

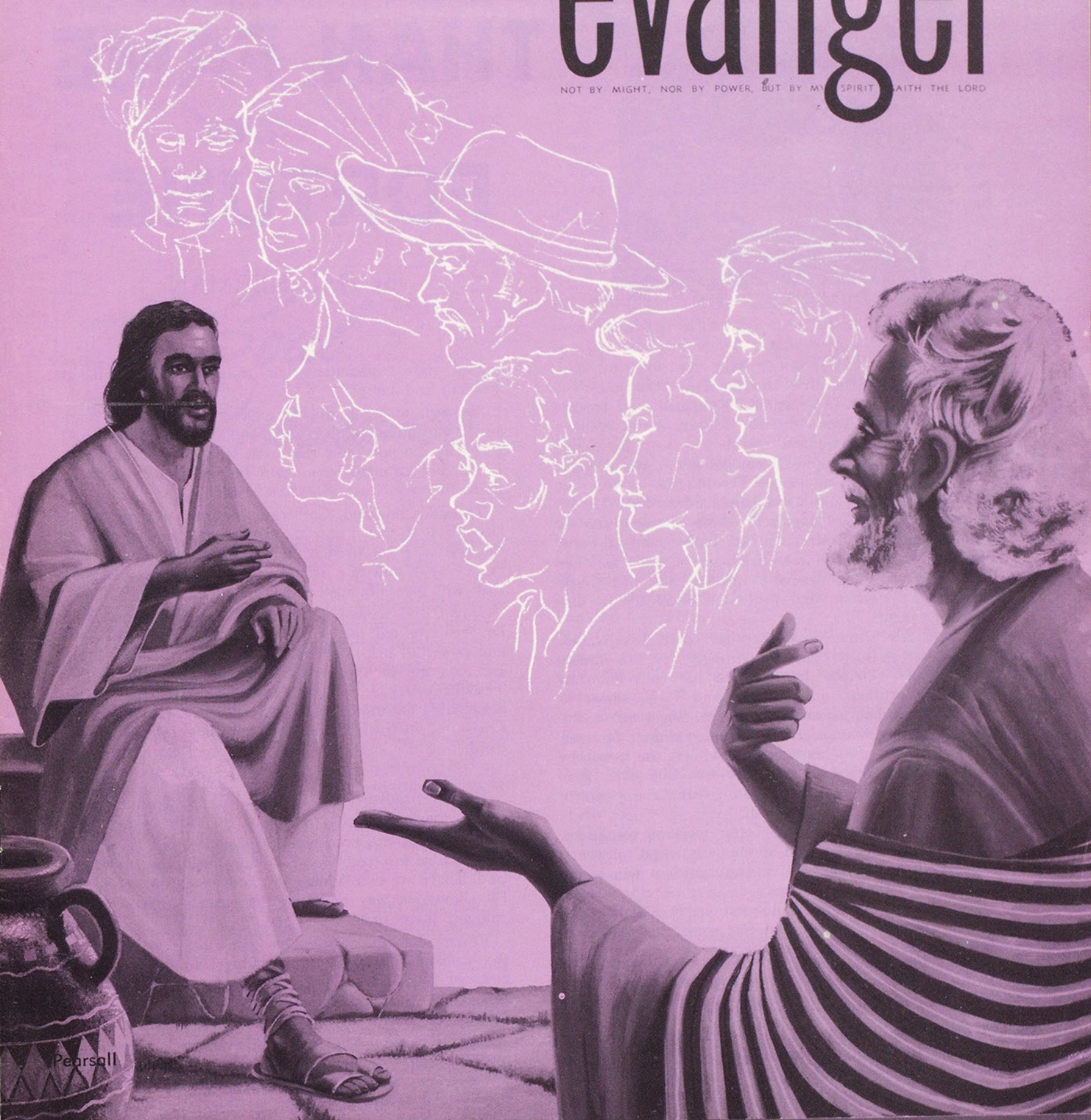
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# THE PENTECOSTAL evangel

NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT SAITH THE LORD



**"...EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, HE  
CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD."** John 3:3





Teresita Arce, Peru's famous actress, before her conversion.

# *She Found Something* **BETTER** **THAN FAME** *and* **FORTUNE**

by HAL HERMAN

"WHERE WILL YOU GO? WHAT WILL YOU DO? HOW CAN you leave the public that has loved you so long?"

Friends asked these questions in surprise and amazement at Teresita Arce's decision to give up a brilliant career in the entertainment world.

Her answer was simple. "I am going the way of God. From now on I am no longer Teresita the actress, but shall be known as Teresita the handmaiden of the Lord."

Teresita had been recognized as the foremost star of radio, television, and screen in her native land of Peru. Three times she had won first-place honors for her talent. Then in one dramatic moment she met Jesus Christ. All the sham and pride fell away like a discarded garment.

Perhaps few women in history have used T.V., radio, and the screen to crusade so strongly for the underprivileged as Teresita did prior to her conversion to Christ. She crusaded on her radio and T. V. shows to raise money to help tubercular children. She went on the air nationwide to campaign for better conditions for men in prison. Because of her successful efforts the prisoners name her the "angel of the prisons." She even persuaded the President of Peru to release one prisoner each year!

She fought for and secured better working conditions for Peru's taxi drivers, won another campaign to secure more pay for schoolteachers, and crusaded to win better protection for the women news vendors on city streets.

The dynamic Teresita is unquestionably a woman of amazing talents and versatility. She sometimes sang and played in as many as 20 different voices and characters in the same drama.

## THE ACHE WITHIN

I spoke with this astonishing woman and her husband as we sat at dinner in a downtown hotel in Lima, Peru, together with missionary Walter Erickson and his wife.

"How did you find the Lord?" I asked her. "What

caused you to abandon your career at the height of stardom and fame?"

"I spent most of my life making other people laugh and cry in different plays," she replied. "They loved me! But they did not know that even with all that adulation, I was not happy. Deep down inside of me I had no peace."

Teresita's husband, Guillermo Mesinas, who served as an official in the Peruvian army, gave me his side of the story. "I got tired of war and revolution," he said. "One day I said to a friend, 'I'd like to find a weapon that will give life instead of destroying it.'"

"My friend replied, 'I have just such a weapon.' And he began to tell me of Jesus Christ, and of His love and power to help all who look to Him in simple faith. He took me to a church where they gave me a New Testament. As I read the Scriptures the Holy Spirit illuminated my mind. Faith came. Right there I accepted Christ as my own Saviour. I felt the presence of the Lord."

## A HAPPY HUSBAND

His face radiant with the joy of his newfound salvation, the husband hurried home to testify to his wife.

"She would not even listen to me," he said. "She told me, 'You've lost your mind, talking about the Bible and God. There are two ladders and both reach up to heaven. I'll climb one way and you the other. We'll see who will get there first!'"

Praying for God to open his wife's heart to the truth, the husband kept right on testifying. He spoke to government officials and other prominent men. Some accepted the Saviour. When he refused all intoxicating drinks and took milk instead, his wife was amazed.

One night after she had been awarded another gold medal during a radio program, Teresita went looking for her husband. She found him at a church rally. She was furious. All decked out in her party gown, painted lips,

and showy jewelry, she strode down the aisle of the very humble church and took a seat.


There were gospel songs and some testimonies. A woman got up and told how her dying daughter was healed through prayer. The preacher spoke on "The Prodigal Son." The message of God's wonderful love touched her lonely heart.

When the preacher gave the altar call, Teresita raised her hand. To the astonishment of the crowd, Peru's most famous actress arose with all her glittering finery and walked down the aisle to drop upon her knees and surrender her life to Christ. Emotion surged within her. She had a deep personal experience with the living Saviour. The Holy Spirit rested upon her. At last she had found peace!

#### FAREWELL TO FAME

After her conversion, Teresita's first thought was to break all her radio and television contracts. But she could

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*Soul Insurance*  
by  
NORMAND J. THOMPSON

THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED AMERICANS WILL RETIRE TODAY! Yes, every day of the year 3,500 of us reach the retirement age of 65.

More than 15,000,000 people in the United States have now reached or passed the 65th anniversary of their birth. And this vast army is increasing rapidly.

U. S. Department of Health figures reveal that the average 65-year-old can expect to reach age 78, thanks to modern medicine. And the one who reaches 75 stands a good chance of living another eight years.

Happily, most of our senior citizens draw regular checks from such sources as Social Security, endowment policies, or pension plans set up to care for them in their twilight years. Many carry hospitalization insurance too. The American Medical Association's council of medical service recently reported that more than 10,000,000 Americans over 65 have hospital expense protection.

Wise indeed are people who look ahead and plan financially to enjoy the evening of their lives in comfort, peace, and dignity. God bless them! Doubly wise are they who carry soul insurance, whose plans project beyond the convalescent hospital and the old people's home, right into heaven.

Soul insurance—what's that? Well, *insurance* comes from *enseurer*, an old French word meaning to *make sure*. Prudent men carry insurance on real estate and valuables to *make sure* they suffer no loss in case of fire, theft, or accident. Prudent men also *make sure* their souls are

safe, by carrying a contract with the Lord Jesus Christ that protects them against spiritual loss.

How can we *make sure* of salvation?

Jesus declared emphatically: "Verily, verily, I say unto you: he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

An old man was trying his best to explain to a puzzled friend God's plan of salvation. "Bill, it took me 40 years to learn three simple things," he said.

"First, that all have sinned. Second, that a man can't do anything to save himself. Third, that Christ has done it all, and a man simply has to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved."

The Bible plainly says we can *know* we are saved. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may *know* that ye have eternal life" (1 John 5:13)

It is truly thrilling to talk with elderly Christians, and to hear them express their deep faith in Christ and their assurance of heaven. They are not frightened when they learn that 110,000 souls leave this life every day, over 40 million in the course of a year. To them, death is a glorious home going.

An octogenarian who was not a Christian asked a minister, rather flippantly, "Tell me, Reverend—when is a good time to prepare for death?"

"Five minutes before you die," came the unexpected reply.

"But surely you don't mean—?"

"I don't mean, Sir, that anyone can know in advance the precise moment when he will die. Neither do I mean that you should keep on postponing preparations for meeting your Maker. Last year 43,000 Americans were killed in traffic accidents. Not one of them expected to die. So the Bible says, with a note of urgency, '*Now* is the accepted time; behold, *now* is the day of salvation' (2 Corinthians 6:2)."

A mother was explaining to little Dorothy about the passing of her daddy. She said, "God sent for your father. He will send for you and me, too. But I do not know exactly when, Dear."

Dorothy puckered her brow as she thought this over. Then she remarked, "If we don't know just when God will send for us, we had better pack and get ready. God might send for us when we are not ready."

Are you ready! How far ahead have you planned? *Make sure* your final destination is heaven.

The Bible says: "If we confess our sins, he [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). ◀◀

#### IT IS FOR ANYBODY

Humble folk often believe that walking with God is above their heads, or that they may "lose a good time" if they share all their joys with God. What tragic misunderstanding, to regard Him as a killer of happiness! A growing chorus of joyous voices around the world fairly sings that spending their hours with God is the most thrilling joy ever known, and that beside it a baseball game or a horse race is stupid.—Frank C. Laubach



# An Open Letter to 'Mr. K'

PREMIER NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV OF THE U.S.S.R. OFTEN mentions God and the Bible in his speeches. Last June, during his official visit to Sweden, he did it again.

While touring the Graengesberg steel works at Oxelösund, an industrial town about 75 miles from Stockholm, he told plant officials he was "invoking the aid of the Lord" to help Swedish mills make more gas pipelines for Russia.

First noting that "I am a Communist and an atheist," the premier said: "In spite of this I am invoking the aid of the Lord. . . . If the Lord will help you, and if you can guarantee good quality, and if the price is right, you will be able to make deliveries for a long time."

The reason Mr. K. mentions God and the Bible so often, in spite of his boasted atheism, may be found in a statement he made, as quoted by Edmund Stevens in the *Chicago Daily News* (May 21, 1964). Said Mr. K.: "The only school I finished before the revolution, was the (Eastern Orthodox) church parish school. The priest drilled me thoroughly in the Gospel, and I was a model student. And for this reason I still often quote Bible tales from memory."

In the light of this fact we would address an open letter to the Soviet Premier, as follows.

MR. K.—

If, as you say, you were "thoroughly drilled in the Gospel," you know that Jesus taught us to love our enemies. He taught us to bless them that curse us, to do good to them that hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us.

Many Christians therefore are praying that God will have mercy on you and your fellow communists, as well as on all non-Christians everywhere, and that your heart may be changed.

Since you have a considerable knowledge of the Bible you must realize that, in God's sight, the two important classes of people on earth are not communists and capitalists, but believers and unbelievers.

Furthermore you must know that according to the Bible the eventual ruler of the earth will not be a communist, nor will he be a capitalist, but he will be Christ

Himself. He will take this rulership from the violent and give it to the meek.

Christ will be King and only those who enter His kingdom in this life will be privileged to participate in His kingdom in the life to come. According to the Gospel of John, chapter 3, a person cannot enter unless he is "born again."

No doubt you will recognize the scene that is pictured on the cover of this little magazine. It shows Jesus being interviewed by the Jewish leader, Nicodemus. Although Nicodemus was a very religious man, yet he needed the New Birth.

As the picture suggests, ALL men must be born of the Spirit. Whether by natural birth they be Americans or Africans, Finns or Frenchmen, Latins or Latvians, Roumanians or Russians, ALL men must be "born again" or they cannot participate in God's eternal kingdom. ALL men of ALL races and ALL ages must receive this new life by spiritual regeneration or they cannot live eternally with God.

This is the real revolution that the world needs—not a mass revolution by some kind of organized force such as a military, political, or even a religious organization, but a revolution of the individual in which he or she becomes a new person by faith in Christ as taught by the Gospel which you learned as a youth.

Last year, Mr. K., the Chinese called you a "Bible-reading buffoon" but we admire any man who reads the Bible. Reading it, however, is not enough: a man has to *believe* what he reads in the Bible. As you know, Jesus told His disciples, "He that *believeth* and is baptized shall be saved; but he that *believeth not* shall be damned" (Mark 16:16).

This terrible thought of being damned eternally—shut out of heaven and sentenced to live forever in "outer darkness," as Jesus said, where there shall be "weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 22:13)—ought to make a man think, especially if he is over 70 years of age.

Having been a model Bible student you must be aware of the fact that Jesus repeatedly talked about hell and warned people about it. He urged them to repent, saying, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "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). Instead of living with this sentence of judgment hanging over one's head, it is wise to repent of all sin while there is opportunity.

Let us remind you—and anyone else who reads this "open letter"—of the Saviour's wonderful promise, recorded in John 6:37—"Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Today anyone who will admit he is a sinner, and who will pray for divine forgiveness, may call upon Christ and be saved. Happy is he who not only knows the gospel but also takes advantage of its offer of pardon and peace before it is too late.

—R.C.C.

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# The Town's Worst Drunkard

... but when Jesus stepped into Tommy's heart, the drunkard stepped out.

By Carolyn Robison

PASTOR J. L. BURNETT'S EYE KEPT RETURNING TO THE door of his little church in the Missouri Ozarks. He was wondering whether Tommy would keep his word.

That afternoon the town's worst drunkard had promised to come to the meeting and the pastor hardly knew whether to be glad or sad. He knew Tommy had been turned out of some churches for disturbing the services. And yet the pastor felt that underneath the man's dissipation and misbehavior there was a deep spiritual hunger.

The congregation was singing the third or fourth hymn, and was just about to unite in prayer, when a man past middle age entered, wearing a cowboy shirt and broad-brim hat. It was Tommy Johnson. He seated himself in the back.

When the pastor asked the congregation for prayer requests, Tommy stood and said, "Pastor, I have one thing to say."

Everyone turned to look. They saw his flushed face and bleary eyes. They heard him say: "If ever I become a Christian, I will not be a hypocrite. But I can't be a Christian, Pastor, because there's something I would have to tell, and that's the one thing in my life I can't confess."

Tears were falling from the man's eyes, and whispered prayers were rising from many of the people. Tommy, fairly reeking with liquor, slowly walked to the front and faced the congregation. He looked over the crowd. His eyes caught mine. As they did, a sudden boldness came over me. I suppose it looked strange for a young woman to speak out as I did, but I felt I had to.

"Do you really want to be a Christian, Tommy?" I said.

"Yes, but I can't. God has already told me that I can't be saved until I confess one thing, and I can't do it."

"Tommy, you can do anything if you want to do it strongly enough."

"I can do anything else, but not that," he sobbed. At this point Pastor Burnett invited all the people to bow their heads and pray, and he stepped to Tommy's side.

"Tommy," said the pastor, "do you want to go to hell?"

Startled, the man replied, "Who does? Who wants to go to hell, Pastor?"



"You must want to, if you cannot do what the Lord has asked you to do."

"Pastor, I want you to go behind that pulpit and preach on John 3:16. I know what the Bible says, and I know I am going to hell, but would you please preach from John 3:16, just for me?"

Tommy sat down and listened to the sermon on the text he had chosen. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

After the sermon we urged Tommy to kneel and pray. He refused. So we took turns talking to him. While one talked, the rest of us prayed.

The people began to leave the church but Tommy remained, and we stayed with him. Finally, around midnight, after all but a few had gone home, Tommy said to me, "All right, if you will listen I'll tell you. . . . I killed a man. Oh, I didn't really kill him. I was going with his sister, you see, and we got to gambling. It was my one big hand. I tossed this card, and I won. I cleaned him out. But before that evening was over, he was dead. Someone killed him and I've always felt responsible for his soul."

I assured Tommy that God would forgive him now that he had made the confession he felt he had to make. It was plain to see that he felt very relieved. "You have done what Jesus asked you to do; now you can give your heart to Him," I said.

A miraculous change came over Tommy as he sat there and prayed. Afterward he said, "Jesus has stepped into my heart, and Tommy has stepped out."

The pastor prayed with him. Soon Tommy burst into tears and just laughed for joy. It was the first time he had laughed in a long, long time.

That happened over three years ago. From that day to this, Tommy has never touched the bottle. His entire life is different. He and his wife are happily serving the Lord. They attend church regularly. Everyone in town, at the mention of Tommy Johnson's name, will admit that the days of miracles are not over, for the town's worst drunkard is now a highly respected farmer.

And Tommy says, "If God could save me, He can save anybody, if they will just let Him." ◀◀





# Sound of the Trumpet

*A happy sound to Christians—  
But to others just a noise!*

By ELVA J. HOOVER

ON ONE OCCASION, SHORTLY BEFORE JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED, God the Father spoke to Him from heaven. Do you remember the story?

Jesus had just prayed, "Father, glorify thy name," when suddenly there came an answering voice out of heaven which said, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again" (John 12:28).

Oddly enough, the people who were standing nearby

had various reactions to the sound they heard. Some said, "It thundered." Others said, "An angel hath spoken to him."

*The Bible clearly says it was the voice of God, but some people were unwilling to admit it.*

What do you hear in these days when current events signal the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ is about to return from heaven? God is speaking to men once again. He is speaking through the Bible. He is speaking through Christian workers such as pastors and evangelists. He is also speaking through current events but to some people the fulfilment of Bible prophecies is just "thunder."

Do you hear only thunder when Hugh L. Dryden, deputy administrator of our National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), states that "by the end of this century the conquest of the moon may seem only a modest first step along the spaceways to still other worlds.... It is very likely that men will reach Mars and Venus within the next 25 years. Before the year 2000, unmanned probes will have scouted all the planets of the solar system."

Is it just "thunder" when an eminent physicist estimates that the United States has enough nuclear explosives already stockpiled to annihilate the Soviet Union—not once, but 25 times? (And when the Soviet Union tells us it is prepared to drop nuclear warheads on any spot in the world?)

With 90 per cent of all the scientists who have ever lived alive today, and with men probing the secrets of the universe and of life itself, the Christian who looks for an explanation remembers God's Word to Daniel concerning the end time, "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Daniel 12:4).

What do you hear in these days in which there is "upon earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:25, 26)?

Some men hear and fear these things, but do not comprehend their prophetic overtones. A writer in the *New York Times* stated recently: "So terribly much has happened, so terribly much is happening, and all at such terrible speed that it is difficult to foresee where we are heading. The men who fancy themselves in control of events are no longer really in control."

Adlai Stevenson wrote in March 1962: "Every month that goes by without restriction on the testing, production, and transfer of nuclear weapons brings closer the moment when the genie will escape from the bottle. When a dozen or more states have their fingers on the nuclear triggers, the possibility of their irresponsible release by someone, somewhere, will be multiplied."

Long ago a nation heard the listing of its sins from the lips of Jeremiah the prophet. Smugly they turned away and refused to listen, for they thought it was only "thunder." And the prophet would have kept still, but he could not, for he knew the end of their evil course. "I cannot hold my peace," he cried, "because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war" (Jeremiah 4:19).

Deep within the soul of every child of God in the world today there is the beginning of the sound of a trumpet. Its tones are the tones of the Master who said,

"When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

When *what* things begin to come to pass? Any day's newspaper contains enough violence, enough war and rumors of war, enough evidence of moral collapse to distress thinking men. These are the things Jesus said would come to pass in the last days before His return.

The Christian need not be confused or alarmed or fearful when he sees "these things" begin to come to pass. Turning to the Bible, God's blueprint of the ages, we see that all this heralds the return of our Lord. The signs of His coming as outlined in His Word correspond to what is happening in the world today.

As the signs are fulfilled, Christians listen joyfully for the plainer notes of the trumpet of God, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (2 Thessalonians 4:16, 17).

But what then? With the Church removed from the earth, evil will quicken its pace. The Antichrist, a power-

ful world figure whose character and activities are described in detail in Daniel 11:21-45 and in Revelation 13, will rise to prominence after the rapture of the Church. Exalting himself above all that is right, he will gain a stranglehold on world economy by compelling men to take the mark that damns a man in order to buy or sell.

But God is not yet through with the earth. Christ will return with His saints to make war against the Antichrist in the battle of battles, the battle of Armageddon, and to rule over this planet.

Already military men speak of the next world war as Armageddon, and to some of them the thunder they hear is the thunder of marching feet toward the valley of Megiddo. The outcome of this fearful battle is already foretold in God's Word. The last trumpet that sounds over that battlefield will sound a note of victory, "for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

It is no uncertain sound that the Christian hears within his soul today. It is the signal of the end of this age and the beginning of a new and better order—a new heaven and earth "wherein dwelleth righteousness."

We who are now ready should keep within earshot of the trumpet sound by staying close to the Master. (If you are not ready, there is still time to prepare to share in the glorious unfolding of God's plan for His redeemed.)



*Is This Why a Boy Went Wrong?*

## If Only His Parents Had Listened!



A BOY IN ONE OF OUR AMERICAN COMMUNITIES—A MEMBER of that group called "juvenile delinquents"—sent a letter to his parents.

The parents in turn sent it to the *Kansas City Star* with the explanation: "Maybe if we share this letter, it will help other parents." Here is what the boy wrote:

Dear Folks,

Thank you for everything, but I am going to Chicago and try and start some kind of new life.

You asked me why I did those things and why I gave you so much trouble, and the answer is easy for me to give you, but I am wondering if you will understand.

Remember when I was about six or seven and I used to want you to just listen to me? I remember all the nice things you gave me for Christmas and my birthday and I was real happy with the things for about a week at the time I got the things, but the rest of the time during the year I really didn't want presents. I just wanted all the time for you to LISTEN to me like I was somebody who FELT things too, because I remember even when I was young I FELT things. But you said you were busy.

Mom, you are a wonderful cook, and you had everything so clean, and you were so tired so much from doing all those things that made you busy; but you know something, Mom? I would have liked crackers and peanut butter just as well—if you had only sat down with me

a little while during the day and said to me: "Tell me all about it so I can maybe help you understand."

And when Donna came I couldn't understand why everyone made so much fuss because I didn't think it was my fault that her hair is curly and her teeth so white, and she doesn't have to wear glasses with such thick lenses. Her grades were better, too, weren't they?

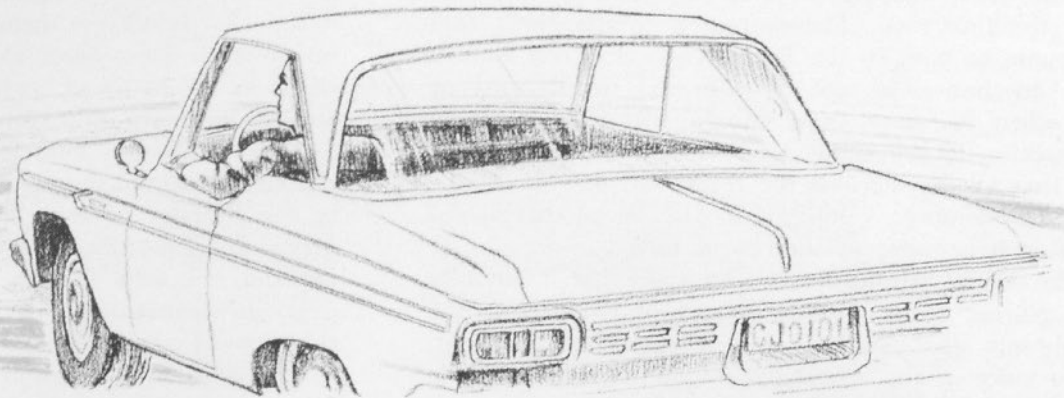
If Donna ever has any children, I hope you will tell her to just pay some attention to the one who doesn't smile very much because that one will really be crying inside. And when she's about to bake six dozen cookies to make sure first that the kids don't want to tell her about a dream or a hope or something, because, thoughts are important too to small kids even though they don't have so many words to use when they tell about what they have inside them.

I think that all the kids who are doing so many things that grown-ups are tearing out their hair worrying about are really looking for somebody that will have time to listen a few minutes and who really and truly will treat them as they would a grown-up who might be useful to them. You know—polite to them. If you folks had ever said to me, "Pardon me," when you interrupted me, I'd have dropped dead.

If anybody asks you where I am, tell them I've gone looking for somebody with time because I've got a lot of things I want to talk about.

Love to all,  
Your Son





# Have You Found the Way?

BY ARTHUR H. TOWNSEND

IF YOU HAVE BEEN GOING TO CHURCH FOR YEARS, YET are not any better or different because of it, something is wrong. If your spiritual condition has reached a point of stagnation and you are complacent about it, you are in danger.

You may be a good person as far as most people know, but still be dead in trespasses and sins. For church attendance alone never saved anyone. No church has the power to deliver anyone from the pangs of a guilty conscience or from eternal death.

And no man, be he minister, priest, rabbi, evangelist, prophet, or anyone else, can ever give you a passport into heaven. There is only one way. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Jesus warned of the danger of clinging to traditions instead of seeking the true Way of life. He said: "In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men.... Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition" (Mark 7:7-9).

Men still cling to tradition at the cost of rejecting God. They find it easier to accept beliefs, practices, and teachings which are handed down to them from their parents and grandparents than to examine and evaluate them in the light of God's Word.

Tradition and conformity are subtle enemies of the soul, for by "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof," we become a slave to a dead religion. We miss the Way.

Blessed is the man who has found within the framework of the church he attends the living Christ who is

the only Way. But if the church you attend has not introduced Jesus Christ as living Lord and Saviour, why not seek Him elsewhere? The name on the door of the church you attend is not as important as what you find inside. Do you find a dead religion, steeped in tradition, or do you find a living Christ shining out through the messages from God's Word and the lives of those who worship there?

No denomination can save you. No religion can save you. Only Christ can make the vital difference in your life. Jesus said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37, 38).

He said, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst" (John 6:35). He said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

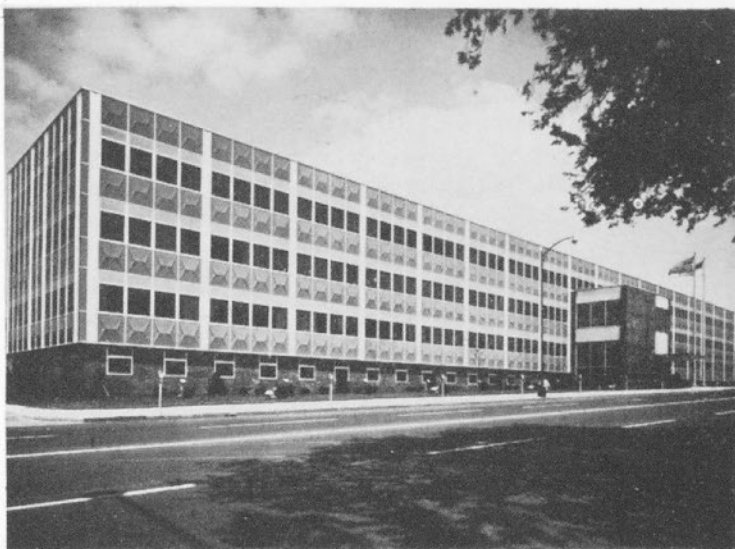
"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6). The spiritually hungry and thirsty soul can be satisfied in the Lord Jesus Christ. Go directly to Him in prayer. You do not need any human mediator. Christ is the great high priest, seated at the right hand of the throne of God. "There is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus," the Bible says (1 Timothy 2:5).

Christ died for you on the cross. There He was crucified for your sins. He rose again for your justification. Do you believe it?

He will live in your heart if you will let Him. He will bring joy and peace and satisfaction to your soul.

There is only one way to heaven: it is the way of the Cross. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). ◀◀





# Golden Anniversary



## *Fifty Fruitful Years of World Witness and Spiritual Growth*

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES KNOWN AS THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD is now 50 years old. The 50th anniversary convention held in the headquarters city of Springfield, Missouri, had more than 11,000 in attendance.

This evangelical missionary fellowship of 8,409 U.S. churches had its source in a mighty Pentecostal revival that swept across America at the beginning of this century. Christian people who were hungry for God and thirsty for the Water of Life were coming together for prayer meetings. God was pouring out His Spirit upon them and churches were springing up all over the land.

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# Opposed but Overcoming

*Next Week's Sunday School Lesson*

READ NEHEMIAH 4:1-23; ROMANS 8:31, 32

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

Satan and his emissaries have arrayed themselves for a desperate, last-hour stand against the Church of Christ. Political chaos, economic upheaval and distress, moral declension and degeneracy, spiritual indifference and apostasy, international hatred and mistrust—these grim conditions would, if possible, take the fight out of all Christians and cause them to faint in the service of God.

Therefore we go to the Bible for help. There we read how Nehemiah, in his work of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, met with the bitterest of opposition; yet he finished the work and proved himself to be more than a conqueror through his God! Let us observe the opposition he faced and the manner in which he overcame it:

## I. RIDICULE (4:1-9)

"But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he . . . mocked . . . and said, What do these feeble Jews?" There are plenty of Sanballats and Tobiahs in the world today, who mock and ridicule those who work for God. Weak characters, including so-called Christians who do not have much of God's grace, wilt under ridicule. But godly persons like Nehemiah will not throw to the winds their God-given convictions and ambitions because of derisive jibes from the opposition. Many folk laughed at Christopher Columbus, but he went on and discovered America anyway. They said Alexander Bell was a madman, but he went on to invent the telephone. They said the Wright brothers were fools, but they built an airplane in spite of ridicule. All who would accomplish much need a faith in God which lifts them above ridicule and enables them to press unswervingly on toward the goal they have set for themselves. Nehemiah met ridicule with—

(1) *Prayer*. "Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night." Nehemiah was a balanced believer. He prayed as if everything depended upon God; yet he worked as if everything depended upon him! Spiritual victory is a co-operative project. Some things only God can do; therefore we must pray! Some things we can do for ourselves; therefore we must work, and not expect God to do them for us.

(2) *Redoubled Efforts*. "So we built the wall . . . for the people had a mind to work." Their efforts were not frantic endeavors of unbelieving desperation. They worked

in faith; they were trusting in God and so there was assurance as well as determination in their manner. So it must be with us.

## II. DISCOURAGEMENT (4:10)

"And Judah said . . . there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall." There will always be rubbish—hypocrites, disagreeable people, unpleasant conditions—wherever there is any building. But no builder ever stops building because there is rubbish around! If we look at our circumstances we may be discouraged. If we keep our eyes on God we shall be encouraged.

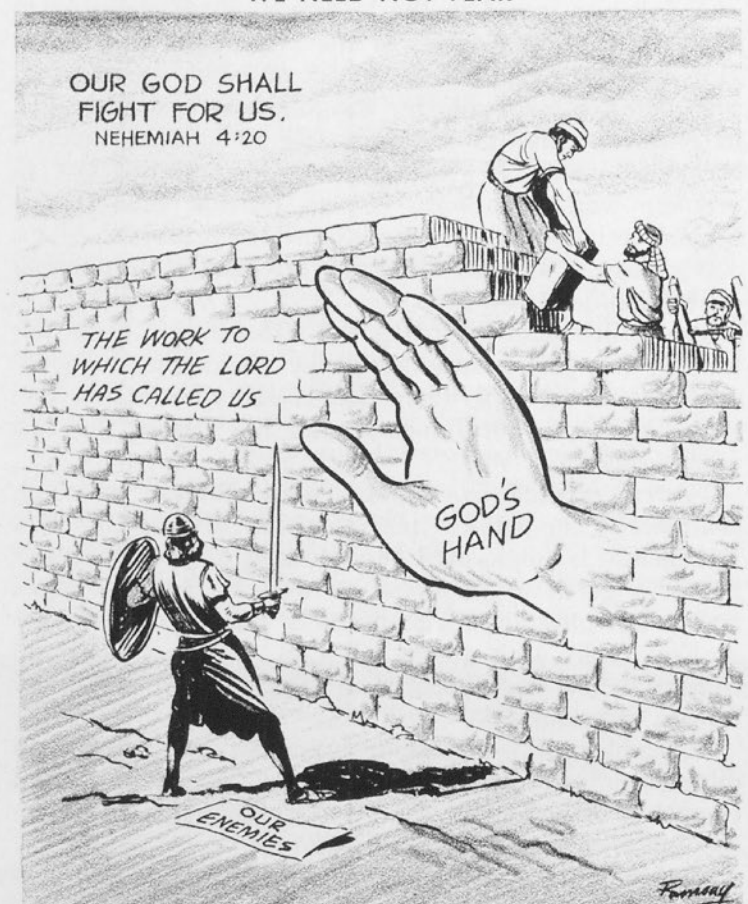
## III. THREATS (4:11, 12)

Threatening words also failed to intimidate or deter Nehemiah. He met them by—

(1) *Securing Unity and Cooperation* (4:13, 16-19). Study these verses thoughtfully. The people worked together. While half of them worked, the other half stood guard. The unity of any church is its power. "United we stand, divided we fall," applies to spiritual work as well as to national strength.

(2) *Maintaining Confidence in God* (4:14, 20). "Be not ye afraid of them; remember the Lord, which is great and terrible." "Our God shall fight for us." Thus spoke Nehemiah to the people. And this was the secret of Nehemiah's success—he had a deep consciousness that he was in God's will, that he was doing God's work, and that therefore God was on his side! "If God be for us, who can be against us?" inquired Paul, the great New Testament builder of the Church. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"

## WE NEED NOT FEAR





## Faith Brings Healing to Mother and Child



Jackie Dossey

OUR BABY GIRL JACKIE WAS BORN WITH A STOMACH disorder and other physical distresses. Because she could not retain any food, the doctor changed her formula several times, and we tried all kinds of solid foods in an effort to find what her stomach could tolerate.

She developed a middle ear infection and chronic throat infection. Neither penicillin nor any of the other so-called "miracle drugs" could stop this trouble. Gamma globulin injections were finally used, and they did help, but they were very expensive. All this was discouraging since I was also ill and had constant medical expenses.

Then we moved to Luling, Texas, where I was invited by a neighbor to attend a meeting at the Assembly of God. As I began to attend the church, I found the Lord very real.

I asked Pastor Mikulek to pray for Jackie, and the Lord instantly healed her. She was 16 months old then. Now she is six years old—healthy, happy, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

After Jackie's healing I too was joyously filled with the Holy Spirit and healed of several physical disorders. The Lord surely is good to us.—Mrs. Keith Dossey, Luling, Tex.

(Endorsed by B. J. Mikulek, former pastor of Assembly of God, Luling, Tex., now pastor at Nacogdoches, Tex.)

## HEALED OF BRAIN INJURY

I RECEIVED A BRAIN CONCUSSION IN AN AUTOMOBILE accident in 1955, and doctors warned that I would have trouble from the injury in later years.

While I was in the Air Force in 1959 this prediction came true. I started "passing out" periodically and as months went by I became worse. I would remain unconscious for several hours, and when revived I would be very weak.

Doctors in several hospitals said that nothing could be done for me. There was scar tissue on the temporal lobe of the brain, they said, and surgery might only worsen the condition. Finally I was discharged by the Air Force as a disabled veteran.

I was so discouraged I did not care whether I lived or died. I was not a Christian at this time. Once I had been, but I was unwilling to give up worldly pleasures and so I had gone back into sin.

At present I am a student at West Texas State College and between semesters last winter I went to visit my parents at Wellington, Tex. Evangelist John Bryant was preaching a revival at the Assembly of God there.

On January 23, 1964, I attended his meeting and it resulted in a revival in my own soul and body.

Although I was a sinner I felt the presence of God that night and it seemed I must go to the altar or I would not live. I felt that God was calling me and would make me whole in both body and mind. So I knelt at the altar and gave my life to Christ.

When I arose from my knees I was a new person, both spiritually and physically. I have not taken medicine since that day and I have not had any blackouts. Formerly, for three years, I had taken several drugs to control the "blackouts." If I missed more than a day taking medicine, I would invariably have one. Doctors told me I would have to take the medicine for the rest of my life. But when I arose from the altar, a new person by the grace of God, I believed in Jesus as my Healer, as well as my Saviour, and He rewarded my faith by supplying the need in my body as well as my soul. Truly God performed a double miracle in my life.—Don Branch, Canyon, Tex.

(Endorsed by Pastor Franklin A. Burns, Assembly of God, Wellington, Tex., who wrote some months later: "Don is a very happy Christian. . . . He is well in body and has not had any more blackouts.")



Alice Tachick

## Nervous Breakdown Overcome Through Faith

THERE ISN'T MUCH THE DOCTORS CAN DO TO HELP A person suffering from a nervous condition. I found this out during my breakdown.

I became very ill—couldn't eat or sleep, and it was very difficult for me to breathe. I also found it hard to swallow food because of severe nerve spasms. Sometimes these spasms would be so bad Albert (my husband) had to call the rescue squad to give me oxygen and relieve my suffering.

Even liquids would make me feel I was choking. When I did manage to get some food down, I suffered with stomach pains. The doctors tried to help me. They gave me medicine but it seemed of little use. In fact, everything the doctors gave me seemed to work against me and make me even worse.

I could go on describing the pain and discouragement I suffered. Most of my nights were spent sitting up in a chair because I couldn't get air in my lungs lying down. I slept very little. During my sickness I lost 52 pounds. *But there is a brighter side to my story, for God has healed me—and now all the sickness is just a memory.*

I have Pastor Edward F. Lutz of the Assemblies of God Church to thank for bringing me the message of the Lord's healing power. Brother Lutz was new in our vicinity. He heard of my condition and came to pray

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for me. He visited me repeatedly. For weeks and months he ministered to me from God's holy Word, pointing me to the divine promises and encouraging me to believe.

The pastor stood by faithfully in prayer, and as I began to understand the Scriptures there came an assurance in my heart that God did care and that He was going to heal me. *I had not been out of bed for three years*, but one day I arose in faith, and as I stepped out on His precious promises the Lord touched me.

There was a steady improvement in my condition, until now I am well and strong. I am back to my normal weight. I am able to work again and live a normal life.

What a wonderful Saviour and Healer we have in our Lord Jesus Christ!—by Alice Tachick, Pound, Wis.

(Endorsed by Pastor Edward F. Lutz, Route 2, Wau-paca, Wis., who says Mrs. Tachick is now the picture of health.)

## Pastor's Sight Restored After Prayer Offered



Ross P. Simmons

GOD PERFORMED A WONDERFUL MIRACLE IN MY BODY IN 1955. Why I have waited so long to write about it I do not know, unless the Lord delayed it purposely for the benefit of someone who is reading these lines.

My eye went blind, and when sight was restored to it the eye specialist in Battle Creek, Mich., said he had no explanation. It was just a miracle of God.

The trouble began when I was driving home to Battle Creek from Albion, Mich., where I had attended a Christian youth rally. I felt no pain—no discomfort in any way—but suddenly I noticed I had no vision in my left eye. But I could see with my right eye the same as usual.

The next morning I visited my optometrist, thinking the lenses of my glasses probably needed changing. He gave me a thorough checkup and then told me what had occurred. The blood vessel to the retina, he said, had ruptured flooding the back area of my eye with blood, and the blood had clotted and cut off my vision.

He advised me to see a specialist, which I did. How-

ever, I had to wait a week for an appointment. In the meantime we had our midweek service at the church and I told the congregation about my condition. I explained the seriousness of the situation and requested that they pray for me.

Our deacons came forward, laid their hands on me as the Bible directs (Mark 16:18) and prayed while the whole church earnestly looked to God in faith on my behalf. While they were praying, something happened to my eye.

Before they prayed I could not see a thing with my left eye; everything simply was a blank. But as they prayed I kept the bad eye open, and gradually the forms of people began to take shape. First I saw the outline of people near me, then of those farther back, and finally I could see even the mortar seams in the masonry wall at the back of the church auditorium a distance of about 50 feet away!

What happy people we were as we thanked God together for the miracle! I could see with that "blind" eye just as clearly as I ever had!

I kept my appointment with the eye specialist, when the time came, for I wanted to know what he would say. He examined me for about two hours. Finally he said:

"Reverend Simmons, we have checked and double-checked your eye, and all I can say is that you are a very fortunate man. In my practice both as a civilian and in the service I have seen literally thousands of such cases, but never have I seen one where the sight has been restored!

"Normally, you would have surgery. The eyeball would be removed and, if you so desired, a plastic eye would be inserted.

"We find evidence of blood which is still there, but it is breaking up and soon will be gone. You have suffered a rupture of the retina vein which caused the back area of the eye to be flooded with blood, which caused you to have a failure of vision in your left eye."

I left the office of Dr. Colquhoun in Battle Creek that day filled with gratitude to a God who still hears and answers prayer. I can report today that after over nine years the vision of my left eye is just as good as it ever has been. I praise the Lord, the Miracle Worker, who still heals today as He did when He walked the roads of Galilee 1,900 years ago!—Ross P. Simmons, Pastor, First Assembly of God, South Haven, Michigan.

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# Hungry for God

IF A MAN GOES WITHOUT FOOD LONG ENOUGH HE GROWS hungry—really hungry. He becomes desperate and will do almost anything to satisfy his hunger. Perhaps the Lord Jesus Christ had this fact in mind when He said, “Happy are those who are hungry and thirsty for goodness, for they will be fully satisfied” (Matthew 5:6, Phillips Modern English New Testament).

No doubt the reason many people are not happy today is that they are hungry and thirsty for the wrong things in life. Their desires are for the material things and earthly pleasures which merely gratify the physical, sensual, and soulish appetites. God is looking for people who hunger for His goodness. He is a Spirit and He desires to dwell in the human spirit and the human body.

God does not dwell in cathedrals, mosques, or temples made by men, the Bible says (Acts 7:48). He resides in human lives. The experience by which a person becomes filled with the Spirit of God is called, “The Baptism of the Holy Spirit.”

Does the Spirit of God dwell in you? If you have accepted Christ as your personal Saviour you have received a portion of His Spirit. God wants to give you a greater portion. He wants to fill you. Before you can be filled, however, you must have a hunger for this experience. The Spirit of God will not come upon a person in the overwhelming, overflowing measure known as “the Baptism of the Holy Spirit” against that person’s will. There first must be a hunger, a deep desire. It is those who “are hungry and thirsty for goodness” who will be “fully satisfied.”

God gives the Holy Spirit to them who ask Him for the Spirit, Jesus said (Luke 11:13). Have you asked? Have you said to God, “Fill me with the Holy Spirit in the same way You filled the first Christians on the Day of Pentecost and on subsequent occasions”? (Read accounts of these incidents in Acts 2:1-4; 10:44-46; 19:5, 6.)

God is hungry for your love. He wants to reside in you and that is why the Bible says, “Be filled with the Spirit.” Will you respond to God’s hunger for you by showing that you are hungry for Him—hungry enough to seek His face in prayer until you have been baptized with His blessed Spirit? ◀◀

## THE VALUE OF LITTLE THINGS

A holy life is made up of a number of small things. Little words, not eloquent speeches or sermons; the little constant sunbeam, not the lightning; the waters of Shiloah “that go softly” (Isaiah 8:6), in the meek mission of refreshment, not the “waters of the river, great and many,” rushing down in noisy torrents; these are the true symbols of a holy life.

Little evils, little inconsistencies, little weaknesses, little foibles, little indulgences of the flesh—the avoidance of such little things as these goes far to make up the negative beauty, at least, of a holy life.

—BONAR



# Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*Why was the man cast out who did not have the wedding garment, after he had responded to the invitation to the marriage feast (Matthew 22:11, 12)?*

The lesson of the parable is that we are to preach the gospel to every creature, telling men they may be saved, and thus clothed with the righteousness of Christ. It is this righteousness that constitutes the wedding garment. If any hear the gospel and still think their own righteousness is sufficient, such will be cast out. “Ye must be born again.” Profession alone will not do.

*When do we enter the kingdom of heaven; and when do we enter the kingdom of God?*

Personally, I do not believe there is any difference between the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God. Some believe the kingdom of heaven is the sphere of God’s rulership over the earth; and the kingdom of God is His universal rulership. But the same parables given in Matthew showing what the kingdom of heaven is like, are recorded in other Gospels as showing what the kingdom of God is like. The kingdom is spiritual. We enter this kingdom when we are saved (John 3:3; Romans 14:17).

*Some say that sickness is evidence that a person is walking in darkness, and poverty is evidence of a lack of faith. Is this true?*

We now have the salvation of our souls; we do not have the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:22, 23). Paul spoke of our present bodies as “these vile bodies,” meaning bodies of humiliation. All will die if Jesus tarries (Hebrews 9:27). Even if a person were to enjoy health to the end, he would still have to submit to death, for our bodies are mortal and subject to decay.

The Bible does not judge a man by his financial success, but by the qualities of his moral and spiritual life. “Hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs to the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?” (James 2:5). God can help us financially, but wealth is not necessarily an evidence of divine favor.

*When we get to heaven will our loved ones who are there mean any more to us than others? Will we be able to talk with them?*

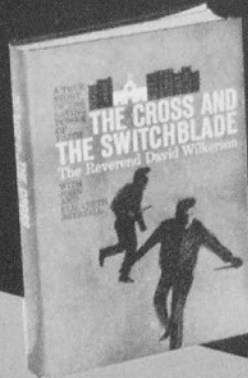
“Now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known” (1 Corinthians 13:12). I am of the opinion that we will intuitively know each other, as Peter, James, and John recognized Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration.

But our relationships will be entirely changed. “For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage” (Matthew 22:30). We will be one great family of God, not little groups of families such as we are here.

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Once he preferred the dance hall or country club, but everything changed when the children talked him into going to Sunday school.

## Life's So Different Now!

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anywhere although I was qualified to handle various jobs. Drinking became a very important part of my daily life as I sought an escape from pressures that closed in from all sides.

One day the man next door (whom we later discovered to be the new Assembly of God pastor that had moved into town) asked us if he could take our children to Sunday school. We agreed immediately. Next Sunday my wife and I got up with a "hangover" and dressed the children for Sunday school.

The pastor picked them up and brought them back just after 12:00 noon. I had never seen the kids so excited about anything in their lives. They just bubbled over with the stories they had heard and the various activities they had enjoyed at Sunday school. I was glad they were happy—but neither I nor my wife Elaine had any intention of going with them.

Every Sunday morning our neighbor picked up the children, even if it meant waiting until we got them dressed and ready. Then on August 30, 1959, we made a promise we promptly regretted. I was reading the Sunday paper and just finishing my third can of beer when the children came home from church with a very urgent request. "Mom and Dad, we want you to come to Sunday school next week. We're going to be promoted into different classes and we want you to see us get our promotion certificates."

Elaine looked at me and I looked at her. "Okay," I said, "we'll go with you." After all, we didn't want to disappoint our little sweethearts. We thought this would be an important event in their lives.

The next six days were miserable. We talked it over a hundred times and tried to find some excuse that would get us off the hook. But we couldn't. When Sunday morning came we dressed and headed for the little white church up the street.

We didn't even know the name of the church, or what they taught, but the people were very friendly. In fact, they gave us so much attention I wished they would let us alone, for I was so filled with guilt and embarrassment over the life I was living that I was really uncomfortable.

The kids were so happy because we were there. We watched as they received their promotion certificates. After Sunday school the pastor led the congregation right into the morning worship service so we had to stay and listen to the sermon.

I cannot remember the sermon but I do remember the effect it had on me. It simply cut me to pieces. I tried my best to keep my mind off the preaching—I



counted the ceiling tile; I counted the window panes, and the boards in the floor—but God's Word hit me and cut me right to the core. I wanted to rush out of there.

Finally the pastor asked the congregation to stand for the closing prayer and I looked around for some way to escape. I was hemmed in on every side! He asked if anyone would like to come forward to accept Jesus Christ. Elaine started to cry. I thought, "We'll never get out of here now!"

One of the ladies near my wife invited her to come forward to the altar. My wife touched my arm. Immediately something happened inside me. Somehow I found myself set free from the power of sin. I knew the blood of Jesus cleansed me completely. Hand in hand, Elaine and I almost ran to the altar of the church where we knelt and shed tears of repentance and joy.

The pastor dropped to his knees beside us and unfolded the Scriptures before our eyes so that we might understand our spiritual position, first as a sinner, and then as one redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. God especially made real to me the promise of 1 John 1:9—"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I have held that verse near my heart ever since that wonderful Sunday morning.

God immediately delivered me from tobacco, alcohol, and other bad habits. Within a few months both Elaine and I were baptized with the Holy Spirit and all three of the children gave their hearts to Christ. Life was so different now! The Lord supplied our material needs. He enabled us to pay all our debts at an even faster rate than we had contracted them! Two years later I entered Bible college to train myself to serve the One who has done so much for me. ◀◀

## SHE FOUND SOMETHING BETTER

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not do that! She went on for one year to fulfill the contracts she had signed.

But everyone noticed a tremendous change in her personality and manner. The voice and the face on the T.V. screen were different. She often sang Christian songs.

### UNDER CONTRACT TO CHRIST

At year's end she was free. The producers offered her double salary to sign a new contract for more shows. "I cannot do that," she said, "because I have a lifetime contract with my Lord Jesus Christ."

Now Teresita and her husband, Guillermo Mesinas, are full-time missionary evangelists affiliated with the Assemblies of God. During the past five years they have conducted gospel meetings in Chile, Bolivia, Uruguay, Argentina, Paraguay, and Brazil—besides their work in Peru. The former actress sings and testifies. Her husband does the preaching. The crowds come and many have been saved and healed. Teresita and Guillermo have both received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. As they pray in faith, they've seen God open blind eyes, heal lepers and cripples.

When I met Teresita in Peru she had just returned to Lima for a visit at home. Newspapers and magazines

## WHERE IS IT?

Can you match the Bible verse with the epistle by placing its letter in front of the number of the epistle?

### EPISTLES

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| _____1. Galatians       | _____6. 2 Timothy |
| _____2. Ephesians       | _____7. Titus     |
| _____3. Philippians     | _____8. Hebrews   |
| _____4. Colossians      | _____9. James     |
| _____5. 1 Thessalonians | _____10. Jude     |

### VERSES

- A. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."
- B. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."
- C. "I...exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints."
- D. "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient."
- E. "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."
- F. "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ."
- G. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."
- H. "Looking for that blessed hope, and glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."
- I. "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."
- J. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

### ANSWERS:

1—F (Galatians 2:16); 2—E (Ephesians 5:18); 3—C (Philippians 4:13); 4—J (Colossians 3:17); 5—I (1 Thessalonians 5:18); 6—D (2 Timothy 2:24); 7—H (Titus 2:13); 8—A (Hebrews 13:8); 9—B (James 5:16); 10—C (Jude 3).

were filled with pictures and stories of "The Actress Who Became a Missionary." Offers came for her to return to stage and television. She declined them all.

She went again to see the prisoners—this time not to entertain, but to give them Bibles and tell them of Jesus who has power to set men free!

May this true story of a famous actress who found God inspire you to pray for your missionaries and support them faithfully. Many people like Teresita have empty hearts—and they are waiting. ◀◀

### FRUITS AND ROOTS

Many of us would love to have sin taken away. Who loves to have a hasty temper? Who loves to have a proud disposition? Who loves to have a worldly heart? No one. You ask Christ to take it away, and He does not do it. Why does He not do it? It is because you wanted Him to take away the ugly fruits while the poisonous roots remained in you. You did not ask that henceforth you might give up self entirely to the power of His Spirit. Do you suppose that a painter would want to work out a beautiful picture on a canvas which did not belong to Him? No. Yet people want Jesus Christ to take away this temper or that other sin while as yet they have not yielded themselves utterly to His command.—*Andrew Murray*

*Bob Reid Says—*

# **LIFE'S SO DIFFERENT NOW!**



"DADDY, YOU SHOULDN'T DRINK AND SMOKE," BLURTED out my little five-year-old girl.

I looked up from my can of beer and snapped, "Who told you that stuff?"

Her face beamed from beneath her golden hair as she proudly said, "My Sunday school teacher. She told me that people who love God don't smoke and drink."

I tipped the can to my lips for the final gulp and then said, "Well, don't worry about it! I'll have a talk with those teachers and tell them a thing or two." But of course I had no intention of doing such a thing, for I knew the Sunday school teacher was absolutely right.

Furthermore, I knew my life was rotten and it embarrassed me to be around "religious" people. They were always asking me to "come to church" or "attend our Sunday school," or "get right with the Lord," and I wished they would leave me alone.

I had attended church and Sunday school the first 17 years of my life and I was "fed up." I couldn't see the difference between me and the church members who exchanged smutty stories with me or could be found drinking and smoking at a poker game on any given Saturday night. Churches? What more was in them than the country club we joined to raise ourselves socially in the eyes of our friends and business acquaintances?

With a good job and a lovely family, I seemed to be doing very well. During the late 50's I joined a dance band and often played at local lodges and other places. Then in the spring of 1959 I went into business for myself. Within a short time I had the largest business of its kind in the world—with an income of about \$50 an hour. But after a while things started to go wrong. My equipment began to break down. Gradually all my working capital was exhausted and I had to cash the war bonds my mother had left for the children.

With our money gone, the membership in the country club went too. Only a few dance jobs came along to help meet the grocery bills. I couldn't find employment

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