was dead and the foot was slowly starving to death because no food could get through the leg and ankle.

But I knew in Whom I had believed, and was persuaded that He was able to heal me. I told a friend that the Lord had a purpose in it all, and when the doctors could do no more the Lord would heal me. And that is just what happened!

For nearly nine months my pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister C. Stanley Cooke, together with the WMC's and the whole church, held on in prayer. Sister Cooke said when they came to see me my condition was so serious they would say, "We'll have to pray a little harder!"

One day as I was reading my Bible the Lord made John 16:23, 24 so real to me—it seemed to go all through me. I just raised my hands and said,

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

"Dear precious Father in heaven, in the Name of my precious Saviour Jesus Christ, I pray you will heal my leg and ankle." From that day it began to heal. Very soon I was "walking by faith," a step or two at a time. By my birthday (September 28, 1959) I was walking alone. Since then I have walked all over town—anywhere I have wanted to go.

The Lord put the bones back together in my foot, as well as healing my leg. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! I feel so indebted to my Lord. I am ready to do whatever He would have me do.—Mrs. Mary P. Johnson, Norfolk, Va.

(Endorsed by Pastor C. Stanley Cooke, Calvary Assembly of God, Norfolk, Va.)

'A Miracle,' Doctor Says

I WANT TO ADD MY TESTIMONY TO THE many others that witness to the healing hand of the Lord.

One morning three years ago I awakened to find the left part of my face twisted to one side. My eye was drawn down, my mouth was pulled to the side, and my throat was paralyzed. I could not swallow and when I tried to drink my coffee it ran out of my mouth.

I had an appointment with an eye specialist, and although I knew that he could not now examine my eyes for glasses I felt led to go and let him see my condition. Of course he said he could not examine my eyes and told me to return later.

Returning home I was impressed to go and ask Pastor Robert Harrison of Emmanuel Pentecostal Church to pray for me. As Pastor Harrison came into the church he stopped and spoke to me. I told him I would like prayer. He looked at me and said, "Come up right now." He called others to come forward and lay hands on me as he prayed. Then he anointed me with oil and prayed and said, "I want the congregation to stand and pray with me for this sister's healing."

I felt no definite touch and when I retired that night there was no visible change in my face, but I felt so calm and peaceful. When I awoke the next morning I found that while I slept Jesus had taken His loving hands and healed my face completely. My face, eyes, and mouth were

straightened and life was restored to my throat. I ate my breakfast and swallowed my coffee as usual.

That afternoon I went again to the eye doctor. He was busy but the nurse said, "The doctor will sure want to see you." She called him and he looked at me in amazement: "Mrs. Cartwright, can you open your mouth wide? Can you move your mouth to one side? Can you move your chin up and down?"

After I did these things the doctor took both my hands in his and said, "Mrs. Cartwright, you are a wonder!"

I said, "No, Doctor, I am not a wonder, but I have a wonderful God!"

Then he remarked: "I have known a few cases where after years their faces have gradually straightened, but most never do. Truly this is a miracle!" And he just stood and looked at me.

I can truly say that the Lord has done great things for this eighty-eight-year-old lady!—Mrs. J. Cartwright, San Francisco, California.

(Since the time of the above incident, Robert Harrison has joined the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to engage in evangelistic ministry in Africa.)



Somebody Hath Touched Me

Somebody touched, with a faith sublime;
Somebody touched my Lord;
Out of His body the virtue flowed,
Thus was the gift of health bestowed
Through Jesus the living Word.

Somebody pressed through the jostling
crowd,

Somebody made her way
Close to the side of the pitying One,
Touched His robe and the deed was done;
Oh, who will touch Him today?

"Someone hath touched Me"; yes, only one,
Someone gained faith's reward;
She must not be hidden, but own His great
love

So others may prove His blest power from
above;
Somebody touched my Lord.

Come all of you sinful and sick ones today,
Blessings His love shall afford;
The healing now flows from His riven side;
Press past unbelievers, who scoff and
deride,
Come quickly, and touch my Lord.

—Carrie Judd Montgomery

Indian Pastor's Wife Healed

IN ANSWER TO THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S servants, I have had a number of healings through the years.

When I was about twelve years of age, God marvelously healed me of pleurisy which had kept me out of school for several weeks. Then in 1950 He healed me of pneumonia.

A short time later He also healed me of sinus infection. Some may think this is a minor affliction, but it gave me real trouble. There were times when I went to bed for two or three days at a time with severe headaches, sore throat, and a miserable cough. I was prayed for in special meetings which were held in my home church, and God immediately touched me. I have not had this trouble since.

In August 1960 I was stricken with arthritis. I was bedridden or on crutches for five months and suffered extreme pain. My joints became red, swollen, and sore all the time. I was unable to raise my arms, and my husband had to comb my hair. Night after night he sat up with me, and I would plead for God to take me Home and out of my misery. Doctors could give me nothing to stop the pain.

Finally, since it did not seem to help anyway, I told my husband I would not take any more medication. Then God touched me, in answer to much prayer by our faithful flock here in the Skokomish Indian Assembly, by faithful WMC's, by several ministers, and by other friends. In January 1961 He healed me completely. (This taught me that we do not need to travel miles to be prayed for—our own pastor can pray the prayer of faith.)

Oh, He is so wonderful and so faithful. I feel so privileged that God would call us out to labor for Him among our own Indian people. I love Him with all my heart, and I want to leave with you a favorite Bible verse: "He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me" (Hebrews 13:5, 6).
—Mrs. Thelma Oya, Potlatch, Wash.

(Confirmed by her husband, Pastor Alvis Oya, Skokomish Indian Assembly, Potlatch, Wash.)

THIS PRESENT WORLD

Tithing

Episcopalians Uphold Tithing

Delegates to the annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese in Dallas, Tex., adopted a resolution asserting that the Biblical tithe is the "reasonable standard for thoughtful Christian giving to Christ through His church."

The resolution also declared that each parish and diocese ought to give as much to the national work of the Episcopal Church as is spent within each parish or diocese.

Tithing Now Practiced in 3,000 Catholic Parishes

At least 3,000 Roman Catholic parishes now practice tithing. The number has increased tenfold in the past two years, according to a Detroit firm which publishes promotional materials for Catholic clergy who wish to introduce the practice in their parishes.

Catholic priests report that income under the tithing plan is much greater than formerly when they relied upon bazaars, dinners, and pledges to finance the parish work.

Morals

Boxing Takes Five Lives

Since the first of January five men have been killed in the U.S. as a result of professional boxing. The latest fatality brought strong condemnation from church leaders who called boxing a potential violation of the sixth commandment, "Thou shalt not kill."

Governor Rockefeller's Remarriage Called a Moral Issue

Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York can no longer "be seriously considered as a candidate for the presidency" because of his divorce and remarriage, *The Living Church*, unofficial Protestant Episcopal weekly, declared. In a May 19 editorial entitled, "Thy Neighbor's Wife," the periodical said that "a good deal of the comment" on the governor's remarriage missed the point.

The issue involved, it said, is the

"clear-cut moral principle, enshrined in the Ten Commandments: *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.*"

"Perhaps," it added, "the whole idea of this particular marriage did not occur to either participant until they were both legally free, but appearances are to the contrary."

Mr. Rockefeller, an American Baptist, was divorced by his first wife last year after a 31-year marriage. In May he married Mrs. Margaretta Murphy, an Episcopalian, who was divorced from her first husband five weeks before the wedding.

The Living Church joined a growing chorus of voices from religious circles criticizing the governor's actions. Some clergymen said they never would vote for a man "who broke up a family in which there were four young children."

Bibles

Bible Now in 1200 Tongues

At least one book of the Bible has been translated into 1200 languages and dialects. The 1200th language was the Rincon dialect of Zapotec which is spoken by about 14,000 Indians in Oaxaca state in southern Mexico. The book was the Gospel of Mark.

Record Number of Scriptures Distributed in Latin America

In 1962 missions and churches overseas called upon the Bible society for an increase of 48.3 per cent in the number of Scripture volumes required for their work and witness. A total of 17,032,704 copies (more than half the total world distribution) were distributed overseas by the American Bible Society.

Of this number 10,666,710 volumes went to Latin America. In Brazil 4,489,025 copies went into circulation (an increase of 2,893,713 over 1961). In Argentina 3,003,260 volumes were distributed (an increase of 960,980 over 1961).

The evangelistic distribution of God's Word has been greatly stimu-

lated, particularly in Puerto Rico, Colombia, and Venezuela by a program of the American Bible Society called "The Penzotti Institute." This program recruits and trains Christian laymen, in evening courses, to visit each home in the community with "a testimony and a Testament."

Pidgin English Gospels "Sold Out" in New Guinea

Native New Guianians quickly snapped up the first 15,000 volumes of the Four Gospels printed by the British and Foreign Bible Society in pidgin English, and a reprint has been ordered.

Pidgin English is a simple language, based mainly on English, which is used in New Guinea and Papua. It is the only common language in an area where hundreds of native dialects are used.

American Bible Society Plans New Headquarters

A site near New York's Lincoln Center has been purchased by the American Bible Society for a new world headquarters. It will replace the Park Avenue offices used since 1936.

Three other offices in various parts of the city also will be consolidated in the new Bible House whose erection is contingent on a World Opportunity Fund drive soon to be launched.

The new headquarters will permit the society to expand its work. Last year it distributed 31,509,821 copies of the Scriptures in 299 languages and dialects, an increase of approximately 30 per cent over the 1961 total.

Computer Analyzes Apostolic Letters to New Testament Churches

At Glasgow University, Scotland, a Mercury computer recently was "fed" a quarter of a million words of Greek prose. It came up with a "finding" that the apostle Paul was the author of only four of the fourteen New Testament Epistles which are ascribed to him. The short Philemon Epistle

might possibly be a fifth, the mathematicians said.

The four Epistles named were Romans, First and Second Corinthians, and Galatians. "The stylistic differences between these Epistles and the others are great," the scholars said.

Israel

Immigration to Israel Continues

According to *Land of the Bible Newsletter*, over 6,000 persons from Western countries settled in Israel last year. There were 1,433 from North America, 1,262 from Latin America, 1,401 from Western Europe, 68 from other areas, and 1,863 tourists decided to make their homes in Israel.

Oil Wells Active in Israel

The first oil gusher in Israel's new Kochav field recently gave the Lapidot Company its fourth producing oil well in the field, out of five drilled there to date. Israel now has a total of about two dozen producing oil wells.

Arabs in Israel Go Urban

Twenty-five nomadic Bedouin tribes from Lower Galilee—totaling some 9,000 men, women and children—are slated to abandon their tents and move into modern apartments in four villages now being built in northern Israel. The new villagers will be provided with up-to-date health services, water, electricity, and compulsory free education for their children.

Bored Husband to Be Enlightened

The Haifa Rabbinical Court has refused to grant a divorce to a man who wanted to marry a "modern woman." Instead, it invited him to sit in on court sessions for three months. The man has taken up the offer, and the rabbis trust that three months on the bench will cure him by showing him that "modern women" can make plenty of trouble too.

The man, in his late thirties, came to Israel fifteen years ago with his wife. Both were completely uneducated. In the years since, however, the husband has spent all his spare time studying and is now working in an important managerial job. His wife, tied down by their four children, has had no further schooling. The husband claimed that now she bored him, and that he wished to marry a modern woman closer to his educational level.

The rabbis assured him that after he got a taste of the modern women who came to court, he would remain with his wife.



Answered by Ernest S. Williams

YOUR QUESTIONS

Does "a house divided against itself" mean that if a husband goes to one church and the wife to another, their home will be broken up?

Not necessarily. Although a husband and wife may differ concerning religion, they need not let this disrupt their family life. Paul taught that where a wife was a believer and the husband a heathen, if the husband was willing to live with her they were not to break up their home or marital relations (1 Corinthians 7:13, 14).

In John 3:22 it reads concerning Jesus: "And there he tarried with them, and baptized." In John 4:2 it reads: "Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples." Did Jesus Himself do any baptizing?

I do not know. I think that in John 3:22 He is spoken of as doing the baptizing because He was the leader and instituted the baptism; while John 4:2 explains that the acts of baptizing were done by the disciples.

Since Paul lived strictly according to the Law before he met Jesus on the way to Damascus, was he not a saved man?

Were we to think of Paul as a saved man when he was fighting Christ and persecuting the Church, we might as well suppose that all Jews who kept the outer forms of their religion were saved. But Jesus was speaking to many who externally were most religious when He said, "Ye are of your father the devil." Religion does not save, although it may be a means to salvation. Paul confessed he was the chiefest of sinners. Salvation results from having the life of God imparted to the human soul. "Ye must be born again," said Jesus to a very religious Jew named Nicodemus.

Do you believe that, in order to fulfill his vow, Jephthah took the life of his daughter (Judges 11:39)?

There are those who do. But most students of Scripture believe that he merely dedicated her to perpetual virginity (most probably in the service of the sanctuary). By so doing he deprived himself of an heir to carry on his name. There would be no value in the daughters of Israel going each year to lament her if she were dead (Judges 11:40). It would have been a violation of the Law for him to slay his daughter in sacrifice (Deuteronomy 12:31).

Is it correct that 2,000 years passed between the time of the creation of Adam and the flood in Noah's time; 2,000 more from the time of Noah to the birth of Christ; and that there will be 2,000 years from Christ's birth to the time when He comes again?

Some hold to the view that the world as it now is will continue for 6,000 years from the time of creation, and then will come the seventh thousand years which will be the Millennium. They point to 2 Peter 3:8 and compare it to the six days of creation followed by the day of rest. But there is no certainty of this. The Usher chronology, which we have in our Bibles, takes 4004 B.C. as the date for creation, and the year 2448 B.C. for the Flood. The call of Abraham occurred around 2000 B.C.

Chronology is not inspired. It is the effort of studious men who have sought as nearly as possible to ascertain when certain events occurred. Some reckon the time span rather differently than did Mr. Usher.

*If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield 2, Missouri *65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.*

While the little one naps, Mother can take time to re-evaluate her home life—and her personal spiritual life; time to get a fresh perspective of her problems and privileges; time to spend alone with God.

by Betty Swinford



Being a Mother Takes Time

THERE PROBABLY IS NO OTHER JOB in the whole universe that demands so much physically, emotionally, spiritually and mentally as the job of being a mother. In no other role is a person required to be both doctor and nurse, counselor and disciplinarian, servant and master, comforter and burden-bearer.

A mother must know how to play baseball, tie knots, prepare a small tea party, catch horned toads and stop a baby from crying in the middle of the night!

Overwhelming responsibility comes from every side. There are a thousand demands upon both time and strength. Her knowledge is supposed to cradle the contents of every encyclopedia known to man. And when night comes and weariness nags at her body, she must summon strength to help bathe and dress for bed, take part in family worship, listen to the problems of the day and give a final goodnight kiss.

It takes *time* to be a mother. How easy it is to become so entangled in civic organizations, PTA's and even Bible Clubs that, without realizing it,

our own little ones are neglected.

I suppose I shall never forget the woman who for years trained teachers for Bible Clubs. She was a deeply spiritual woman, a remarkable teacher—but she had no home life. Many times the evening meal consisted of a single dish placed in the middle of the table. Unhappily, the members of the family drifted in one at a time, ate in silence and drifted out again. Her work was right and good and important; but she was so involved in the Lord's work that she had no time for her own children.

It takes time to be a kind and understanding friend to your children, to be interested in what interests them, to get at the core of their problems.

Has six-year-old Susan been going to her room and pouting for no apparent reason? Chances are there's a new baby in the house and she feels that her place in the family circle is no longer important. There can be other reasons, of course, but it probably will boil down to the fact that she's feeling neglected. If so, it's amazing what a trip to town—just Mother and Susan, of course—will do. A bit

of shopping, and perhaps a quiet lunch, while Susan is made to feel loved and wanted and important again.

Recently my eight-year-old balked when I asked her to go to the corner grocery. At first I was sorely tempted to command her obedience without asking questions. Instead, I asked her reason for not wanting to go. She'd never hesitated before. I discovered that she thought herself to be overweight and she was afraid people would stare at her! My first impulse was to laugh away her fears; but then I realized that this was a very serious matter to her. So we talked it over, and I promised that just as soon as she returned from the grocery we would sit down and write out a diet for her. And this we did. She even tried a few exercises: but by the next afternoon both diet and exercises were forgotten. How very glad I was that I had taken those few moments to find out what was really troubling her!

It takes time to train children. Most of them do not come equipped with a natural desire to assume the responsibility of doing chores. Nor do

they arrive with an inborn "know-how." I remember asking my mother once how to turn a shirt collar. Her reply was, "I can't teach you how to do it, but I'll do it for you." As a result, I grew up and got married and could not accomplish the simplest task. It took many years for me to learn to cook, and I never did learn to sew. My mother is a wonderful person, but she never took time to teach me how to do everyday chores.

Life today is one of hurried existence. Everyone is on the go almost constantly. Men work hard and sometimes come home late. The housewife rushes from dawn till dusk. Always there is work piled up for tomorrow. It becomes as necessary as it is seemingly impossible to take time out for a bit of "togetherness."

As sales manager for an up-and-coming bakery, my husband can become very tied down with work. Yet we have found it imperative to *make* time to be with our children. On the average of once a week we try to do something special with them. Sometimes we only go to a dry, sandy wash, make a campfire and roast hot dogs. When darkness falls, we listen to the coyotes and watch the white moon burst over the Arizona mountains. Other times we drive into the hills and explore mine shafts. And we like to ride horseback, even our five-year-old! Other times we take a drive "south of the border" so near to us—or simply take our lunch and go to the park.

It really doesn't matter what you do or where you go—as long as it's pleasing to the Lord, of course! The important thing is taking time out to be with the children. Not only does it strengthen the child's sense of security so vital to him, but it binds the family together and brings them to enjoy the good things of life together.

To be Christlike a mother must spend time with God. Some children will never see Christ unless they see Him in the lives of their parents. But isn't it so much easier to be sweet and smiling in church than it is at home? There we can relax. We can frown and grow cross if we feel like it. No one will see—except the very ones we want so badly to win for the Lord Jesus Christ.

I heard a minister say recently that, to some, Christianity is like a cloak. They put it on each Sunday morning and wear it all day. Then they take

Daily Fellowship

Go through the day with God,
Whate'er thy work may be;
Where'er thou art—at home, abroad—
He still is near to thee.

Converse in mind with God,
Thy spirit heavenward raise:
Acknowledge every good bestowed,
And offer grateful praise.

—ANONYMOUS



it off, hang it in the closet and leave it there until Sunday rolls around again.

I remember hearing of one young woman who began slipping away from God. Her pastor paid her a visit. He reminded her of her wonderful Christian home and of her mother, who had done her utmost to train her for the Lord. The girl broke in with eyes blazing. "You *think* my mother is a wonderful Christian! You never lived with her! She has the foulest temper of any woman I have ever known!" The young woman went on to say that it had been her mother who had driven her away from God.

We may think our children are either numbed or blind to what we are, but we must not be deceived by their silence. They have an opinion of us whether they ever give voice to it or not.

To be a better mother, takes time *alone*. Time to re-evaluate her home life, her spiritual life; time to get a fresh perspective of her children and the problems involved; time in which she may do something she truly likes to do.

Every mother is an individual with certain rights. Just because she has had a baby does not stop her from being an individual personality, and it is altogether right and good to have her private time away from her children. This is not impossible, nor is it selfish. She'll be a much better mother by being away a short time each day from her tremendous responsibilities. Though none of us could afford to hire a babysitter every day, we can arrange our time so that this is possible. Perhaps one mother's free

time will come when the children are in school, another's when they are taking a nap—or playing in the yard.

At best, being a mother is a most difficult task, a very awesome and sobering experience. Only the grace and strength, the patience and love of God are sufficient for the job. These things are ours in Christ; we need only seek His face in prayer and ask for them. ◀◀

FOR THE YOUNG READER

Fill Them In

1. "Search me, O God, and my; try me, and know my " (Psalm 139:23).
2. "See if there be any way in me, and me in the way " (Psalm 139:24).
3. "I will praise thee, for I am and wonderfully made: are thy works!" (Psalm 139:14).
4. "I will thee with my whole " (Psalm 138:1).
5. "Though I walk in the midst of , thou wilt me" (Psalm 138:7).
6. "O give unto the God of heaven: for his endureth for " (Psalm 136:26).
7. "Set a , O Lord, before my ; keep the of my " (Psalm 141:3).
8. "When my was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my " (Psalm 142:3).

ANSWERS:

1—know, heart, thoughts; 2—wicked, lead, everlasting; 3—fearfully, marvelous; 4—praise, heart; 5—trouble, revive; 6—thanks, mercy, ever; 7—watch, mouth, door, lips; 8—spirit, path.

Looking Ahead with Central American Bible Schools

By BURTON K. ARNO and DAVID WOMACK

Missionaries to Nicaragua and Colombia

ON FEBRUARY 4, MISSIONARIES AND national workers from seven Latin American republics converged on the tropical city of Matagalpa, Nicaragua. They met for the purpose of discussing and improving the program of Bible institutes in Central America.

This was the first international Assemblies of God Bible school seminar ever held in the area. It was attended not only by representatives of the Central American republics, but also by observers from Colombia and Mexico and by participating officials from the Assemblies of God foreign missions department.

The groundwork for this seminar was laid three years ago when the foreign missions department appointed a committee of Latin American missionaries to make a complete study of the over-all Bible school work in the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking countries of this hemisphere. That committee recommended a revised and improved program for ministerial preparation known as the CEIBAL plan (Comité de Estudios sobre Institutos Bílicos en America Latina). It selected an experienced educator and missionary, Louise Jeter Walker, to coordinate the Bible institutes and to aid them in adapting the CEIBAL plan through a series of seminars. These were subsequently planned for Santa Cruz, Bolivia; Matagalpa, Nicaragua; Barquisimeto, Venezuela; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Mexico City. The Santa Cruz seminar was held in January, 1962.

In Matagalpa, an average of seventy people met daily for six one-hour classes and numerous committee sessions to re-study the Central American educational needs and to correlate their efforts for training national ministers. Loren Triplett, director of the seminar, stated, "We are impressed by the way the Lord has helped us to take a theoretical report and apply it to our needs and indigenous concepts now in practice in Central America." This adaptation to local needs has proved to be one of



Delegates from Central America, Colombia, and Mexico attended the first international Assemblies of God Bible school seminar in Central America. It convened in Matagalpa, Nicaragua.

the principal advantages of the new plan.

Basically, the CEIBAL plan calls for re-organizing Bible school courses into cycles of two months' duration. An entire course of study for graduation is to include twelve such periods which may be spread over three to six years, depending upon the annual schedule of each school. This arrangement is designed to insure that all schools will have the same units of basic curriculum, short enough to allow flexibility for local circumstances. Some will alternate periods of practical gospel work with periods of study.

The plan also calls for vast improvement in the quality of teaching methods, including the use of regular textbooks instead of folders and mimeographed notes. It requires an increased use of visual aid materials instead of lectures alone. The committee of Bible school directors voted unanimously to launch a series of "programmed" studies—a new and revolutionary teaching technique—for some of their preparatory courses. Honduras Bible school director Benjamin La Fon expressed the feeling of all present when he called the new plan a "program of *total teaching*."

Enthusiasm increased as the ses-

sions progressed. Perry Dymond, director of the Bible school in Guatemala, said, "the change from the old way to CEIBAL has been good to prod us." Indeed, the thirty-three national ministers and the twenty-two missionaries who received their certificates all felt challenged to return to their fields to put the new methods into practice. Arthur Lindvall, director of evangelism in El Salvador, said, "I have several pages of data that I want to get to our pastors right away." Like many others who attended the seminar, he was pleased with the great amount of material that was given on how to challenge lay workers. He plans to set up local seminars in El Salvador.

The contribution of Latin American members was a vital factor in the success of the seminar. Sixty-three per cent of those who received certificates were national brethren.

The mutual blending of ideas among the delegates of the different institutes not only produced a workable plan, but provided a wholesome atmosphere in which the plan can operate. It also produced an increased sense of fraternity among the delegates.

One of the national brethren, David

Benevides of Nicaragua, said that he was mostly impressed by "the orientation received concerning teaching methods, knowledge of advancements among the churches and Bible institutes of Central America, and the opportunity to study the problems together."

William S. Brooke, director of the Bible institute in Costa Rica, said, "One of the more important studies was that related to Bible school administration. The idea of having an administrator over the material welfare of the school as a separate entity from the office of director is a definite forward step in the organization of our schools."

To further international cooperation for the organizational and teaching development of Bible schools in Latin America, the seminar named Nicaragua director Loren Triplett as the Central American member of a permanent Bible institute committee that is to serve the entire Latin American area.

The Bible institutes in Central America are already training many young men and women for Christian service. Guatemala has two Bible schools, one in Guatemala City in Spanish and the other in Panajachel in the Cachiqual language. The first has seventy-four students and the second has twenty. There is promise of many more, for 1,200 believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit in Guatemala in 1962. In El Salvador there are eighty students. Honduras has eighteen; Nicaragua has thirty-one. Costa Rica has thirty-seven enrolled in day and night schools. In all, there are 260 young people who are studying for Christian service in Central America.

The institutes where they study have made a major forward step for the better preparation of pastors, evangelists, teachers, and lay workers. Everyone connected with the seminar feels that it accomplished its purpose beyond expectations. ◀◀

ant face, bright eyes, and joyful spirit are distinctive marks of forty-three years of Christian service. He is an example of the fruit of missionary labors and investment.

Nearly sixty men and women have found Christ as their Saviour through this tireless, dedicated laborer. Several have felt the call of God and entered Bible school to prepare for full-time Christian service.

Dan's work is not easy. His congregation is constantly shifting from place to place. The obstinate pressures of the Moslem religion confront him on every hand. The Fulani tribe clings to its strong juju in seeking protection for their herds. In spite of this, Dan Fulani leaves his family six days a week and walks or rides a donkey to proclaim the gospel from hut to hut. The kind spirit and genuine testimony of this itinerant preacher make him an effective witness. The home is his church because a permanent building is impractical for a traveling congregation.

Dan Fulani is a dynamic, forceful preacher in the open markets. His messages are usually ministered from the Koran (the Moslem Bible) with which he is thoroughly familiar. Seldom will the Moslems debate with him for he is very skillful in revealing Christ as the Son of God, the Saviour of the world.

Dan Fulani has seen remarkable results in this land where gray hair and old age are highly respected. However, his ministry is in its sunset years. He is the only full-time preacher we have working in this vast tribe. Pray that God will make his last years of ministry a time of bountiful ingathering; and that He will raise up other "sons of the harvest" who are willing to take the gospel to these nomads. ◀◀

One Man's 'Farm'

By G. L. FALLEY
Missionary to Nigeria

"MY FARM IS TOO LARGE AND THERE are no workers to care for it!" This is the colorful manner in which Dan Fulani, a converted Nigerian Moslem, echoes the words of the Master—"The harvest is plenteous... the laborers are few."

At the time of Dan's conversion, the Lord planted in his soul a passionate desire to preach the gospel. His own people of the Fulani tribe lay heavily upon his heart. He is still concerned because there are not sufficient ministers to reach his people, to work his "farm."

The Fulanis are one of the four major tribes of Nigeria. They are nomadic herdsmen traversing the length and breadth of northern Nigeria in search of good pasture for their large herds of cattle and sheep. Among the most primitive peoples of Africa, the Fulanis build their temporary tepee-style homes from corn stalks and live on a communal basis from the products of their herds. Their religion is either pagan or Moslem. Their lives are centered in fear

and superstition and are bound by powerful jujus climaxed by the "Fulani beating" where the young men are unmercifully whipped in order to prove themselves capable of taking a wife. God has sent Dan Fulani to preach the gospel to this tribe.

Dan Fulani is exuberant and outgoing. His stooped shoulders, soft wrinkles, and toothless smile reveal his age of eighty-one years. His radi-



Eighty-one-year-old Dan Fulani rides a donkey or walks to take the Word of God to his people. He speaks to them personally or preaches in the open market.



Home of the Assemblies of God Television and Film Production Center, 3805 W. Magnolia Boulevard, Burbank, Calif. The 30-by-50-foot air-conditioned sound stage (right) features the very latest in Mole-Richardson lighting—Fischer boom and Auricon 600 16 mm. cameras. The present den-office set is easily rearranged by the use of auxiliary scenes to accommodate a great variety of requirements.

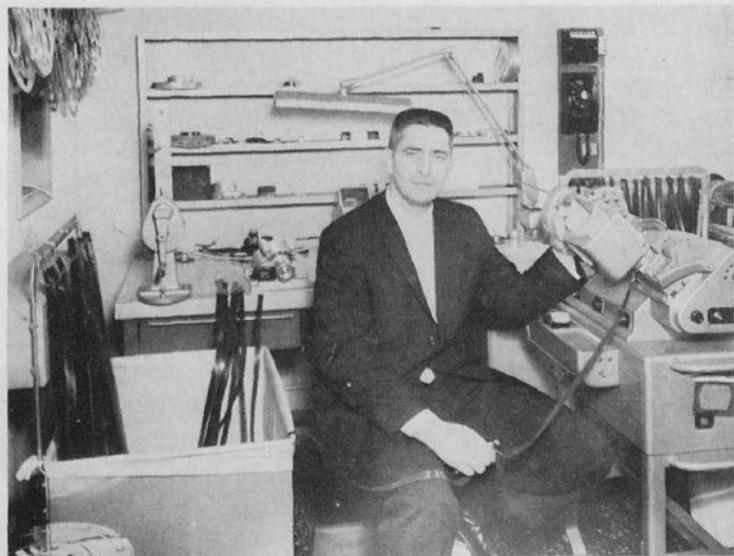
FILM CENTER NOW ACTIVE

Over 150 Jobs Already Handled at Assemblies of God TV and Film Production Center

SINCE NOVEMBER 1961 WHEN PAUL F. CROUCH BEGAN his work as TV and Film Representative of the Assemblies of God, over 150 specific orders have been filled. These include numerous filmstrips for missionaries and promotional films for General Council departments.

The largest production to date is the 16 mm. film entitled, "Cincinnati Breakthrough." This film, which runs 30 minutes, uses sound and color to tell the church extension story for the Home Missions Department.

Another fine production is "Global Conquest," a news-



Paul F. Crouch, TV and Film Representative, is seen editing a missionary film. The modern dust-free cutting rooms at the Assemblies of God Production Center contain the most modern equipment. Moviola, rewinds, synchronizer, viewer, and lined film bins make the work of the cutter more efficient and neater.

reel for the Foreign Missions Department which runs 16 minutes. Both of these films were directed by Brother Crouch and produced entirely at the Assemblies of God Film Center in Burbank, Calif. Acquisition of this two-story building containing about \$50,000 worth of production equipment was authorized by the General Council at its meeting in Portland, Oreg., in 1961.

At present the Center is working on a documentary film for the Department of Benevolences which will feature the Hillcrest Children's Home. Work is also being done on a historical film which will show the origin and growth of the Assemblies of God—to be released in April 1964 in connection with the Golden Anniversary convention.

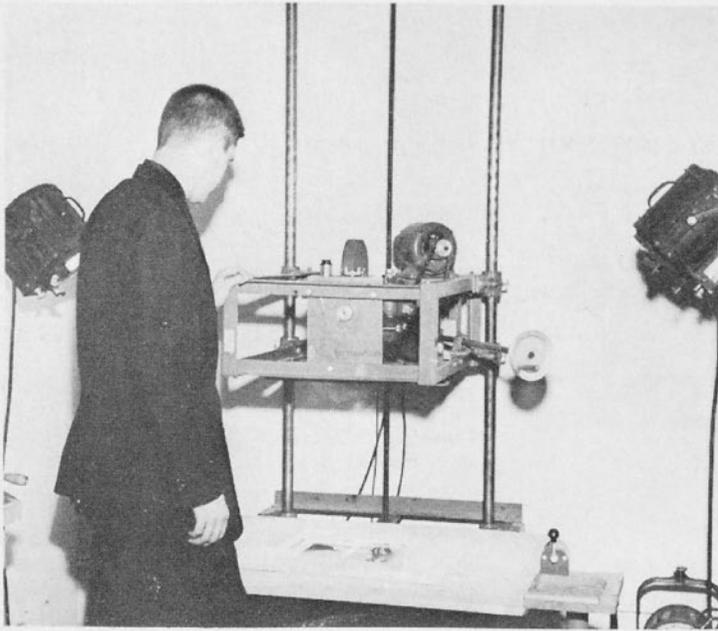
"One of our most interesting jobs," says Brother Crouch, "was a 35 mm. filmstrip for Missionary Fred Burke of South Africa. It is entitled, 'African Pilgrim's Progress.' Brother Burke made the slides in Africa with native boys re-enacting Bunyan's famous allegory. It runs about 20 minutes and is being used by Brother Burke as an evangelistic tool in his South African ministry."

Other filmstrips produced at the Center include "Mr. Lugubrious," a cartoon-type production for the National C. A. Department, and "The Sunset Years," a pictorial report on Bethany Retirement Home.

Before the Burbank facilities were acquired by the General Council, productions of this kind had to be obtained by contract which cost considerably more money.

The Center operates with only two full-time staff members. Brother Crouch directs the work and his wife Jan does the secretarial work. Additional workers are employed on a temporary basis as they are needed.

The main purpose of the Center is eventually to produce a nationwide television ministry for the Assemblies



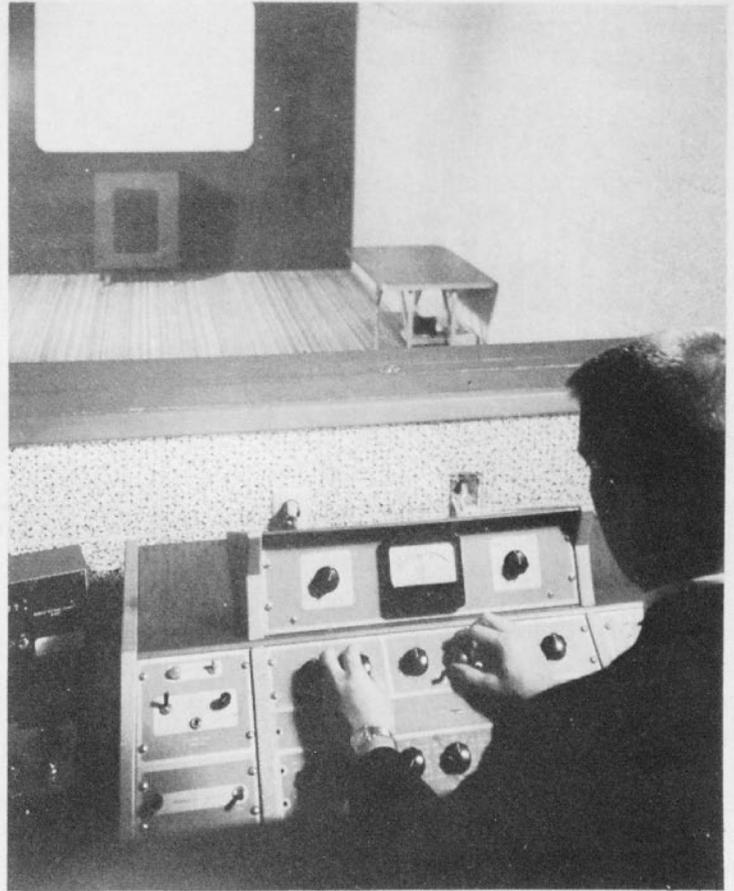
The Maurer camera permits complete titling services as well as limited animation. Clear cell overlay shooting, which permits title superimposition over moving background, is one of the modern film techniques which is made possible as well.

of God. Work is now being done on a pilot telecast and a committee appointed by the General Council is making long-range plans. In the meantime the Center is providing a valuable service facility for the benefit of our missionaries and many other branches of the Lord's work.

The Center takes films made by amateurs on the foreign field, edits them, arranges them in effective sequence, shoots the titles, and sometimes adds a sound track. In this way it enables missionaries to show films of a semi-professional quality in their deputational meetings.

Activities at the Center are not confined to Assemblies of God projects. A number of jobs have been done for other evangelical and Pentecostal groups.

The sound-dubbing and rerecording facilities feature Magnasync and Ampex recorders and playbacks. Each unit is interlocked with the other by means of a Master Control Seltzyn Motor System to perfect synchronization of all sound tracks. Every conceivable film production recording job can be done quickly and efficiently.



Mixing of the various sound tracks is done on the Magnasync Master Control Audio Console. As many as six separate tracks can be simultaneously mixed onto the 16 mm. composite master. Picture work print is also interlocked with the system to permit simultaneous picture viewing with the sound-dubbing operation. (Tract equalization can also be effected by means of the equalization loss pad.)



For 35 mm. productions, equipment such as the Mitchell 35 mm. motion-picture camera shown here is readily available on a rental basis. In this scene a professional teleprompter unit is being used for direct on-camera shooting.

Blind Couple's Unique Ministry Expands

By MAXINE STROBRIDGE
National Representative of the Deaf and
Blind Ministries

A LADY IN FLORIDA SUDDENLY RECEIVED her sight after living in darkness for many years. Incidents of this nature are rare. More frequently sighted persons are plunged into the world of darkness. Many who had normal vision through middle age and beyond had believed, "It's unthinkable that I should ever be blind," but blindness has come nevertheless.

Persons who suddenly become blind have many adjustments to make. They lose much of the contact they once had with the world. They long for literature to read. For the blind who are able to learn Braille, the Assemblies of God produces the only full-gospel Braille literature available to them.

More and more blind persons are finding tape recorders very valuable. Blind persons in the United States and various parts of the world have

expressed their appreciation for the gospel tapes sent to them by Fred and Edna Sweeney, faithful layworkers in the Janesville, Wis., Assembly of God.

Because the Sweeneys are blind themselves they understand the spiritual needs of other blind persons. They have made the following comments concerning their own spiritual hunger: "We are thankful that we found Christ as Saviour years ago. However, we have greatly lacked spiritual food. So often we have longed for someone to read *The Pentecostal Evangel* for us. Many types of tapes are sent to the Blind by various organizations, but no tapes of full-gospel materials have been available.

To help overcome this deficiency the Sweeneys volunteered in 1960 to produce and operate a circulating library of tapes for the Home Missions Department. This consecrated



Fred and Edna Sweeney, a blind couple, discuss the tape ministry with Maxine Strobridge, standing in the center.

couple has sacrificed much to buy the recording equipment necessary for this ministry. The Home Missions Department, through the contributions of interested individuals and churches, has been able to supply the tapes and mailing boxes for this ministry. Four dollars will buy one tape which can be used again and again to provide hours of listening for blind persons.

Sighted persons in the Janesville and Beloit areas devote much time reading selected articles from *The Pentecostal Evangel*, while their voices are being recorded on master tapes. Duplicate tapes are quickly and easily made from the master tapes.

Mrs. Sweeney takes care of the mailing list of blind persons who receive the tapes. When a blind individual has heard a tape, he returns it to the Sweeneys for exchange or re-cutting.



William Gockley reads *The Pentecostal Evangel* as Mr. Sweeney records his voice on tape.



Duplicate tapes are made from the master tapes and sent to blind persons.



Mrs. Sweeney takes care of the bookkeeping and mailing of the tapes.

My Visit Among the Navajos

By ZELMA ARGUE

A blind Christian in Formosa recently testified of the blessings the tapes have brought to him. At first, tapes were loaned to him as they are to blind persons here in the United States. It was recently decided, however, to send him one tape each three months and allow him to keep the tapes. This makes it possible for him to enjoy the tapes again and again, and also to spread the gospel to others in this needy land who wish to listen to the tapes.

Howard Boring, a charter member of the Bethel Assembly of God, Fontana, Calif., is one who receives Assemblies of God tapes and Braille literature regularly. He gives the following testimony.

"I am very thankful for the many things the Lord has done for me since I was saved on January 8, 1958. One wonderful thing He did for me was to heal me of cancer. In May of 1960 a scar on my head developed into cancer. The Lord healed me and I have had no further trouble with it.

"Because I am blind it is necessary for me to study about our Lord in a different way than sighted persons. There is very little Christian literature available in Braille or on tapes. I can read Braille, and I also have a Webster tape recorder. Tapes are especially valuable to blind persons who cannot read Braille. Much more Christian literature in Braille and many more gospel tapes are needed for the Blind."

All offerings sent to the Home Missions Department designated FOR BRAILLE LITERATURE AND GOSPEL TAPES are used to help satisfy the spiritual hunger of the Blind. ◀



Howard Boring of Fontana, Calif., is one of the many who enjoy the gospel tapes.

FOR YEARS I HAVE DESIRED TO VISIT the vast Navajo Indian Reservation in northern Arizona. At last my desire has been fulfilled, and it was definitely timed of the Lord. I have visited two mission stations and have seen firsthand the very heart of the work.

The price paid by our dedicated missionaries is evident, but now the harvest that is being reaped in remarkable measure is cause for great rejoicing. The Indian Assembly in Winslow, pastored by Brother and Sister Robert Ruark, averages near 200 in Sunday school, with a somewhat lower attendance in summer when the Indians are out on the reservation to care for their sheep.

The sowing time of the pastors, in tears, sacrifice, and toil, met great reward in a recent revival period with Brother and Sister Clifford Passmore of Oregon. Not only had there been great sacrifices to bring the building to a reality, but there had been a special week of prayer during which sick persons were healed, and there were conversions and infillings.

Every Indian home possible had been visited by the Hopi and Navajo Christian members of the Indian congregation who distributed *Evangels* and revival handbills. The building is not yet finished on the interior, but this was not allowed to hold back the work. There is a definite stir and move of God.

During the revival some fifty sought the Lord in conversion, and some twenty-seven were filled with the Holy Ghost. To see the altars filled, and Indian saints of God helping to pray others through, was most precious. At times preaching was impossible, for the cloud of glory filled the house

with continuous praises and worship to the Lord.

It was also my rare privilege to stay for a short period deep inside the Navajo Reservation with Missionary Helen Burgess at Bita Hochee Trading Post, Indian Wells, Arizona. Ten years ago Sister Burgess was led here of the Lord, and with spiritual foresight she was led in the purchasing of five acres of land forty miles off Highway 66.

Today it is no longer possible to make such a purchase. No outsider can now purchase land on this reservation at any price. It is near the beautiful Painted Desert area, and the hillsides are green with cedars. The flocks of sheep dotting the area, attended by Navajo shepherds, are beautiful to behold.

On this mission compound live two other missionaries in their own homes, Sister Dorothy Terry and Brother Oscar Pitt. They are very glad to do so and to drive the forty miles or so back and forth to their individual appointments, where there can be no provision made for them to reside. The land is arid, requiring sixteen acres for each sheep to graze. The Navajos have different campsites and move from one to another to provide grazing for their flocks.

I visited in different Christian hogans and saw the loom with blankets in the process of being hand woven. To see the Navajos shearing the sheep, to see the many newborn lambs and kids of the goats, and especially to see the countenances of the Navajos glow with the light of Christian fellowship, brought joy to my heart. Numbers of these people found the Lord six years ago when the work gained footing, and some were filled with the Spirit in the outpouring that followed one year later.

The round hogans, built of cedar logs chinked with red clay, and mud roofs, are the typical homes of the Navajos. In many of these they sing gospel songs in the Navajo language.

Before my coming, one beloved missionary told me, "If ever you come here, you will never be the same again." For a long time the burden of my ministry has been along the lines of the Holy Spirit, and to see so many of the Hopis and Navajos Spirit-filled and working to bring their own people to the knowledge of the Lord is indeed a foretaste of heaven's joys. ◀



The Wages of Sin

Sunday School Lesson for June 30, 1963
1 KINGS 22:29-39; REVELATION 20:11, 12

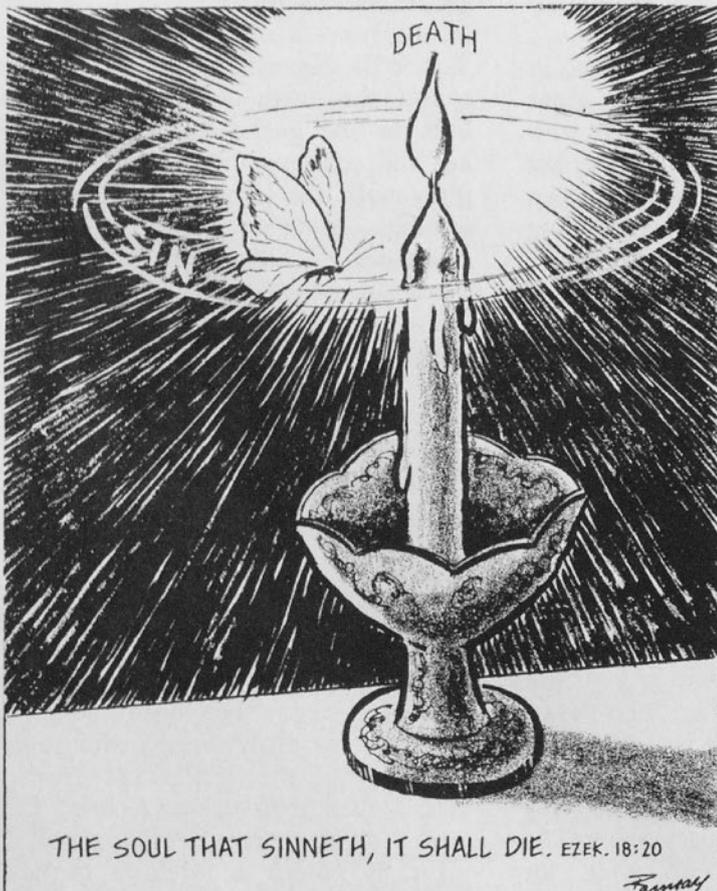
BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

An old, old lesson—so oft repeated in the Bible, yet easily ignored by many—is vividly illustrated in our lesson today. The record of the wicked, twenty-two-year reign of King Ahab of Israel occupies one-fourth of the entire Book of First Kings, and the account of his dishonorable death is appropriately detailed.

The sins for which Ahab experienced the retributive judgment of God may be summed up as follows: (1) He promoted calf-worship in Israel, thus perpetuating the sins of Jeroboam (1 Kings 16:31). (2) He promoted Baal-worship with its attendant immorality. (3) He persistently persecuted God's messengers, the prophets, and discouraged the true worship of Jehovah. (4) He released Ben-hadad, the Syrian king, in defiance of God's will (1 Kings 20:42). (5) He heartlessly and maliciously murdered Naboth.

Two principles relating to sin were at work in the account of Ahab's death: (1) Sin brings its own punishment. (2) The penalty for sin corresponds to the sin itself, in what is sometimes called "poetic retribution."

MOTH AND THE FLAME



THE REASONS FOR AHAB'S DEATH

1. *Ben-hadad's Ingratitude.* Ahab had spared Ben-hadad's life (1 Kings 20); now that same individual had forgotten his covenant with Ahab and held a fortress in Israel which was a menace to Israel's safety. This treachery and ingratitude so angered Ahab that he decided to wage war against Syria and Ben-hadad. Yet Ahab did not stop to realize he himself had broken covenant with Jehovah (to whom he was deeply indebted) and had promoted fortresses of idolatry in his land. Thus it was that Ahab, blind to his own guilt, was led into the war which ended in his death, simply because three years earlier he had sinned in sparing Ben-hadad.

2. *The Lies of False Prophets.* Ahab would hardly have ventured against Syria had it not been for the unanimous verdict of his four hundred false prophets. It is quite evident that Ahab was deceived by these men. Yet these very men were a product of the kind of worship he had introduced and encouraged in Israel. Thus again Ahab is seen to be the victim of his own sins.

3. *The Silencing of Jehovah's True Prophets.* Why were there none of God's true prophets on the scene to warn Ahab again concerning the folly of his way? The answer is simple! Ahab had so successfully opposed and silenced these men that they were not present. Micaiah, when summoned, warned Ahab but was rewarded by being placed in prison. Men who silence those who speak for God, cancel their only means of salvation.

THE INSTRUMENTS OF AHAB'S DEATH

1. The king whose life Ahab had spared led the campaign that resulted in Ahab's death. If Christians will not put to death the deeds and sins of the flesh, those same sins will eventually cause their destruction.

2. The Syrians, previously dominated by Ahab and Israel, were used of God to punish Ahab and bring him to judgment.

3. The providence of God which Ahab had persistently ignored now occasioned his death. An unnamed soldier in the Syrian army, quite by accident, brought about the mortal wounding of Israel's king. An arrow shot at random pierced the scant space between the coupling in Ahab's armor.

THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF AHAB'S DEATH

1. Ahab's death can only be viewed as a divine visitation of judgment. Three times his death had been predicted (1 Kings 20:42; 21:19; 22:17, 18). Furthermore, though Ahab had disguised himself God found him out and caused a chance shot to reach its divinely intended mark.

2. Ahab's death must be viewed as a definite rebuke of the specific sins of that age. Ahab had promoted Baal-worship—idolatry of the worst sort. Now he died at the hands of idolaters who ravaged his land. Ahab had filled the land with prostitutes and encouraged immorality in the name of religion. Now in his death he was still associated with harlots. "Then they came to Samaria and buried the king in Samaria. They washed the chariot by the pool of Samaria where the prostitutes washed themselves, while the dogs licked his blood" (1 Kings 22:37, 38, *The Berkeley Translation*). Ahab had shed the innocent blood of righteous Naboth. Now his own blood was spilled and licked up by dogs at the very site of Naboth's death!

Evangelical Position on Current Issues Made Clear at NAE Convention

BUFFALO, N. Y.—The evangelical position on such current issues as church-state relations, the authority of the Bible, racial equality, communism, and the ecumenical movement was made clear at the 21st annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, held this year at Buffalo, N. Y. A contingent of Assemblies of God members was present at the meetings.

Setting the keynote at the opening session was General Director George L. Ford who declared that "NAE means to be vigorously and constructively involved with the issues of our times. . . . We are not going to react against our culture as the neo-fundamentalists have done. Nor do we intend to accommodate to our culture as the liberals have done. We intend to follow the example of the New Testament church and penetrate our culture with the transforming gospel of Christ.

Dr. Ford also took the occasion to deny rumors that the NAE is considering merger with either the American Council of Christian Churches or the National Council of Churches. He explained that the ecumenical movement presents organizational unity as the answer while the "neo-fundamentalist movement"—a term he used to describe the American Council—offers organizational separation as the answer. "They are, in a sense, two peas in a pod—although at opposite ends of the pod," he asserted.

Gilbert W. Kirby of London, England, general secretary of the World Evangelical Fellowship, told his Buffalo audience that "the day of white man's undisputed supremacy is over." He challenged the American evangelicals to look upon the less favored races as "the white man's responsibility and opportunity" rather than as the "white man's burden." He expressed concern over the trend toward syncretism among some Protestants

who do not regard Christianity as the only true religion.

A plea for evangelicals to support efforts for good race relations was made by Rufus Jones, second vice president of NAE and the general director of the Conservative Baptist Home Mission Society. Dr. Jones said that the Communists had gained a short-term advantage by stirring up racial feelings among the colored peoples only to find that they are now turning against them because of their inconsistency.

The NAE's position on racial problems was defined in a resolution which stated that the teachings of Christ are violated by discriminating against racial minorities. It affirmed the inherent worth of every man in the sight of God and urged the use of all legitimate means to eliminate discriminatory practices.

The continuing problem of church-state relations received careful attention by the NAE in a detailed statement which declared that the Christian is subject both to God and to the state. It held that the state is to exercise justice, afford protection and promote public tranquility while it is

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the duty of the church to promote the worship of God and engage in Christian service.

The NAE reaffirmed its belief in the wisdom of maintaining financial and functional separation of church and state, and voiced concern over the current legislative attempts to procure government funds for church schools. At the same time it held that the current aid to church-related schools through loans, grants and the school lunch program should not be taken as a precedent for further aid to church schools.

In the light of the wide controversy over the issue of religion in public schools, the NAE declared that a commitment to the separation of church and state did not rule out all mention of God in the classroom. It held that the Bible is an appropriate book for reading in the schools and that the right of students to pray should not be abridged. As an alternative to a public school system which might be hostile to a religious view of life it was suggested that the Christian day school movement should be strengthened and expanded.

Meeting concurrently with the con-

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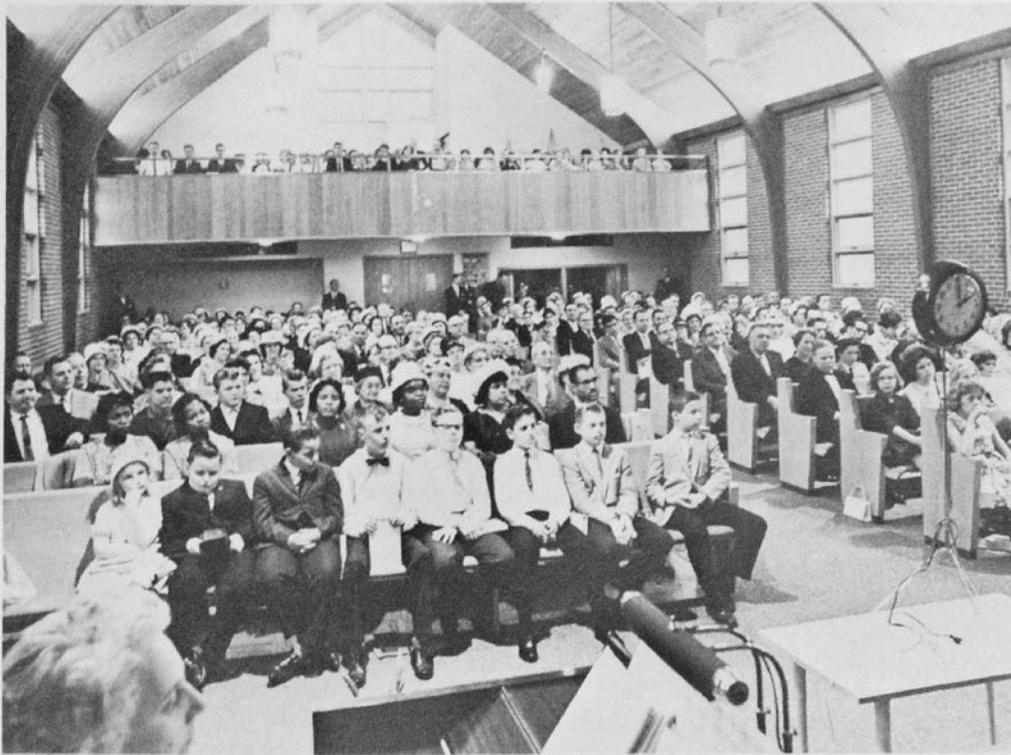
Negro Evangelicals Form National Association

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Negro evangelicals from across the nation met in Los Angeles in May to form the National Negro Evangelical Association.

"We do not see this as in competition with the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) or any group," said Dr. Howard O. Jones, an associate of evangelist Billy Graham. "We are concerned how the Negro church can do more in the field of foreign missions."

Dr. Jones, who has been doing missionary work in Liberia, was named one of the eight directors of the new organization. Marvin L. Printis of Pasadena, Calif., was elected first president of the NNEA.

The number of Negro missionaries in the world today is estimated to be less than 200. The new organization will seek to increase this number, especially in Africa.



The El Bethel Assembly, Staten Island, N. Y., was filled for the May 5th origination of *Revivaltime*. The broadcast capped two weeks of meetings celebrating El Bethel's 40th anniversary.

REVIVALTIME

Originates From El Bethel Assembly



By Flo Davis

STATEN ISLAND'S EL BETHEL ASSEMBLY of God celebrated its fortieth anniversary in a big way—the church sponsored an international broadcast origination of *Revivaltime* on May 5. A full house gathered for the New

York origination of the official radio voice of the Assemblies of God, which weekly reaches an estimated 12,000,000 listeners.

Revivaltime speaker C. M. Ward, producer and origination coordinator D. V. Hurst, and executive director

Bartlett Peterson (broadcast narrator) were on hand to congratulate Pastor James L. Tate and his congregation on forty years of fine work.

Prior to the origination service, held on the last day of the two-week anniversary celebration, Evangelist George Butrin of Hamlin, Pa., conducted special services nightly. The El Bethel choir, which also participated in the weeknight services, ministered in song during the origination.

Revivaltime choir director Cyril McLellan led the El Bethel choir during the broadcast. The group, under the supervision of regular choir director Hellen Olsen, has made a long-playing phonograph record entitled "El Bethel Sings—Day After Day," available from the Staten Island church. Mildred Aarstad and Dagny Erickson, church pianist and organist, respectively, assisted in the origination.

The assembly now served by Pastor Tate began with a small group of Norwegian believers in the early 1920's. El Bethel, one of the two Assemblies of God congregations on the metropolitan New York island, now averages more than 179 persons in Sunday attendance.

Conscious of the vast unchurched population in the area, more than twenty-five families have expressed interest in supporting an outstation church on the south shore of Staten Island, according to Pastor Tate. The church is looking forward to 1963 as the year for establishing "another full-gospel lighthouse" in the metropolitan area. ◀◀



Cyril McLellan, *Revivaltime* choir director, conducted the El Bethel choir for the origination service. In the foreground (left to right) are C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* speaker; Bartlett Peterson, executive director of radio and program narrator; and D. V. Hurst, *Revivaltime* producer.

Grateful for the Gift of the Holy Ghost

*"O sweet wonder . . . how I adore Thee; oh, how
I love Thee; Jesus the Son of God!"*

THESE WONDERFUL WORDS ARE FROM a favorite gospel hymn. How they vibrate in my soul and echo my praise for Jesus Christ. Oh, what I missed before I met Him face to face! Words cannot express the joy I have in Him!

I tasted of His salvation about twenty years ago. On that blessed day when I became a "new creature in Christ," He removed my sins and buried them in the deepest sea.

But recently He came to me in a new way. He bestowed on me, unworthy as I am, the gift of the Holy Ghost. What joy—what peace—I had never known the like before!

In my denomination I had been taught that we received the fullness of the Spirit at the moment of salvation. However, many times I felt there was something missing. Oh, I had joy in the Lord and blessings in prayer. Souls for whom I prayed and travailed were born again. But there was so much effort and so few results!

Where was the power spoken of in Acts 1:8? John baptized with water, but Christ "baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire." If I had had that I would have known it, would I not?

At the same time I was bound by prejudice and tradition. The evidence of speaking with other tongues scared me, and I was actually afraid of the Holy Spirit!

But little by little, the walls of unbelief began to crumble and my heart hunger intensified. Believe me, this hunger did not stem from Satan, either (though some who did not understand my "quest for truth" thought this). I searched my Bible constantly, and begged everyone I met to pray for me. Only God could see my heart and He was the One to whom I must turn. He understood.

It need not have been such a long

hard struggle for this was a gift and at times I was close enough to the truth to have reached out and touched it. But persecution from family and friends discouraged me, and I decided that if this was for me God would give it to me *regardless!* At the time I did not realize there was a price to be paid and a consecration to be made.

Early in 1962 I met members of another religious group who knew this Bible doctrine. They seemed to understand what I was going through and felt my need. They took me aside and explained the truth to me. When I fully understood, Christ walked in with His fullness and my hunger was satisfied. Praise God, I have found that Pentecost is not a denomination but an experience of God for everyone!

Dear friends—those of you in any church—if you are a child of God, you can be a partaker of this wonderful gift. Reach out and take it by faith as you did your salvation. Yield yourself completely to Him. Erase all preconceived ideas from your mind as to how you will receive and do not try to tell the Lord what kind of an experience you want.

Remember you are a personality with a mind and choice of will. You will not be *brain-washed*. Be yourself but at the same time belong completely to Him. It is a new and wonderful experience each time we let His Spirit take control of a situation with which we cannot cope. Storms may be raging on the outside, but there will be peace within.

Praise and prayer overcome the power of the "evil one." Once you learn to praise Him from your innermost being, you will find springs of living water flowing from within. Even when you begin to feel a little low or have a "blue Monday" (the

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Do Not Blur the Alternatives!

By L. Nelson Bell, M.D.

THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE THE heart of the Christian faith is presented as a series of alternatives. These are so important in their implications, so eternal in their effect that one would think all Christians (and the Church) would make them central to their faith and witness. But often such is not the case.

The Biblical alternatives are now being rejected or blurred in many areas. Equally important, the *warnings* which accompany these alternatives are being ignored. And those who would voice the Bible's warnings sometimes find themselves the objects of ridicule and discrimination.

But the numerous alternatives spread before us in God's Word are as valid today as they were in the past. Two basic things can be said of them generally: First, they are all based solely on the Person and work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Whatever demands the Bible makes upon men and women are validated solely by our Lord's finished work. Second, men and women make the right choice respecting each of these alternatives in the same way: in each case by responding to the call of Jesus Christ and coming to terms with Him.

Chief among the Biblical alternatives are these: *Life and Death, Light and Darkness, Sin and Righteousness, Faith and Unbelief, Flesh and Spirit, Freedom and Bondage, Truth and Error, Saved and Lost, and, Heaven and Hell.*

To exhaust the scriptural refer-

ences to these alternatives would require a book. But even a casual study of the Bible shows that they appear from beginning to end. Most important of all, the Bible also leads us to the solution of the dilemmas involved; to the focal point on which these alternatives are settled for our eternal good and God's glory.

LIFE AND DEATH

The Bible makes it plain that we are born spiritually dead and made alive through Christ: "*And you he made alive, when you were dead through trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air... and so were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God... even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved*" (Ephesians 2:1-4).

We may be dead in sin but we can be made alive through faith in Christ. What an alternative, and what a gospel!

LIGHT AND DARKNESS

The spiritually dead walk in darkness: "*But if our gospel be hid, it is hid from them that are lost; in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them*" (2 Corinthians 4:3, 4). "*For every one who does*

evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed" (John 3:20).

SIN AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

The mystery of iniquity is a reality we face. Contrasted to this is the righteousness of God, imputed to us through faith in His Son.

The apostle Paul outlines the difference between those dominated by sin and those living in the Spirit. On the one hand we have "*immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like.*"

Where redemption has taken place the heart is dominated by the Holy Spirit with its fruits: "*love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control*" (Galatians 5:19-23).

Here the alternatives of daily living are set forth, one a life lived in the flesh, the other a life in the Spirit by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

FAITH AND UNBELIEF

Even the faith by which we believe unto salvation is a gift of God. How easy to reject God's truth! How easy to continue with the unbelieving heart! "*For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith*" (Galatians 3:26). How easy to reject God's revelation! "*He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead'*" (Luke 16:31).

The only contribution man can make to his own salvation is to *believe* what God has done for him, and even that belief has to come by the grace of God.

FLESH AND SPIRIT

We are all born with physical bodies. The Biblical term for the natural man is that he lives in the flesh. But it is possible to be born again, a second birth. This regeneration is a mysterious, supernatural work of the Holy Spirit. The alternatives are clearly stated by our Lord. "*That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit*" (John 3:6).

Little wonder that our Lord stated the divine imperative, "*Ye must be*

born again," for only in that way can we transfer from the flesh, with its decay, to the spiritual, which is life everlasting.

FREEDOM AND BONDAGE

Sin means bondage but redemption means freedom: "So if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). Bondage is so real. We are sinners by inheritance, by practice and by choice, bound with chains of Satan's forging. But freedom is a glorious alternative! "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2).

TRUTH AND ERROR

We all stand on one foundation or the other: the "sand" of unbelief and disobedience, or the Rock which is Christ Jesus: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11).

Our Lord describes these two foundations and the ends of those who build their lives on one or the other. The alternatives are, to stand unmoved in the storms of life, or to fail utterly and eternally.

SAVED AND LOST

Men are not lost because of what they do, or may do. They are not lost because God wills it so. Men are lost because man wills it so. Men are lost because they are born that way: "He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18).

The alternative is to continue in our lost condition, or to believe in the Son of God and what He has done for us. The current popular teaching that no men are "lost," that all are saved but simply do not know it, runs counter to the entire teaching of the Scriptures and removes the "danger" signals from the road ahead.

HEAVEN AND HELL

Most people are glad to admit the reality of heaven, a future place of eternal joy in the presence of God. Many now reject the reality of a place the Bible speaks of as "hell," a place of eternal separation from God and all that is good.

But the Bible clearly affirms the

alternatives of man's eternal destiny. Our Lord also describes the irrevocability of the final state. In the story of Dives and Lazarus Christ puts these words in Abraham's mouth: "And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence" (Luke 16:26).

Has not the message of the Church often ignored the scriptural alternatives? Have we not been prone to blur these alternatives with our own presuppositions and rationalizations? Have we not as a result lost something of the *urgency* of preaching, evangelism and missions?

God has not left us in ignorance. In these alternatives and His provision for their resolution there is found the way of eternal life. Jesus makes it very plain in John 3:16, "...that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." That is the supreme and ultimate alternative.

The decision is now.

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Evangelical Position on Current Issues

(Continued from page twenty-one)

vention were NAE's nearly two score affiliated agencies and commissions which dealt with problems ranging from Christian education, missions, evangelism, and pastoral counseling to social welfare. Among the most popular group meetings were those of the evangelism and church extension commission where Robert Ferm of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association stated that "the acid test of blessing in the church is evangelism." Dr. Ferm urged his audience, which was largely made up of pastors, to "get out into the battle" and not be satisfied with merely adding an occasional new member.

During the sessions of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association three new missionary societies were received into its membership. They were the Bible Missionary and Medical Fellowship of Toronto, the Kansas

Yearly Meeting of Friends, and Evangelical Literature Overseas of Wheaton, Ill. This brings the EFMA's total membership to 59 organizations and the total number of missionaries served to over 6,000.

The first-place winner in NAE's expository sermon contest was Dr. Raymond W. McLaughlin, Denver, Colo., for his sermon, "Drastic Discipleship." He was awarded a 36-volume set of *The Speaker's Bible* and will have his sermon included in a new book of expository sermons to be published by Baker Book House. The competition was designed to stimulate interest in expository preaching as a part of the NAE program to "Return the Bible to the Heart of the Nation."

The annual "Layman of the Year" award by the NAE was given to the Chicago industrialist, Herbert J. Taylor, chairman of the board of Club Aluminum Products. He is also a past president of Rotary International and a member of the boards of numerous Christian organizations including Fuller Theological Seminary and Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. He is also a former treasurer of NAE.

During the convention a special meeting of the Canadian delegation was held with Gilbert W. Kirby, general secretary of the WEF, and Everett Cattell, president of the WEF, to form an interim committee to study the feasibility of starting a Canadian evangelical fellowship. When this new group is launched it, like NAE, will be one of the constituent national fellowships in the World Evangelical Fellowship.

In challenging evangelicals to launch out with a program of aggressive evangelism, Robert A. Cook, president of NAE warned that the average church is "an isolated religious club in the midst of a pagan neighborhood. For too long the church has been concerned about her survival rather than making plans to reach the exploding world in which she lives."

The delegates caught the tone. On its 21st birthday, many of them felt that the National Association of Evangelicals was showing heartening signs of maturity—purposefully striving to be more than just the organizational alternative to other organizations on its right and left. ◀◀

Evangelism **BREAKTHROUGH**

DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, 1445 BOONVILLE AVE., SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI



MYERS FLAT, CALIF.—April 14 marked the close of a ten-day revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Gene Hensley at the Fruitland Assembly of God. A fine interest was displayed throughout the revival. Good results have followed the meeting.

—John Franklin, Pastor

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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—A profitable four-week revival has concluded at Calvary Chapel here with Evangelist John Bostrom. A good number sought salvation, some received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and others were healed. Believers were greatly uplifted by the clear presentation of the Full Gospel.

—Warren Berwick, Pastor

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CLOVIS, N. MEX.—First Assembly of God here just experienced a wonderful two-week youth crusade with Evangelist Winferd Mac of Seminole, Tex. His dynamic preaching resulted in approximately 30 accepting Christ as Saviour. Several persons received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Crowds were excellent, both young and old being blessed by the services. A water baptismal service was held the last night.

—Melvin Sasse, Pastor

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BOSWELL, OKLA.—The Assembly of God here has just concluded a two-week revival with Evangelist Leo S. Gaston of Abilene, Tex. Two persons came to the altar for salvation, three were

reclaimed, two received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many were refilled. The church experienced one of its greatest moves during this revival. Sunday school attendance was exceptionally good.

—Clarence Jeffcoat, Pastor

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McCOOK, NEBR.—Persons who ordinarily do not attend church services attended a recent revival at First Assembly when T. Texas Tyler ministered. Coming into western Nebraska with a down-to-earth testimony, the evangelist was instrumental in leading Christians as well as others into a refreshing spiritual experience. God used this ministry in a very special way.

—C. A. Sailors, Pastor

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CORNING, CALIF.—A series of evangelistic meetings with Evangelist Leonard Rogers of San Jose brought great blessing to First Assembly of God here. The convicting power of the Holy Spirit was felt in each of the services. Several persons were saved, and eight were baptized on the final night of the crusade. On Easter Sunday, one of the families of the church presented a beautiful new Hammond organ, debt-free, to the Assembly.

—Jim Logan, Pastor

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HEALDSBURG, CALIF.—A glorious move of the Spirit of God has been experienced at the Evangel Assembly of God here during recent meetings with Evan-

gelist Edward L. Kinsky of Walla Walla, Wash. The three Pentecostal churches that sponsored this city-wide crusade witnessed gratifying results in each of their respective groups. The Spirit of God moved in a precious way as sinners wept before the Lord each night. A number were saved, some reclaimed, many restored to an up-to-date experience through renewed dedication, and others were healed by the power of God. The churches rejoice in the spirit of cooperation and unity that prevails.

—Charles Hartman, Pastor

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WEOTT, CALIF.—A ten-day revival conducted at the Assembly of God here by Evangelist and Mrs. Gene Hensley brought great blessing to the church. An outstanding spirit of worship prevailed throughout the meeting. Testimonies of the work of God in individual lives were a blessing to all. Three individuals found Christ as Saviour. There was a very good attendance throughout the meetings.

—Martin Engebretsen, Pastor

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CRESTVIEW, FLA.—Old-time Pentecost was experienced at First Assembly in April during a three-week crusade at First Assembly of God here with Evangelist Grant Daniel. About 12 persons were saved, 31 baptized in the Holy Spirit, many refilled, 29 baptized in water, and 22 joined the church. Many testified to receiving healing. The evangelist was heard on

the radio daily, and his messages on the Holy Spirit baptism stirred many people. Never before had we seen so many praying to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

—S. L. Breland, Pastor

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DENVER, COLO.—The congregation at Glad Tidings Tabernacle here was greatly encouraged during a brief Holy Ghost rally conducted recently by Evangelist Zelma Argue. Several persons received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—R. C. Schachterle, Pastor

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PHENIX, ALA.—North Phenix Assembly was recently blessed with a "God Save America" crusade conducted by Evangelists Michael and Peggy Lord. Sinners were saved, believers baptized in the Holy Spirit, and sick bodies healed. The advertising medias of television, radio, and newspaper gave good coverage and publicity.

—Elbert Ward, Pastor

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ST. HELENS, OREG.—April 21 was the concluding date of a one-week revival conducted at the Assembly of God here by the Gospel Evangelaires. Five individuals were saved, four reclaimed, and one refilled with the Spirit. A man who was scheduled to be hospitalized for bronchial asthma found that treatment was unnecessary after prayer was offered in his behalf. Many others were healed of various illnesses.

—Wesley J. Bransford, Pastor



RUPERT, IDAHO—Overflow crowd is shown attending a three-week revival at First Assembly in Rupert during a campaign conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Walter Lascelle. Pastor Vernon Vance reports that fourteen persons accepted Christ, and many were filled with the Spirit, healed, or delivered.



DEWEY, OKLA.—Forty-four visitors were present on the last Sunday of the two-week meeting at the First Assembly of God with Evangelist Wesley Pollet. Each night the altars were filled with people seeking God. Two were saved and two filled with the Spirit. L. A. Haymaker is pastor.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE & CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Calif.	Lynwood	A/G	John French	W. H. Weaver, Jr.
	Oildale	*A/G	Chas. Senechal	George P. Brown
	Santa Rosa	****First	Marvin Schmidt	Wm. O. Vickery
	Seal Beach	First	Douglas Payne	Charles Monroe
	Vista	A/G	Glen & Mrs. Shinn	Oran Duncan
Fla.	Lake Alfred	A/G	Don Parker	Wallace Killingsworth
Ill.	Rockford	First	E. C. Rasmussen	E. A. Manley
Ind.	Clay City	A/G	Paul Van Winkle	Lewis J. Clifton
	Terre Haute	*Hulman St.	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	Glenn Perkins
Iowa	Davenport	Grace	Alfred Allen	M. D. Gilliam
	Indianola	A/G	Linfield Crowder	Samuel Reaves
Md.	Salisbury	A/G	John Higginbotham	Albion Douglas
Mich.	Burt	A/G	Harry Vibbert	Alonzo Drake
Minn.	Bemidji	Gospel Tab.	Fred R. Diehl	Lloyd Stormoen
Miss.	Hattiesburg	First	Frank Martin	Blan M. Stout
Mo.	Kansas City	*First	Paul Hild Family	R. A. McClure
Mont.	Billings	First	Christian Hild	Walter Buck
	Wolf Point	A/G	Warren Litzman	W. L. Roset
N.J.	Hammonton	A/G	Roberta Lashley	V. L. Stoops
Okla.	Allen	A/G	Al Davis	Stanley Holliman
	Bellwood	A/G	Olshevski Musical Tm.	B. Gregory Fisher
Pa.	Mechanicsburg	First	Culpepper-Gourlas Tm.	Domenick Ezzo
	Newville	A/G	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Wm. Strausser
	Hartsville	*A/G	Knouse-Stovall Tm.	J. L. Dutton
Tenn.	Savannah	First	Gene Burgess	George Gianopoulos
Tex.	Clute	First	Roland Hastie	E. L. Mills
	Corpus Christi	Bethel	M. R. Boatright	J. W. Nash
	Lancaster	First	Mike Wright Family	Herbie Corpany
	Terrell	Faith Temple	June 16—	Samuel Calk
	Winchester	Full Gos. Tab.	June 25-July 7	Jim & Tammy Bakker
W.Va.	Moorefield	**A/G	Irving & Mrs. Howard	I. L. Stonesifer
	Petersburg	***Camp Meeting	Harold W. May, Jr.	Mrs. Nellie Kight
Canada	Charlottetown,	**Calvary Tem.	Lynn & Mrs. Wickstrom	A. Schinzing, Chmn.
	Prince Ed. Island Halifax, N.S.	Pentecostal	June 25-30	C. K. Benn
			Abraham Kudra	A. R. Kalamen

* Children's Revival

** Youth Emphasis

*** Area-wide Tent

**** Youth Retreat

Due to printing schedule, announcements must reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance.

QUINCY, ILL.—Faith Assembly of God recently concluded an eight-week crusade with Evangelist Johnny Barton. During the meetings more than 45 were saved, and another 45 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. New families came into the Assemblies and many were baptized in water. The church finances were met in a miraculous way, as people gave out of a heart of love for the extension of the kingdom of God. In turn, their personal needs were met in an unusual way.

—D. F. Hussey, Pastor

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BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Green Acres First Assembly of God just concluded a successful three-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. L. M. Vaughn of Bakersfield. Three were saved, one refilled with the Holy Spirit, and one lady healed of an incurable disease. Sunday school attendance in this home missions church increased from 50 to 75 during the meetings, and a number of new people attended.

—Vestus Smith, Pastor

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OBERLIN, OHIO—Twenty-four received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and 14 were saved during a revival with Evangelist Eddie Wilson at Oberlin Assembly. Many times the order of the services was interrupted by such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that there was no preaching. It was especially thrilling to witness the move of God among the youth.

—Howard Spriggs, Pastor

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AUBURN, CALIF.—In a one-week children's revival at First Assembly 93 children, who did not attend the Sunday school, registered. Total registration was more than 150. Responding to the ministry of Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens, at least 50 knelt at the altar for salvation. The crowds increased each night until

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the last night's attendance had been tripled. Sunday school teachers are now following up these contacts by calls upon the parents. Prospects are good for permanent growth as a result of this children's meeting.

—Paul R. Keeth, Pastor

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GRANGER, WASH.—When the Granger Assembly was unable to schedule an evangelist, the congregation asked their pastor to conduct a revival. Aware of the Lord's leading, Pastor E. L. Dunn consented and began a two-week revival. Thirteen were saved, and 12 filled with the Holy Spirit. One man who had been saved for more than 20 years was filled with the Spirit. A young Baptist couple called the pastor a few days before the revival and acknowledged their hunger for God. On his first visit, he found a critical situation in the home. Due to a number of major operations, brought about by a burst appendix, the man was practically bedfast and had been on a strict diet for the past three years. In an attempt to find relief from the constant pain, he had become addicted. A consumption of 36 pills a day was slowly taking its toll. As the pastor prayed, such

conviction gripped the man that he realized God was the only answer. Within two days all need and desire for the dope had disappeared, and he was healed so that a special diet was unnecessary.

Just prior to the revival, a lady from the church entered the hospital and was informed that she had bone cancer. Prayer was offered in her behalf by the pastor as well as the entire church. After being released from the hospital, she returned to the doctor's office. Because of the malignant nature of the disease, the doctor was amazed to see his patient walking without even a limp. She testified to the healing power of God. Many other healings were reported. The revival fervor continues with constant evidences of God's saving, healing, and baptizing power.

—E. L. Dunn, Pastor

The election took place during the eighteenth annual Indiana District Council which convened May 6-8 in the beautiful new Faith Chapel Assembly in Beech Grove, a suburb of Indianapolis. Both Stewart H. Robinson, Assistant District Superintendent, and Gordon H. Matheny, District Secretary, were re-elected on nominating ballots. The same two men were elected to be General Presbyters.

Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, was guest speaker for the Council. District Superintendent William Van Winkle and Evangelist William Thornton also preached.

(The District Superintendent's office was not subject to election this year.)

WITH CHRIST

NEW DISTRICT TREASURER ELECTED IN INDIANA

BEECH GROVE, IND.—Leonard R. Nowell has been elected to the office of Indiana District Treasurer. He succeeds W. F. Duncan who has capably served in this office for a number of years but who declined re-election because of poor health.

ANNA PEARL JONES, 85, of Fort Collins, Colo., went to her eternal reward April 13, after a week's illness. She suffered three heart attacks and the third one proved fatal. For 35 years she served as a minister of the Assemblies, mostly in the Rocky Mountain District. She is survived by four children.

CAMPUS COLUMN

Hardy W. Steinberg
NATIONAL EDUCATION SECRETARY

NCBC MISSIONARY CONVENTION EXCEEDS GOAL

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—North Central Bible College students went over the goal for giving during their annual missionary convention this year. The offering total climbed to \$2,782.60 when the final count was taken after Saturday evening's rally. This brought the year's total to \$8,779.94.

The convention was preceded by prayer meetings and prayer chains among the students. A "kick-off" missionary party was well attended on Saturday, when the students dressed in bright costumes of foreign lands.

The chapel was beautifully arrayed, with its scene of palms and tropical landscape silhouetted against a background of multi-colored sunset lights. On the chapel walls were huge black Bibles with gold leaves which carried out the theme, "Why stand ye... idle?" Eskimo scenes and heart-searching individual messages were portrayed in the various prayer group booths. Each of the eleven booths carried its individual theme presenting the urgency of the hour.

Guest missionaries for the service were: Wesley R. Hurst, promotional secretary of the Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Department; Norman Correll, Global Conquest representative; Marcella Dorff, missionary to Java, Indonesia; Martha Jacobson, missionary to Nigeria, West Africa; Melvin Jorgenson, missionary to the Republic of Congo; Monroe and Betty Grams, missionaries to Bolivia; and James King, home missions representative from Long Prairie, Minn. God met graciously with the students, faculty, and friends. Many students were drawn closer to God and received calls for full-time service both at home and abroad.

Skits, colored slides, and several films were presented to encourage the students to catch the vision of the needs of the harvest field. College musical units proved to be a blessing.

PAUL J. EMERY, SR., NEW PRESIDENT AT NBI

GREEN LANE, PA.—At a recent meeting of the Board of Regents of the Northeast Bible Institute, Paul J. Emery, Sr., was elected to serve as president of the school. He is succeeding President Robert Moore who tendered his resignation due to the health of his wife.

President Emery comes from a Pentecostal background. His mother was one of the first in the Ohio District to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Both his parents served as missionaries to Africa.

The newly elected president received his theological training at the Bethel Bible Training School in Newark, N. J., and Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Mo. He was graduated in 1930. After further studies at Wheaton College he continued at Youngstown University where he received the



Paul J. Emery, Sr.

Bachelor of Science degree in Education.

President Emery's preaching ministry began in 1926. After being licensed in 1930 he was ordained in 1933. Under his ministry three churches were opened in the state of Indiana. His pastorates include Findlay, Ohio, Benton

Harbor, Michigan, Warren and Dayton, Ohio. He spent a total of twenty-six years as a pastor in these three states.

Besides his pastoral ministry, President Emery has served in many capacities on the District and National levels. They include the following: state C. A. officer, presbyter, home missions director; assistant district superintendent; and district secretary-treasurer. He served eight years on the national board of education of the Assemblies of God, seven of which were spent on the executive committee.

President Emery has had wide experience in the field of pastoral counseling and has specialized in Sunday school organization and promotion. His wife Dorothy has worked with him in many aspects of the church and district activities. For the past five years Mrs. Emery has served as WMC president of the Ohio District.

Gymnasium Dedicated at SCC

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—During the forty-fourth annual council of the Southern California District, General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman and District Superintendent L. E. Halvorson formally dedicated the new Southern California College student center-gymnasium.

This latest edition to the SCC campus is a multi-purpose facility valued in excess of \$200,000. The building contains, in addition to a beautiful cherry-wood gym floor and athletic facilities, offices for student council, missionary council, yearbook staff, and an all-club room. There is also a prayer

room, a game room, and two lounges.

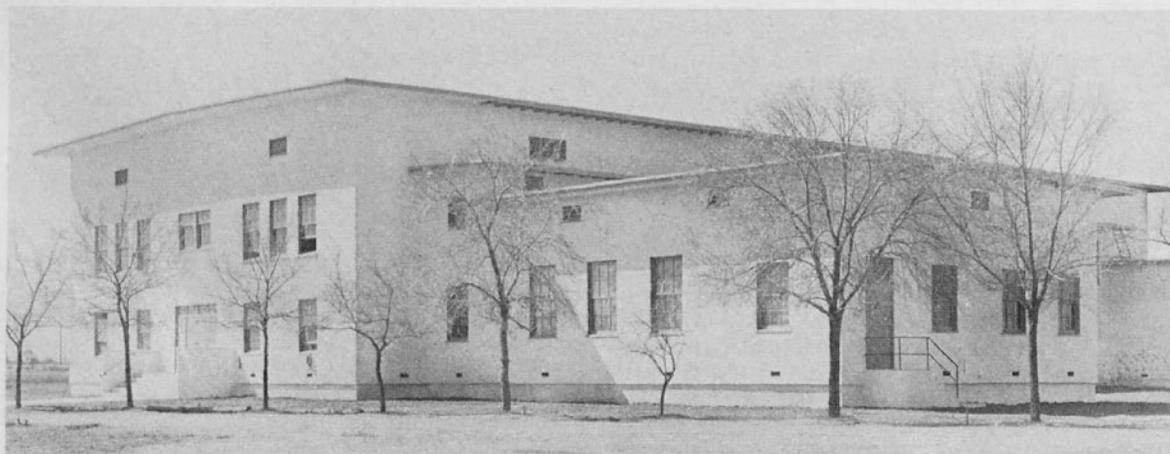
The trophy lounge is a place of informal visiting. This area, decorated in mahogany paneling, contains the college trophies and a mosaic of the nearby harbor. The larger lounge is known as the Viking Room. The decor of the Viking Room is Danish Modern. It contains a beautiful oil painting by Jerry Knibbe; a grand piano for musical events; and a four-by-ten-foot wrought-iron Viking ship mounted on the main wall.

Southern California College is a four-year liberal arts college of the Assemblies of God. This new facility will strengthen the academic program of all three of the college's majors; liberal arts, teacher education, and Bible.

By placing a canvas over the gym floor over 1,000 can be accommodated for large meetings such as district councils and the district summer Bible conference.



L. E. Halvorson (right) and college officials cut the ribbon to open the gymnasium at Southern California College.



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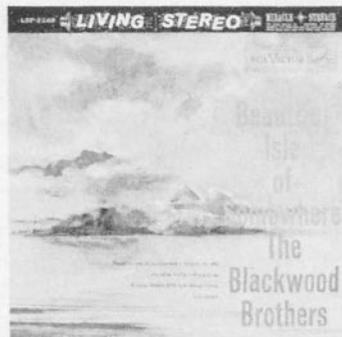


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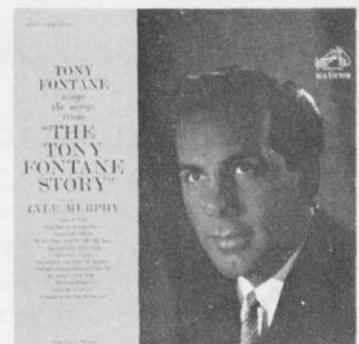


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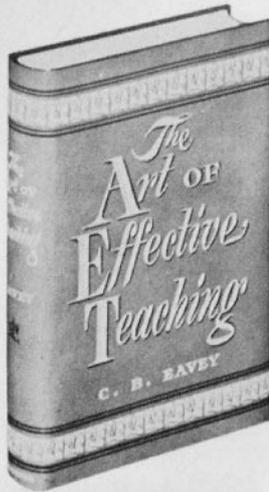
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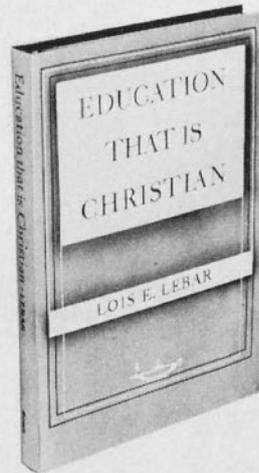
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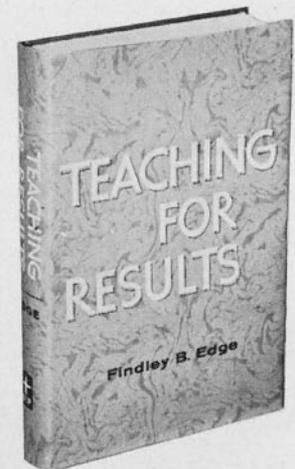
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FAITH

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She would analyze her faith. *God could do anything.* Bea had no doubt about that. Then, she reasoned, if God could do anything, He could heal her. So Bea decided upon a new prayer approach. This time, as she finished her customary prayer, she did not ask for relief from the pain. Tonight she prayed, "Father, I ask that you will make it possible for me to walk without my cane." Then in the confidence of God's love and care over her, she drifted off to sleep.

In the morning she awoke at the usual time. Outwardly, she felt no different. She dreaded to face another day of hobbling about with agonizing pain. Pulling herself up in the bed, her hand reached out for the cane hooked over the chair by her bed, then froze in space. The words she had prayed came vividly to mind, *Help me to walk without using my cane.* If she took that cane now, it would be just the same as admitting she did not believe God—that she did not have faith that He could heal her.

"I asked God for healing, now I must believe that He can do it!" she scolded herself.

Slowly easing her feet to the floor, she stood up with her hand on the chair for support. Yes, pain was still there, but (was she imagining it?) the pain seemed less this morning.

"Thank you, Lord, for healing," she whispered in gratitude.

Without her cane she succeeded in reaching her kitchenette and preparing breakfast. She made her bed and did the few housekeeping chores her room demanded. The cane was never out of sight, but Bea resisted every temptation to reach for it.

"Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord." She repeated it many times that day, conscious that every hour she walked unaided was a victory.

That night, with a heart full of thanksgiving that healing had begun, she went to bed with a new sense of assurance.

This was the first of several days of continued improvement. Three weeks later Bea's knees and feet were normal, and she was completely free of pain. The cane was thrown away.

This is a true story. It happened in December, 1960. "I know my healing was a direct answer to prayer," Bea told me. "I think I would have been healed sooner if I had had more faith; but, you see, as I was praying for relief from pain, I continued to rely on my cane and to act in the same way as if I had not prayed at all."

Her face brightened suddenly. "When I *acted with faith*, things started happening for me and I began to get well. Jesus said, 'And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.' The trouble was, I did not believe—not really. It has taken me all these years to discover the real meaning of our Lord's words."

From the happy glow on her face, I knew Bea would never forget it. ◀◀

SICKNESS

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and means to distribute or to portion out. Thus He rewards the diligent seeker by divinely imparting an inner witness or understanding—"the substance of things hoped for."

But faith is not some master key by which, having once received it, one is able to unlock every door from that moment on. Paul often used faith to work miracles and healings but when he had a thorn in the flesh he did not smite it with what so many folk call faith. He did not demand it to disappear, in the Name of the Lord, or take a verse from the Old Testament and claim it as his own for healing. Instead, diligently and repeatedly he sought the Lord for a *divine infusion* of faith to his soul so that he could command the thorn to go according to the Word of the Lord! Then, instead of an empowering infusion, he received a sufficiency of grace! He had kept on seeking God for a *word*—and it had come plain, clear, and direct!

But it is wrong to say it is not the will of God to heal you, unless you like Paul have received a direct word from the Lord. Have you that word? If so, you will be either submissive in sickness and content with the fact you are in the hands of a kind heavenly Father, or endowed with a divine impartation of faith and ready to send for your local pastor to anoint and pray for you. (Remember it is not some outstanding person who will heal you, but Christ.)

It is not difficult to receive a word from the Holy Spirit. There is no need of any emotion or high-pressured effort to have faith. Jesus did not work on people's emotions when they were sick. He spoke a word—a divine Word—in an atmosphere of peace. Suffering hearers knew what to do and, in doing it, they were made whole.

Get alone somewhere with your Bible. Calmly, but diligently, seek the Lord. Stay quiet for a time after reading some of His blessed promises. Let them soak into your soul; yield your mind over to God, asking for a word—an assurance direct from Himself to you. When it comes into your soul, yield yet more fully to His Spirit and hear His blessed voice. According to His Word, it will come to pass; assuredly that which God has promised **MUST** come, for He is faithful.

THE MAKER'S PROCESS

I was reading about a woman who had experienced a sudden tragedy. The heartache was so crushing and her sorrow so bitter that she spoke aloud, "I wish I'd never been made."

Her friend, in what appears to be divine wisdom, whispered, "My dear, you are not made yet. You're only being made and this is the Maker's process."

We can let God take our troubles and make out of them a garment of Christian fortitude which, while warming our own souls, will also inspire others.

—ROBERT V. OZMENT, in *Redemption Tidings*



RÉSISTEZ!

IN THE LATE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY IN THE TOWN of Aigues-Mortes in Southern France, a girl named Marie Durant was brought before the authorities, charged with the Huguenot heresy. She was fourteen years old, bright, attractive, marriageable. She was asked to abjure the Huguenot faith. She was not asked to commit any immoral act, to become a criminal, or even to change the day-to-day quality of her behavior. She was only asked to say, "*J'abjure.*" No more, no less. She did not comply. Together with thirty other Huguenot women she was put into a tower by the sea.

It is not much to say *J'abjure*. It slides rather readily over the lips. It seems a small price to pay for the sweetness of youth and the dignity of marriage, for a house full of children and a place by the village well and the respect and love of neighbors. But the girl said no. For thirty-eight years she continued to say it. She would not renounce her faith. And instead of the hated word *J'abjure* she, together with her fellow-martyrs, scratched on the wall of the prison tower the single word *Résistez*, resist!

The word is still seen and gaped at by the tourists on the stone wall at Aigues-Mortes, but for us of another day it is as inexplicable as the mood of the Apocalypse. We do not understand the terrifying simplicity of a religious commitment which asks nothing of

time and gets nothing from time. We can understand a religion which enhances time by altering the attitudes and behavior of people. But we cannot understand a faith which is not nourished by the temporal hope that tomorrow things will be better. To sit in a prison room with thirty others and to see the day change into night and summer into autumn, to feel the slow systemic changes within one's flesh: the drying and wrinkling of the skin, the loss of muscle tone, the stiffening of the joints, the slow stupefaction of the senses—to feel all this and still to persevere seems almost idiotic to a generation which has no capacity to wait and to endure. . . .

Living as we do in the age of cataclysmic hatreds and unholly loves as well as of monumental indifference, when we cannot bestir ourselves either to hate or love, we ought to get one simple matter straight. To be a Christian today is to be a fellow of Christ's passion. It is to be a *confessor* in the ancient sense, that is, a man who takes his position regardless of the consequences. It is to be hot. In this ongoing night in which again and again He is betrayed, it is not to betray. Now and then frightened and confused and doubting and stupid and selfish—to be all these perhaps—but not to relinquish the first love, not to cool, not to betray. This is what the Apocalypse wants to tell us.

—KARL A. OLSSON in *Passion*, recently published by Harper & Row, New York.