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A MAN MAY PLAN and build a magnificent edifice that will endure for centuries; he may create a masterpiece of art that will be appreciated by millions; but when he becomes a father, this is infinitely more wonderful. He has imparted his own life and nature to a new being who may become and do all or more than he himself has been and done; and whom he calls in tender love, "My son!"

God, in His role of Creator of the universe, displayed mighty power in ways man is still discovering through telescopes and satellites. The vastness and order of the universe staggers the imagination. But God wanted sons.

When He sent His first-begotten Son into the world, He said, "This is my beloved Son." And again, "Let all the angels of God worship him." The words, "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee," were according to Paul (Acts 13:33), spoken on the day Christ was raised from the dead. In the resurrection of Christ, God gave us a pattern of the way other sons would be begotten: Christ is called the "first begotten of the dead."

In bringing into being a new order or race, God raises each one, individually, from spiritual death. "But God, who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together" (Ephesians 2:4-6). This act of God's grace is elsewhere spoken of as the new birth, being born from above.

This new birth is brought about as God imparts His own nature into our beings. From thenceforth we are called sons of God. We are a new creation, raised from the dead. God's seed remains in us, creating a new principle of life (1 John 3:9).

A seed contains the potential of all that the plant or tree will become. An acorn has within it the blueprint of the roots, trunk, branches, and leaves of a mighty oak; in the seed of the flower there is the potential of the stem, the leaves, and even the color and fragrance of the blossom. The seed of man includes his characteristics and physical likeness, all that he is in potential. In like manner God's seed implanted in the heart of man when he is born again, contains all the potentialities of Christlikeness: His holiness, truth, love-nature, creative power.

However perfect a seed may be, whatever its potential, it is possible for it to lie dormant. It must have the right environment in which to germinate, spring up, and fulfill its destiny. And this seed of divine nature implanted within us by God, with all its limitless possibilities, may be allowed to lie dormant; or, having sprung up it may be choked by weeds of self-life. "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die."

We have a vital part to play in developing this seed. Herein is the tragedy of many lives. When they accept Christ, they are born again—given the power to become Godlike and Christlike—but self-life is gradually given the preeminence and replaces the God-life. This tragic failure is expressed in words of sorrow by God: "I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are the children of the most High. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes" (Psalm 82:6, 7). Yet, "As

many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God...: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12, 13).

Too many of us live below our privileges and potential as children of God. Since we are born again, we are sons of God. We have a destiny to fulfill. We can become like Christ. This then is my personal testimony and determination:

I am a son of God, and God's nature is in me.

Because I am a son of God, I have power to overcome all sin (1 John 5:18).

As a son of God I have eternal life (1 John 5:11).

Because I am a son of God, I am in God and He in me. I am one with God (John 17:21).

Because I am a son of God, I have immediate access into His presence, not as a servant or beggar, but as a beloved son to ask and to receive of His wealth and bounty (Luke 11:11-13).

Because I am a son of God, I have the mind of Christ. I can rely on God's wisdom to guide me in making decisions (1 Corinthians 2:16).

Because I am a son of God, I have something of His creative power within me. In the circle of His will, I can conceive of projects for His glory and execute them. Jesus could "do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do" (John 5:19). God will guide me in what He wants me to do for Him.

I will begin at once to use this creative power by creating in my own home an atmosphere of love, peace, faith in God, and contentment so that my home becomes a little heaven.

In my church life I will endeavor to create an atmosphere of harmony, love, unity, and active cooperation with others, for God is not the Author of confusion but of peace and order.

In my contact with those who do not yet know Christ I will seek to create an atmosphere of friendliness, understanding, and compassion that will attract them to Him for I am taking the place of my Elder Brother in the world. He came "to seek and to save that which was lost."

I will endeavor to show forth the love nature of God to all men irrespective of race and color, and particularly to all Christians, for as I love God, I must love all who are begotten of God (1 John 5:1).

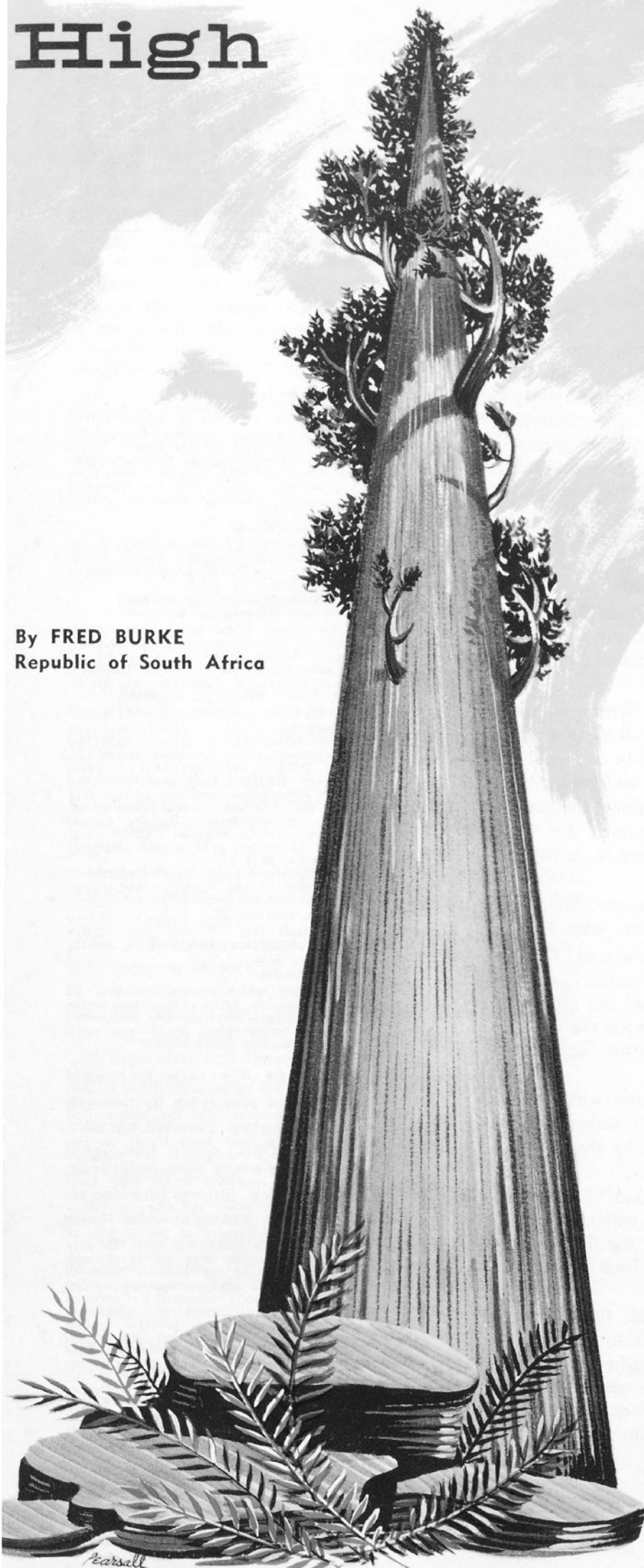
I will recognize that the things of this world are temporal; they will soon pass away. Therefore, I will use them but not set my affections upon them (Colossians 3:1). Of that which God gives me I am a steward; by exercising this stewardship wisely I am preparing for greater responsibilities in His eternal kingdom.

I will live for the honor and glory of my Heavenly Father, not seeking the honor that comes from man but the approval that comes from God Himself. The principle of my life shall be (as with my Elder Brother): "Father, glorify thy name..."

"Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12).

High

By FRED BURKE
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REVIVAL.

We sing about it,
preach about it,
and talk about it.
But do we know what it is?

REVIVAL.

The dictionary says it is a "renewed interest in religion after indifference and decline."

God's Word says it is God turning back to His people, showing them His mercies, after they have humbly confessed their backslidings (Psalm 85).
Do we really want it?

REVIVAL.

We admit that we need one,
envy the past generations which have experienced one,
read books on how to receive one,
conduct services to initiate one.
But are we willing to sacrifice for one?

REVIVAL.

It comes only by:
humble confession,
spiritual discipline,
constant prayer,
persistent intercession,
wise fasting,
complete sacrifice,
entire consecration,
unity of spirit,
and unquestioning obedience to God's Word.
Are we willing to seek one?

REVIVAL.

It will bring:
glory to Jesus Christ,
power in prayer,
power for witnessing,
people into the fold of Christ,
the fullness of the Spirit,
boldness in preaching,
grace upon the saints,
sacrificial giving,
a burden for the lost,
a vision for a greater harvest,
holiness,
a hatred for sin,
a love for the saints,
a deeper love for God,
a desire for God's Word.
Why do we hesitate to receive one?

REVIVAL.

As Christians we must face:
a hostile world,
doctrines of demons,
seducing spirits,
Satan as a roaring lion,
beguiling temptations,
men without Christ,
men searching for answers,
a world in flames,
international eruptions,
wars, political intrigues,
violence, corruption, lying tongues,
cheating, hatred,
persecutions,
trials and testings.
Do we dare remain without one?

—EVANGELIST JOSEPH PERRELLO

HOW GREAT THOU ART!

TIMES OF WEAKNESS and discouragement come to all. Doubts arise; the frailty of human nature assails us; and we are tempted to despair. David had times like that, but he knew what to do about it. Instead of "singing the blues" he contemplated the greatness of God and sang His praises.

Next time you are feeling low, turn your thoughts to the Lord, and sing, "How Great Thou Art." Then turn to Psalm 145 and read the words of David's song of praise to God. As you think of the majesty and wondrous works of the Lord—of His terrible acts, His greatness—then also of His bountiful goodness and mercy to the children of men—you undoubtedly will end up saying: "My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever" (Psalm 145:21).

An editorial in *Moody Monthly* points out this need to keep the majesty of our Lord ever before us, and suggests five practical ways of doing this:

"1. Spend time in the Psalms and some of the other great Books of the Old Testament—like Isaiah and Jeremiah. Many in our churches have never broken through into the Old Testament, nor do pastors today preach much from it.

"2. Balance a diet of gospel songs with the great hymns of the church. Learn to meditate upon the words and to recall continually their messages of praise to a God who is strong and mighty.

"3. Review regularly passages of the New Testament which identify Jesus Christ with the eternal God, who was 'in the beginning' and who 'framed the worlds.' Remember the majesty of our Saviour, for 'by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth... and by him all things consist' (Colossians 1:16, 17).

"4. Give the daily quiet time top priority on your schedule. We lose the reality of God's greatness when we neglect communion with Him.

"5. Finally, open your eyes to the revelation of God in nature. Those in the city should withdraw from time to time into the country, or to the mountains, or to the seacoast—away from the noise, the crowds, the glare of city lights that wash out the stars above. Enjoy the quietness, the beauty; meditate upon the Ruler of all nature and His eternal majesty."

Great Christians are great worshipers. They commune with their Maker until His strength enters into their spirits and makes them strong. Their life is a perpetual union with God, joined by the strong cords of thanksgiving, praise, and faith in His Word.

Study to be quiet. "Be still, and know that I am God." There is power in stillness. Charles A. Fox said: "Souls that will catch the divine features, and perfect the divine image, and learn the divine accent, must study stillness, for only still waters give back the true reflection of earth or sky."

Therefore, "live much in the company of the Eternal; listen long, and drink deeply of His Spirit." Then you shall be able to prove the all-sufficiency of your God to satisfy your heart and strengthen you each day. Do not struggle in your own power, for you are too weak. Rest in the strength of your Lord, singing with the hymn writer, "Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what *Thou* art; I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart."

—R.C.C.

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SHAKESPEARE CALLED IT A DRAMA. Sir Walter Raleigh called it a journey. Burke called it a shadow. Augustine did not know whether to call it a living death or a dying life.

Someone else described it as a tragedy in stormy seas where the vessel sinks at the end.

What do you call it?

Life is a strange business. It begins with the cry of the newborn and ends with the gasp of the dying. In between these it is hurry, worry and confusion. To some, life is short and happy; to others, long and dreary. No wonder the Bible asks this age-old question: "For what is your life?" Here is the question that we all ask ourselves at one time or another.

WHAT IS LIFE?

To some, life is an *endurance*—the same old thing—pounding the typewriter, washing dishes, serving customers—week in and week out. We get up in the morning, eat our breakfast, go to work to earn our wages, to



keep ourselves and our families so that we can get up in the morning, eat our breakfast, go to work. . . .

To others, life is an *entanglement*. Have you ever seen a kitten playing with a ball of wool? What starts as a game soon becomes a complete tangle and you have to cut him free. For many, this is the game of life—a complete tangle. I think of people whom I have tried to help in the past few months; the young wife entangled in an affair with another man; the businessman so entangled with his business that his home is completely neglected; young people tied up in unhealthy relationships. Many of us don't know how enslaved we are until we try to get free!

To still another class of people, life is an *escape*. You meet them seeking to escape the responsibilities of life by living an anonymous sort of life, personified by the man who prayed: "O God, bless me and my wife, our son John and his wife, us four, no more. Amen." Tell them that half the world is starving and they shrug their shoulders. Their motto is, "Look after number one"; the rest of humanity can look after themselves.

Or perhaps the escape is from reality. Drink, gambling, bingo, and a host of other things provide an escape from the realities of life. "I've been living just a day at a time," said a man to me, adding, "It's not a lot of good as a long-term policy."

One famous psychologist says most patients don't live for today at all. They are pinning their faith in tomorrow, always waiting for the day when their ship comes in, when they win on the pools, or their luck has changed.

LIFE IN CHRIST

To millions of intelligent people, however, life has become an enjoyment, something worthwhile and vital. They have turned from the world of endurance, escape, and entanglement to a place of real satisfaction—they have become Christians! The Lord Jesus Christ for them is no longer a figure of history. He is a friend, the

This Thing Called Life



By DON SUMMERS

Saviour, who has come into their lives and made life worth living.

These have found in Christianity a new set of values. Christ has taken the *me-first* attitude out of life. He said we are to seek first the kingdom of God and then all the necessities of life will be provided.

There was that young, university-trained Jew with his values all mixed up. He was throwing all that he had into the business of wiping out the Christian church; then, suddenly, this man was converted. He became a Christian. Immediately his sense of values changed. From that moment on the apostle Paul put God first, others second, himself last. The world still feels the impact.

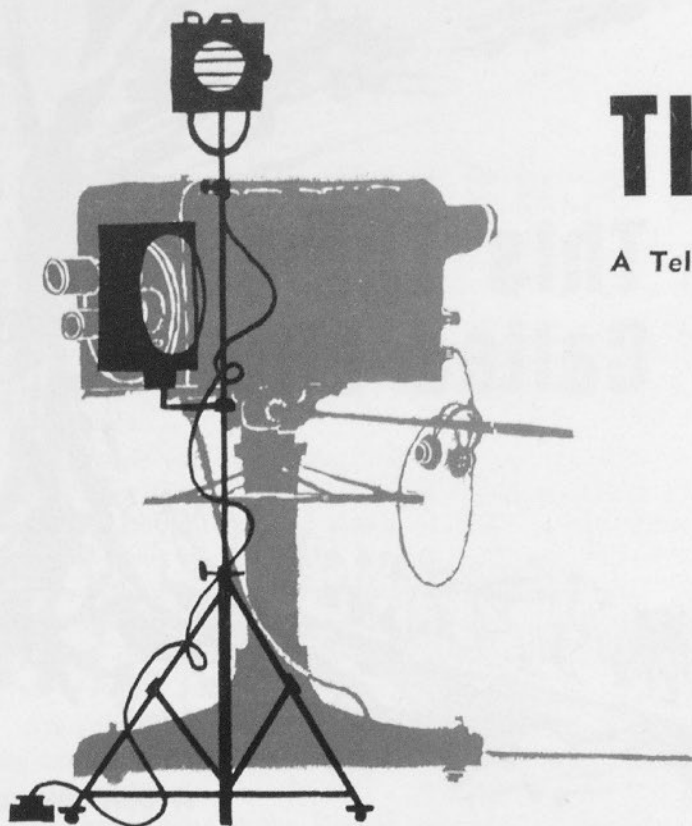
Furthermore, Christians find in their faith a new source of power. "God gave me back my self-respect" was the verdict of one teen-ager who had become a Christian. She was proving something of the new dynamic that becomes ours when Christ comes into our lives. How can we go straight? How can we be pure? Where can we find the strength to be the man or woman we long to be? A host of ordinary people would rise to their feet and say: "I can, through Christ who strengthens me."

Christ does not offer merely an ethic, nor a code of morals that you cannot live up to; He offers a dynamic, the power of His life within your life, to win the victory.

Finally, the Christian finds a new sense of hope. He knows that there are no accidents to the Christian and that God has a blueprint for his life. He squares his shoulders to face each new day with hope. He knows that nothing can separate him from his Lord, and that even when death comes it will be a case of "absent from the body . . . to be present with the Lord."

Only the Christian can look tomorrow in the face because he has found the answer to life's true meaning in Christ.

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THIS SAME JESUS

A Televised Address by H. W. GREENWAY

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coexistent with God, and He was coequal with God.

From this early stage of the divine revelation the plan of man's salvation was conceived, and it was His existence in the past that gave the prophets accuracy in predicting His coming. Jesus Himself explained His purpose in coming into the world: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Men are lost; they are sinners who need saving. This was His mission.

It is here that many people in our age take issue with the Bible. They argue that we can get along quite well without God, that we do not need saving—all of which boasting is contradicted by the events around us.

Man's need is as great as ever. Fundamentally he is a sinner, torn by internal stresses and troubled by unresolved fears. Our modern psychiatric institutions and the increasing use of tranquilizers and stimulants which the World Health Organization informs us has reached epidemic proportions, are evidence of the inner tensions that disturb men. Man is dissatisfied, however much he may try to convince himself he is enjoying the experience of living it up.

The politician and the scientist prepare weapons of such fearful potential that we feel we can only refer to them in muffled undertones. The moral morass into which we are sinking bids fair to engulf us in complete social chaos. We need saving from our own sinfulness and from the tragic world we have made.

From reading the Bible and from our knowledge of events around us it is obvious that sin results in death. They go together; they are the twin enemies of man. And it was from these that Jesus Christ came to save us. He took our sin and He took our death: "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). He died "that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Hebrews 2:14).

This is the supreme paradox of the Christian faith: He was made sin to destroy sin; He was subjected to death to destroy death. The cross where Jesus died is therefore become the terminal point of sin; it has become the gallows of man's last enemy, death. The mission of Christ was undertaken to set us free from a dual bondage, and this He accomplishes for all who call upon Him for help.

THE PRESENT—HIS MINISTRY

It is natural to ask, "Is Jesus Christ relevant today?" Or, "What does He do for us now in our struggles and needs?"

If these thoughts trouble us, we are encouraged to ask, "What was He like when here in the flesh?" For

THERE IS A PHRASE in the Anglican Book of Common Prayer which speaks of the changes and chances of this mortal life. One has only to turn the pages of history to discover that man is changing; the social order is changing; our philosophy of life is changing; our behavior is changing. Even our fashions change, as the family picture album quickly shows.

The process of change has greatly accelerated within the last century. We remember, those of us who have reached or have passed middle age, reading Jules Verne's, *Around the World in 80 Days*, with a sense of wonder. Now we hardly give a second thought when we are told of astronauts who circle the earth in 80 minutes.

Against this background of change Hebrews 13:8 has its setting: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." In an impermanent world, this is the one permanent factor. In a constantly moving universe, this is the one fixed star. The text is therefore unique. Christ stands at the very center of the three main divisions of time: past, present, and future. The first division relates to His mission; the second to His ministry; the third to His manifestation.

THE PAST—HIS MISSION

If I look over the shoulder of the years, I discover Him, however far back I go. Our yesterdays are but a brief 20, 30, 40 years. His go back beyond creation.

This is how the apostle John described the opening scene in his story of Christ: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:1-3). He was

This sermon was broadcast on a recent Sunday morning from Kensington Temple, London, over the Associated Television Network.

if He is the same today, then we must find out whether He fits into our modern society.

The first thing we learn about Him personally is that He went about doing good (Acts 10:38). He healed the sick, comforted the fallen, taught men how to live, rebuked hypocrisy, demonstrated the power of prayer, had compassion on the needy. These showed forth His eternal qualities.

From the Gospels we learn it was part of Christ's ministry to heal the sick by supernatural power. That was surely commendable. If He is the same today, it is not unreasonable to claim He is willing to heal us by the same process of divine intervention. Healing may take many forms, but of one thing we may be sure—we can come directly to Him and receive at His hands the same deliverance. Faith is never unrewarded.

Christ's relationship to man was friendly. Though He was Lord of all, His manner of life was such that even His enemies called Him a "friend of publicans and sinners." To His disciples He said, "I have called you friends" (John 15:15). There can be no loneliness for those who know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

THE FUTURE—HIS MANIFESTATION

And what of the future? One of the most common habits of man is to try to peer into the future. We plan for tomorrow, for next week, for next year, for old age. And as we plan, we are full of anxiety; we fear sickness, poverty, failure, war, old age, death. Jesus knows these fears and assures us He will take care of our tomorrows if we seek first the kingdom of God.

Jesus Christ has been raised in the power of an endless life and promises us: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). This is the guarantee of the continuity of the Church, despite the gloomy prophets who have predicted its demise within this century.

We have the assurance that His Life is our life. He confirmed this on the Day of Pentecost by sending the Holy Spirit to His waiting disciples. The Holy Spirit still indwells the Church, and there are millions of Christians in the world today who now enjoy this mighty Baptism, which is evidence that Christ is still active in the affairs of men.

There is another aspect of the future which is vital to all mankind: Jesus spoke of the future with historic certainty; He described coming world disorder, but He also promised He would come again. The two men who appeared to the disciples on the Mount of Olives when Jesus was taken up into heaven emphasized that "this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

The second advent of Christ is the only real hope of this tormented world. Just as He came the first time to save us from sin and death, so He will come again to save the nations from total disaster. "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ: and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15).

Only the Prince of Peace can ever set the world in order; and this He will do when He comes again. "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:13).

I WAS THERE

ONE OF A SERIES OF EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS OF EARLY PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL DAYS, WRITTEN BY VARIOUS PIONEER PASTORS, EVANGELISTS, AND MISSIONARIES

The Converted Chicken House

By E. R. FOSTER

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ONE SUMMER while serving as pastor of the Old-Fashioned Church in Grand Island, Nebraska, I requested use of the district tent in opening a work in Aurora, a town about 20 miles away.

There were no Pentecostal believers in Aurora, but the people were quite receptive to the message. There was much opposition, however, from the city fathers because they had never seen it "on this wise" before: people hitting the sawdust trail to an old-fashioned altar to be saved, the sick being healed in answer to prayer, many receiving the blessed Holy Spirit and speaking in a heavenly language. I must confess that with such a move of God, the people did get a bit noisy.

One evening just before the service began we were handed a document prepared by the city fathers which read: "Out of courtesy to you, you may keep your tent up for tonight's service only, but tomorrow the tent must come down."

We were not prepared for this. But in a few moments a petition was circulated through the audience and signed by practically everyone present. The petition stated the revival was meeting a need in the community which had never been met before and asked the mayor and council to reconsider. This was presented to the mayor with our personal reassurance that we were only in his city to be a blessing. As a result the officials allowed the meeting to continue.

When cold weather arrived, we could find no building available for services except a barn that had been used as a chicken house. We really dressed up that old building, giving it a new front, a new roof, and new windows. We whitewashed the ceiling and the rafters and put in a new sawdust floor.

That converted chicken house, because of the revival fires which continued to burn, became a temple holy unto the Lord where miracles were performed. Many heard the voice of God there as did Isaiah when the posts of the temple seemed to move out of their places.

I know of many who answered the call of God at that time and are now serving as deacons, teachers, preachers, and missionaries. Two of our missionaries now laboring in South America, Brother and Sister Cyle Davis, were saved and filled with the Spirit in this revival.

Under the able leadership of Pastor and Mrs. Floyd Sauer, a lovely new brick church was built in Aurora, and the congregation enjoys it very much. Yet pleasant memories still linger in the hearts and minds of those who experienced the mighty visitation of God in the converted chicken house.

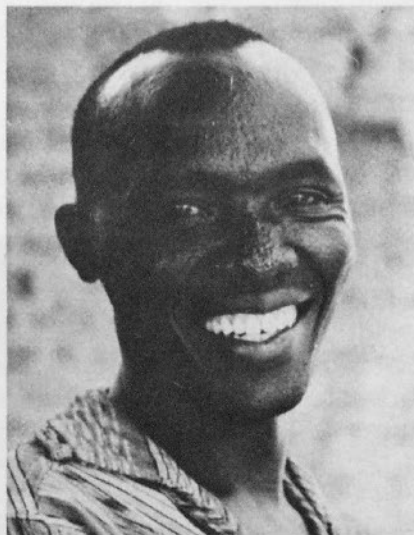
EDITOR'S NOTE: On March 17 Everett L. Phillips, field secretary for Africa, went to Congo to see how the Assemblies of God work has progressed since the Simba rebellion and to determine when missionaries should be sent back into the troubled Paulis area. Here is the complete text of the report he sent directly from Leopoldville:

A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, our missionary, J. W. Tucker, was killed, and the last of our missionary staff in Congo was withdrawn. One third of Congo was taken over by communist rebels who held sway particularly in the northeast corner of the country where our work is located. All of our missionary work was abruptly halted.

For a long time we heard nothing of our churches and pastors, but letters began to come through recently giving glimpses of the hardships and sufferings of the people and begging for our prayers.

Our Assemblies of God missionaries first went to Congo 45 years ago; yet in recent months there has been question of how much of their work remained. The communist-led rebellion had as one of its main objectives the total destruction of Christian leadership and churches. Nearly all missions in Congo lost some missionaries—some still unaccounted for.

While we knew of the sufferings of missionaries, only now are we beginning to hear of the brutal persecution against the Congolese Christians. When the missionaries were withdrawn, these Christians remained



Elumee Kutala, pastor at Bidi, was supervising construction of a new church when E. L. Phillips arrived.

on to bear the brunt of communistic and heathen hatred.

For the past two weeks I have been in Congo interviewing our pastors and leaders. I marvel at God's faithfulness to His people, but perhaps even more I marvel at the faithfulness of God's people during months of persecution and terror. How can I describe the joy of the people over my visit? They wept as they said, "After what the missionaries went through, we never expected to see them again." There are no words to describe their joy when I told them we will send some missionaries back to Congo.

Knowing of my coming, the pastors at Paulis had prepared a formal program covering several days. They took their typewritten program to the governor and to the head of the military government for their approval.

For hours we reviewed the work of the Bible school and the necessity of getting this training program in

operation again. We talked about the bookstore and printshop, and the need for Sunday school materials, training books, and gospel tracts in their language. We discussed the clinics and the schools. Plans were made for a general conference of their pastors. One by one we laid basic plans for the future.

When these major matters were settled, the Congolese Christians began at my urging to tell what they had been through in the past months. One teacher sought by the rebels had to flee, leaving his wife and children. Months later when he returned, they were gone without a trace. For 20 months he did not know whether they were living or dead; but four days before I talked to him, he had received a letter from his wife. She had gone 100 miles into the forest where she was living with the children.

Some Christians were beaten and imprisoned. Some were taken repeatedly to the place of execution, only to be saved at the last moment. Some of our people have not been heard



EVERETT L. PHILLIPS REPORTS FROM LEOPOLDVILLE,

"We will send missionaries back to Congo!"



The last classroom session of the Bible school before the rebels entered Paulis. One of the first steps in resuming missionary work is to reopen the Bible school.

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from in many months, but we hope they will return safely.

It was my privilege to visit two churches—Paulis and Bodi. Although Paulis was the seat of government for the rebels, our people and pastor determined to carry on their services as usual. Over 2,200 people were killed in the public square of Paulis, but our church members braved the storm of persecution and hatred without a single loss of life. Through these terrible days *the church grew and is bigger and stronger than ever*. There is a ring of sincerity and victory in their worship.

At Bodi the rebel headquarters was very near our church. The pastor refused to flee, and the church continued to meet regularly under great opposition and danger. I could not send word of my visit to Bodi (their pastor could not attend the Paulis conference), so they were not expecting my visit. *I found the people busy building a new church under the guidance of the pastor*. A male nurse who had been trained by the missionaries took me on a tour of the

Bodi clinic. Everything was clean and in order. His daily records were laid before me, and on that day he had treated 106 people, most of them lepers. While the capable hand of missionary guidance has been missed, the work at the clinic continues.

Down through the years our missionaries have attempted to build an indigenous church which would be capable, if necessary, of administering its own affairs effectively without missionary guidance. *From my observation of the church in Congo, we have built well*. In spite of danger and discouragement, the national church did what it was trained to do—minister to and build up the church, evangelize among the unsaved, and train young men for the ministry.

Congo still needs missionaries with their special training and ministries. Beginning at Paulis, we should re-

build our missionary staff to meet special needs:

(1) *The Bible school* should be reopened. If the church is to expand, it needs a continuing supply of trained pastors.

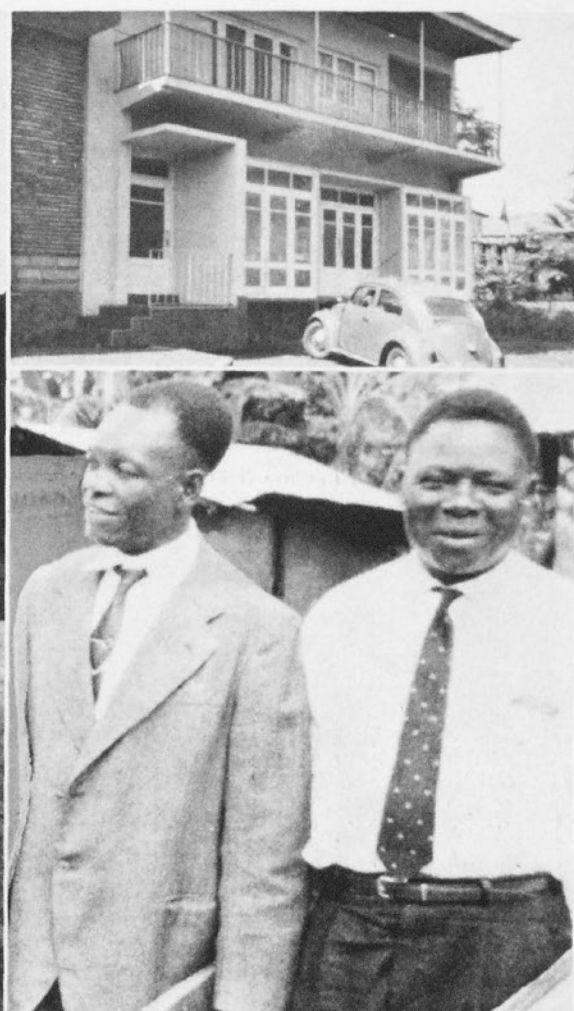
(2) *The literature program* will need translators, writers, and printers.

(3) *The educational program*. Our schools need direction and upgrading.

(4) *Our clinics* need the direction of a properly trained nurse.

These are the first steps we should take as *we resume missionary work in Congo*.

What of the future? Is there promise of absolute safety for missionaries if they return to Congo? There are no absolutes in this troubled world. We have a task to perform which will not be completed until Jesus comes. There is the promise of reasonable safety and an absolute assurance of richly rewarding ministry among truly responsive people. This is all that can be promised as missionaries return to Congo, but His promise, "Lo, I am with you always," is enough.



Sara Anabote (left) was held captive for a few days by the rebels with Missionaries Gail Winters and Lillian Hogan. The press building (top right) and upstairs apartment of Gail and Lillian before the outbreak. In the lower photo is Pastor Simona Karada (left), who continued services in Paulis during the revolt, and Yoane Alubaki, pastor at Betongwe.

ROYAL RANGERS EXPANDS WORLDWIDE



BOYS WILL BE BOYS—wherever they are. And because boys enjoy scouting, Royal Rangers activities are quickly spreading worldwide.

Beginning in the United States, this Assemblies of God boys program has mushroomed until approximately 69,000 men and boys are actively engaged in Royal Rangers in the U.S.

The advantages of Royal Rangers in meeting the spiritual, social, and physical needs of boys in other countries became immediately apparent.

There are now Royal Rangers groups in Australia. Spearheaded by W. John Woodham, pastor of the Assembly of God in Petersham, New South Wales, groups are functioning very similarly to U. S. groups. Just recently the Assemblies of God State Conference of New South Wales officially endorsed the Royal Rangers program and asked Brother Woodham to serve as state commander.

Development has not been limited to English-speaking countries. Early this year the Men's Fellowship of Argentina, directed by Dick Ellis, took its first step in launching a program for boys by sponsoring a five-day camp for boys 10 to 14 years of age. These Royal Rangers are known as *Exploradores del Rey*.

In a camping program similar to that used in the U.S., Speaker Ralph Hiatt challenged these boys to commit their lives to Christ. Of the 25 boys attending, five doubtful of their salvation gave themselves fully to the Lord. Others were deepened in their spiritual lives as they dedicated themselves in prayer.

To encourage further development of the Royal Rangers program in Spanish-speaking countries, the *Royal Rangers Handbook* has just been translated into Spanish. This meets the need for more complete information on the boys program which has been requested by many in Latin American countries.

Exploradores del Rey was written by Johnnie Barnes, national commander of Royal Rangers, and translated by Benjamin E. Mercado. While the U. S. program has three different handbooks—one for each of the three age divisions, the Spanish handbook has adapted the materials and incorporated them into one age group, ages 9-17.

John Jackson, director of the Spanish Literature Division of the Assemblies of God which produced the new handbook, declared, "Many leaders believe *Exploradores del Rey* will prove a real blessing, not only to the Assemblies of God but to other Protestant groups as well. The reason for this is that all other programs for boys, such as the Boy Scouts, are dominated by the Catholic Church in Latin American countries."

Spanish-speaking Assemblies in the U.S. have already organized Royal Rangers groups with over 1,500 boys participating in the program. There will undoubtedly be an even greater response in other countries since materials are now available.

For further information about this boys program write to: Royal Rangers, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802, U.S.A.

The Royal Rangers of Argentina (top photo) enjoy games on a camping trip, and participate in a flag-raising ceremony (center photo). In the lower photo W. John Woodham (second row, center, in uniform) is shown with Royal Rangers and officers of the Assembly in Petersham, New South Wales, Australia.



Thousands of persons thronged to the Revivaltime evangelistic crusade in British Guiana.

REVIVALTIME STILL MINISTERING IN BRITISH GUIANA

Revivaltime IS ACCOMPLISHING a great work of salvation in British Guiana!" is the ringing testimony of Evangelist Clarence J. Larson.

Brother Larson and a fellow-evangelist, Robert Ireton, recently conducted a two-week missionary-evangelistic tour of this South American country at the invitation of Evangelist Larson's son-in-law, David Guenther, now serving his seventh year as a missionary there.

"Wherever we went," wrote Brother Larson, "whether in the capital, Georgetown, or in any other city or village, *everybody said they were listening to Revivaltime!*"

"There is a great revival in the Assemblies of God churches. During our meetings more than 75 persons made decisions for Christ. In one Sunday night service alone, 20 came forward seeking salvation."

Released over Radio Demerara since 1954 *Revivaltime* has had an effective ministry in this part of South America. Response from listeners is so enthusiastic that, in 1960, *Revivaltime* conducted a great evangelistic crusade in Georgetown. Thousands of persons thronged to the meetings to hear Evangelist C. M. Ward in person.

IN BRITISH GUIANA, THE RADIO SERVICE HAS BECOME SO DEAR TO THE PEOPLE THAT ALL THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCHES ARE KNOWN AS . . .

"REVIVALTIME CHURCHES"

By RON ROWDEN

The spirit of revival filtered throughout the city. *More than 1,980 people were saved!*

That wonderful time of fellowship has crystallized into a lasting fellowship. Today, scores of letters are received from Guianese listeners whose lives are being influenced for Christ through the broadcast.

"In checking the mail at Central Assembly where my son-in-law is pastor, we found that many souls are being won to Christ through *Revivaltime*," Brother Larson testified. "The radio service has become so dear to these people that all the Assemblies of God churches are known as '*Revivaltime churches*.'"

British Guiana is one of 59 key releases through which the Radio Department is endeavoring to spread the gospel outside the U.S.A. Good reports come in from all corners of the world—Nigeria, Africa; Naha, Okinawa; the Philippine Islands; and from the newest addition to *Revivaltime's* family—Vietnam.

Beamed directly into the heart of Vietnam via the 50,000-watt transmitter in Manila, the broadcast reaches more than 200,000 servicemen.

We encourage all listeners to write to *Revivaltime*. If the broadcast service is an inspiration to your life, or if we can pray with you concerning some need, please write to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri 65801, U.S.A.

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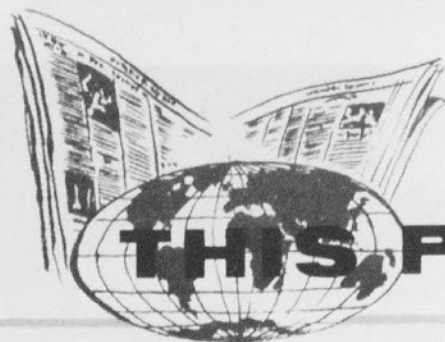
**GREAT CHAPTERS FOR THE
WEEK OF JUNE 5-12**

Sunday	Matthew 4
Monday	Matthew 5
Tuesday	Matthew 6
Wednesday	Matthew 7
Thursday	Matthew 8
Friday	Matthew 9
Saturday	Matthew 10
Sunday	Matthew 13

PROMISE OF THE WEEK

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

**GREAT CHAPTERS
DAILY READING
PROGRAM**



THIS PRESENT WORLD

EUROPE

Priests Ask Pope to Abolish Celibacy Discipline

A group of Catholic priests in southern Italy have urged Pope Paul VI to abolish the church discipline which makes celibacy a condition for ordination to the priesthood. In a letter they said that celibacy is neither natural nor divine in itself, and that marriage is not contrary to "the celebration of the divine mysteries."

British Baptists and Methodists Cite Losses

Baptist and Methodist churches in England have been told their denominations are facing major crises. A Baptist survey in England's industrial north cited loss of members, lack of discipline and convictions, and loss of a sense of mission and evangelism. A Methodist report reveals the church has lost a sixth of its membership since 1932 and projected a loss of 100,000 more by 1975.

German Court Ruling on School Prayers Challenged

A recent ruling by the Supreme Court of the West German state of Hesse limiting prayer in public schools was challenged in a petition filed by parents of a school-age child. They say the ruling misinterprets the state constitution which guarantees freedom of belief and liberty of worship.

Russians Strengthen Laws to Curtail Drinking

An amendment to the criminal code in the Soviet Union has made it a crime to entice youths under 18 to use narcotics and liquor, according to *New York Times*. The sale of hard liquor was formerly permitted to 16-year-olds. Newspaper stories have linked much of the juvenile delinquency in Russia with drunkenness and demanded that more stringent liquor laws be enacted.

ISRAEL

Huge Glass Slab Puzzles Archaeologists

A recent discovery of a solid piece of raspberry glass—measuring 11 by 6½ by 1½ feet and weighing 8.8 tons—in a cave near Haifa has been puzzling archaeologists, according to *Salvation* magazine.

The slab is reportedly nontransparent glass and is definitely man-made. It probably was manufactured in a cave near Beth She'arim, not far from modern Haifa, between the fourth and seventh centuries.

The slab is the third largest known object ever made from a single piece of glass. The other two were made in the United States in this century for the 200-inch reflector for the Hale telescope, the world's largest, at Mt. Palomar Observatory in California.

Specialists suggest two possible uses for the slab. One theory says the glass was to be used as stock to be broken up and reworked elsewhere. The other is that the slab was to be used as a monument or memorial.

Holy City Now a Boom Town

The *Chicago Tribune* reports that the Holy City has become a boom town. Arab Jerusalem, rich in Biblical history, is ringed with guns against the threat of war with Israel, but it is ignoring the danger. It is spreading in all directions and welcoming more than 1,000 tourists a day.

"The city has never been so prosperous since the Romans left," said one official.

Orthodox Jews Criticize Christian Missions in Israel

Activities of Christian missionaries in Israel were sharply attacked by Orthodox Jewish leaders at a recent conference in Zurich, Switzerland. One rabbi observed that there are 1,300 Christian missionaries in Israel, of whom 400 are baptized Jews. Some work as doctors, lawyers, and even teachers of Hebrew. He declared: "Every Jewish child baptized into the Christian faith is stolen from the Jewish people. He becomes a Christian missionary and often an enemy of the Jews."

A document distributed at the meeting reported that the number of baptized Jews is at an all-time high and that both Protestant and Roman Catholic missionaries in Israel have had great success.

Hebrew University Flourishing

Every two weeks, according to *Time* magazine, a truck loaded with books leaves an abandoned library near Mount Scopus in Arab Jordan to travel to the new Hebrew University. The old building was part of a model campus built before 1948 but is now in an uninhabited neutral zone within sight of Israeli Jerusalem. The 250,000 remaining books are being transferred to the new 250-acre campus with a library housing 2,000,000 volumes.

The student body has grown from 870 in 1948 to 10,000 this year. Recently ground was broken for a new school of social work, the latest in a series of buildings for physics, chemistry, dentistry, and law. A \$10,000,000 medical complex is soon to be completed.

In a land lacking heavy industrial commerce, the Hebrew University is the engine of the nation. "Our survival depends on the quality of our brains," says President Eliahu Elath. "This university must help preserve that quality or else we are lost."

WORLDWIDE

Argentinian Priests Resign in Dispute over Reform

Twenty-seven Argentinian Roman Catholic priests have reportedly resigned their posts over the alleged failure of 73-year-old Archbishop A. M. Buteler to implement various reforms ordered by Vatican II Council.

New Cable to Connect Israel and France

Israeli and French authorities have signed a contract to build an underwater telephone cable between Israel and the southern coast of France.

The cable, to be completed in 1967 at a cost of \$17,000,000 will provide speedy and improved telephone connections with most parts of the world, according to a report in *Salvation* magazine.

Australian Schools to Emphasize Religious Approach

New schools emphasizing the religious approach to every subject have been established in Sydney and Perth, Australia. The first of their kind in the country, they were organized by the Union of Christian Schools, an organization with roots in the Dutch Reformed Church. The group was established in Tasmania four years ago with the aim of giving religion a larger place in education.

Buddhists in Tibet Suffer Chinese Persecution

Chinese occupation officials in Tibet have destroyed thousands of Buddhist monasteries and temples, according to reports reaching the free world through Tibetans who recently escaped the country. Before 1959 some 23,000 monks were in the three big monasteries near Lhasa. Today only 300 elderly monks have been retained. The rest have been sent to concentration camps where many have died.

Prime Minister Opens Congo Bible House

Congolese Prime Minister Leonard Malumba recently opened the long-awaited *Maison de la Bible au Congo* in Leopoldville, according to the *Bible Society Record*.

A. W. Marthinson, the Bible Societies' secretary who worked 10 years to establish a Congo Bible House, delivered the welcoming address.

The most popular room in the Bible House to visitors is the "plain little warehouse." Here Scriptures are received from Bible Society printers, readdressed, and re-shipped to final destinations in the Congo, Rwanda, and Burundi.

This "warehouse" is a storage room in name only, for there are never enough Bibles. It is hoped that someday it will serve every person in this part of Africa.



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Do we have any history concerning Barabbas after his release by Pilate? (Matthew 27:26).

So far as I am able to learn, no record of his life after his release is available.

Why was it necessary for Jesus to be punished for our sins?

Punishment is that which is meted out against a wrongdoer. Since Jesus did no wrong, we do not consider He was punished by His sufferings.

Man, because of sin, was worthy of punishment; but Jesus released him from it by bearing the penalty—"who in his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24). The sufferings of Jesus, including the Crucifixion, were endured by an act of His own free will. He who was innocent suffered for us who were guilty. Christ "suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18).

Why did the Holy Spirit descend upon Jesus (when John baptized Him) in the form of a dove?

The dove was one of the clean fowl. It was suitable for sacrifice: "He shall bring for his trespass, which he hath committed, two turtledoves . . . one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering" (Leviticus 5:7).

The dove is set forth by Jesus as representing harmlessness: "Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves" (Matthew 10:16).

The dove is also a symbol of love: "My dove, my undefiled is but one" (Song of Solomon 6:9).

The coming of the Holy Spirit upon our Lord Jesus in the form of a dove was a witness to His purity, harmlessness, and loving devotion. It also testifies that the Holy Spirit comes to impart these qualities to mankind. Jesus had come, not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Is it right to use crackers or bread as the emblem of the Lord's body in the communion service? The meat offering, a type of His purity, was to be without leaven, and we are to keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth (Leviticus 2; 1 Corinthians 5:8).

If nothing is available other than crackers or bread, I believe the Lord would accept this. But it would not be much trouble to make unleavened bread, which depicts the sinless perfection of the Lord Jesus who gave Himself for us. We should do all we can to make the Lord's Supper a sacred and meaningful service.

We do not wish to come to a place where we worship the bread as if it were literally the Lord's body. At the same time we should reverently remember that in partaking of the Lord's Supper we are in a material way setting forth His sufferings and death that we might be saved.

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.



FAILURE THROUGH UNBELIEF

Sunday School Lesson for June 12, 1966
NUMBERS 13:17-21, 25-32; HEBREWS 3:18, 19

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

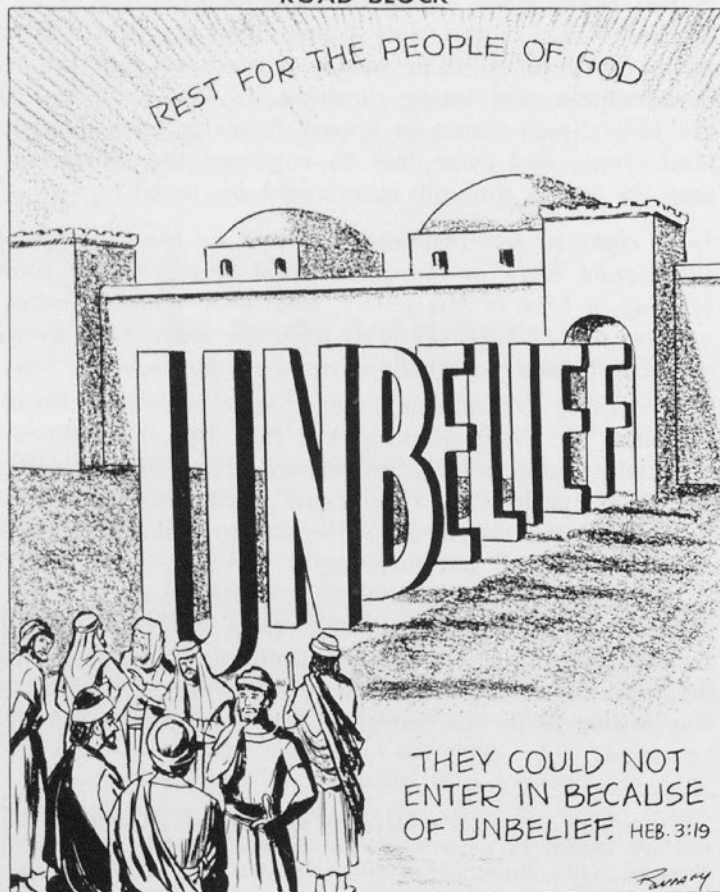
ISRAEL HAD REACHED Kadesh-barnea, and the Promised Land was in sight. The great moment toward which God had been leading His people since He first promised the land to Abraham—and later to Israel when they left Egypt—had arrived! God ordered the people to enter at once the land He had already given them.

CANAAN INVESTIGATED (Numbers 13:1-25; compare Deuteronomy 1:19-24)

Moses urged the people to enter the land without investigating it, because God had said it was theirs for the taking. The idea of sending an investigating committee originated with the people (Deuteronomy 1:22). However, Moses did not send out the 12 spies simply because the people so desired but because he had received orders from the Lord to send men to search the land. It took this investigation to expose Israel's lack of faith and courage and their rebellious spirit. The lessons?

(1) *Tests reveal the depth of our spiritual experience and the quality of our faith.*

ROAD BLOCK



(2) *It is vain to send our senses to investigate what God has promised to give us by faith.*

(3) *The Word is given us to be believed and not to be experimented with!*

THE MAJORITY REPORT (Numbers 13:26-29, 31-33)

The entire committee of 12 agreed on the fruitfulness of the land, reported it was exactly as God had described it, and brought back evidences of its fruitfulness. Thus, all 12 were witnesses to God's faithfulness and truthfulness; yet 10 of the 12 refused to trust Him!

This incident proves—as do many other instances in Scripture—that the majority is often wrong! Consider the mistakes made by the unbelieving majority:

(1) *They ignored the revealed Word and promises of God.* He had repeatedly promised them the land.

(2) *They misrepresented the facts.* Their report was not untruthful, but evil. If true, then how evil? First, their emphasis was wrong. It was placed upon difficulties which, though real, were surmountable by God's help. Second, their tone was wrong—a tone of discouragement and pessimism. Third, they left God out of their reckoning.

(3) *They magnified difficulties* instead of magnifying God.

(4) *They magnified the power of the enemy* and belittled themselves.

THE REPORT OF JOSHUA AND CALEB (Numbers 13:30; 14:6-9)

Their report consisted of:

(1) *An expression of faith.* "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it" (13:30). How refreshing to hear this testimony after such a disparaging one! Here was the language of confidence in the love and power of God. Here was a firm conviction that God was able to work in, through, and for His people regardless of how insignificant they might feel!

(2) *An exhortation against fear.* "And Joshua... and Caleb... rent their clothes... saying, If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land... only rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land;... their defense is departed from them, and the Lord is with us: fear them not" (14:6-9). Joshua and Caleb got to the root of all the trouble—Israel was paralyzed by fear because of the unbelieving report! (See Matthew 14:30; 25:25; John 19:38; 20:19.)

The effects of fear are devastating. Fear causes us to sink instead of swim, imprisons us instead of releasing us for service, causes us to hide the light of our testimony under a bushel. The antidote for fear is faith and obedience to God—such as was manifested by Joshua and Caleb.

The tragedy at Kadesh-barnea lay in the lost opportunity. Israel's hour had come. They might just as well have taken the land—but they didn't!

Is there not a growing conviction among God's people that time is running out and that today is our day of opportunity? Do we not feel that God waits to pour out His Spirit so unreached millions may yet hear the gospel? And is it not as true now as it was in Joshua's day that zeal, faith, and abandonment to God will enable us to occupy that "land" which remains to be possessed?

WHEN I CAME TO THE U.S.A. from Tokyo in 1963, I did not know what it means to be "saved." I had never heard the expression.

Although I had studied in one of Japan's finest schools for the deaf for 12 years, I did not know the American sign language. I learned this at Gallaudet College for the Deaf in Washington, D. C.

I wanted to be a chef and began studying culinary arts. In Tampa, Florida, I met some deaf Christians who encouraged me to attend a church camp. They asked if I had been saved, but I didn't understand what they meant.

In March 1965 Les and Juliet Hunt, deaf evangelists, came to Tampa. They took the time to explain clearly the meaning of being saved. I realized I was a sinner, and understood clearly I needed to ask God for forgiveness. That day I became a Christian.

Before this it seemed to me I had two faces: one which I showed to the public, and one which was my real self, living in sin. But when I was saved, I became a new creature in Christ Jesus. The old things passed away and all things became new, as stated in 2 Corinthians 5:17. Now I didn't need two faces.

Since childhood I had had attacks of asthma, and no doctor could give me permanent relief. At a prayer meeting I attended after I was saved, a woman came and asked if I wanted to be healed. I was afraid God wouldn't heal me, but I wanted to believe, and so I said, "Yes, I have faith in God." And she prayed for me that day, my breathing improved instantly, and the asthma has never bothered me again. I praise God for this wonderful healing. It increased my faith.

In November 1965 another Christian prayed for me,



GOD CHANGED MY PLANS

and the Lord baptized me in the Holy Spirit. I was filled to overflowing. Praise God! The Lord has become my Teacher, Healer, and Guide.

In December I heard about Central Bible College for the Deaf located in Springfield, Missouri. The Holy Spirit impressed me then to go there to prepare myself to minister to the deaf of Japan. I hesitated, but a few weeks later, in a prayer meeting, the Lord again made it clear that I should attend CBC.

I came to the United States to learn to become a chef, but I found Christ, the *Bread of Life*, and I want to take Him to the deaf of Japan. 

I GAINED POWER IN PRAYER

By BETTY SWINFORD

MY PRAYER LIFE has been one of the revolutions brought about by the baptism in the Holy Spirit. All has been changed.

I vividly recall how, when utterly defeated in my own prayer life, there was still that sweet, painful, intangible desire for God. Some thought I was spiritually cold, and perhaps I was; yet that desire never left me.

It was eight long years before this desire found fruition. You see, God first had to tear away much teaching I had received against the Holy Spirit. He had to allow illness to come into our home, bringing us to the place where we were willing to call an Assemblies of God minister to anoint our daughter with oil and pray for her healing (according to James 5:14).

Through this experience I came to realize that God does indeed fill believers today with His Holy Spirit. And I have learned what a difference this experience makes in my life.

One of the new areas of prayer I have entered is prayer in the Spirit—that glorious means of praying whereby the Spirit of God bypasses our human intellect and prays in a way more adequate than our way.

How often, when pressed by the enemy almost beyond measure, I have dropped on my knees to pray. I poured out my heart before the Lord in English—and still the attack persisted. Then the Spirit took over, praying through me in a language I have never learned (see Romans 8:26). Before I arose from my knees the attack was over, the enemy routed. Victory was mine!

How often, when human strength had failed and I felt I could go no farther, has the blessed third Person of the Trinity taken over. There is a quickening—a sweet, wondrous strength rising within. I was able to go on in His strength.

I thank God for the Holy Spirit and for the privilege of praying in the Spirit—in praise, in prayer, in conversation, simply talking things over with the Father. What a difference it has made in my life! 

DOES THE SIGHT of big, juicy peaches make your mouth water? If you like fresh fruit direct from the orchard, then you are probably identifying with little Rolando as he sinks his teeth into a big peach.

Human appetites are somewhat the same the world around. The menu may vary from fried caterpillars to raw seal blubber—depending on the country and the climate—but human beings everywhere have appetites, get hungry, and like to eat.

It is significant that in speaking of spiritual nourishment, Jesus didn't use the term *appetite*. He said, "Blessed are they that *hunger* and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."

The Saviour spoke of "hunger" rather than "appetite." There is a difference. Mainly it's a matter of degree. An appetite is something that can be cultivated; it may dictate a specialty. One's appetite may become very selective until the woman of the house finds herself at wit's end trying to think up new dishes and new ways of serving food that will whet the appetite. But people who are hungry will enjoy very plain food.

God's blessings are for those who hunger and thirst after them. He wants us to have a gnawing desire for righteousness. He wants us to have a craving for godliness.

In the matter of spiritual food, some Christians have a discriminating appetite. The preacher had better garnish the sermon just right or they will not take it. The church service must be flavored just so and there must be a certain amount of fancying-up which will appeal to the aesthetic or they will not be satisfied.

May the Lord deliver us from having delicate appetites; may He give us a hunger and thirst for spiritual reality. Do you hunger and thirst to have God's perfect will fulfilled in your life? If so, you shall not be disappointed. Are you really hungry for His power to operate in your church, in your home, in your neighborhood? If so, you will pray until your prayer is answered.

Do you get hungry for peaches when you look at that picture? You will get hungry for God's gifts when you look at the Scriptures. Spend time looking and see if it isn't so.

Maybe you'd be a happier Christian if you had less "dainties" and more of the simple, genuine blessings of a fully dedicated life. The joy of the Lord is experienced by those who hunger for His blessing and who put Him first in all things.

Get down on your knees. Ask God for that hunger that finds its satisfaction in the things of the Spirit. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness. . . ." Those who have an appetite for worldly things will never be satisfied, but the Bible says, "They that seek the Lord shall never lack any *good* thing." Try it and see. It all depends on how hungry you are.

By DAN HARMAN



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Are You Hungry?