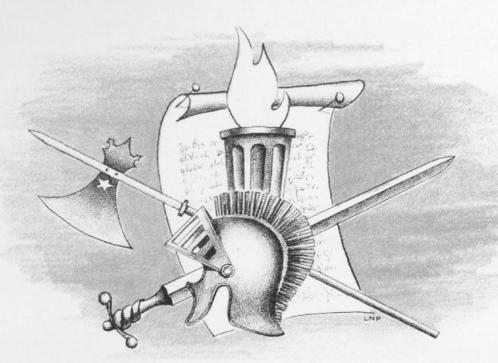
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O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; to see thy power and thy glory.... -Psalm 63:1, 2



Kom Faith Works

Like any great force, faith works by laws or principles. Look at them, and make them work for you.

By J. ROBERT ASHCROFT

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FAITH MAKES ALL THINGS POSSIBLE; LOVE MAKES ALL things easy. To catch the essence of faith and let it work will produce the otherwise impossible. Faith works by love. These forces, the greatest in the universe, can solve any problem. Like any great force, faith works by laws or principles. Look at them! Make them work!

FAITH SEES

Get the picture! If you can't see it you can't have it! Get the vision! Without the vision—the people perish. But, make it practical. Visualize the objective. Change the dream into a clearly defined scheme. Stop wishing. Start believing. What is the difference?

Many people wished they could cross the San Francisco bay channel. An engineer had the vision—he put it into blueprints. That's faith with its sleeves rolled up. That's getting the dream into overalls—going to work. It is so easy to confuse wishing with faith. Faith puts the dream on paper. Put your aim on paper. See it as a genuine possibility. All things are possible to them that believe.

FAITH FIGHTS

Faith refuses to accept anything that is less than the aim. The wish fades in the fight, but faith hangs on in the test. Faith works only on the impossible; therefore it anticipates discouragement, despair, difficulty. Sometimes the enemy of faith is the easy! Attention is diverted by pastimes, pleasures.

So it was with Moses. Life offered him a palace instead of his life purpose. He refused! Life offered him comfort instead of his conviction. He refused! He fought through. That's a key to the hidden power.

Faith fights frustration. Faith fixes on the vision turned into workable drawings. It hammers out in the experimental laboratory of life all the raw materials for building the "bridge." It takes time! Faith is not magic. It is supernatural. It combines the will of God and the will of man. Man says, "God, you can if you will." God says, "Man, I will if you believe." The *super* and the *natural* get together and up comes the miracle.

Faith is a clear picture of the target with the intervening steps laid out. The impossible is reached by taking each step that is possible. The later steps become possible only because the early steps have been taken. Take the first one. Get the clear picture! Is it a healing? Is it the salvation of a loved one? Is it some need that is difficult to meet? Focus the lens of your whole being on the target.

FAITH SPEAKS

The believer talks to himself. He tells himself victory is sure. He does not let his feelings decide. He forces the issues of his heart to accept the facts of the vision, and not the difficulties of the way. Like the woman with the issue of blood who came to touch the hem of the garment of Jesus—she "said within herself." That's talking to yourself. It is said that people who talk to themselves are crazy! Well, all who attempt the impossible are out of this world. They are God's choice servants.

Faith talks to others. It says, "I am on my way. I'm headed for a City. I'm getting to Jesus. I'm on my way." Faith refuses to listen to doubt.

The great old hymn read:

Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees And looks to God alone. Laughs at impossibilities and cries, "It shall be done!"

Jesus indicated that faith talks. He said, "Whosoever shall say...shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass...." So, faith is a talking quality of life. Over this function of life we have volitional control. Talk to everyone your faith. Talk to your heart, to your friends. Let your faith be known. Stake out a claim. Don't back down. You're on your way!

FAITH PERSEVERES

Moses endured. It takes time to combine all the components of some answers to prayer! Take a new church for example. It doesn't drop from heaven. There are the will, the decisions, the architect, the finance, the contractor. All the components—months, maybe years—then the reality on dedication day. That's a temporal illustration easily visualized. All achievements take their developmental time. We can hurry some things along but most must follow a path to fulfillment.

It took 40 years for Moses' vision to be fulfilled. Abraham waited many years. He was strong in faith, Paul tells us. Everyone must hang on to his dream. Perhaps tenacity is a big factor in faith.

Let's get on with the believing. Follow these steps: (1) Draw or write the detailed picture. (2) Fight all enemies to the fulfillment of the vision. (3) Talk to your heart and your friends, and shut your ears to fear, doubt, and half achievement! (4) Hold on. Don't give up in the fight or the test of patience.

You are ready for great achievement!

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A Good Word for **PREACHING**

BY VANCE HAVNER

"WE DON'T WANT SERMONS," SAY THE PROGRAM CHAIRmen of many religious meetings today, as well as many editors of religious periodicals, and leaders of youth meetings. Sermons are no longer a drawing card. "Show a film, or have a celebrity on the platform to pack the house. Then maybe the preacher can give a gospel message." But plain old-fashioned preaching cannot stand on its own, to hear some people tell it. It must have a crutch to get along.

My Bible does not say, "How shall they hear without a brass band?" It says, "How shall they hear without a preacher?" If preaching won't do God's work, nothing will. Of course, the size of the crowd has become the standard gauge of successful preaching, but that yardstick is not found in the Book. Nor was the supreme test impressive statistical results. We have fallen upon all sorts of carnal devices to pack the house with the argument that the end justifies the means. It is an admission that we have failed to follow the New Testament pattern.

God's method is to use a Spirit-filled church. Rather than pay the price of being Spirit-filled we substitute false fire and worldly expedients.

It is not the duty of the preacher to fill the house; it is his business to fill the pulpit. The church members should fill the house by being there themselves and bringing others.

Lacking a Spirit-filled membership, fervent soul winning, and a separated testimony, we are hard pressed to devise other means to secure the desired ends. Of course, the preacher may also be at fault in the state of his heart or the content of his message, and he may need to build a fire under the pulpit in order to warm up the church. But preaching is still the appointed means, and although we are in a day when men will not endure sound doctrine but have ear itch, instead of heartburn, let us not forget that the command in that very connection is "Preach the Word!"

God manifests His Word and His will through preaching. Let us hope and pray that the people of God will grow weary of stones and seek bread. We do not better ourselves by aspersions cast on great preaching or by lowrating pulpit giants of a past generation; we could use a few today.

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Humility Rewarded

Gordon Watt, in one of his books, tells of a government official in India who was engaged in irrigation work. The official came to the proprietor of a certain field and told him he was going to make it fruitful. The proprietor answered, "You need not attempt to do anything with my field; it is barren and will produce nothing."

The official replied, "I can make your field richly fruitful if it only lies low enough."

If we are willing to lower ourselves and be truly humble in God's sight, He will pour His streams of blessing into our lives. Salvation, healing, and spiritual power will flow down from heaven into any heart that is low enough. But water flows down, not up. The low ground is always greenest.

The story of Christ's earthly ministry is replete with examples of humble folk who received His healing touch. One of these is the Syrophenician woman (Matthew 15:21-28). She asked Jesus to deliver her daughter of a tormenting demon, but He told her that His healing ministry was only for the house of Israel, the children of the Kingdom. "It is not meet to take the children's bread," He said, "and give it unto dogs."

She might have taken this as an insult; but instead she used it as an invitation. "Truth, Lord," she answered, "yet the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." When Jesus saw her take this lowly place He said, "O woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt." Her faith was great because it was mixed with much humility.

It is possible to have faith that can move mountains, without having the kind of faith that moves God. The apostle said, "Though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:2). The faith that moves God is not a brazen faith, but a meek faith. It is marked by self-abasement, a broken spirit, and a sense of unworthiness.

When we come to God in prayer, let us not use the Bible promises as clubs as though we could force the Lord to do something He is reluctant to do. Neither let us march proudly into His presence wearing robes of self-rightéousness as though we could merit His favor. It flatters the ego to suppose we have some inalienable rights to God's blessing. It gratifies the flesh to think we have some dictatorial authority by which to demand certain privileges of the Lord. Our heavenly Father is so kind and patient that He often grants our requests in spite of this presumptuous attitude on our part, but Peter prescribes the clothing we should wear when we enter the court of the King of kings. "Be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5).

If we are well-trained children of our heavenly Father we do not make a demand of Him-we make a request. We respectfully ask a favor. None of us deserves the least of God's favors; and yet He has invited us to come boldly to His throne of grace, to obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us come boldly, but humbly, recognizing His holiness, justice, and almighty power, and also remembering that He is a loving Father. He loves to bless the humble ones. When we get low enough we shall receive from Him the help, the healing, and all the things we need. -R. C. C.

HOW TO BE SAVED

It took an earthquake to make the Philippian jailkeeper concerned about his personal salvation. What will it take to awaken the lost today?

THIS IS ONE OF THE OLDEST QUESTIONS IN THE WORLD. "What must I do to be saved?" the jailer at Philippi asked. He had become alarmed at the thought of his sins, and perhaps you have, too.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," was Paul's answer.

Still not clear? Not surprising, perhaps; but the following will help. To believe on Christ is: (1) To feel your need of Him. (2) To believe that He is able and willing to save you, and to save you *now*. (3) To cast yourself unreservedly on Christ's mercy, trusting in Him alone for salvation.

1. You must realize you need to be saved.

You do not send for a physician until you feel sick. It was only when over-confident Peter—walking on the water in imitation of Christ—began to sink, that he cried, "Lord, save me!" Just so, an unsaved person never seeks Christ in the right way until he *really feels* wretched and lost. We "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

You cannot feel your need? Then you are lost indeed! Whose fault is it that you do not feel? When severe sickness gets hold of you, you can feel fear. When a dear friend has died, you can feel sorrow. But when you think of your sins, can you feel no shame? And when you think of the sinless Christ nailed to the cross in your place, can you feel no sorrow? When you remember the fearful judgment toward which you are rushing, do you feel no alarm?

But you say, "I do feel—at least in some degree that I am a guilty and undone sinner. This will not save me, will it?" No, for thousands have felt this and perished. But feeling guilty will help if it leads you to take the second step.

2. You must believe Christ can save you.

Perhaps Satan has been telling you that Christ is not able to save such a great sinner as you are. That's a lie. You may be a great sinner, but Christ is an *almighty* Saviour, "able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him."

A *dead* Christ upon the cross, although He died for your sins, could never save you. But the risen, living, interceding Son of God *can*. Believe this. You must believe it before you can fully trust Him—just as the man on the roof of a burning house trusts the fireman's strong ladder which is thrust up to him, and so descends in safety.

Believe, too, that Christ is willing to save. To believe otherwise would offend Him. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

The God who gave His Son is surely willing to save. And Christ Himself confirms this for He says: "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out." To such a gracious welcome do you unbelievingly reply: "O Lord, I cannot think that you would receive a person like me, if I should come"? In effect, you do say *just that*, as long as you hold to the idea that you are too sinful to hope for pardon.

Perhaps you have thought that Christ would be willing to save you after a few more days or weeks spent in praying and weeping and growing better. That's what the devil wants you to think! *And you are growing no better*. While you refuse Christ's invitations, you are surely doing nothing to gain His favor! Until you *act* on His promise and *accept* His invitation, you will never be saved.

You ask: "Does not the sinner who is ready to submit to the Saviour feel more fit than before? And is not Christ more willing to pardon him?" No, the sinner feels less fit, for he knows that his sins have been increasing every moment up to that time. And Christ has always been *willing*. Why keep Him *waiting*?

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A World Conference Address-

Called toWorld Evangelization

-By Donald Gee

THE STIRRING THEME ANNOUNCED FOR THIS SEVENTH Pentecostal World Conference is World Evangelization. Our Lord's last recorded words come immediately to mind—"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." In them He affirms the connection between Pentecost and evangelization. The promised power from on High was to result in worldwide witness to Himself.

In some measure at least in this Pentecostal revival of the 20th century we have seen this fulfilled. This testimony now stretches from Alaska in the north to Patagonia in the south, and from Ghana in the west to Indonesia in the east. It is estimated that it embraces 10 millions of Christians. But when, over two years ago at a meeting in Hamburg, Germany, your advisory committee fixed this theme for the next World Conference, they had a deep conviction that they were being led by the Spirit of God. We must evangelize or miserably fail as a revival. We have only just begun.

INTROSPECTION MAY BE DAMAGING

One of the most subtle temptations of the spiritual life is to become introverted. There are those who consider that these World Conferences should give more time to waiting upon God. I think these friends confuse a great World Conference with a local assembly. There is a time and place for everything. In the upper room on the Day of Pentecost there were only 120.

By all means let us provide opportunities for prayerfully seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit. That is always opportune. But it is possible, through lack of understanding, to expect from such a world gathering that which it is not fitted to supply. The mystic will not find much to his taste in these meetings, and he should be neither critical nor proud. There is a very natural excitement on occasions like these that is quite lawful. Later on we can separate to our homes with renewed hunger for the living God born out of a holy convocation that can inspire us to seek greater revival in the secret place.

World evangelization is spiritually healthy and promotes spiritual health. This may be incidental, but it is none the worse for that. Many of us must have met unhealthy and fanatical little groups of people who have only got into that condition because they have neglected world evangelization. In many cases in this Pentecostal revival they have concentrated far too much on spiritual gifts and met only for speaking in tongues and prophetical ministry. In other cases they occupy themselves with hardly anything but the study of far-fetched schools of prophetic theories. These tendencies usually lead to isolated groups that become little more than religious clubs. World evangelization is a healthy Pentecostal cure for all these spiritual perversions. A longing for the salvation of the lost will save our own souls. In this also we die to live.

EVANGELISM MUST HAVE PRIORITY

One of the most exciting phenomena at this time is the charismatic revival in the older denominations. It has become front-page news, even when it is opposed. We of the older sections of the revival are delighted at what God is doing. Its magnitude is increasing continually, and it is touching sections of the church that we might have thought were invulnerable to such things. Yet once again we would say with deep respect and utmost love that we hope these new Pentecostals will keep balanced. It is inevitable that there is a prominence given to speaking with tongues for which the press is largely responsible. And for the present there is the glamor of novelty. But we are sure that God intends more than a cult of tongues. The ultimate must once again be world evangelization if this new penetration is to be spiritually healthy and fulfill the will of God. Spiritual gifts must be a means to an end, and never an end in themselves.



As Donald Gee preached at the World Conference, the interpreter (at left) translated his sermon into Finnish.

This was the keynote message at the Pentecostal World Conference in Helsinki, Finland, June 23, 1964. Donald Gee, chairman of the advisory committee, was one of the presiding ministers during the conference.

Yet we remind ourselves that even evangelism can become a cult that we pursue for its own sake rather than the glory of God. It contains a deep personal satisfaction. That certainly is not wrong. The angels rejoice before God over one sinner repenting. But it is possible to love evangelism (even as we can love teaching or prophesying or healing) more than we love souls. A successful evangelistic ministry can bring us many of the things that the natural man craves, such as fame, money, popularity, opportunity for world travel, or the satisfying of personal ambition. These things are not wrong in themselves, but they become wrong when they are pursued for their own sakes. The sanctification of the preacher lies in an evangelism that is dyed blood red not only with a doctrine of the precious blood of Christ but also with the sacrificial life of those who lift up Christ. I think it was R. W. Dale of Birmingham who said that to properly preach the cross of Christ we have to be on it. In Paul's classic words-"I am crucified with Christ." It meant death to individualism. World evangelization is the work of the whole Church. Great personal campaigns have a proved value up to a point. But it is the Church or more correctly the local churches, that are revealed as the divine plan for world evangelization.

MAKING DISCIPLES IS THE GOAL

Finally, and most important of all, we must put the greatest possible content into the word "evangelization." The word should be packed with meaning. We only obey our Lord's command when we make disciples of all nations by teaching them to observe all the things that He commanded. We have to form assemblies of disciples, and that alone is world evangelization in the true sense. We can be more anxious to cover ground than to possess it for Christ.

The gifts and grace of the Holy Spirit are the divine equipment for this. For that reason we continue unflinchingly loyal to our distinctive testimony to the baptism in the Holy Spirit as a real experience for believers subsequent to regeneration. Therefore when I am asked what I consider to be the supreme need of the Pentecostal revival in this hour, my simple answer is that we should be *more Pentecostal*.

Throughout the older denominations there is a hunger for more of the Holy Spirit. In a few weeks' time the World Presbyterian Alliance will be meeting in Frankfurt, Germany, and their appointed theme is "Come, Creator Spirit." James McCord has affirmed (and I quote) "that a vacuum exists in the life of the Church, and the churches' renewal through a fresh outpouring of the Spirit is necessary. It is a question that can no longer be postponed. It has become commonplace to lament the absence of emphasis upon the Holy Spirit in theology and the life of the church."

This World Pentecostal Conference can humbly rejoice before God for the measure in which it is helping to fill that vacuum. This new penetration of spiritual gifts into the older denominations also is part of the answer. But much more is needed. In consecrating ourselves this week to the *call of world evangelization* we are sure that we are moving under the direction of the Holy Spirit.



Could a person have a gift of the Spirit and not have the fruit of the Spirit?

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance (Galatians 5:22, 23). To bring forth the fruit of the Spirit requires walking in the Spirit. If we let the flesh rule, we bring forth the works of the flesh, and eventually wrath (Galatians 5:19-21). Exercise of spiritual gifts alone is not an evidence of spiritual living.

Paul said, "And make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof" (Romans 13:14). What does this mean?

The context would indicate that it refers to fleshly indulgences of an extreme kind ("not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying"). We should not allow ourselves to indulge in these ways. Instead we should develop ("put on") the characteristics of Jesus Christ. We should imitate Him.

Will our souls lie with our bodies in the grave until Jesus comes, or will they live on consciously after the death of the body?

There are those who believe that both soul and body lie in the grave to await the resurrection. This is described as "soul sleeping." More universally, the Church believes that at death the soul leaves the body and is carried up into Paradise (see 2 Corinthians 5:1-13; 12:1-4; Luke 16:22, 23).

It is correct to say the *body* sleeps in the grave, but not the soul. Jesus promised, "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish" (John 10:28). "To be absent from the body" is "to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8).

In John 1:35-37, John the Baptist pointed Andrew to Jesus, the Lamb of God. Then Andrew found Peter and led him to Jesus. In Matthew 4:18-20, Jesus found Peter and Andrew casting their net into the sea and said, "Follow me." Please explain the discrepancy in these accounts.

As best I understand, John was at the zenith of his ministry when he announced, "Behold the Lamb of God," causing Andrew and another disciple (believed to be John) to follow Jesus to where He dwelt. They sought Peter and brought him also to Jesus. It is probable that they were entertained by Jesus overnight (v. 39). At this time Jesus had not begun His public ministry.

In Matthew 4:17 Jesus had begun His public ministry and now He called Simon, Andrew, James, and John, whom He had already met, to forsake all and follow Him (Matthew 4:18-22). There is no discrepancy.

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



Witchcraft devices and African gambling materials are burned publicly by transformed converts.



Light-for-the-Lost literature is distributed near gospel tent, Hundreds attend the tent meetings in Bechuanaland.

Another New Field

By E. E. Shaffer

MISSIONARY TO BECHUANALAND

BECHUANALAND IS A BRITISH PROTECTORATE IN SOUTHern Africa of 294,020 square miles. Most of it is sparsely populated, especially the Kalahari Desert Area. The part of the country which is suitable for raising cattle is fairly well settled with most of the people grouped into villages.

For many years Bechuanaland has been closed to Pentecostals and to almost all other evangelical bodies. A few years ago one of our African ministers went to the village of Serowe, the largest in southern Africa, but was forbidden to preach. He was later put in prison for conducting church services.

Through the United Nations, evangelicals attempted to gain entrance into Bechuanaland but did not succeed.

In April, 1963, John Richards, Samuel Makhaola, and I went to Lobatsi and Gaberones to interview the local commissioners. We described for them what had happened in Pretoria, capital of the Republic of South Africa. Thousands had attended our campaigns there, with hundreds responding to the gospel message. *Tsotsie* criminals, harlots, thieves, and others testified of being delivered and many people were healed. Attendance and membership of the local church in that city greatly increased.

Impressed with this report, the commissioners invited us to erect tents for the campaigns. Brother Richards pitched his tent in Lobatsi and I took mine to Gaberones, Bechuanaland's new capital. Global Conquest provided funds for my expenses and Light-for-the-Lost provided the literature which was distributed. Hundreds attended the meetings.

Policemen were converted. Articles of witchcraft and stolen goods were turned in. Crime decreased in both Gaberones and Lobatsi. Miracles of healing brought people from near and far. After prayer, one man, a relative of his village chief, was healed of paralysis. When we took him back to his village, the chief and elders were amazed to see him walk with us into the chief's court. They asked many questions about his healing.

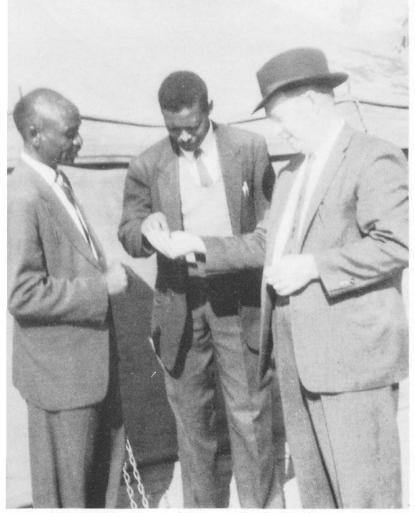
A Christian woman who was converted in South Africa and who owns a shop in a village about 50 miles from Gaberones, attended the campaign. She asked us to hold meetings in her village, promising that she would invite friends and would try to establish a local church. When Brother Richards and Brother Makhaola arrived at her village they found more than 200 people waiting to hear the gospel. Many of them accepted Christ.

After the first month of meetings in Bechuanaland we were allocated a choice site for a church near the new government house in Gaberones. We expect to start building the church within a few weeks.

Other opportunities for our ministry are opening. The commissioner of a large town in a strategic location has invited us to conduct a campaign there. One of the police officials who was extremely kind and helpful in the Gaberones campaign has been transferred to a town on the border between Southwest Africa and Bechuanaland. He is willing to help arrange a campaign there.

A police constable has invited us to come to a town near the Kalahari Desert and is prepared to make all arrangements. The Secretary for Townships has asked me to come to his office to select a church site in a densely populated area f a new township in Lobatsi. I am making application now and am praying that the Lord will provide funds for a church there. This is an urgent matter.

We believe we are on the threshold of great oppor-



African ministers and Missionary E. E. Shaffer examine stolen diamond handed in by repentant thief.

tunities. Missionaries Fred Burke, John Richards, and I are launching a coordinated effort to reach the youth of Bechuanaland. We are giving special emphasis to the use of audio-visual helps—such as filmstrips and tape recordings.

It seems to us that we have most of the ingredients of a well-balanced program. We have correspondence courses in progress; we have Speed-the-Light equipment; African Bible Training Institute in the Republic of South Africa is willing to help us with personnel; tape recorders and projection equipment are on hand; evangelistic literature is available. All these aids, used prayerfully, assure us that the gospel in Bechuanaland will prosper. What we lack is a church building in which to consolidate and permanently establish the new converts.

We need your help and prayers now. Bechuanaland is a country of much political agitation which is likely to increase as independence nears. If the church is not firmly established soon we risk losing our foothold in this needy land. If you can help, please send an offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Designate it: "E. E. Shaffer, Church Building."

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No Medicine but Prayer

By ADELINE WICHMAN and PAULINE SMITH MISSIONARIES TO GHANA

"BOYS WILL BE BOYS" ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, AND eight-year-old Wintuum was no exception. Walking home with his father, Pastor Daniel, he lagged behind to explore every place along the bush path that might be hiding a bird, a rabbit, or any other thing.

He lacked the caution that comes with age and experience and grabbed up an intriguing bunch of dried grass. Something stabbed him in the left thumb and he shook it off as he tossed away the grass.

His father arrived home without him. When Wintuum did not appear after a long time, the man returned to find him. Wintuum was sitting by the road crying. To his father's inquiries he replied he had a "pain in his stomach" for, child-fashion, he feared he would be punished for delaying. When they reached home, he said the pain was in his thumb and he "thought" a scorpion had bitten him.

Pastor Daniel examined the thumb and found the unmistakable evidence that Wintuum had been bitten by a poisonous snake. He had unwittingly picked up the snake in the grass. Quite some time had elapsed by now, and the pain and swelling had spread from the thumb to the hand and then to the arm.

It was a dark night. There was not even a bush road to their village and no way to summon medical help except by bicycle, which meant a long and tedious ride. But they knew One who is not limited by space and who can be reached in any time of need. And in their helplessness they came to Him.

With love and faith in God that left no place for fear, they simply asked for His help. He did not fail. By the next morning the distress was gone, even though the swelling remained for several days.

Almost three weeks passed before we saw Wintuum. His arm and hand were normal, but his little thumb was still about three times its normal size and looked very "angry" around the region of the bite. However, this did not bother Wintuum a bit. Now, two weeks later, the thumb is perfectly normal. New skin is the only remaining sign of the near-fatal bite.

Kukparigu, a humble village with not even a road leading to it, and Wintuum, a little Ghanaian boy: both are unknown to very many outside their own community. But both are known to the God who planned that they hear and receive the gospel of salvation in Christ. And they have been visited by the Lord in a very real, modern-day miracle.

Shoshone-Bannock INDIAN CRUSADE SUCCESSFUL in Fort Hall, Idaho

CAPACITY CROWDS JAMMED THE AUDITORIUM OF THE INdian Assembly of God in Fort Hall, Idaho, the second week of the Shoshone-Bannock Indian Crusade conducted May 13-25.

Many Indian people heard the gospel for the first time and numbers found Christ as Saviour. Nearly every night the meeting closed with a great prayer service during which everyone present knelt beside his seat. The closing night was climaxed with a great dedication service at the altar.

The idea for the Crusade was born in the heart of Missionary Jack Bennett last February, and his burden spread to Indian members of his church. Although he planned the first week of meetings especially for his own people, the second week of the Crusade was an all-out effort to reach the unsaved of the reservation.

Marrles Moore, an Assemblies of God Sioux Indian evangelist of South Dakota, was called as the Crusade speaker. Harry Downey of Pocatello, Idaho, a veteran Congo missionary, conducted Bible studies at 5 p.m. on three days.

On May 14, prior to the opening of the second week of meetings, gospel literature (tracts supplied by the National Home Missions Department) and printed invitations, bearing the picture of the speaker in full Indian dress, were sent to every Indian home represented on the tribal mailing list. Madge Johnson, Melissa Johnson and Dorothy Baker served as the mailing committee.

Brother Bennett engaged the new Fort Hall Community Center for one day for a special service.



Jack Bennett, shown with his family, is pastor of the Indian Assembly in Fort Hall, Idaho.

The Indian Christians displayed invitations in all the stores in the area. Two radio stations and two newspapers announced the Crusade. On Sunday afternoon, May 17, just before the all-out Crusade, church young people left invitations and literature at every home in Fort Hall. While all this preparation was in progress, the Indian Christians prayed earnestly for the success of the effort.

On the "big day" (May 19) Brother Moore ministered to 350 to 400 persons in the large auditorium of the Community Center. A number of ministers and people from other churches in the area also attended. After the first service at 5 p.m., all enjoyed a delicious stew dinner, cake and coffee which had been prepared by Sister Bennett and a number of Indian women. The Indian Christians themselves financed this meal.

The Idaho Falls Assembly choir, directed by Mr. Joe Dugone, ministered in song in the evening service. Each minister present testified. Before the message, Brother Moore sang, "Just a Closer Walk with Thee."

In response to the altar call a number of Indian people came to seek the Lord. Several were healed in answer to prayer. Many who heard the gospel that day came to the meetings held the five following days in the Indian Assembly.

Brother Bennett reports that the people are still talking about this great Crusade and beneficial results of every kind are evident. He feels that more souls yet may find Christ as a direct consequence of their contact with the gospel during the Crusade.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Downey participated in the Crusade. Center: Helen Bennett knelt beside Indian women at the altar as her husband prayed over them. Marrles Moore (right), a Sioux Indian evangelist, was speaker for the Indian Crusade.

HOW TO BE SAVED

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3. You must put all your hope in Christ.

Renounce, then, all hope of saving yourself. Have you not already done all that you could to save yourself —and in vain? Perhaps you have tried to think of something more to do in order to obtain hope and forgiveness. Friend, it is not any righteousness of yours that will save you. But trusting in Christ's righteousness will. Just stop doing. Begin to trust Christ to do it all, and you will be safe.

Suppose a man is rowing his boat on a river, just above a fearful cataract. The current begins to bear him downward. Spectators on the banks urge him to row harder—then give him up for lost. "He is gone!" they cry. But just at the last moment a rope is thrown out. It strikes the water near the boat! Now the advice from the shore is different. "Drop your oars," they shout. "Take hold of the rope." And they are right. The man cannot save himself; but another can save him, and does.

Just so, all the sinner's hope lies not in struggling to save himself, but in ceasing to struggle. As long as he has any expectation of accomplishing his own salvation, just so long will he refuse to look to Christ to do it for him. "Why then do you urge me to become a Christian?" you ask. "Why not let me sit still and wait till Christ comes and pardons me?"

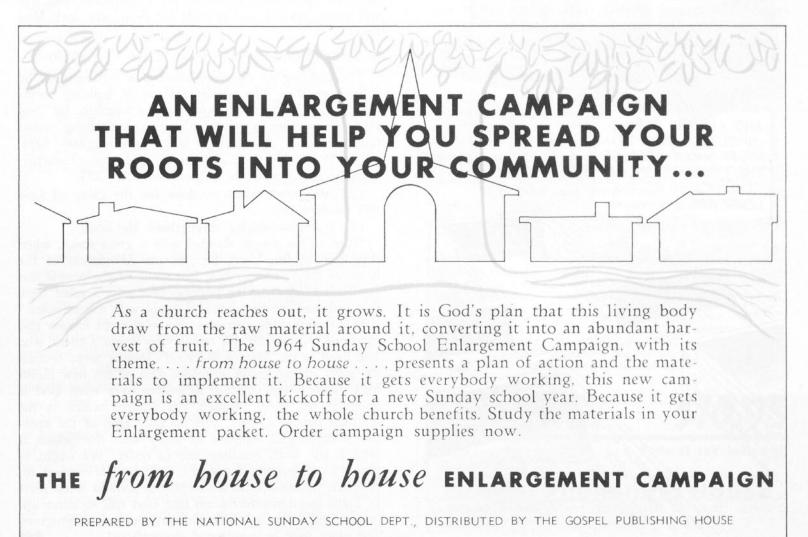
Well, what if the man in the boat should drop his oars, fold his hands, and wait for the rope to save? Rowing or sitting still, he would perish. No! He must grasp the rope. And the sinner must lay hold upon the Cross.

Friend, does your heart say, "Lord, I believe. Forgive my sins. Save me now"? If so, kneel before the compassionate Saviour who, though rejected and insulted, still waits to hear your prayer; and tell Him all your heart.

Christ will hear your prayer. His arms of mercy are stretched out to receive you. His word of welcome reaches your ear: "Son, be of good cheer; thy sins are forgiven thee." You believe that word, don't you? Then trust His grace, fall into His strong arms, and you are safe. —J. W. C.

There is nothing in the Bible that staggers me. There are many things I do not understand, I do not pretend to understand, never in this world shall understand. But that would be a very poor God who could be fully understood by the human. That would not be Infinite which could be measured by the finite. You must not expect to weigh the thunderbolts of Omnipotence in an apothecary's balances.

-T. DEWITT TALMADGE



SUNDAY'S LESSON

Laying the Temple's Foundation

Sunday School Lesson for August 23, 1964 EZRA 3:1-13

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

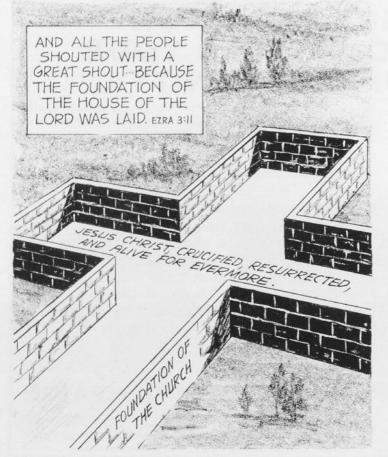
1. THE ALTAR PREPARED (VV. 1-3)

"Then stood up Jeshua... and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel... and builded the altar of the God of Israel." *First things first!* Under the leadership of their governor Zerubbabel, the Jews, upon returning to their land after the captivity, made it their first order of business to rebuild the altar which had lain in ruins for so many years.

In building the altar they testified that the place was sacred to Jehovah and that they were His servants. The altar was their place of worship testifying to their fellowship with God. So it must always be. Worship comes before work; fellowship before service. Christ must be at the center of our lives and not in the margin. Acceptable service and effective work springs out of worship and fellowship with the Lord.

"And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear was

WORTH SHOUTING ABOUT



upon them because of the people of those countries." God's people may progress in spite of fear and difficulty! The returned exiles were surrounded by hostile tribes who were bound to hinder and oppose them, but they refused to be victimized by their fears. In the path of spiritual progress there will always be opposition, adversaries, and difficulty. This needs not hinder God's people. If the work is in God's will and for His glory, God will give victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. SACRED DAYS OBSERVED (VV. 4-6)

"They kept also the feast of tabernacles...and afterward offered the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts...from the first day of the seventh month."

The seventh month was the sacred month of the Jewish calendar. The Feast of Trumpets fell on the first day of the month and constituted the Jewish New Year's Day. The great Day of Atonement fell on the 10th day, and the Feast of Tabernacles, the most joyous of the feasts, fell on the 15th day, commemorating Israel's life in the wilderness and celebrating the final ingathering of the year's harvest.

The returned exiles had already endured much hardship and sacrifice in returning to their land, and extremely difficult days lay ahead of them; nevertheless they observed the feast with real gratitude and faith in Jehovah, believing that He who had been faithful in the past would help them now and in the future. We too are called upon to offer the sacrifice of praise, and to worship the Lord with gladness, being confident that He will guide, protect, and provide for those who seek Him first!

3. The Temple's Foundation Laid (vv. 8-13)

The building of the foundation was accompanied by joyous worship. The whole business of building seems clearly to have been an expression of worship, for they all "sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord." A number of lessons are suggested here.

(1) Work for the Lord ought to be done heartily, joyfully, and praisefully (Colossians 3:17, 23).

(2) Any work which is done for the glory of God will produce joy.

(3) Spiritual singing strengthens the soul.

"And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house... wept with a loud voice."

What contrasting reactions! Some shouted for joy and gratitude because the new temple was begun. Others, who had lived in the days of Solomon's temple, wept because the glory of his temple exceeded that of the new building! Today there is cause to rejoice over what God is doing in the earth through His Church which is the spiritual temple. Others weep as they read of the apostolic Church and compare its glory with that which is seen today. Both reactions are in order. We ought to praise God devoutly for every indication of revival to-day. At the same time we would do well to weep tears in Spirit-inspired intercession that God will so move upon our hearts that apostolic consecration, power, progress, and glory may be manifested everywhere!

SPIKENARD'S SWEET SMELL

The following statement appeared as a newspaper spacefiller: "Spikenard is a weed which grows in the jungles of India, and when it is jostled it smells sweeter."

What a sermon God has brought to us through this lowly weed. When it is brushed aside or stepped on, it just smells sweeter. How often we are jostled in the experiences of life. How many times we are slighted, misunderstood, and forgotten. No one enjoys such treatment, but the big question for each Christian to answer is, how do we react?

We can hold the hurt inside, we can retaliate, or we can act just the opposite (that is, be like the spikenard and "smell sweeter"). Of course, this is the Christlike spirit. When Christ has control, we will never show resentment, but react in such a way as to attract others to Him.

-ROYAL S. WOODHEAD in The Wesleyan Methodist

THE SUPREME GIFT

The divine gift of the Holy Spirit is the source of all power for Christian living and service. But there is no antagonism between the natural gifts by which men are adapted for various types of Christian service, and this higher Gift without which all others are of no avail. In fact, our natural gifts are heightened when the Spirit of God dwells in our hearts.

Anything that we can bring of eloquence, of genius, of energy, of education, or other abilities is by that supreme Gift exalted to a power and efficacy which are unreckonable. Plunge a candle into oxygen, and it will flame the brighter. Our natural gifts may be reinforced with the divine Spirit, and become a thousandfold more than ever they were before; and without this reinforcement, what are they worth for Christian service?

-ALEXANDER MACLAREN

WATCH YOUR ASSOCIATIONS

Forsake dangerous associations. Health is not contagious, but sickness is. We quarantine yellow fever to keep it out of the country, but we do not bring in health or quarantine it. Sin is catching; holiness is not. Be very careful to whom you give the key to your heart.

With us imitative creatures, our associates have a tremendous influence on our Christian character. Lot bought real estate down near Sodom; pitched his tent over against Sodom; then he moved into Sodom; and pretty soon Sodom moved into him. The angel put a hand on his shoulder and said, "Escape for thy life;...lest thou be consumed." That is the only way for anyone to get out of dangerous associations in business, in politics, or anything else. Christians, the moment you find that you are in any associations that harm and poison your piety, escape out of that place as quickly as Lot hastened out of Sodom, for there is no safety in remaining there. —T. L. CUYLER



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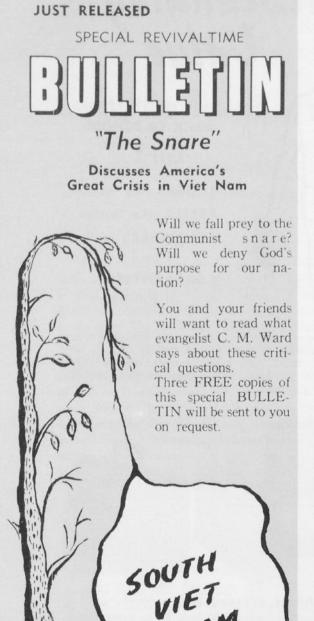
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Jay is C. A. president at the Toms River (N. J.) Assembly of God church now, but it wasn't so long ago that he was lost and away from God. It was a *Revivaltime* broadcast service that brought him here to this church and to the happiness that only comes in living a Christian life.

This is Jay's story as he told it to me.

"I first made a decision for Christ in a great New York City Crusade in 1957. But I did not receive any encouragement from my church associates. They seemed insulted that I had made this move and offered no help."

Jay then drifted and became a disbeliever. As Jay said, "I didn't believe in anything."

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Jay had heard about the local Assembly, which met in the V.F.W. hall one block from his own church, on the *Revivaltime* broadcast and he told his mother he was going to visit it.

"Although I was youth president and active in my own church, I was looking for people with the *Revivaltime* kind of religion. I wanted to be with people who honored Christ and where God was moving."

Jay attended the Assembly. This is how he described his first visit:

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Pastor Donald Richardson said of Jay: "He is a fine leader and has a good Christian testimony in church and school. He sings, plays, preaches and loves the Lord. He has helped organize our local choir.

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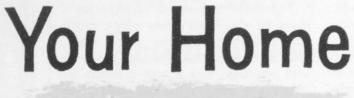
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