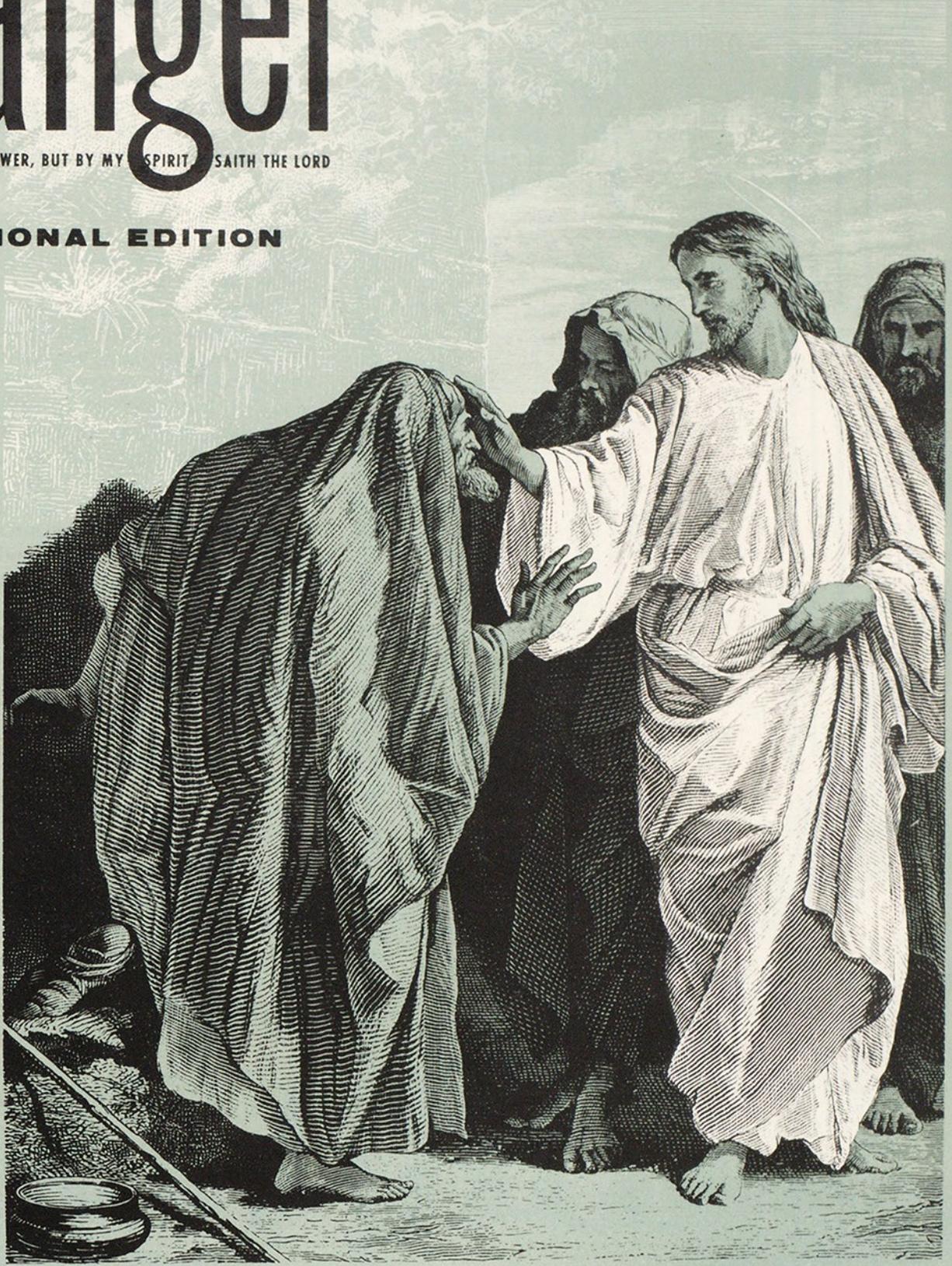


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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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## **THE COMPASSIONATE CHRIST**

"AND JESUS, MOVED WITH COMPASSION, PUT FORTH HIS HAND, AND TOUCHED HIM, AND . . . IMMEDIATELY THE LEPROSY DEPARTED FROM HIM, AND HE WAS CLEANSED" (Mark 1:41, 42)



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CHRISTIANS OF MANY  
DENOMINATIONS IN  
SOUTH AMERICA'S LARGEST  
REPUBLIC NOW EXPERIENCE  
PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL

What  
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THE PENTECOSTAL experience is no longer confined to the Pentecostal churches in Brazil. Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists, Congregationalists, and people of many other denominations are now enjoying the in-filling of the Holy Spirit and the blessings of a Spirit-filled life.

The Brazilian Assemblies of God with one million members is the country's largest non-Catholic denomination. For this reason no doubt it has had a great influence among other churches. For many years these groups have observed the Assemblies of God and wondered how it could evangelize so successfully with so few schools, hospitals, and orphanages.

Some time ago several groups from other denominations began to emphasize prayer, personal witnessing, and the necessity of revival. The result was a great move of God which is still sweeping the nation. Belo Horizonte, the capital of the state of Minas Gerais, became the center of this spiritual move.

I began receiving invitations from ministers of many faiths to speak at their prayer meetings and Bible studies. One of the most outstanding meetings I attended was in Niteroi where a large group of ministers from many churches had gathered to wait on God. I shall never forget the thrill of witnessing those men speaking in tongues, prophesying, and praising the Lord. The meeting lasted from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. the following day.

Similar meetings and spiritual retreats are being conducted throughout Brazil. Dozens of ministers have been baptized in the Holy Spirit and are carrying the Pentecostal message back to their own churches.

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Perhaps the most enthusiastic of these ministers is Jose Rego do Nascimento, pastor of the Lagoinha Baptist Church in Belo Horizonte. God seems to have raised him up to be the spiritual leader of this *Renovacao Espiritual*, (spiritual renewing). As a result of his Monday night prayer and tarrying services, Christians of all denominations are being filled with the Spirit and miracles of healing are witnessed. Here is his personal testimony:

"I thank God for the glorious experiences that have enabled me to enjoy a full communion in the Holy Spirit. I was raised in a Christian home, converted at the age of 16, and felt called to serve God. When I entered the ministry I dedicated myself wholly to the Master's service but never achieved more than relative success in my work. Something was lacking. It seemed as if the Lord couldn't work freely in my life.

BRAZIL

By BERNHARD JOHNSON, JR.

Missionary Bernhard Johnson, Jr.  
and Pastor Rego do Nascimento stand  
in front of the Lagoinha  
Baptist Church, shown under  
construction, in Belo Horizonte.



## CONSTRUCTION WORKER DESCRIBES MIRACLE THAT SAVED HIS LIFE

"I searched my heart but discovered nothing that revealed deliberate disobedience to the will of God. I asked the Lord to show me His perfect will. Little by little through the Scriptures, the lives of great men of God, and the work of the Holy Spirit in the history of God's people, I discovered that what I lacked was the experience of power which the apostles possessed—the Pentecostal blessing. I began to study the subject in the Bible, seeking this new dimension of communion with God through earnest prayer and fasting.

"Our prayer-answering Lord soon began to change my life. He relieved me of secular commitments that hindered my full dedication to His work. Then He gave me the privilege of knowing the blessing of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. He enabled me to exercise His spiritual gifts, and He anointed my ministry with grace and power.

"In 1959 the Lord placed me in the city of Belo Horizonte. I founded the Baptist Church of Lagoinha and the Lord not only prospered the work locally but enlarged its influence throughout the evangelical movement of Brazil. From its original 31 members in 1959, our church has grown to 500 members and is now erecting a new building that will seat 1,500. Also a branch church has been established in another section of the city.

"The acceptance of the baptism of the Holy Spirit by these denominations of Brazil encourages us in our anticipation of a great revival in this country."

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Under the leadership of Pastor Rego and other godly men, a spiritual retreat was conducted some time ago in Belo Horizonte. Over 500 ministers and church workers came from all parts of Brazil, worshipping in a spirit of unity and love that overcame doctrinal differences.

The movement is spreading rapidly with help from many sources. Early in 1964 I met with the Church of Christ missionaries in their annual conference to answer questions about the baptism in the Holy Spirit. In June I conducted a two-week campaign in the Church of Christ in Brasilia, Federal District. In July, August, and September a six-member youth team from Evangel Temple in Seattle, Washington, traveled with me throughout central Brazil, ministering to other denominations as well as in the Assemblies. These talented young people, through their anointed singing and vibrant testimonies, attracted thousands and stirred the hearts of the Brazilians.

Pray for Brazil—for this Pentecostal revival in other denominations, and for the great work of the Brazilian Assemblies of God. ◀◀

I WORK ON CONSTRUCTION AS AN IRONWORKER. ON January 3, 1964, at about 2:20 p.m., I fell in the elevator shaft, while working at the 15th floor. It was only a miracle of divine providence that spared my life.

We were erecting elevator sill and door support angles in the shaft. We had worked on this scaffold from the first floor up. When we reached the temporary elevator it was moved below us, putting the top of the elevator car at the level of the 13th floor.

At the 15th floor something happened to the scaffold and it shifted under us. The shift threw me over backwards. My hard hat came off and my head scraped on the cement wall of the elevator shaft. I fell from the 15th floor to the 13th, landing flat on my back on top of the elevator.

Our scaffold was about three feet from the wall so we were just about over the center of the car. Now, how God managed to keep me from landing on electrical conduit pipes, 8-inch channels, steel angles, wires, and so on, I will find out when I get to heaven.

The Lord turned my body to fall between all these things so I landed flat on my back. The fall took only a split second. When I realized what had happened I knew God was there. I moved my arms, then my body, and then my legs—with no aches or pains. I rolled over on my face and thanked God with everything I had.

For insurance purposes I had to go to the hospital but I knew there was nothing wrong with me. After some 15 X rays and numerous other examinations, a bruise was found on my left thigh. The doctors kept me in the hospital overnight; they took my blood pressure every hour. They just could not believe I had fallen that far and received no injury.

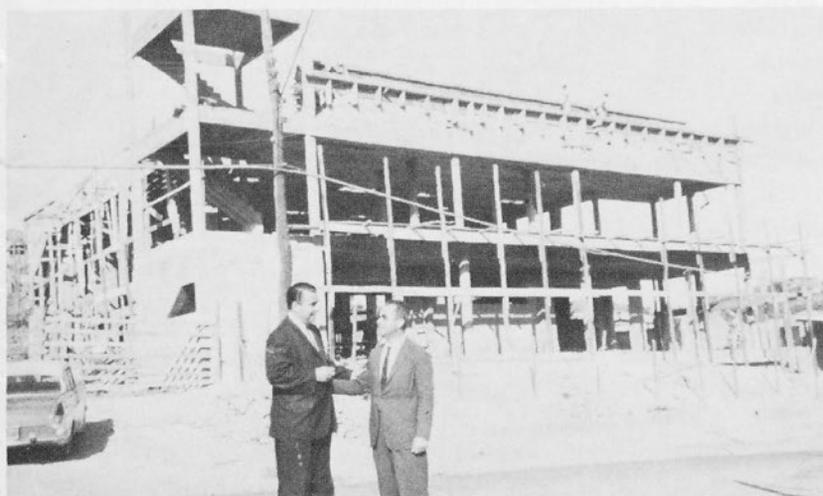
When I would tell them how God watches over each one of His children, they would just say, "You were lucky."

What a wonderful God we serve! How does one say what is in his heart concerning the goodness, mercy, love, and tender care God has for His people?

—LEON G. SPANGLER, SR., *Ferndale, Michigan*

Mr. Spangler is a member of the church board at Ferndale Assembly of God, Ferndale, Michigan, where he has attended for a number of years. He is secretary of the church and teaches a Sunday school class of primary boys. Pastor E. Glenn Snook states Brother Spangler is in good health—as of January 6, 1965—and has no ill effects from his remarkable fall.

Leon Spangler, an ironworker, points to the 15th floor of the building from which he fell.



February 7, 1965

## Precious Promises

Of all the promises recorded in the Bible, none are more precious than those which pertain to healing. Some of these promises refer to healing of the soul—such as Psalm 147:3 (“He healeth the broken in heart”), and Luke 4:18 (“He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted”)—but in the vast majority of verses which mention healing the reference is to the body.

It is true that spiritual blessings are more important than physical benefits, but often the physical and spiritual are combined. Jesus healed the man who was sick of the palsy in order to demonstrate His power to forgive sins (Mark 2:10). Again in Matthew 8:16, 17 we read that He “healed all that were sick” in order to fulfill Isaiah’s prophecy that He would be “wounded for our transgressions,” and “bruised for our iniquities.” Through His chastisement we have peace with God, and with His stripes we are healed. What a wonderful double cure for our double malady—both spiritual and physical healing!

The Old and New Testaments alike are studded with these beautiful promises of healing through which the love of God toward His children shines like precious gems. The Lord has made it very clear that He desires to heal us. “I am the Lord that healeth thee,” He said (Exodus 15:26). “Ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee” (Exodus 23:25). Scores of other scriptures could be cited.

Some good Christians deny themselves this blessing because they feel unworthy to receive the Lord’s healing touch. It would be just as logical to say, “I will not ask the Lord to save me as I don’t deserve it.” Of course you don’t. None of us deserves to be saved, or healed, or filled with the Spirit, or blessed in any other way, but God expects us to cast away this false humility and be willing to accept the gifts His grace provides. It is our Father’s good pleasure to save us and heal us. Shall we deny Him this pleasure?

It is true that some sickness is the result of sin. “Fools, because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted” (Psalm 107:17) and the way we sometimes neglect our bodies by wrong eating habits, too little sleep, etc., is foolish indeed. But it is as wrong to *remain* sick as it is to allow ourselves to *become* sick, when the Lord says so plainly that He is willing to heal us. A guilt complex should not keep us sick any more than a guilt complex should keep us unsaved. Have you not noticed that God’s promises to heal are linked with His promises to forgive?

Take Psalm 103:2, 3 for an example. Here we find David saying, “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.” Forgiveness and healing are offered on the same bill-of-fare for God’s people.

And notice Matthew 9:6. It says the Saviour healed the man who was sick of the palsy, in order to demonstrate His ability (and also His willingness) to forgive the man’s sins.

Again, read James 5:14, 15. “Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.” Thank God, His power is tempered with mercy; His forgiveness covers all our guilt, and His grace provides healing for our bodies as surely as for our souls.—R.C.C.

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NEVER A DAY PASSES BUT SOMEONE,  
SOMEWHERE, OFFERS THE PRAYER OF FAITH  
AND THE SICK ARE HEALED.  
FOR CHRIST, THE MIGHTY HEALER,  
STILL LIVES TODAY.

# DO YOU NEED HEALING?

A Radio Address by C. M. WARD

As Heard Internationally on the Weekly Revivaltime Broadcast



LUKE, THE DOCTOR, SAYS OF THE GREAT PHYSICIAN whom he served, that "he healed them that had need of healing" (Luke 9:11).

Has the case ever been put more simply? A physical need is as much God's concern as a spiritual need. Dare we say any less about our God?

The founder of The Methodist Church believed it. In his Journal, John Wesley gives his own testimony of healing: "When I was about seven and twenty, I began spitting blood and continued for several years. Eleven years after, I was in the third stage of consumption; it pleased God in three months to remove this also. This hath God wrought." John Wesley says that the same God who saved his soul healed his body. That is what he believed.

In his notes on the New Testament he records his views on James 5:14, which directs sick people to ask the elders to pray for their healing: "This gift which Christ committed... seems designed to remain always. This was the whole process of physics in the Church till it was lost through unbelief."

You can read the following incident for yourself in the testimony of George Fox. He records this experience in a chapter bearing the heading, "The Mortal Body," on page 219 of his Journal:

"After some time I went to a meeting at Arn-Side, where Richard Myer was, who had been long lame of one of his arms. I was moved of the Lord to say unto him, amongst all the people, 'Stand up upon thy legs' (for he was sitting down). And he stood up and stretched out his arm that had been lame a long time, and said, 'Be it known unto you, all people, that this day I am healed.'

"Yet his parents could hardly believe it; but after the meeting was done, they had him aside, took off his doublet, and then saw it was true. He came soon after to Swarthmore meeting and then declared how that the Lord had healed him."

This Bible truth is not a new one. It simply isn't

presented as often as it should be. The godly Samuel Chadwick left this legacy of personal conviction:

"There is healing through the prayer of faith. The truth of this is confirmed by many witnesses who are both sane and saintly. There are those to whom is given the gift of healing, and they lay hands upon the sick and they recover. I myself have been healed through the prayer of faith." Dr. Chadwick gives this testimony:

"The most remarkable example of divine healing I have known took place at the Southport Convention. The Reverend W. H. Tindall was president of the convention, and the strain of much speaking had brought on a disease of the throat. For more than a year he had not spoken above a whisper, and even that was painful. The specialists gave no hope of recovery. At all the meetings he was a pathetic and silent figure. Prayer was offered for him continually.

"At the speakers' prayermeeting on the Friday morning there was a remarkable intensity and unity of faith. No one could pray for anything but the recovery of Mr. Tindall's voice. Faith gathered courage, forgot impossibilities, and claimed the promise.

"Dr. Ebenezer E. Jenkins presided, and when the rest of us rose from our knees, Mr. Tindall remained kneeling. Dr. Jenkins said, 'This is the most remarkable prayermeeting I have ever known'; and placing his hand on the president's head he declared, in the Name of the Lord, that we should hear Mr. Tindall speak in the tent before the convention closed.

"That night Mr. Tindall spoke in the tent for fifteen minutes and was heard by twelve hundred people, and he preached without loss of voice to the end of his days. I was present [says Dr. Chadwick] and saw and heard, and there are those still alive to confirm my testimony."

God's thought toward mankind hasn't changed with the centuries. His will is to heal those that have need of healing. Martin Luther believed this to be so. He said: "How often has it happened, and still does, that devils have been driven out in the name of Christ; also, by

calling on His name and prayer, that the sick have been healed."

Count Zinzendorf, founder of the Moravian Church, gives a remarkable testimony. He says:

"I owe this testimony to our beloved Church, that apostolic powers are there manifested. We have had undeniable proofs thereof in the unequivocal discovery of things, persons, and circumstances, which could not humanly have been discovered, and in the healing of maladies in themselves incurable, such as cancers, consumptions, when the patient was in the agonies of death—all by means of prayer or of a single word."

These men found, as Luke the doctor found, that it is the nature of God to do something for the sick—to heal "them that had need of healing." I think the need today is simple faith. I think we surround God with too much theology.

I have been reading again what Dr. Andrew Murray had to say on the subject. Here it is:

"This healing, granted to faith, has been the source of rich spiritual blessing to me. I have clearly seen that the Church possesses in Jesus, our Divine Healer, an inestimable treasure, which she does not yet know how to appreciate.

"I have been convinced anew of that which the Word of God teaches us in this matter, and of what the Lord expects of us. I am sure that, if Christians learned to realize practically the presence of the Lord that healeth, their spiritual life would thereby be developed and sanctified.

"I can therefore no longer keep silence, and I publish here a series of meditations, with the view of showing according to the Word of God that the prayer of faith is the means appointed by God for the cure of the sick, that this truth is in perfect accord with Holy Scripture, and that the study of this truth is essential for every one who would see the Lord manifest His power and His glory in the midst of His children."

Those are the recorded convictions of the great South African cleric, Andrew Murray. Ask yourself over and over again this question, "Why was the healing of the sick so prominent in the ministry of Jesus Christ?"

Evan Roberts, the Welsh revivalist, describes what happened to him upon one occasion. He says: "After many had prayed, I felt some living energy or force entering my bosom, restraining my breath, and my legs trembling terribly. This living energy increased and increased as one after the other prayed. Feeling strangely and deeply moved and warmed, I burst forth in prayer."

And what happened? His companions state: "He used to get tired after walking several miles, but when this happened to him he walked eight miles and felt nothing after it, though he had been ill for four days previously. The day after, he walked five miles without getting at all tired. This is remarkable when we remember that he was almost too weak to walk from the house of a companion minister to the chapel, a distance of a few dozen yards, the same morning that the Spirit of God came upon him. He felt physical freedom penetrating through his whole body, and the physical impediment to which he was subject previously disappeared entirely. Formerly, he experienced a certain difficulty when singing, speaking, or doing other things; but, from the moment the

Spirit of God touched his body, that was not experienced by him anymore."

Such is the testimony of men of God. The time and era do not matter. God's expressed will toward us is just the same.

We do not need arguments. We need testimonies. Arguments will not produce faith. Testimonies will.

Pilate asked the wrong people about Jesus. He should have asked Bartimaeus and Jairus. He should have asked Lazarus and the Widow of Nain. He should have asked Mary Magdalene and Peter's mother-in-law.

Don't ask the enemies of Christ and the Bible for their opinions. Ask those whose lives He has touched. Get your information from them! You can reach a decision on testimony. Decide in simple faith that you will take your need of healing to Him. He will help you. No one has ever testified otherwise. ◀◀◀

## Restored to Care for Family After Coma of 28 Days

I READ IN THE EVANGEL LAST NOVEMBER OF A HEALING in Michigan similar to my own. I'm glad God performs miracles for Illinois people too.

On September 9, 1963, I went to the hospital in Alton, Illinois, to have my third child. The baby was a couple of days overdue, but I felt well and was not concerned. Five hours before the delivery some paralysis became evident in my arm and my head ached. This was the last thing I remembered. Just then I went into a coma which was to last for 28 days.

After five days the doctors told my husband I could not live. My husband called a specialist in St. Louis and described my condition. He did not hold out much hope but suggested I be moved to a larger hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

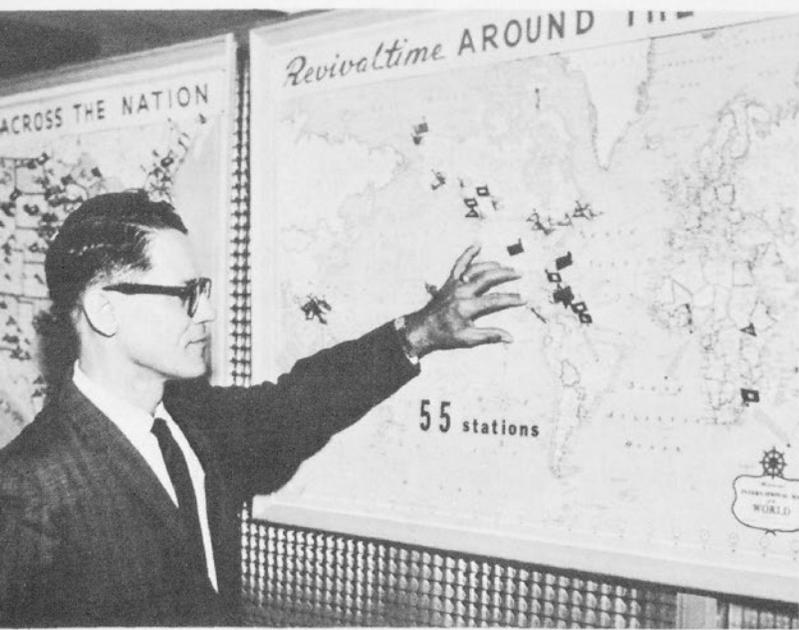
A special prayer meeting was called at our church, North Side Assembly of God in Godfrey, Illinois, as the 26-mile trip was undertaken. After I reached St. Louis, nurses worked day and night to help me breathe.

Although they were doing everything humanly possible to help, the doctors said they did not expect me to live. They warned my husband that if I did manage to come out of it the damage to the brain could result in blindness, deafness, or insanity. By this time almost every church in the area had been asked to join in prayer.

Twenty-eight days after I entered the coma I opened my eyes. I learned that my baby girl was strong and healthy. I was discharged in time to spend Thanksgiving with my family—and oh, how I did thank God for everything.

I was left with some lameness in my right leg, and my speech is affected, but it was caused by muscle damage, not brain damage. God gave me everything I needed to care for my husband and children. If my body is weaker, my faith is stronger. I can talk a little better now. Someday I will sing again the hymns I love. Meanwhile, I am certain of this one thing, "All things work together for good to them that love God."—Margaret E. Brown, Godfrey, Illinois.

(This testimony is endorsed by A. E. Cope, pastor of the North Side Assembly of God in Godfrey.)



AT LEFT: Missionary Russell Schirman points to British Honduras on map which pinpoints 55 radio stations outside the U.S.A. where *Revivaltime* is released each week. In addition the broadcast is heard on 385 stations in the U.S.A.

Brethren. The Pentecostal message was brought here in 1946 and since that time there has been a continual growth.

A new evangelistic center was recently completed by the Assemblies of God with seating capacity for over 500 persons. Located on the main street coming into Belize, the evangelistic center, has a Sunday night attendance of 150 to 200 persons. In conjunction with the center an elementary day school is operated with approximately 150 students.

Russell Schirman directed the construction and development of the evangelistic center. While he is in the

## Revivaltime Now Released in British Honduras

BRITISH HONDURAS IS ONE OF THE MANY COUNTRIES throughout the world where the people may listen each week to *Revivaltime*, a 30-minute full-gospel radio service. The broadcast will be released from Belize, British Honduras, and will be heard throughout all Honduras and in the surrounding countries of Guatemala on the west and south and in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico to the north, according to a letter just received from Missionary Milus Wright.

A Negro republic on the coast of Central America, British Honduras has an area of 8,867 square miles and a population of approximately 90,000—the smallest country in the New World. The blood of Spanish, French, Dutch, and English adventurers of early colonial days has mingled with that of Carib and Maya Indians, and Negroes from Jamaica. English is the official language, though other languages are in use.

With English as the principal language *Revivaltime* has a wide-open field for radio missionary evangelism. Missionary Russell Schirman states that the people would rather have a radio than anything else. "Given a choice between a radio and a refrigerator, the people would take a radio." The radios are kept on full volume so that whatever is on can be heard all the time wherever you may be in town.

The importance of this new release of *Revivaltime* is pointed up by the fact that the government of British Honduras has only recently become responsible for administering its own internal business. The governor is still appointed by the Crown, but complete self-government is closer at hand.

Roman Catholic influence is strong in British Honduras. Good schools are operated by them and more than one-half of the population are Catholic adherents. However, strong Protestant missionary activity has been carried on by the Anglicans, Methodists, and Plymouth

U.S. on furlough, Milus Wright of Texas is in charge of the Assemblies of God work in the five districts into which British Honduras has been divided. Five main churches serve as home base for the operation of many outstations.

While the evangelistic center has been given a 15-minute broadcast each fifth Sunday on the local station free of charge, as a public service, the release of *Revivaltime* on the station will cost \$20 each week. In describing the value of the broadcast to the development of the Assemblies of God work in Central America, Milus Wright says, "*Revivaltime* will be of great strength to God's work here." —by F. Wildon Colbaugh

BELOW: Various church groups attend the opening of the new Assemblies of God evangelistic center in Belize, British Honduras. The church, which seats 500, is located on one of the main streets coming into the city.





# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## England

### Queen Mother Sponsors Bible Reading

A round-the-clock reading of the New Testament was launched recently in London's Anglican St. Andrew's Church. Officiating at the beginning of the reading were Dr. Joost de Blank, canon of Westminster, and Sir James Miller, the Lord Mayor of London.

St. Andrew's was one of many Anglican churches that participated in the Bible reading which was part of a campaign to broaden Christian literature programs. Queen Mother Elizabeth and other British leaders were among the sponsors.

### Old Hymns Dropped from New Anglican Hymnal

A number of old hymns have been dropped from the new hymnbook that is being published by the Anglican Church in May, 1965. "Nearer, My God, to Thee" is omitted because it is "sentimental and doctrinally vague." "Lead, Kindly Light" is dropped because its "rich imagery makes is inappropriate."

"From Greenland's Icy Mountains"—long a favored missionary hymn—is considered too "imperialist," according to *Newsweek*. It will not be included in the new hymnal because, in the opinion of the University of Manchester's Arthur Pollard, literary adviser for the hymnbook revision committee, it is "a missionary hymn for imperialists to sing." Evidently he feels the idea of expecting all nationalities to bow to the Kingship of Christ and walk the one narrow way that leads to everlasting life is not in harmony with today's Anglican ecumenical philosophy.

## Canada

### Pentecostals Claim 'Discrimination' on TV

The government-owned Canadian Broadcasting Corporation discriminates against the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada in allotment of television time, the denomination's General Conference charged recently.

Delegates representing 144,000 Canadian Pentecostals unanimously passed the resolution, which said their church has been trying for 12 years to obtain free TV time on the same basis as other denominations. The delegates were referring to Sunday morning services telecast by the CBC for 12 years, and the more recent Sunday afternoon series of half-hour TV programs called "Heritage."

The conference did commend the government for its directive which forbids radio and TV advertising, aimed at youth, which glamorizes alcoholic drinks.

## West Germany

### World Evangelism Congress Planned in 1966

The American magazine *Christianity Today* is planning a world congress on evangelism to be held in West Berlin, October 26-November 4, 1966. "Church assemblies echo with the noise of the population explosion, race explosion and nuclear explosion," says Editor Carl F. H. Henry, "while the dynamite for human rescue is virtually ignored. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans in the first Christian era, spoke of the gospel of Christ as divine dynamite for man's salvation. That explosion is what the world needs most to hear and experience."

Evangelist Billy Graham, whose organization will collaborate with Dr. Henry's magazine staff in sponsoring the congress, says: "Our prayer is that through the world congress on evangelism the church today will receive renewed power and a sense of urgency such as was characteristic of the Early Church after Pentecost."

The congress, which will bring together about 11,200 influential churchmen from all over the world to discuss evangelism, will begin with a night of prayer in West Berlin's large Kongresshalle.

## Sweden

### State Church Undecided on Moral Problem

Back in 1951, the Swedish State (Lutheran) Church categorically branded pre-marital sexual relations as sin. Now the church's 13 bishops have decided this pronouncement may need to be modified. They have set up a special commission to inquire into the matter.

The editor of the official Swedish weekly, *Our Church*, seems to think the Biblical teaching on this subject is out of date. He argues that fornication is not sin so long as the couple involved sincerely plan to marry. After all, he says, at least 80 per cent of all young Swedes who are engaged to be married indulge in pre-marital relations. He cites statistics showing that more than a third of the married Swedish mothers who bore their first children in 1960 had been pregnant at the time of their wedding.

"The only possibility the church has of getting on speaking terms with young people is not to say no to what so many people do," says Editor Boethius.

This Swedish editor must have forgotten that the Lord Jesus Christ said no to what so many people were doing; that's why they crucified Him.

If the apostles had never raised their voices against common immorality there would be no churches today!

Fortunately the bishops do not see eye to eye with their editor. Bishop Helge Ljungberg of Stockholm predicts that if the church makes a new pronouncement following the special commission's report, it will speak against sexual relations outside marriage—but most likely use softer language. It is not softer language about sin that this world needs; it is stronger language about God's power to deliver from sin, and His willingness to fill the hearts of Christian youth with holy joy.

## Israel

### Population Nearing 2½ Million

A recent report gives Israel's population as 2,156,000 Jews and 274,000 non-Jews, a total of 2,430,000. Two countries have more Jews than Israel. The U.S.A. has 5,600,000 and the U.S.S.R. has 2,420,000.

According to the 1964 *American Jewish Year Book*, other nations with substantial Jewish populations are France 500,000, Great Britain 450,000, Canada 254,000, South Africa 116,000, and Morocco 100,000. Total world Jewish population is estimated at 13,121,000.

### Statistics on Israel Show Steady Growth

The State of Israel, now 16 years of age, is no longer the wonder child in the family of nations. She has come of age. According to Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir the nation has reached "the second half of the road to economic independence."

Her growth is seen in the following statistics. Between 1949 and 1963 the population increased from 750,000 to 2,430,000; number of students in school, from 137,000 to 690,000; number of vehicles, from 34,000 to 117,000; built-up area of homes, from 34,000 to 117,000 square meters.

Exports (\$337 million) are over 11 times what they were in 1949; imports (\$663 million) about 2½ times. Average growth rate of the gross national product (GNP) is 11 per cent annually.

### Improvements Seen in Jew-Arab Relationships

"It is inevitable for the Arab peoples and Israel to live together in peace—the former in their vast area of sovereignty, and the latter in its small but historically important domain." These were the words of Israel's Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Abba Eban, recently at a mixed gathering of Jewish and Arab residents of Nazareth.

Strides have already been taken in this direction. The Municipal Secondary School of Haifa graduated its first Arab students this June. While Jewish secondary schools have been functioning for more than 50 years, Arab secondary schools began only in 1948 after Israel became an independent nation.

Instituted to remove Jewish-Arab barriers as well as raise the level of Arab secondary schooling, the Haifa school enrolls 140 Arab students in its student body of 700. All students wear the school uniform which automatically eliminates differences in outward appearance. Jewish children lend a hand in Hebrew and Bible studies, while Arab students help their Jewish classmates in Arabic grammar.



# Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*Must a person who was baptized in infancy be baptized again after taking Christ as Saviour?*

I would recommend this. Baptism should follow repentance (Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38). "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). Baptism should seal our repentance and faith, a witness that we are "buried with him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). Babies, not having sinned, cannot repent.

*How do you harmonize, "No man hath seen God at any time" (John 1:18), with the appearances of God to Jacob (Genesis 32:30), Moses (Exodus 33:11), and others?*

Divine manifestations are recorded in different places in the Old Testament. The more general form was as "the angel of the Lord." In Genesis 18, three persons appearing as men came to talk with Abraham. Two of these went on to Sodom (Genesis 19:1), while Abraham pled for Sodom before the one who remained. This angel turned out to be the LORD, Jehovah (Genesis 18:33). The divine manifestations are believed to be manifestations of the Son, the One who was "the brightness of his [the Father's] glory, and the express image of his person" (Hebrews 1:3). This One was our Lord Jesus Christ.

*How many times was the ark of the covenant taken away from Israel, and where is the ark now?*

The ark of the covenant was taken by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11). It was later seized by Nebuchadnezzar when the Jews were taken into captivity (2 Kings 25:13-16). I have been told that the ark was never again returned to Jerusalem. I do not know whether or not it was included in the vessels of the temple which Cyrus returned to the Jews, but it was not mentioned (Ezra 1:5-11). If it was restored, it was then destroyed in the destruction of Jerusalem (Matthew 24:2). Some have believed that the ark is now in heaven, basing their opinion on Revelation 11:19, but the ark in heaven is a spiritual one of which the ark of the covenant in Israel was but a symbol.

*Please explain Hebrews 6:4-6.*

These verses warn against apostatizing after a person has known the blessing of full salvation. The apostate person counts the blood of the covenant "wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing," and despises the Spirit of grace (Hebrews 10:29). He renounces the faith. The warning is given more fully in Hebrews 10:26-31.

*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, 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.*



# Job, God's Patient Servant

Next Week's Sunday School Lesson

JOB 1:1-11; JAMES 5:11

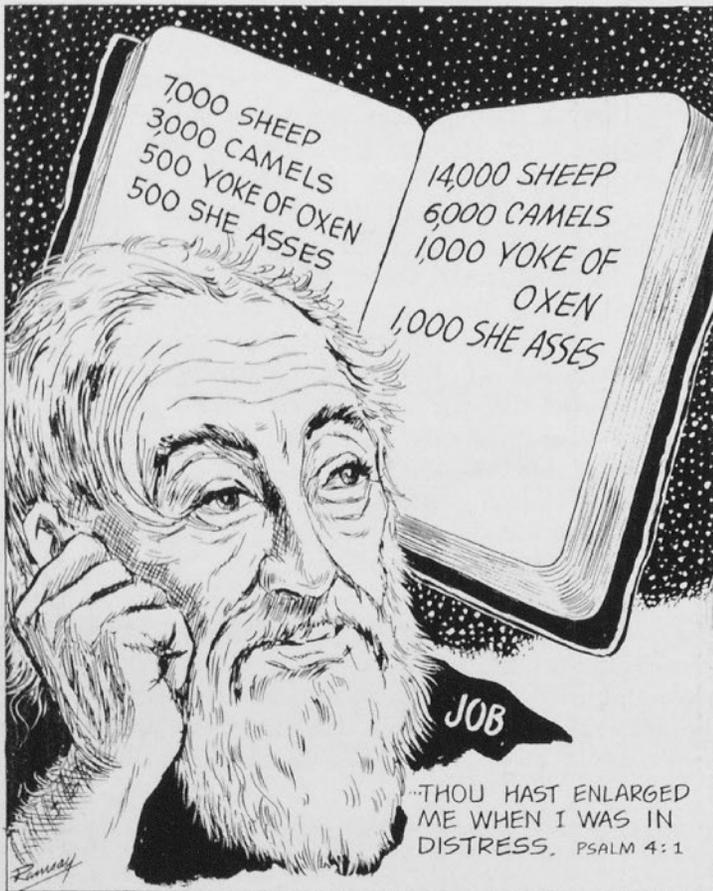
BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

Our study of Job is sandwiched between the Genesis lessons because it is felt by scholars that Job lived during this period of time. The story deals with the age-old problem, "Why do good people suffer?" Although no complete answer is given, the Book of Job clearly teaches that not all suffering is the result of sin, but some is permitted by God to strengthen man's faith, purify his character, and give him a greater revelation of Himself.

*Job's Goodness* (Job 1:1). Job was "perfect," not free from human frailty, but free from blemishes of character and conduct. He was "upright"; he conformed to that which was right and was honorable in all his dealings.

*Job's Grandeur* (Job 1:2-4). What wealth Job possessed! His 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, and 1,000 asses made him "the greatest of all men of the east." With his seven sons and three daughters he had "a very great household."

## BEFORE AND AFTER



*Job's Accuser* (Job 1:6-11). While Job was living in peace and prosperity on earth, warfare was being waged concerning him in the unseen spiritual realm—and Job's soul became the battleground! Satan appeared in the presence of God with an accusation against Job's integrity. God challenged Satan, saying in effect, "You have been trying to destroy my people, but you haven't been able to break down the character of my servant Job" (see 1 Peter 5:8).

It is not by accident that Satan is called the "accuser of the brethren." In his reply to God he inferred: "Job is only serving You for what he can get out of You. Take that away and he will curse You to Your face."

*Job's Great Test* (Job 1:12 to 2:10). God permitted Satan to afflict Job in order to prove that there are people who love God unselfishly and will serve Him faithfully no matter what may happen! So Satan rained blow after blow upon Job. He stripped Job of everything he had, and finally was permitted to afflict him with a loathsome and painful disease.

Let us pause in the face of God's apparent severity to observe some truths: (1) Satan is the source of sickness and tragedy. (2) The child of God, like Job, has around him a "hedge" of divine protection which Satan cannot invade apart from God's consent. (3) If God permits affliction it is only to bring us greater blessing in the future.

*Job's Great Faith* (Job 1:20-22; 2:1-10). Desperate havoc had been wrought in Job's life. Though a cloud of darkness and perplexity settled upon him, "In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly."

To make things even more difficult, Job was surrounded by well-meaning "friends" who did a lot of foolish talking (like some friends of today). They insisted that God punished only the wicked. Since Job's troubles were so great, they concluded that surely he must be a great sinner. In defending himself against such reasonings, Job's attitude gradually began to manifest pride and self-righteousness both toward his friends and toward God.

*Job's Great Self-humbling* (Job 38:1 to 42:10). When Job finished his self-defense God appeared on the scene and gave him a mighty revelation of Himself. Notice Job's humble reaction, "Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay my hand upon my mouth... I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes" (Job 40:4; 42:5, 6). We need a similar revelation of God's majesty and holiness today by the power of the Spirit.

*Job's Great Enlargement* (Job 42:10-17). "And the Lord turned again the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends." Are we so taken up with our own sufferings that we have no time or prayers for others?

"Also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before... so the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning." God had this in mind all along. Job did not know this, but nevertheless he retained his faith in God.

Are we willing to believe in God's love and remain faithful to Him when everything in person experience contradicts His love? God's reputation is at stake in our lives! Let us glorify His name before men! ◀◀



## SEARCH FOR TRUTH LEADS TO HAPPINESS AT LAST

A Personal Testimony by MAURICE BAILLEUR, Belgium

I WAS A MEMBER OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH BY baptism and I attended it regularly until I was 21. My parents taught me its doctrines, so I grew up with a faith in the existence of God and Christ, for which I am thankful.

However, I did not know anything about the Bible. I had heard that my American aunt in Easton, Pa., had sent a Bible to my grandmother but she burnt it at the insistence of the priest.

My first contact with the Bible came through a Jehovah's Witness who visited us. My father did not permit him to continue visiting our house. For years I continued without any Bible knowledge but I made up my mind that when I became of age I would search out the truth.

All through my youth I had studied music and wanted to make it a profession; but I married at 22 and went to work in a factory. Later my wife and I operated a bar, and I began to teach music and conduct an orchestra.

We moved in with my parents, and again Jehovah's Witnesses began to visit us. This time they came about once a week, but I was disturbed at their rejection of the divinity of Christ. I became discouraged in my search for truth, and gave up; but God did not give me up, for He knew my heart was hungry.

Our marriage was childless and unhappy for 14 years. My wife was ill some of those years, and finally I turned to the Lord in desperation, praying, "Lord, give us a solution."

A few weeks later a Pentecostal minister came to our door to bring greetings from my aunt in America. In our conversation I asked him, "Who has the truth?" He answered, "The Bible." This was a new approach to me, but I understood that it was God's answer to my prayer.

Before leaving our home the minister prayed for us with much power and fervor. In the wonderful Name of Jesus Christ he asked that God would deliver our home from sickness and give us a child. Immediately my wife was healed, and it is now four years ago that God gave us a daughter.

I broke off with the Jehovah's Witnesses completely, but there were other problems. In my profession as music teacher, composer, recording star, and orchestra director, I was becoming most successful. The future smiled at me; and just at this moment when all doors were open-

ing for me, the Lord called me to His service. The struggle I went through to say "Yes" to God is indescribable.

When my parents knew I had decided for God, they were not able to bear it. They did not want to hear me talking about Jesus, so we had to move.

My income dropped considerably as I gave up my profession, so my wife went to work temporarily in a factory. But now the Lord blesses us continually, and it is unbelievable how happy we are. We have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and are preparing for the ministry.

I am moved with compassion for the thousands of Europeans in darkness and I pray daily that God will do for them what He has done for me, bringing them to His marvelous light. ◀◀

## Brought Back from the Brink of Death—Through Prayer

ON JULY 28, 1962, I SUFFERED A SEVERE CORONARY AND was hospitalized immediately. The following day I entered a coma which lasted five days.

During this time other complications set in, causing my case to be considered hopeless. But God, in His wonderful grace, knew I was not ready to die. He remembered the prayers of my dead mother who prayed so often that I would be saved, so He prolonged my life.

For a time there was no pulse. My blood pressure was almost gone and the surface veins in arms and legs collapsed. Surgery became necessary to locate larger veins for intravenous feeding. My hands and feet turned blue. I was cold and nearly dead.

My family, realizing the seriousness of my condition after several heart specialists told them it was hopeless, offered to get skilled doctors at any price. A specialist from another city was called in and he too said there was no hope.

But the Great Physician stood by ready to heal as soon as everyone realized they had to pray and not pay for my deliverance. Family and friends went to the church mornings, afternoons, or evenings to pray for me—the church was kept open for this purpose. Signs of improvement began to appear, and assurances came from on High that I would be healed.

When the Lord began to work on me, my recovery was so rapid that people were simply amazed. In less than six weeks I walked out of the hospital. My recovery report on file in the doctor's office lists it as "remarkable and fantastic."

Today, almost two and a half years later, I am very strong, leading a normal life, and thanking God for giving me this opportunity to come back to Him.

Not only was my own soul restored, but some of my relatives were saved also, and others were drawn closer to the Lord, as a result of my healing.—Louis DeFilippo, Shelton, Connecticut.

*(This testimony is endorsed by Gene Frustino, former pastor of the First Christian Church of the Italian Branch of the Assemblies of God in U.S.A.)*

# First for the Philippines

THE FIRST NATIONAL TEACHERS' Conference for teachers in the Assemblies of God Bible schools of the Philippines recently convened on the campus of Bethel Bible Institute in Manila.

Participating in the two-day conference were 37 delegates from five schools: Luzon Bible Institute, Binalonan; Immanuel Bible Institute, Cebu; Pentecostal Bible Institute, La Union; Bethel Bible Institute and the Far East Advanced School of Theology, Manila.

Harold Kohl, president of BBI and FEAST, delivered the keynote address on the philosophy of Bible school ministry. Others who taught in the seminar sessions were the Lester Kennes, IBI; Derrick Hillary, FEAST; Rosina Corpus, BBI; L. B. Lazaro, BBI; and E. E. Javier, FEAST.

Also contributing as special speakers were R. C. Esperanza, General Superintendent; Robert Bowman, Far East Broadcasting Company; Bill Farland, BBI; and Leonardo Caput, LBI.

The delegates expressed enthusiastic approval of the conference. They valued the practical help and inspiration received and requested that such seminars be held annually.

(Photographs for this feature were taken by Narciso Dionson, teacher at IBI.)

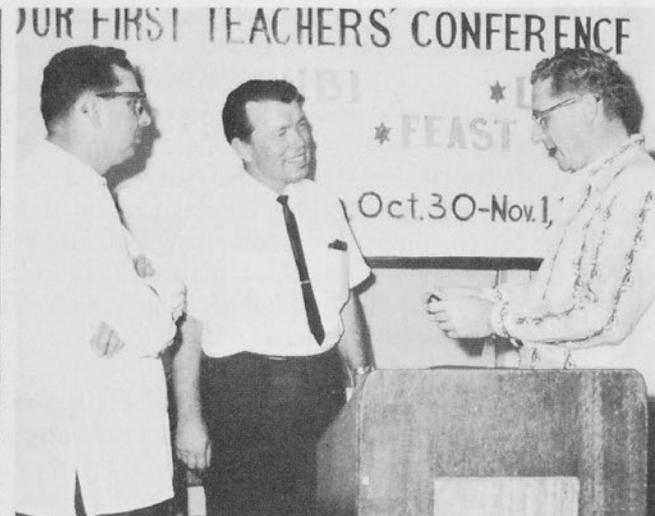


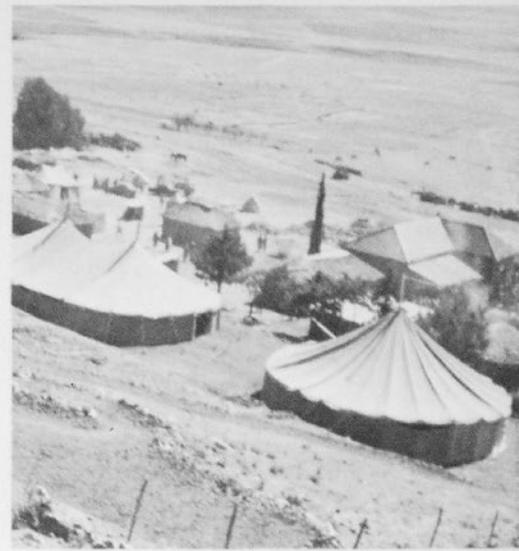
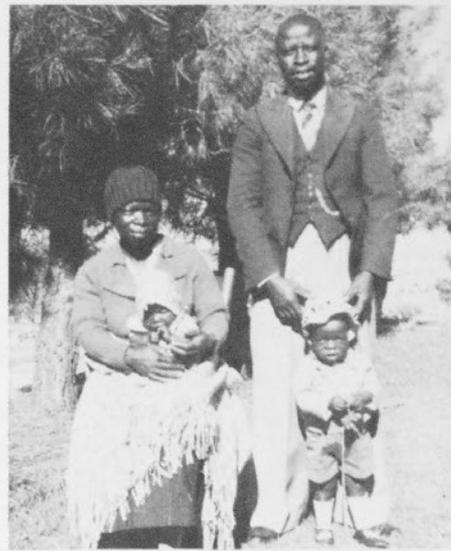
Rosina Corpus discusses the characteristics of a good teacher.

Registration brought teachers of various schools together. • Faculty included L. B. Lazaro, BBI.



Delegates came from five Philippine Bible schools. • Robert Bowman (center) confers with missionaries Kenneth McComber (left) and Harold Kohl.





Evangelist Hosea baptizes converts. • Hosea is father of a Christian family. • Gospel tent attracts crowds attending chief's wedding.

# HOSEA Printer and Preacher

by Mrs. August Kast, Swiss Pentecostal Missionary to Basutoland

HOSEA WAS BORN IN 1913, IN A LITTLE round grass-roofed hut on a mountaintop in Basutoland, South Africa. At that time the modern Pentecostal movement was in its infancy. Hosea's parents, while respected members of the community, did not know the Lord.

But this baby was destined to become one of the outstanding Pentecostal evangelists in Basutoland. At the age of 13 he responded to the gospel message at an open-air meeting conducted under a big tree by Swiss Pentecostal missionaries.

Like many of his people, Hosea respected education and was a good scholar. The missionaries helped make it possible for him to attend boarding school in the Orange Free State. There Hosea completely surrendered his life to Christ.

When he returned home he helped the missionaries by operating a small printing press. He also interpreted for new and visiting missionaries. While attending Bible school, Hosea continued his work as a printer and began to translate and write articles for a widely circulated magazine *Living Waters*. His outstanding work in this field earned him the name of *Mohatisi* (Printer).

But in his heart Hosea felt the fire

of God burning, and it was evident to the missionaries that God would use him in a preaching ministry.

In 1952, following revival meetings he conducted near the border of the Orange Free State, Hosea made his decision. Souls had been saved, the sick had been healed, and Hosea knew the anointing that had come upon him was not a temporary thing.

"This is the place where I must live and minister in the future," he told his missionary friends. So after 15 useful years as a printer and writer, Hosea became a preacher.

He obtained a building site and the

missionary and others worked with him to make cement blocks. In six months, the mission station was erected, and Hosea's ministry was blessed of God.

But in his heart there was a compulsion to seek out "other sheep." So, with this station as a base, Hosea goes into surrounding villages in evangelistic ministry. His gospel tents have been a familiar sight in the entire area.

Once during a week's celebration in connection with the wedding of a chief, many people came to the bride's village. Ever alert to opportunities for reaching the lost, Hosea pitched his gospel tent in the village and held special services.

Hosea's children know Christ is real. They have seen Christianity in the home. As a result they too serve the Lord, and the eldest son is a teacher in the Bible school where Hosea was once a student. ◀◀

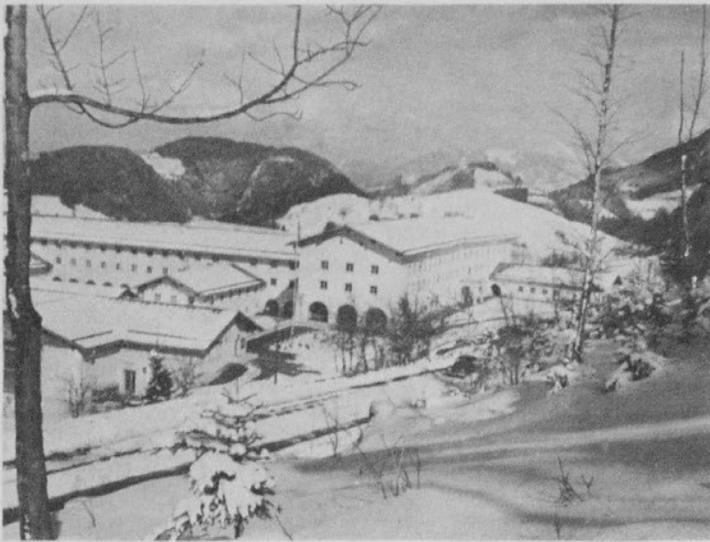
## *Pentecost in Basutoland*

Swiss Pentecostal missionaries went to Basutoland in 1916, establishing the first Pentecostal mission. At this mission, known as Mount Tabor, a great revival broke out in 1939. The results of this outpouring are still evident in the work. A Bible school was established where national workers could be trained to extend the work of the missionaries.

In 1950, two Assemblies of God missionaries, Hilda Olsen and Margaret Anderson, were appointed to work in

Basutoland with the August Kasts, Swiss missionaries.

The work is registered with the government, and has been favorably received. Building sites have been donated by chiefs and magistrates. Twenty Basuto evangelists are ministering among their own people, reflecting the effectiveness of the Bible school program. There are four mission stations, four schools, and 20 assembly halls. Many believers have been filled with the Spirit. There is great prospect for growth.



General Walker Hotel, retreat site in Berchtesgaden, Germany

## SERVICEMEN'S RETREAT— 'Withdrawal for Victory'

ROBERT R. WAY, Servicemen's Representative

The 9th annual Servicemen's Retreat for military personnel and their families serving in the European area is scheduled for March 15-19, 1965, opening with a Monday night rally and concluding with a Friday morning devotional. Site for the retreat will be the beautiful General Walker Hotel, Berchtesgaden, Germany, located in the picturesque Bavarian Alps.

The retreat, an annual event sponsored by the Assemblies of God, is designed to allow men and families time for spiritual resurgence. Military personnel in the European area are allowed leave and travel time to attend religious retreats. (Applicants for hotel reservations should be made immediately through the local chaplain. Additional information may be had from Chaplain [Lt. Col.] James H. Woods, Office of the Post Chaplain, Kaiserslautern Post, APO 227, New York, New York, or the Servicemen's Division, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802.)

Murray McLees, pastor of First Assembly of God, Eugene, Oregon, will be retreat master and will bring the evening messages. Brother McLees served in the Navy during World War II. In addition to his pastoral and district duties, he has traveled extensively in the U.S. and abroad participating in a wide spectrum of gospel ministry. Accompanying the McLeeses will be Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stringfield, also of Eugene, Oregon. Brother Stringfield, a successful Christian businessman



C. Greenaway

J. H. Woods

M. McLees

Dick Fulmer

and soloist in First Assembly, will minister in music at the retreat.

Chaplain Woods will serve as retreat coordinator. Assisting him in leadership and ministry will be two well-known missionaries—Dick Fulmer, Servicemen's Representative for Europe, and Charles Greenaway, Resident Secretary for Europe.

The conference last year, attended by 384 including military personnel and their families, was greatly blessed of God. Officers and enlisted men representing 27 denominations joined in worship, prayer, and fellowship. More than 30 accepted Christ as Saviour and many were filled with the Holy Spirit. Dozens of children attended services and activities specially arranged for them.

Again this year, one of the highlights will be the communion service. Many men who have not been able to attend home churches for months will thrill at the nearness of Jesus made real by the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Parents, relatives, and friends of servicemen in Europe should urge them to take advantage of this opportunity for Pentecostal fellowship and spiritual renewal. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will "flow like a river" among those who attend this retreat. ◀◀◀

## Finding the Pocket Pen

By Howard Carter

WHEN I WAS A YOUNG MAN IN ENGLAND I MET A Christian who belonged to the same church that I attended, but who was different from the other members. Others would talk about the weather, or business, or the state of one's health, but this good man had no time for "small talk." His whole conversation was on spiritual things.

He made a deep impression upon my life. I would seize every opportunity to be in his company, and would listen avidly to his discourses on spiritual truths as we walked homeward together after the church services. Prayer was a matter of first importance to this man. I shall never forget the glow on his face or the enthusiasm in his voice as he would relate answers to prayer.

One day my friend bought a pocket pen for his oldest son. The boy lost the pen during a game in the cricket field. The father felt the family could not afford the loss of a nice pen like this, so he said to his boy, "Take me to the cricket field."

After opening the gate at the corner of the field, the father said, "Kneel here, my son." The two knelt together while the father prayed earnestly about the lost article.

He prayed in the name of the Lord Jesus, claiming the promise that "what things soever ye desire, when

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ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." This good man was certain that God knew where every pocket pen lay. So strong and simple was his faith, he expected the Lord would reveal it; and he was not disappointed, for the Lord impressed a thought upon his soul as clearly as if He had spoken in an audible voice, "The pen is under the tree at the other side of the field."

To the solitary tree at the other side of the field the father and son made their way, only to find leaves everywhere, for it was autumn. Would it be possible to find so small an article as a pocket pen among heaps of dried leaves? The father was confident it would be found; so the two searched beneath the spreading branches of the tree, and their efforts were soon rewarded.

They returned home with joy—the father, rejoicing in the answer which the Lord had granted to his prayer; and the boy, in the restoration of his pen.

To hear this man of God relate such experiences thrilled me, and a desire grew in my own soul for a greater knowledge of God. Could I expect similar answers to prayer, or were some people more favored of the Lord than others? I decided that, since the bible says God is no respecter of persons, I would commune with the Lord and not hesitate to present my petitions too before the Throne of Grace. ◀◀

5:1). "Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth . . . and believe in thine heart . . . thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

Feelings or emotions should not be permitted to influence this fifth step in any way. Taking this step of faith means that, whether you feel anything or not, you believe that God does forgive and that He accepts you just as He promised. If you do your part, God will be faithful to do His part.

"But," you may say, "what about the 'witness of the spirit' and the 'joy of salvation' of which Christians speak?" That witness and joy comes *after* faith has taken hold of God's promises. "If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son" (1 John 5:9-11).

#### 6. Confess Christ as your Saviour.

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10). Christ said, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32). This means that you will need to acknowledge by public testimony that you have asked to be saved, and that you believe He has saved you. This is a very important step. It is the point at which many who seek to be saved fail to carry through. Public confession of Christ as Saviour is the logical result of wholehearted sincerity and faith.

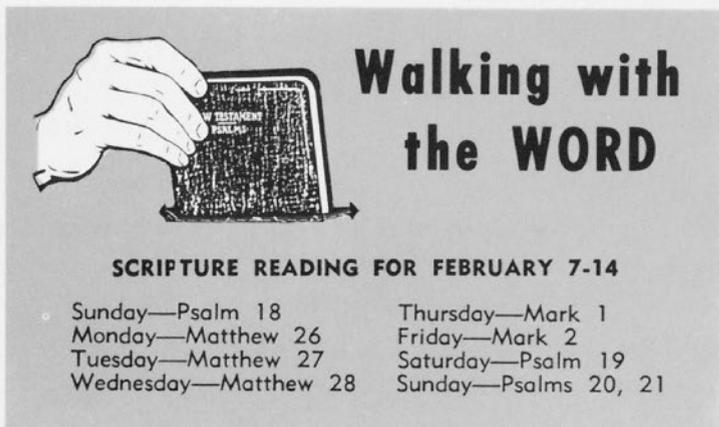
#### 7. Continue on with Christ.

When you are saved you begin a new life in Christ. That life must be nourished by regular exposure to the various means of grace—prayer, Bible reading, attendance at church. If, after you are saved, sin ever comes between you and your Saviour, or you suffer temporary defeats, you will obtain victory again by confessing your sin to Christ (1 John 1:9). Never allow doubts to rob you of the promises of God. "We walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

As you come to understand the way of the Lord more and more, you will want to progress in Him by being baptized in water, receiving the baptism in the Holy Ghost, becoming a witness for Christ, deepening your consecration, and entering some service for the Lord. "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). As we "walk in the light" we "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). This seventh step is the most involved step of all. It requires the rest of your life to take it!

This is what the Bible teaches on this very important subject. We have done our best to explain, in scriptural terms, what it means to "be saved."

These seven steps, sincerely taken, will bring you into fellowship with God—now and eternally. Seven steps, and you too will "be saved." ◀◀



**Walking with the WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING FOR FEBRUARY 7-14**

Sunday—Psalm 18	Thursday—Mark 1
Monday—Matthew 26	Friday—Mark 2
Tuesday—Matthew 27	Saturday—Psalm 19
Wednesday—Matthew 28	Sunday—Psalms 20, 21

## Seven STEPS and you're SAVED!

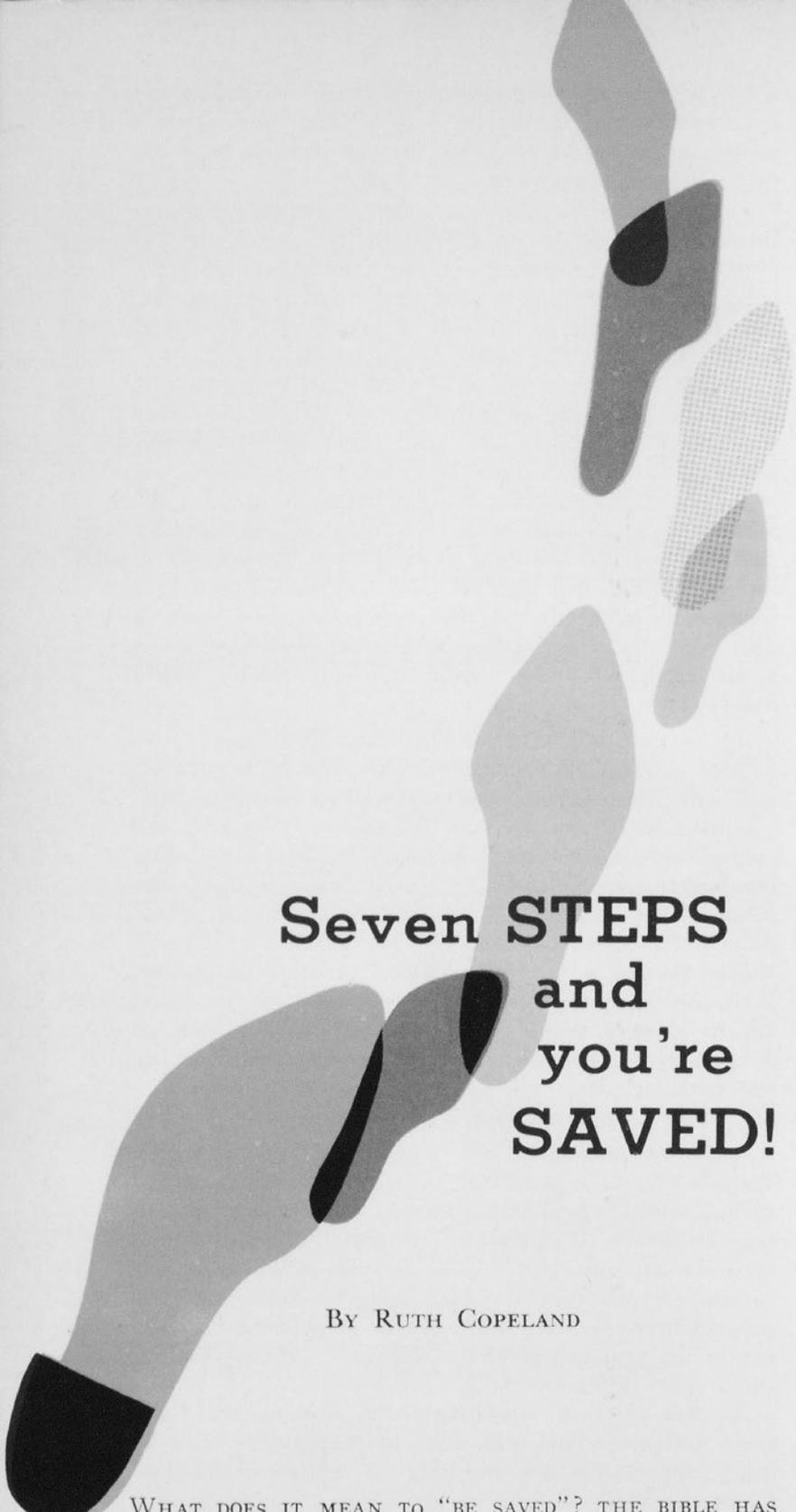
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#### 4. Seek God with all your heart.

"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13). Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters . . ." (Matthew 6:24). These scriptures are a way of saying, "Be completely sincere." There is no room for ulterior motives when one is seeking God to be saved. If, in the secret thoughts of your heart, you are hoping to gain something other than God's forgiveness, you will advance no further. God will not be second in your life. He will have first place or none at all! This is the first commandment. God looks beyond the words we frame and sees the secret intentions of our hearts (1 Samuel 16:7).

#### 5. Exercise faith in the blood of Christ.

The following Bible verses show that the experience of being saved is entered into by faith: "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God" (Romans



# Seven STEPS and you're SAVED!

BY RUTH COPELAND

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "BE SAVED"? THE BIBLE HAS much to say about this experience. God sent His Son into the world for this very purpose. "Thou shalt call his name Jesus," the angel said to Joseph, "for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

To "be saved" is to make a transaction with God in which we meet certain conditions. In return, He removes the natural enmity toward Himself that was in our hearts, forgives our sins, and makes us new persons with transformed attitudes, affections and desires. This transformation is miraculous in nature. It is also called being "born again" (John 3:7).

It is essential that one be saved if he is to reach heaven after his life on earth is over. Typical of the scriptures that verify this is John 3:3: "Except a man

be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Many are the benefits of being saved. The directions, found in the Bible, are simple and clear cut. They consist of seven steps. Anyone can take these steps and no one can be saved without taking them. Some persons who are saved may have taken them in such rapid succession that they did not, at the time, notice them as separate and distinct steps. But they did take them.

## 1. *You must be a sinner.*

Jesus said, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:32). This does not mean that some people are not sinners, for Romans 3:23 says "all have sinned." It does mean that some people claim self-goodness and refuse to admit their sinfulness. These people cannot be saved until they assume a different attitude.

Understanding what sin is may help you to realize your inherent sinfulness. The Bible says, "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10). These scriptures show that the breaking of the laws of God—one or many—reveal us to be unsaved, or sinners. To be saved, we must be aware of this inherent sinfulness, and must come to God on that premise. On no other basis can we take our very first step toward God.

## 2. *You must be lost.*

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). This lost condition is also spoken of as spiritual death. "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4). You must realize that you can do nothing to save yourself, but must rely wholly on the mercy and power of God to be saved from this condition. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy, he saved us" (Titus 3:5). This is also expressed in the words of the old hymn:

*Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bids't me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come!*

## 3. *You must repent.*

The Scriptures are very explicit about this. "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:5). "Repent and be baptized . . . in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7).

Perhaps we should explain repentance by first describing what it *is not*. It *is not* a morbid despondency over one's errors. It *is not* a mere fear of punishment. But *it is* godly sorrow (2 Corinthians 7:10). *It is* a complete change in one's attitude toward sin—a sense of shame, and a longing to avoid sin.

To repent, pray earnestly to God. Acknowledge your sin. Make no excuses for the wrong things you have done, but accept full responsibility, and ask for divine forgiveness.

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