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THE BIBLE SAYS:

*"And it shall come to pass
in the last days, saith God,
I will pour out of my
Spirit upon all flesh"*
ACTS 2:17



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Quest for Peace

*The strange adventures of
Gustavo Galdamez that led him
at last to God as
narrated by—*

MELVIN L. HODGES

AS A BOY, GUSTAVO WAS A BRIGHT, EAGER STUDENT. Reared in a devout Catholic household, his family determined that he should become a priest. Consequently, his early schooling was received under the guidance of the priests in a parochial school. When he became a young man he was sent away to the saleciano school for priests in training.

"My hunger for God was so great that at times I sought Him with tears," he recalled later. Gustavo lived a secluded life under the vigilance of the priests who superintended the school.

Gustavo was sincere in entering the priesthood. To his youthful mind the priesthood represented the highest and best ideals in life. Having always considered the priests to be holy men of God, it was a grievous disappointment when he saw that they did not live up to his ideals. Gradually he came to the painful conclusion that religion and business were synonymous. Refusing to graduate,

he left after three years of study with several other disillusioned students to seek secular employment.

On leaving the school and the sheltered life Gustavo found himself intellectually and morally adrift. Although his mind had become disciplined to some extent he lost confidence in religion and consequently was soon lost in the whirlwind of sinful pleasure. Reports reached his family who took counsel and decided that Gustavo should be married.

"Gustavo is a good boy," they reasoned, "but he has lost his bearings and his youthful companions are leading him astray. Once he takes upon himself the responsibility of a home, he will settle down and be all right."

So marriage was arranged for him with a young schoolteacher named Virginia. Poor Gustavo! He appeared at the church for the marriage ceremony so under the influence of liquor that the priest had to take him aside and counsel him as to his new responsibilities.

The marriage ceremony proceeded as formally arranged. But marriage proved no help in the situation. Gustavo's wild life continued unabated. Finally his family intervened again and decided that he should leave El Salvador and go to Guatemala in order to get away from the evil influence of his companions. Being anxious for a change of life himself, Gustavo moved to the neighboring republic where he and his wife found employment as schoolteachers. With the new environment things proved a little better for Gustavo, but soon he found new companions and the bitter story of sin and drunkenness was repeated.

"Why should I live this useless life?" Gustavo asked himself about this time. "I am nothing but a sinful, degenerate soul." Deciding to take his own life he put the barrel of a loaded shotgun to his head and pulled the trigger. The shell was blank. Surely this was the intervention of God.

After fourteen years in Guatemala Gustavo decided to go back home again; perhaps he could make a new start in Santa Ana. Upon arrival he endeavored to find work as a professor or printer but all doors were closed to him. One day a friend offered him a position as an administrator of a coffee plantation. Reluctantly Gustavo accepted the job, but deep in his heart was humiliated that a man of his education should take such menial employment. Therefore, he moved his family to the coffee plantation in secret.

By now Gustavo had reached the place of complete discouragement with himself and life in general. Added to his many troubles his wife, Virginia, became very ill; the doctors said she would have to be operated on for a tumor and would have to remain in bed indefinitely. This threw Gustavo into the blackness of despair. What could he do? Where could he turn for help? At times he would walk at night among the coffee trees in anguish of soul.

One day a kindly neighbor called to see Virginia and heard about the doctor's diagnosis. When the visitor spoke of God's power to heal, the sick woman revealed her disappointment. "I have prayed to the Virgin, but I am no better."

"No, No! You must pray to God in the name of Jesus Christ. He is the heavenly Physician. Do you not remember how He healed people here on earth?"

And so the neighbor repeated the old, old story to the woman. He told her how Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever, and truth flooded the woman's heart. Over and over in her heart rang the words, "Jesus is the heavenly Physician." Hope filled her soul and when the old man left, Virginia lay thinking of his words.

After several earnest encounters with this godly neighbor, Virginia confessed her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and began to long to share her faith with Gustavo.

In the meantime the Spirit of God was dealing with him. Troubled with a sense of his own failure and unworthiness before God, a grim resolve gripped his heart. He would go back to God and start a new life! This would mean that he would have to go back to the Catholic church and confess his sins to the priest. But instead of offering spiritual help and consolation the priest began a long tirade against the Protestants. Gustavo had never had anything to do with the Protestants. There-

**Now I have seen Thee and found Thee,
For Thou hast found Thy sheep;
I fled, but Thy love would follow—
I strayed, but Thy grace would keep.
Thou hast granted my heart's desire—
Most blest of the blessed is he
Who findeth no rest and no sweetness
Till he rests, O Lord, in Thee.**

—H. SUSO

fore as the priest went on with his abuses and accusations Gustavo became disgusted and left the church.

"This man cannot help me," he said. "I wonder who these Protestants are? Maybe they can help me."

Back home he said to his wife, "Do you know of any Protestants around here; some of these people that they call Luteranos?"

"Yes," Virginia answered, "there is an old tailor who lives a little way down the road; they say he is an evangelico, but why do you ask?"

"Never mind, but go and tell him I want to talk to him. Tell him to bring one of his Protestant books. I want to know what it teaches."

Virginia could scarcely believe her ears. Perhaps the heavenly Physician was beginning His healing work in her husband's soul even as He was healing her body. She was able to walk now without difficulty and made her way to the home of the old man who had brought her the message.

"Gustavo wants you to come and bring the Book," she said.

"I will come in a moment," said the old man. About an hour later the old man was at Gustavo's door. "You wanted to see me?"

"Yes, I want to read one of your Protestant books," said Gustavo.

The old man brought forth his old well-used Bible. "This is the Book you need," he said with assurance.

Gustavo looked at the Book for a moment, and recognizing the Bible he looked away disdainfully.

"No!" he said, "Not a Bible! I learned the entire Psalms from memory when I was in the school for priests. I have read the stories of Moses and David. I liked those, but as a whole I didn't get anything out of the Bible. It didn't make much sense to me. I want you to give me some other book."

"This is the Book you need!" the old man declared. "This is the Book that teaches the way of salvation. The reason you could not understand it is because you have not been born of the Spirit of God. See, this verse says, 'But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned!'" (In Spanish, the words "natural man" are literally translated, "animal man.")

This thought struck Gustavo with great force. That was the reason he could not understand; he was simply an "animal man." The old man told him that if he would pray the Spirit of God would give him spiritual understanding.

It was a word spoken in due season. Together they knelt in prayer and Gustavo's heart was broken. "There in front of my little humble home, on the dust of the ground we knelt together and I found the peace and joy that I had sought." These were the words of Gustavo when he later recalled the moment of his salvation. He arose a new man with a new hope.

A few days later Gustavo heard that the Christians were going to be baptized in a nearby lake. This was all strange to him but he decided to go along. The happy songs of the believers as they walked along the road strangely inspired him. He couldn't help hearing the conversation of one of the believers and an unconverted boy who was walking with them. The believer urged the boy to accept Christ at once; the boy was from a Christian home but was not willing to make a decision.

"I have plenty of time," he said. "I am young. I will accept Christ later on."

When they reached the lake, the unconverted young man plunged into the water for a swim. He never returned to the surface. Somewhere at the bottom of the lake he went to meet his Maker. This incident impressed Gustavo deeply with the necessity of publicly accepting Christ as his Saviour. That night in the simple gospel service he took his stand for Christ.

God promoted Gustavo; he became the pastor of one of our largest churches in Santa Ana. He has taught in our Bible School and for a time served as assistant superintendent of the Assemblies of God of El Salvador which includes some 240 churches. More recently he was elected as superintendent.

Through the years Gustavo has never lost the sense of appreciation for his salvation, "You know," he said to me recently, "I still feel the wonderful joy that I felt the first day the old gentleman brought me the Word of God away back there. It never has left me. God has done so much for me." ◀◀

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An International Promise

It seems fitting that this first-of-its-kind International Edition* of *The Pentecostal Evangel* should feature the great international promise of Acts 2:17 on its cover.

God promised He would pour out of His Spirit upon all flesh. This means Australian flesh, American flesh, African flesh, Asian flesh—all humanity without regard to color, creed, or culture. *Everyone* is included, as the New English Bible brings out so clearly: "God says, This will happen in the last days: I will pour out upon everyone a portion of my spirit."

Peter, addressing a group of Jews from many different nations, went on to say that all of them could have this same sublime experience if they would repent and be baptized as Christian believers. "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call," he said (verse 39).

Today the Christians around the world who have received this Pentecostal Baptism number in the millions. They represent various denominations: Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopal, Methodist, and many others. This magazine has been privileged to publish the personal testimonies of members of nearly every denomination who have prayed for and received this fulness of the Spirit. Their testimonies show the wonderful benefits of entering into this new spiritual life.

A Presbyterian pastor said: "I had been born of the Spirit, but that night I was filled with the Spirit. By faith I had known that I was His, but He came in and took possession. Up to that moment I had been praying. But now He had come in and was praying through me with a power, a faith, an intensity entirely different and so much more wonderful than my own. In experience I was now the temple of the Holy Ghost."

The minister of a Reformed Church, after receiving the Baptism, told what a change it made in his life. "Prayer and worship, which before had been so much a matter of effort and duty, now became the breath of life to me. Talking about Jesus to others became the most natural thing in the world. Now that He was so wonderfully real to me, it was much easier to make Him real to others."

A minister's wife said: "Nine words changed my life. They are found in Acts 19:2—'Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?' I was so surprised to find these words in the Bible. To think it isn't just the made-up doctrine of the Pentecostals; it's in the Bible, and God means it for everybody today!" So she began to ask the Lord for this experience, and she received a marvelous Baptism. "The Spirit came upon me, taking full possession, filling me with an unutterable joy and giving me a new language with which to praise Him. It was joy unspeakable!"

Yes, these nine words *are* in the Bible. Have *you* received the Holy Ghost since you believed? The Lord wants you to be able to say, "Yes, praise God, I have."
—R. C. C.

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TONGUES ... AS OF FIRE

By J. Robert Ashcroft, President, Evangel College, Springfield, Missouri

FIRE CHARACTERIZED GOD'S TOUCH ON MEN OF OLD. King David's heart was hot within. Jeremiah had a fire in his bones. Isaiah asked for a live coal to touch his lips. Then it is not surprising to find the greatest of all divine manifestations pictured in terms of fire.

John prophesied concerning Jesus, "I indeed baptize you with water... he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire..." (Luke 3:16).

What a difference! John's baptism was with water. Jesus' baptism was with fire. John's baptism was unto repentance for the past. Jesus' baptism was unto regeneration for the future. John's baptism made converts. Jesus' baptism made "converters."

FIRE MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

To be baptized with the Holy Spirit sets the tongue afire. Such a phenomenon has always characterized the Spirit-anointed persons. The early disciples, upon receiving the Holy Spirit, went everywhere preaching the gospel. This was fulfillment. Jesus had declared, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me..." (Acts 1:8). This art of witnessing is possible through tongues made afire with the Holy Ghost.

Tongues articulate and sound forth a message. The great sounding forth brought the multitude together. Such a curious event as men having something to say and saying it with such "fire" created an attraction. It always does. Any tongue set on fire attracts attention.

THE TONGUE IS POWERFUL

Note the tongues that have been "set on fire of hell." Hitler had a tongue set on fire—it could be said of him, and of many other demagogues, that their tongues were a world of iniquity... setting on fire the course of nature.

A tongue of fire can start a fire of evil. James says the tongue no man can tame... but God can take hold of the tongue and set it afire with holy flame. That which was used to curse now can be used to bless.

What this world needs is *tongues like as of fire*

that have been brought under the sway of the Holy Spirit. The condition of the tongue and all it expresses may indicate the state of the individual's spiritual health.

Tell me what you talk about and I'll tell you what you are—like the old-fashioned mother who, when the child complained of being ill, said, "Show me your tongue. Ah! You are sick!" The mother could tell by a coated tongue the condition of the child's health. Could it be that the spiritual health of an individual, the spiritual health of a church, is indicated by the tongue?

Yes, the church and the world need tongues set afire from heaven. Those hot tongues of Pentecost spoke. The response was, "And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born... the wonderful works of God?" (Acts 2:8, 11).

When they heard Peter's anointed tongue explain the gracious manifestation they said, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). This is the true direction of all "hot tongues"—to cause men to inquire as to the way to find God.

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE IS ESSENTIAL

How can we have tongues like as a fire in our time? Look again at the point of history. It was through the coming of the Holy Spirit. Therein lies the secret. The real meaning lies in the experience of receiving and continuing in the "Spirit life."

This life is the opposite of the "natural." It is a life not given to the lust of the eye, the pride of life, or the lust of the flesh. This life is opposite to the material. It is a life not given to the passing, but to the eternal.

That life of the Spirit is known by its fruit or virtues. The Spirit life is a life of virtues above the material and natural; they are supernatural. Only a Spirit-filled man can have the love of God and live in the supernatural. This is not to be compared to human love, but contrasted with it. Though the best of human love is contiguous to the love of God, it takes the Holy Spirit baptism to carry the human across the dividing line.

The tongue is a key indicator of the true nature of the individual. No wonder it is written that—when the Spirit comes—they shall speak with "new" tongues!



The Beginning of Sin

Next Week's Sunday School Lesson
GENESIS 3:1-10; ROMANS 5:12-14

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

Four great subjects are introduced in our lesson.

1. TEMPTATION (Genesis 2:8-17; 3:1-6)

a. *Its Setting.* The two trees placed in the Garden of Eden provided a test for man and, therefore, an opportunity for his development in righteousness. God could derive no satisfaction from creatures who were either forced to serve Him or created to do so automatically. Love can only be satisfied with love willingly returned.

b. *Its Source.* "And the serpent said unto the woman..." Satan was the author of temptation; he worked through the serpent who was symbolic of himself (2 Corinthians 11:3; Revelation 12:9; 20:2). Two truths are evident here: (1) God is not the author of sin (James 1:13). (2) Sin originally came from without, due to evil suggestion and influence, rather than from man's own nature.

c. *Its Subtlety.* Satan's cunning was revealed in many ways: (1) He approached the woman when she was alone and without moral support. (2) He excited her curiosity. Unholy curiosity has often led to sin! (3) He raised a doubt in her mind concerning God's character

—His goodness and His righteousness. He implied that God was not good because of the restriction He imposed, and that God did not mean what He said but was deceiving her! (4) Satan appealed to Eve through the three fundamental desires of mankind—desires which in themselves are not evil, but which may become so. In the desire to *enjoy* things—"good for food"—she faced the question of satisfying the normal desire for food in an unlawful manner. In the desire to *get* things—"pleasant to the eyes"—she faced the question of obtaining something God had forbidden. In the desire to *accomplish*—"ye shall be as gods"—she faced the question of accomplishing something from wrong motives and contrary to God's purposes.

2. SIN

a. *Its Reality.* "She took... and did eat... and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." In the name of religion many today deny the existences of sin, but Genesis 3 establishes it as a hideous, inescapable, and inexcusable reality!

b. *Its Root.* The Genesis record clearly shows that man's desire to assert himself and to act independently of God is at the root of all sin.

c. *Its Responsibility.* How definitely Genesis 3 gives the lie to modern views of sin! Man is shown to be absolutely responsible for his own sin. He was made in the image of God. Furthermore, there was nothing in his environment conducive to sin. He did have *ability* to sin, because of free moral agency, but he did not have the tendency, or liability, as fallen man does today. Sin was not—and is not—necessary! "Sin shall not have dominion over you." We may be victorious through Christ (Romans 6:1-14)!

3. JUDGMENT

"Be sure your sin will find you out." The principle is written clearly and deeply into the record of this first sin—and of every sin since. As a result of sin, man suffered two penalties. (1) The sentence of *guilt*, evidenced in two ways—an attempt to hide from God and an attempt to shift the blame. (2) The sentence of *condemnation*. The divine judgment upon the serpent was degradation; upon the woman, pain, suffering, and subjection to man; upon the man, hard labor; and upon the ground, comparative unproductiveness.

4. REDEMPTION

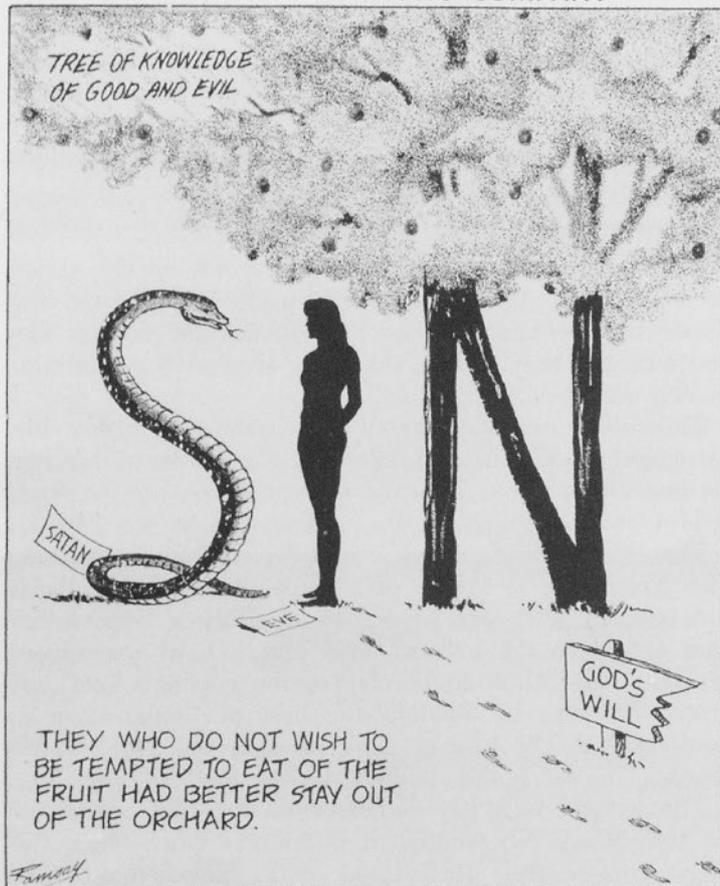
Thank God, the account of man's fall does not leave us in despair! For redemption also is foreshadowed and symbolized in the story. We see redemption—

a. *Promised* (Genesis 3:15). God said that the woman's seed [Christ] should bruise the serpent's *head* [indicating fatality], and that Satan would bruise Christ's *heel* [indicating a temporary wound, fulfilled at Calvary].

b. *Pictured* (Genesis 3:21). The killing of the innocent animal in order to provide covering for the naked pair was symbolic of the death of the Lamb of God by which man was clothed with divine righteousness through the shed blood.

c. *Preserved* (Genesis 3:22-24). Man was expelled from the Garden to prevent his partaking of the tree of life, in which case he would have lived forever in his fallen state. Thus, expulsion was an act of mercy. The way back was provided through Christ. ◀◀

WRONG PLACE—WRONG COMPANY



In the day when the innermost secrets of our lives are made public will God classify us with the raven or the dove?

IN A RECENT READING OF GENESIS I NOTICED THAT certain narratives are paired, such as the stories of Cain and Abel, of Abraham and Lot, of Ishmael and Isaac, of Esau and Jacob, of the raven and the dove.

Further, these narratives are contrasted. Cain was of that wicked one while Abel was of God. Abraham walked by faith while Lot walked by sight. Ishmael was born after the flesh while Isaac was born after the Spirit. Esau was a profane person while Jacob was said to be a plain (upright) man.

The narrative of Noah's two birds, the raven and the dove, is written, no doubt, for our learning.

THE RAVEN

The raven is a restless, unclean bird (Leviticus 11:13, 15), and feeds on carrion. When Noah sent forth the raven from the ark, it "went to and fro," going and returning. It had been restless under restraint, and was apparently glad to be out of the ark. Is restlessness a characteristic of you? Do you chafe if you are not given the freedom you think you should have? Are you discontented under the restraints that God must sometimes place upon you? Do you dislike discipline? If so, like the raven you only go "to and fro" and do not rest in God.

The raven is carnivorous, desiring fleshly foods. In this, too, it is a type of some Christians. Paul mourned the fact that some of the Corinthian believers were carnally minded; that their minds fed on fleshly and earthly things (1 Corinthians 3:1-3). Their eyes were set earthward and not heavenward. To such the exhortation is, "Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:2).

An eagle once spotted a carcass on an ice floe. Swooping down upon it, he began to devour it. The ice floe drifted steadily toward the mighty Niagara Falls. The eagle sensed this, but continued to devour the flesh until its instinct warned it to soar back into the heavens. Stretching out its strong wings to fly upward, it found

that its talons were frozen fast in the ice, and the eagle was swept to its destruction over the Falls. Beware of the fleshly morsels of this world. Keep free from them, or you too will find yourself enmeshed to your spiritual loss.

The raven bites and devours, and, strange as it may seem, the Holy Spirit has found it necessary to give this solemn warning to Christians: "But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another" (Galatians 5:15).

The raven is a type of the unclean spirits of the air. The raven went to and fro, everywhere finding something upon which it could feed. The unclean and evil spirits of Satan are all about us (Ephesians 2:2; 6:12), working not only in the hearts of the children of disobedience, but also observing the children of God. Do they find anything in us upon which they can feed, and of which they can take hold? It is suggested that the evil spirits know us pretty well. "And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?" (Acts 19:15). Our blessed Saviour could say, "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me" (John 14:30). May the unclean and evil raven spirits never have anything in us.

THE DOVE

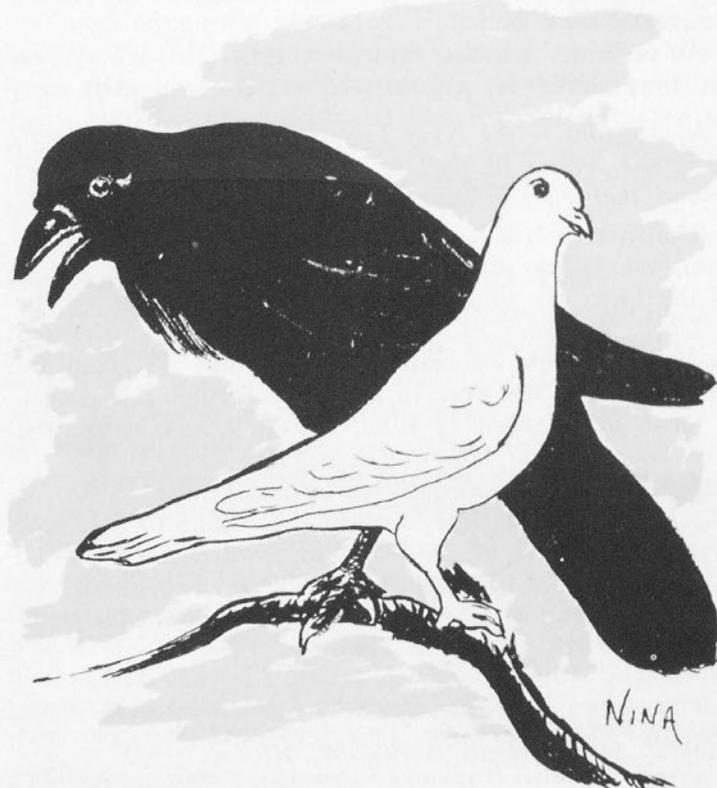
The dove rests in things suited to its nature. It will flee from that upon which it cannot rest or in which it cannot find satisfaction. That is the inward meaning of Psalm 55:5, 6, where David prays for wings like a dove, that he might fly from that which might harm his dovelike spirit.

When Noah sent forth the dove, it "found no rest for the sole of her foot" (Genesis 8:9). There was nothing in all the world around upon which it could rest with satisfaction. In this it was unlike the raven. If we have the characteristics of the dove, there is nothing earthly and fleshly upon or in which we can rest. David

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The Raven and The Dove

BY ARTHUR PETRIE





Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

What does it mean to be "conformed to the image of his Son?" (Romans 8:29)

It means to be made Christlike in all things. The process of this conforming is constantly going on in our lives as we learn more about Jesus in personal experience and meet the tests of life in the spirit of Jesus. We are being "changed into the same image from glory to glory, even by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

In what way is God "faithful and just to forgive us our sins"?' (John 1:19)

In forgiving our sins, God is faithful to His promise and also faithful to the atoning work of Christ who gave Himself a ransom for us. God also is just as to His character, which is holy, and to His law, which must be upheld. In the atonement, the perfect holiness of Christ met all the Law's demands. Through the atonement God can remain just to His holiness and Law, while showing mercy to sinners who believe in Jesus.

Will you please tell me what the mark of the Beast will be? (Revelation 13:16-18)

I greatly question that any yet know what the mark of the Beast will be. This will be revealed in its time. Since we are told that the number of the Beast is 666 (v. 18), men have looked for clues in that direction. Some have speculated that the number can be formed by use of the letters on the pope's crown; some have thought they could read the number in the letters of Napoleon Bonaparte's name; and still others have thought they had the mystery solved by identifying it with others, but these have failed.

At present, "We see through a glass, darkly." When the time comes for clearer vision, God will give it.

I do not find in the New Testament any law of tithing. Is it not wrong to seek to put us under the Law, by saying that all Christians must tithe?

The first recorded tithing in Scripture is that of Abraham, the father of the faithful, long before the giving of the Law. He tithed to Melchizedek, who was a type of Christ (Genesis 14:18-20). It might be well to reason that if we would be blessed with faithful Abraham we should tithe to the work of Christ, to further His gospel.

Jacob also vowed to tithe, and this was before the Law was given to Moses (Genesis 28:22).

Jesus put His approval on tithing (Luke 11:42). I like to see people tithe because they want to, and not because they have to, for, "God loveth a cheerful giver." The needs of the kingdom of Christ throughout the world are great and are dependent on the faithful stewardship of the people of God.

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, Springfield, Missouri 65082. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Brainerd exhibited remarkable dovelike characteristics, and under the date of April 25, 1742, wrote in his journal:

*"Farewell, vain world; my soul can bid adieu;
The Saviour taught me to abandon you.
Your charms may gratify a sensual mind,
But cannot please a soul for God designed.
Cease to entice, forbear my soul to call;
'Tis fixed through grace, my God shall be my all.
While He thus lets me heavenly glories view,
Your beauties fade; my heart is not for you."*

The dove, finding nothing to satisfy its nature, nothing agreeable to its inner and true self, soon "returned unto him into the ark." That is a true dovelike characteristic, to fly from that which hurts and harms and which does not harmonize with the new nature from God.

Do we possess it? What about our thinking? Do we recoil from unclean and evil thoughts? We must learn to bring "into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5). "Guard well thy thoughts; thoughts are heard in heaven." What about our reading? It is unthinkable that a true Christian should find satisfaction or enjoyment in the worldly books of the day.

How about our speech? If we are dovelike, we shall not use the language of the flesh or of the world. One of the outstanding characteristics of a dovelike spiritual life is spiritual speaking: "Be filled with the Spirit: speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (Ephesians 5:18, 19).

The dove is sensitive; it knows intuitively what is harmful and dangerous. So will be the born-again Christian. He will quickly turn his eyes from beholding evil, and close his ears from hearing those things which are not appropriate. In this world we cannot help seeing and hearing some things which are contrary to our new nature, any more than the dove sent forth from the ark could help seeing the world about it; but, like the dove, we can quickly return in spirit to our Ark, the Lord Jesus, and refuse to rest in such things. Mature Christians learn how to refuse the evil and choose the good (Isaiah 7:15).

The dove is typical of the Holy Spirit (John 1:32) who found rest in the heart of the Lord Jesus. Does He find rest in your heart, in my heart? Is there that within us that delights Him? That harmonizes with His nature? There is a beautiful expression in Zephaniah 3:17: "He will rest in his love; he will joy over thee with singing." The Holy Spirit desires to find Christian hearts in which He can rest and rejoice. We have this expressed in one of the great hymns of the Church.

*"He came sweet influence to impart,
A gracious willing Guest,
While He can find one humble heart
Wherein to rest."*

It was because of this dovelike nature possessed by the Holy Spirit that we have such words as the apostle gave to the Christians at Ephesus: "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption" (Ephesians 4:30). Dr. A. B. Simpson used to urge Christians to keep an ungrieved Holy Spirit in their hearts. ◀◀



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Pentecostals in Norway Second in Number

The Pentecostal Movement continues to be the second-largest religious group in Norway. The Norwegian Central Bureau of Statistics reports that 96¼ per cent of the population belong to the State Church. Of the remaining 3¾ per cent (134,500) some 22,300 belong to no church. The balance are divided as follows:

Pentecostals 34,000; Evangelical Lutheran Free Church 16,800; Methodist 11,200; Baptist 9,300; Roman Catholic 7,900; Seventh-day Adventist 5,300; others 5,400.

Australian Is New World Bible Champion

For the first time since Israel began the International Bible Contest in 1958, the world championship has passed from Israeli hands. Graham Mitchell, a Seventh-day Adventist from Sydney, Australia, was declared winner at a session that lasted until 3 a.m.

The Bible contests, held at Jerusalem once every three years draw widespread interest throughout Israel. Press and radio give them great publicity. Many of Israel's highest officials, including President Shazar, attended this third competition and listened closely as representatives of 20 nations answered questions on the Old Testament.

The American contestant, Samuel Joshua Singer, scored 11 points. He was eliminated after the second round. The Australian won 45 points. Israel's Yom-Tov Krasniyansky was second with 44 points and Miss Irja Immonin of Finland was third with 38½.

Hundreds of Decisions Reported Among Servicemen

Assemblies of God ministers serving as chaplains in the U. S. armed forces are pointing many servicemen to Christ. Chaplain Talmadge McNabb, who is stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, reports as follows:

"We hit a new all-time high in the Sunday evening fellowship hour service I am conducting, with 851 present recently. The General here was quite pleased with this and had a write-up. This was our second time to be featured in the Fort Knox newspaper in the past two months. I counted 765 decisions for Christ in the past three months."

Government Finally Bows to Amish Conscience

Members of strict Mennonite groups such as the Old Order Amish may be excused from paying Social Security taxes as other Americans do, by waiving all rights to the insurance benefits. The U. S. Treasury Department has ruled that a bill exempting the "plain people" from these taxes is constitutional.

The Amish believe that fruitful industry in younger years and reliance on God throughout life make it unnecessary to look to outside sources for help in old age. They teach that families should care for their own sick and disabled.

For years the Amish have resisted the government on this point. Two years ago Treasury agents impounded horses and livestock of Amish who, on religious grounds, refused to pay Social Security tax.

Moslems Forbidden to Sell to Christians

Grand Mufti Sheikh Abdullah Ghawshah has issued a religious ruling banning the sale of Moslem property in Old Jerusalem and other "holy" parts of Jordan to so-called foreigners. The ruling said that anyone selling such land to Christians is to be branded a "traitor to his religion and nation."

It is reported the ruling was made after it was learned that the Vatican plans to build a Roman Catholic school for deaf children in the Old City.

Buddhism Promoted as Ceylon's State Religion

A proposal that Buddhism be made the state religion in Ceylon has been approved by the government's Cabinet in Colombo. Legislation soon will be introduced in Parliament to amend the country's constitution, it is expected.

Buddhists form about 85 per cent of Ceylon's population. There is strong feeling in favor of changing the charter which currently states that no "privilege or advantage" shall be conferred "on persons of any community or religion which is not conferred on persons of other communities or religions."

Red Guards Confiscate Religious Literature

Church authorities report that East Berlin border police have confiscated religious literature found on West Germans seeking to visit relatives in the Soviet Zone. They also assert that on several occasions Communist police at the Berlin Wall have told visitors to take their religious "trash back to West Berlin and then come back without it."

Population Expected to Double in 35 Years

When the Lord Jesus saw the multitudes He was moved with compassion on them because they were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd (Matthew 9:36). How He must be moved with pity today as He looks down upon the earth's exploding population and sees how few spiritual shepherds there are to guide the multitudes into the green pastures of divine grace!

The latest United Nations report on world population shows it is now 3¼ billion. The annual rate of increase is 2.1 per cent. If this growth rate continues, the population will be 6½ billion by the year 2000. The most populous land is Red China, with nearly 20 per cent of the world's people (700 million). The fastest-growing areas are Central America and the Caribbean, with 2.9 per cent annual gain.



The Korean deaf eagerly attend the services conducted for them. The Yongdongpo group is pictured above.

Betty Haney, founder of the Korean deaf ministry, and Pastor Chey, present director of the Korean Deaf Fellowship, display blankets provided by deaf groups in the United States for needy Korean deaf families.



BRINGING KOREAN DEAF TO CHRIST

BY CHEY SUNG MAN

THE GIANT B-29 BOMBERS WERE MAKING THEIR RAIDS over Japan more and more frequently. As the sirens screamed in the middle of the night, I again found myself huddled in an air-raid shelter with my Christian parents and five brothers and sisters.

I had no use for Christianity; it was absolutely meaningless to me until I realized the great contrast in attitudes evidenced by my parents and me. We were in an underground compartment with just enough light for me to see the peace radiating from my parents' faces as they worshiped and sang hymns. They were not fearful; and they showed no signs of the emptiness and horror that permeated every fiber of my being. Their God was real! Then and there I made my decision to accept their God as my God. Immediately I joined them in their

worship and singing in that Japanese bomb shelter in Nagoya.

Being Korean, my parents decided to go back to their native country after the war was over. We found a place to live in the port city of Pohang—my father's birthplace. After my graduation from high school, a way opened for me to study at a local Presbyterian Bible institute. I attended the school for two years and then continued my Bible training in another school.

One day my father carefully and patiently explained the baptism of the Holy Spirit until I became convinced that it was an experience I should seek. This remarkable experience was the second milestone leading to my life's calling.

After learning that the Assemblies of God operated

These faithful workers minister to the deaf in Korea. Deaf groups in the United States help to support the Korean deaf ministry.

Sixty deaf attend the first Korean camp for the deaf conducted in August 1964.



a Bible school in Seoul, I immediately enrolled. Upon completion of the courses of study, I was sent out to pastor a church in Mamwon.

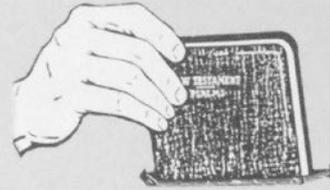
The third remarkable experience happened in January of 1960 while I was pastoring the Anlak Assembly near Pusan. Missionary L. P. Richards from my area brought two American women to my church on a Sunday evening. He introduced one of them as Betty Haney who, even though employed by the American government in Seoul, was actively engaged in the deaf ministry. To my astonishment, Miss Haney repeated John 3:16 in the Korean sign language.

After the service one of my members, Mrs. Yoon, came to me and excitedly claimed that she understood every word in the sign language that Miss Haney used. Mrs. Yoon's husband is deaf and she had learned to communicate with him through the sign language. The following morning Mrs. Yoon came to see me and said that her unsaved husband would gather all his deaf friends and would like to have Miss Haney minister to them. Miss Haney was contacted and she gladly accepted the invitation; the date was set for February 19 to 21.

I was never the same after that first service when Miss Haney, a foreigner, preached in the Korean sign language so that my people who were deaf could understand her. I could hardly wait until she came back to Pusan for the special meetings. During these services God confirmed to me that He wanted me to learn the sign language and reach the deaf of Korea for Christ. I was so eager to know the sign language that it was not difficult for me to learn. Mr. and Mrs. Yoon were my instructors.

In one year's time I was able to sign entire sermons. I then resigned my pastorate to become a full-time worker with the deaf under Miss Haney's guidance. I went from city to city to preach to the deaf and opened outstations in each city. However, it was very difficult for me to pastor six congregations in six different cities. Our only answer was to do as the apostle Paul had done—to train local laymen and set them over their respective groups. Our first Bible Seminar composed of deaf laymen was held in Seoul in December 1962. It was sponsored and directed by Betty Haney.

Soon more doors opened to us and we started branch churches in Suwon, Incheon, Yongdung-po. I was asked to teach a course in sign language at the Assemblies of



Walking with the WORD

SCRIPTURE READING FOR JANUARY 3-10

Sunday—Psalms 3, 4

Monday—Matthew 1

Tuesday—Matthew 2

Wednesday—Matthew 3

Thursday—Matthew 4

Friday—Matthew 5

Saturday—Psalm 5

Sunday—Psalms 6, 7

God Bible School in Seoul. This was an answer to our need. Already we have two students who are assistant pastors of two of our deaf churches. One December graduate is entering full-time deaf ministry.

In addition, we now have weekly sign language classes for our workers and correspondence courses for those in remote areas. Every three months we have special training seminars for our workers. This year we conducted two vacation Bible schools. Sunday school materials from BGMC and Bible portions from *Light for the Lost* have made possible our literature program. We are distributing 50,000 tracts prepared especially for the Korean deaf.

Today throughout Korea we have 10 churches for the deaf and 17 trained workers, with approximately 500 deaf attending. In July 1964 a capacity group attended our first Deaf Camp at the Christian conference grounds. Never before had a group of deaf from all over Korea met for such a gathering. For five days they lived, studied and worshiped together.

The harvest is white—for only a small fraction of the more than 60,000 deaf Koreans, so open to the gospel, have been reached for Christ. Pray with us that we may be able to enter the many doors of opportunity.

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Editor's Note: Betty Haney has served as a government employee in Korea since October 1958. Her interest in the deaf stems from the sign language course she took while attending Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Missouri. She learned the Korean sign language and established the Korean deaf work during her free time (evenings and weekends). Sister Haney will soon terminate her third government term in Korea, leaving the deaf work under the capable leadership of Brother Chey.

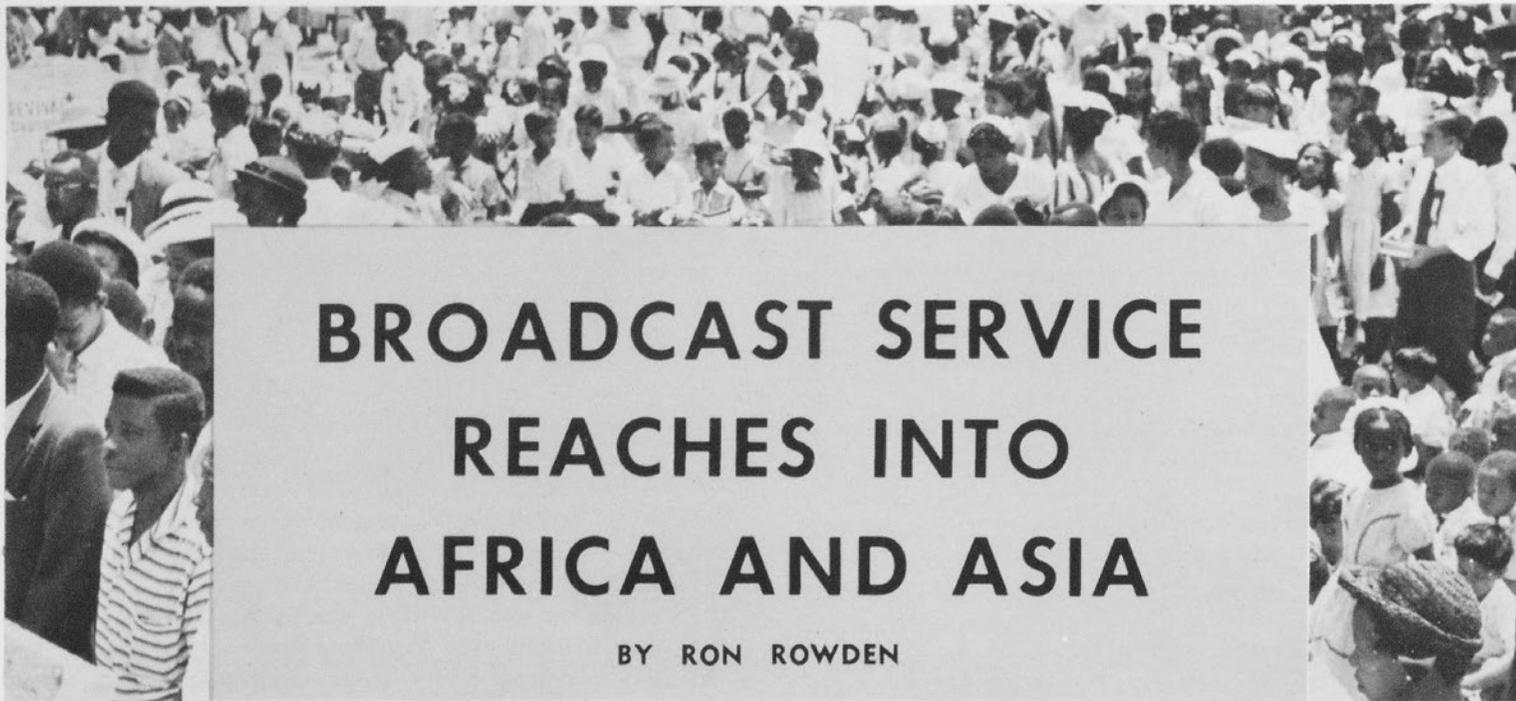
Deaf groups in the United States are now helping to support Brother Chey and the other national workers.



◀ Mrs. Yoon teaches the deaf Bible class in Pusan.

Korean deaf converts joyfully follow Christ's command to be baptized in water. ▶





BROADCAST SERVICE REACHES INTO AFRICA AND ASIA

BY RON ROWDEN

A BURDEN FOR THE STRIFE-TORN CONTINENTS OF ASIA and Africa rests heavily on the hearts of the *Revivaltime* team. Time is spent in prayer each week for the individual needs of those who write to the radio office seeking prayer and guidance.

Poverty, disease, death, communistic infiltration and extreme nationalism have made the people of these lands unsettled and distrustful. Their only time of inspiration and happiness is when the Word of God is presented to them. Atheistic powers are slowly forcing the missionary and his hope-giving message from some countries. But radio still continues to pierce the curtains of darkness.

Whether the people be huddled in cramped, humble sampans or sweltering in steaming jungles, millions of persons around the world are receiving the gospel through *Revivaltime*.

Testimonies from Asian and African listeners tell of the rich blessings they are receiving. "Your program, without a doubt, is the finest of its kind on the air here in South Africa," wrote a missionary in Johannesburg.

Another listener in South Africa testified: "How we look forward to your program, which reaches us on Sunday nights. The evidence of the Holy Spirit is truly manifest in your messages, and listening to them gives me joy in my heart for salvation."

Revivaltime brought this response from a woman in Africa: "I have been a regular listener to your program for many months. I thoroughly enjoy it, and when you start singing, 'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name,' I just get a thrill. I expect to be lifted up above the feelings of despondency which so often come over me. One begins to take fresh courage when he hears your message of hope. My husband, too, has been a regular listener the past few Sundays, and I think your message often touches a vital chord, for sometimes I see tears flowing from his eyes. Surely, your efforts are not in vain."

African students also find inspiration in the broadcast service. One youth recently wrote: "I want to tell

you how much I enjoyed your broadcast last night. I received a great blessing from the message of deliverance by Evangelist C. M. Ward."

Thousands of letters also come from Asia. This correspondence from an officer stationed in Vietnam was most encouraging to the broadcast staff:

"Although I only have a few more days in Vietnam, I want you to know that your program reaches even into the jungles of this country. Presently, I am located in a Special Forces camp which is situated in the mountain highlands near the Laotian border. Our only contact with the outside world is by radio and the aircraft which bring our supplies. One Saturday morning, while tuning our radio, I chanced to hear your program through the facilities of the Far East Broadcasting Company in Manila. I was exceedingly pleased to hear the inspirational music and preaching of God's Word. My soul was refreshed, and I longed to be in a meeting place once again with the saints of God!"

Bandung, Indonesia, was the postmark on a letter which read: "Every Sunday morning I listen to *Revivaltime*. The sermons and songs indeed strengthen my faith in the Lord. I desire to walk closer to Him each day."

A listener in Tirunelveli District, Madras State, South India, tells of answered prayer in this warmhearted testimony:

"Two months ago, one of my teen-age sons ran away from home. During your altar call you were praying for changed lives and I prayed for my lost son with tears rolling down my cheeks. At the same time, my son was writing a letter of apology, and on the day of your next broadcast he returned home. Surely, the Spirit of the Lord hovers over your broadcasts."

We hope that you have made *Revivaltime* one of your listening habits. We are sure you and your friends will find the broadcast service inspirational and beneficial. Ask for a free copy of the radio log which lists the station, wave length, and time of each release. Write: *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri, U.S.A. 65801.

Thoughts on the Road to Golgotha

BY JUAN MAROLI

Translated from Spanish

NEVER HAD THERE BEEN A MAN WHO WAS ABLE TO predict with certainty the events that would take place in his life. Yet, in the sun-bathed land of Palestine there was One who was able to say: "Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death" (Matthew 20:18).

Perhaps there was not joy on His countenance when He said this. But there was not a trace of despair either. For a moment imagine the confusion of the disciples "What? You, the Son of man, be betrayed?" These were probably the thoughts of the impulsive Peter. "Be betrayed, be mocked and crucified? No, Master, never!" It is possible that they had such thoughts, but they held their peace.

Let us consider carefully the emphasis Jesus placed upon the words: "... and shall deliver him to the Gentiles

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to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him" (v. 19). Are these the words of a dirge coming from the lips of a melancholy poet who loved anguish and suffering? Never! These were the words of the holiest and most humble of men, the Saviour of the world, Jesus Christ.

From a human standpoint, his words suggest turmoil and torment and eternal night. But the narrative was not ended. He had something else in mind in calling them aside. After the confusion of thoughts, the languid looks, there was something else, "... and the third day he shall rise again."

It seemed like the dawn of a majestic day. Is it possible that the tears would turn into laughter? That the moan of anguish would turn into the joyful sob of a revived heart?

His disciples could have answered, "Yes, Lord, there will be all that." And yet, deep silence seized the dozen men.

But today, in my soul, there is no silence. I believe that He was delivered for my transgressions and sins; that He was mocked and scourged for each one of my rebellious deeds; that He was crucified for my sake. Yes, I believe it all. I am amazed and dismantle my soul in sincere repentance. But what thrills me most and lifts me to the very heights of His presence is this: "And the third day he shall rise again." And He did!

My soul and my heart are free from anguish. He lives! Hear the witness of the writer to the Hebrews. "He ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25). Yes, my soul, there is pain and anguish on the road to Golgotha, but at the end, on reaching its summit, there is life! ◀◀◀



The teachers retreat, held at this 400-year-old Gasthof Fuchs'sche-Muhle (right photo) in Weinheim, Germany, was attended by 33 teachers and their companions. The retreat leaders are seated in the middle row. Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Tim Berquist, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fulmer, Chaplain and Mrs. James Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Hutzaluk.

AMERICAN EDUCATORS MEET IN GERMANY

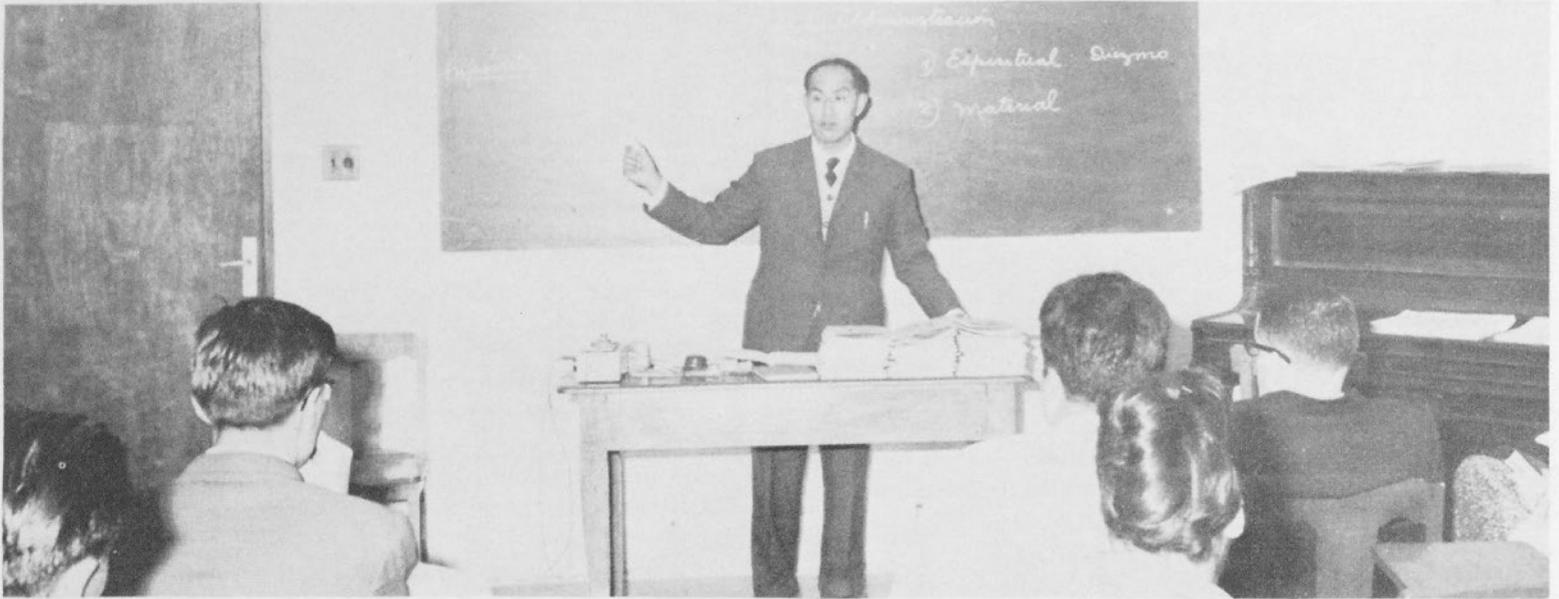
WEINHEIM, GERMANY—A meeting of American schoolteachers was held in this quaint German village November 7 and 8, 1964, sponsored by the Assemblies of God. Coordinated by Servicemen's Representative Richard Fulmer, the event brought together 33 teachers and their companions at the Gasthof Fuchs'sche-Muhle, a 400-year-old millhouse converted into a modern hotel and restaurant.

One teacher came from Alconbury, England. Another teacher was a young German lady who expressed great pleasure over being among Christian Americans. The remainder were Americans teaching in Continental Europe. There are 3,000 American educators in Europe, including many Pentecostal

believers who have little or no contact with Assemblies of God or other Christian teachers and appreciate opportunities for fellowship.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Woods presented a challenging message in the inspirational hour. Other events included informal discussions and an afternoon bus tour to Heidelberg. On the second day Richard Fulmer led a devotional service followed by Holy Communion. "Christ the Master Teacher" was the theme of the meetings.

So happy were the teachers at this first gathering, they expressed their desire for another future conference. (*Evangel* readers who know of Assemblies of God schoolteachers in Europe are requested to send their names and APO addresses to Richard C. Fulmer, Robert-Mayer Strasse 27, Frankfurt/M., Germany.)



Class in stewardship is conducted by Ernesto Sandoval, national treasurer of Peru Assemblies of God.

FOR LATIN AMERICAN CHRISTIANS . . .

Four-Way Training

By Louise Walker, Coordinator of Bible Schools in Latin America

LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS OF THE Assemblies of God have initiated a stepped-up training program for the people of these countries. The recent tragedy of the Communist take-over in Cuba, the possibility of similar occurrences elsewhere, and the demands

of a rapidly increasing population have accentuated the need for such a plan.

The new Four Point Training Program will include an *Elementary Bible Course* for local church members, a *Lay-workers Training Course* for

Bible schools and correspondence study, a *Ministerial Course* featuring in-service training for Bible school students, and a *Leadership Training Course* to be conducted through national seminars offering advanced training for ministers.

A pilot project has been launched in Peru, where the Elementary Bible Course is being offered to about 3,000 persons. Simultaneously, the Leadership Training Course is dealing with the areas of church organization, stewardship, the work of the Holy Spirit, and methods of teaching. The results of this pilot effort will form guidelines for coming projects in Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay. ◀◀

Lima seminar faculty includes (front row, left to right) Monroe Grams director; George Davis, Latin America Sunday School coordinator; Verne Warner, Bible School committee chairman.



Tired but happy, Louise Walker signs 58 certificates issued at seminar's end to ministers who attended.

Literature Opens the Doors

By Arline Crompton

Missionary to India

THERE IS A LARGE SIGN OUTSIDE OUR Jabalpur book room saying, "Reading Room—All Welcome." A loud speaker plays hymns as people pass. Many people of all walks of life enter to find the Word of God. Among them are college professors, students (Jabalpur has 22 schools and colleges), businessmen, laborers, as well as poor and illiterate villagers. What a thrill it is to give them the gospel and to know that God has promised, "My Word . . . shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and prosper in the thing where-to I sent it." Our joy and confidence lies in this promise.

One evening a young man came in looking as though he had been through great mental anguish. He told us how his wedding had been fully arranged, invitations sent out and preparations made for a large feast. Then his brothers, envious that their father had given him more than he had given them, decided to stop his wedding. The young man begged his brothers to take his inheritance but to please let his marriage go ahead as planned. They refused. In India wedding procedures are such that the brothers have the power to stop the wedding. And in their culture, breaking an engagement is a great disgrace to any potential bride and groom.

In utter discouragement the young man was about to take his life. But he happened to glance at a table where he saw a Gospel of Matthew which he had obtained from our book room. He picked it up and began to read. Soon he knew God did not want him to commit suicide; and as he continued to read, peace came to his heart.

He was anxious to tell his story, so he came to us. When he asked us to pray for him, we urged him to

accept Jesus Christ as his Saviour and fully commit himself to Him. The young man confessed that he saw the folly of heathen worship and recognized a genuine truth and sincerity in Jesus Christ. Please pray that he shall really come to know, love and follow the Lord.

Another evening a young village teacher came in who was making a thorough study of all religions. As we spoke with him and gave him the Scriptures, he was unable to restrain the tears. He sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit. This young man could be used to reach many of his own people, so please pray with us that he will be saved.

A few months ago, a young village

boy heard the gospel story for the first time in his life. As we showed him a picture of Christ on the cross and told how He died for all, this boy was deeply impressed. One day it seemed the Holy Spirit led us to ask if he would like to give his heart to Christ. Tears came to his eyes and he could hardly speak. He bowed his head and asked God to forgive him and save him.

He has a born-again experience and is not afraid to tell anyone Christ is real. He has asked if he may help us distribute tracts and gospel portions, and we welcome his help. His family are all Hindu, but we are praying daily that they too will come to the Lord. ◀◀

BY LOUIS P. RICHARDS

Missionary to Korea

DEATH BRINGS LIFE

A MESSENGER CAME TO OUR GATE early one morning with the tragic news that the wife of the young Korean pastor, Brother Lee, had died. She went to be with Jesus while her husband was conducting the early morning prayer meeting. Sister Lee was buried on a mountainside not far from the church.

Her father, who came from a distant town to attend the funeral, had been drinking much *sul* (Korean wine). I tried to help him down the mountain as he stumbled in his drunken stupor.

The day after the funeral he came to our mission and gave his heart to God. Then he left for his home vil-

lage. Some time later we received the following letter:

"Dear Rev. Richards: When my dear daughter went to heaven, your kindness that you extended to us at that time will never be forgotten. Taking that opportunity, I am very happy to have become a Christian. Now all my family have become eager to believe in Christ. When I accepted Jesus, sorrow turned into joyfulness. Even though the body may perish away, the soul will be with Jesus in happiness. To think of God's providence, I cry to God who fulfilled His purpose for me. May God be with you and your mission.—Chang Chol Ho."



Trodden Under Foot

BY ARTHUR H. TOWNSEND

A SCOTTISH BOTANIST WENT TO THE HILLS ONE BRIGHT day to study his favorite flowers. He plucked a heather bell and began to scrutinize it through the microscope. Moment after moment passed and still he gazed, entranced by the beauty of the tiny flower.

Suddenly a shadow fell upon the ground. Looking up, the botanist saw a tall, weather-beaten shepherd gazing with a smile of half-concealed amusement at a man spending his time looking through a glass at so common a thing as a heather bell.

Without a word, the botanist handed the microscope to the shepherd. Time sped by while he gazed in enraptured silence.

When he handed back the glass, there were tears streaming down the shepherd's bronzed cheeks.

"What's the matter?" asked the botanist. "Isn't it beautiful?"

"Beautiful?" said the shepherd. "It is beautiful beyond all words. But I am thinking of how many thousands of them I have trodden under foot."

Countless times men have trodden under foot the things in life that should be most precious, the things that really count. Too often they have looked upon the common blessings of comfort and freedom in a thoughtless way, and reached out for what they have called great—fame or fortune.

There are the beautiful flowers and graces of God's kingdom: love that is highest among the virtues; faith which gives substance to all that is Christian; joy which is the fruit and accompaniment of Christian serving; peace that comes from living in harmony with God; and hope that is the shining power and promise of all good things here and beyond.

In the world of today with its strife and hardness, its unrest and fear, we are aware of how these holy

things of the eternal world have been devaluated. Yet in all the great crises of life, in the hours of human helplessness, and when the dark reality of death approaches, we are faced with eternal values. We must then look beyond all that is temporal and material. Nothing else will do to give hope and comfort at such times.

Perhaps you have ignorantly trampled under foot the flowers of God's grace. You have not known the way of salvation. You did not realize your own soul was deteriorating. *Now* you are no longer ignorant because the message of eternal life is coming to you even as you read.

To receive Christ Jesus as Lord and Saviour is to accept life everlasting. To reject Him is to accept eternal death. "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). Jesus said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

If you have deliberately, knowingly trampled under foot the mercy of God again and again, you are on dangerous ground. If you have heard the good news of salvation and have not accepted, you are without excuse.

"Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath TRODDEN UNDER FOOT the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" (Hebrews 10:29).

Whether you have "trodden under foot" the Son of God knowingly or ignorantly, will you now call upon His name and be saved? Do not lower the microscope of faith until the tears of repentance fill your eyes and overflow in godly sorrow. *Believe and receive!* See the flowers of God's grace gently blowing in the breezes of divine love. *Look and live!* ◀◀◀