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THE CORONATION OF OUR KING

By J. PHILLIP JOHNSON

THE MOST SPLENDID CORONATION OF ALL TIMES!" That is how the newspapers described the spectacular ceremony at which Elizabeth II was crowned Queen of the British Commonwealth.

But the Word of God tells us of a coming coronation compared with which the British event must pale into nothingness. That event is the crowning of the Lord Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords.

The Scriptures bear abundant testimony to Christ's kingship. The Psalmist sang, "The Lord is King for ever and ever" (Psalm 10:16). And Paul acclaimed Him in these words: "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God be honor and glory for ever and ever" (1 Timothy 1:17).

Let us take three looks at this King—a look at the past, a look at the present, and a look at the future.

RETROSPECTIVE

Seven hundred years before Jesus was born, Isaiah, the evangelical prophet, stepped into his prophetic observatory and, focusing his "fore-teslescope" on the Star that was to rise out of Judah, declared, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever" (Isaiah 9:6,7).

In fulfillment of this the angel said to Mary in the annunciation, "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:32,33). And when the Wise Men came to Jerusalem seeking him, they asked, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:2).

Yes, He was born a king. But what strange insignia of royalty awaited Him! His palace was only a stable; His throne was a woman's knee; His vestments were swaddling clothes; His courtiers were humble shepherds. He came into this world in another man's stable; He died on another man's cross; He was laid as a babe in a borrowed manger; He was laid as a corpse in a borrowed tomb. The first thing His head felt in His earthly life was a pillow of straw, the last thing a crown of thorns; His first companions were donkeys and oxen, His last were thieves. King of the Jews He was indeed! But when He offered Himself to them, they rejected Him. True, for a few brief moments as He rode through the streets of Jerusalem on the colt they shouted, "Hail to the King that cometh in the name of the Lord!" But few scant hours later their fickle hearts were crying,

"We have no king but Caesar. Away with Him! Crucify Him!"

He was not the kind of king they expected. They thought He would gird on a sword, mount a war horse, and conquer the world by force. Instead He preferred to gird Himself with a towel and wash His disciples' feet; to mount a cross and die for the sins of mankind; to conquer the world with love and grace. So instead of a coronation, they gave Him a crucifixion.

But death could not hold Him. After three days He arose, as He had promised, showed Himself alive by many infallible proofs, and then went away with a promise to come again.

Where has He gone, and why? The answer is in one of the parables. "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return" (Luke 19:12). Jesus has gone to that "country far beyond the starry sky," and someday He will return to reign over Israel and the whole world.

PERSPECTIVE

Now let us see Him in perspective—that is, in His relationship to the world, the Jew, and the believer today.

To the world in general He is still the unwanted, uncrowned King. There is no room for Him at the peace tables or in the deliberations of the United Nations. While we do not disparage these peace efforts, we do feel constrained to declare that there will be no lasting, universal peace until the Prince of Peace is crowned King.

The Jews, as a nation, are still crying, "We will not have this man to reign over us" (Luke 19:14). They are returning to their own land of Israel in unbelief and ignorance of the fact that Jesus is their Messiah. One would like to ask their leaders the question that was put to that nation in another time of trouble and distraction, "Why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?" (2 Samuel 19:10). But, thank God, a few individual Jews are accepting Him, saying with Nathanael of old, "Thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel" (John 1:49).

While He is never called the King of the Church, but rather Lord and Head (Ephesians 1:22,23), He does become the King and Master of all who will receive Him as Saviour. Through the Spirit He makes their heart His throne room and rules their life from there.

*"King of my life I crown Thee now,
Thine shall the glory be;
Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow,
Lead me to Calvary."*

One of the soldiers of Napoleon had been wounded in the chest, just over his heart, and the surgeon was probing for the bullet. The soldier winced and cried, "An inch deeper, and you'll find the emperor!" Thus, in a higher, holier, more real sense, Christ is enthroned

in the hearts of all true Christians, and we are willing to suffer anything for His sake.

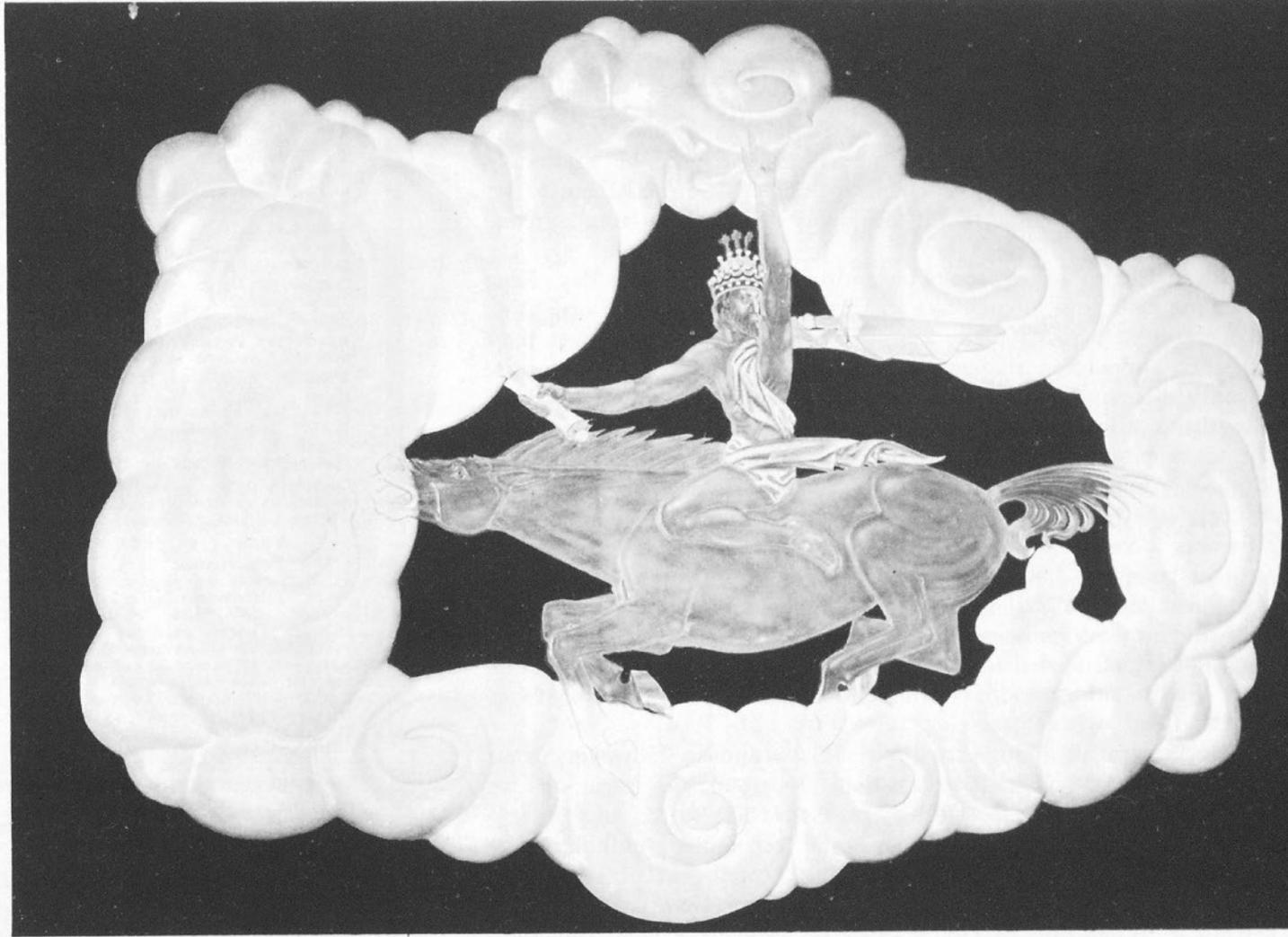
PROSPECTIVE

Christ shall be crowned universal King one day—we believe it will be soon—and shall return to rule literally and visibly over all the earth. Daniel describes His coronation in thrilling language: "Behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion,

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Mural in the lobby of the Assemblies of God national headquarters portraying the conquering Christ. An original sculpture by the late Warren B. Straton.

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Try Thanksgiving

A MISSIONARY in a foreign land became very weary and discouraged. He felt utterly defeated; all his joy was gone, and everything about him seemed to speak of sadness. For many days he prayed for victory over this depression, but there was no change. Finally he decided to leave his mission station and go to another where he would be able to wait on God until the victory came.

He reached the place and was entertained in the home of a fellow missionary. On the wall hung a motto with the words, "Try Thanksgiving." The words gripped his heart. He thought within himself, "Have I been praying all this time and not praising?" He began to praise the Lord and was so uplifted that, instead of hiding away to pray and agonize for days, he returned immediately to his station to tell his congregation that praise changes things. He urged them to try thanksgiving. They did, and there were many deliverances from spiritual bondage.

Countless battles have been won in this way since the day King Jehoshaphat won his momentous victory by praising the Lord. You remember the story. When the king led his soldiers out to meet their enemies, he "appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth forever. And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten."

This was a very unusual procedure, but it enabled God to demonstrate that believers' battles are won not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord. Jehoshaphat acted in faith. The Holy Spirit, through the prophet, had assured the king that the battle was the Lord's and that all Israel needed to do was to stand still and see the salvation of God. So the king stood on this promise and told the singers to praise the Lord.

Praise and thanksgiving are powerful weapons. However, their effectiveness in a spiritual battle depends upon the meaning we attach to our words. It is possible to repeat certain words and phrases which are used in praising the Lord and accomplish nothing more than pagans do with their ritualistic chants. Intelligent praise arises: (1) from a sense of gratitude for the blessings God has given us, (2) from a recognition of God's character, and (3) from our faith in His Word, believing that what He has promised He actually will do for us.

Jehoshaphat and his people believed God; therefore they praised Him. They did not wait until the victory came; they praised Him in anticipation before the battle began. And what an abundance of spoils they had after it was over. They spent three days gathering the spoils, and spent the fourth praising God for His blessings.

If you are defeated, try thanksgiving. If you are sick, turn your heart toward the Lord and praise Him for His promises to heal. Be like Abraham who praised God because he knew the Lord was going to perform for him all that was promised. He was "strong in faith, giving glory to God."

Mingle your petitions with praise. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. In every trial, remember that the battle is not yours, but God's. Therefore give Him thanks, and He will surely lead you to victory for His name's sake.

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THE OPENING VERSES OF ACTS give information that links the story of the Gospels with the Acts of the Apostles. The writer, Luke, tells us that for 40 days the risen Christ manifested Himself to His disciples. What wonderful days those must have been! With many infallible proofs Christ showed Himself to be alive from the dead.

And then, in the light of His glorious resurrection, the Lord Jesus carefully taught the disciples the grand truths concerning the Kingdom of God. What a thrill they must have had in hearing the Son of God reveal the grandeur and the glory of the Kingdom of God. With leaping hearts those disciples listened as Christ spoke of the rule of God in the lives of men and in the nations of the world. And then they were solemnized as the Lord Jesus told them that they were to be the heralds to the nations of the Kingdom of God!

What an assignment! And what unusual ambassadors were these disciples! Fishermen; tax collectors; little men; ordinary men; common men without prestige—without social, political, or financial standing. And yet, the Lord Jesus knew, in commissioning them as heralds of the Kingdom, that they were destined to turn the world upside down!

How could they do it? The secret is found in the detailed commandment Christ gave them. The Lord Jesus said they were not to try to fulfill the Great Commission until first they were baptized in the Holy Ghost. In the power of the Holy Ghost the disciples went out to do a tremendous job. They worked with supernatural power, and they accomplished supernatural results. What a tremendous experience this baptism in the Holy Ghost is! In one generation, the Spirit-baptized church evangelized all the world known in the first century.

The Lord Jesus called this experience "the promise of the Father."

What is the baptism in the Holy Ghost? And why is it referred to as "the promise of the Father"?

The words of Jesus suggest that the Baptism is called "the promise of the Father" because it is intended for the members of our Heavenly Father's family. Membership in the family of God is a prerequisite for receiving this experience. The baptism in the Spirit is for the Blood-washed, the redeemed.

In the Old Testament ceremony, the oil was supplied to the priest after the blood was applied. This suggests a truth clearly taught in the New Testament. Every believer is a priest unto God, and the oil of the Holy Spirit is given to those who have left the life of bondage and have walked out through the portals of redeeming Blood to a spiritual Promised Land.

The glory and the power of the Holy Ghost is intended not for sinners but for the redeemed. These very disciples to whom Jesus spoke in Acts 1:1-8 were Blood-washed men. In Acts 8 we are told that Peter and John came down from Jerusalem to pray for the Samaritan converts that they might be baptized in the Spirit.

One might examine every instance in which the Holy Ghost was given to believers in the New Testament, and He would find that in each instance, the receiver was a saved, cleansed child of God.

That is why the baptism in the Holy Ghost is called

"the promise of the Father." It is a blessing prepared and reserved for members of the family of God.

Furthermore, I believe that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is called "the promise of the Father" because no promised blessing was more certain of fulfillment than this promise! Our Heavenly Father always fulfills His promises!

How we earthly parents delight to make promises to our children and then to fulfill those promises. Who can explain the warm joy a father feels when he promises and gives some gift that will bring joy to his child? Like a mountain mirrored in a calm lake, these feelings reflect our Heavenly Father's joy in making and fulfilling His promises to His children.

The Lord Jesus illustrated this in Luke 11:13 when He said, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the holy Spirit to them that ask him."

The baptism in the Holy Ghost is called "the promise of the Father" because that is exactly what it is! God the Father loves His children with a love no earthly father has ever known. The apostle James said that every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father above. The baptism in the Holy Ghost is God's perfect gift, promised to all of His children.

Finally, the Lord Jesus called this blessing "the promise of the Father" because it is a gift. Again and again the baptism in the Spirit is called a gift. Read Acts 2:38: "And ye shall receive the *gift* of the Holy Ghost." Remember the words of Peter when he rebuked the sorcerer, saying, "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the *gift* of God may be purchased with money" (Acts 8:20).

Here is a gift. It is not to be merited, earned, or purchased, but to be received. We should come to God with the same confident expectancy as a child comes to his parents. And God promises that He will give the gift of the Holy Ghost to them that ask Him.

If the first-century disciples needed the glorious "promise of the Father," how much more do we who live in the 20th century! Have *you* received the Holy Ghost since you believed? 

THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER

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HOW MANY TIMES we have heard that the inconsistencies of Christians are the greatest stumbling block for those who would enter the kingdom—as well as for the babes in Christ. And how often we fall back on the excuse, “None of us is perfect.” In so doing we proclaim that these faults are permanent and that we are not too much concerned about getting rid of them.

One purpose of God is definitely and specifically foreknown and predestinated: that we “be conformed to the image of his Son” (Romans 8:29). Dr. C. B. Williams gives an excellent translation of this verse: “For those on whom He set His heart beforehand He marked off as His own to be *made like His Son.*”

Clearly, then, we have as the goal of our spiritual achievement an unequivocal standard—likeness to Jesus Christ. Whatever may be our opinion of the famous book by Dr. Charles Sheldon, *In His Steps*, we might well ask ourselves the repeated question—What would Jesus do?—regarding many areas of our Christian living, conduct, and words.

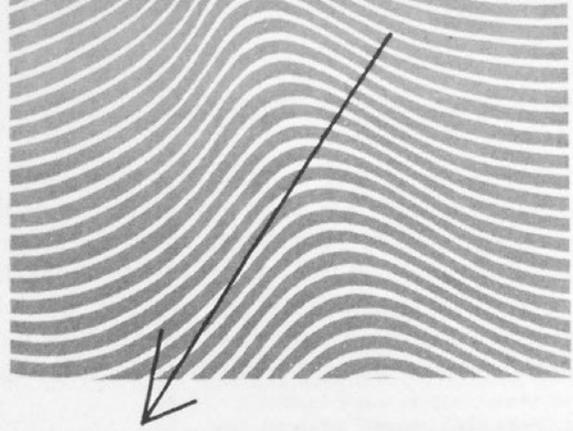
What is the exhortation, even command, of our Master to His disciples? “Ye, therefore, shall be perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect” (Matthew 5:48, ASV). Impossible? A mocking command? A standard too high to be attained? No, not when the words of our Lord are properly understood. They must be read in their context, where they refer to the fact that the Heavenly Father sends His blessings on the just and the unjust alike, so we should have the same attitude toward our enemies and should do good to those who persecute us. Thus we see that this perfection is not an impossible ideal for some distant future, but a standard that has practical application to this present life in our attitudes and actions.

The Greek word here translated “perfect” is *teleios*, which in its various forms is rendered, “perfect, complete, mature, finished, consecrated, to the end, of full age, accomplished.” In other words, we are to grow up, to develop in accord with the divine nature imparted, into a mature, complete, finished, accomplished personality.

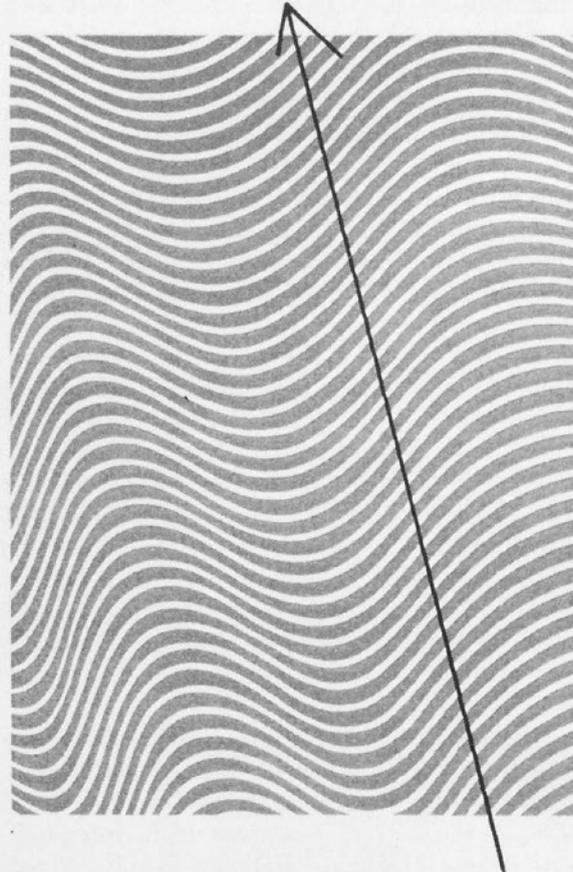
A great Christian leader was heard to say to a fellow worker: “I know your faults, and you think you know my faults. If I thought you were perfect, I should be putting you in a very dangerous place.” This may have been true, but such a pronouncement may have a note of finality in it—that these faults are to be considered as permanent and as part of the constitution of Christian personality.

It is sad that failures and weaknesses continue year after year in consecrated Christians and become stumbling blocks to other Christians and to unbelievers. Here, for instance, is a man much used of the Lord but he is given to very evident *exaggeration*. Another can never be depended upon to *keep an appointment*. He is always late and thus robs others of valuable time, not to say anything of causing them intense exasperation.

Again, another man is *careless about money*, about



FAULTY ATTITUDES TOWARD OUR FAULTS



making obligations he cannot meet, and about paying his debts.

Others may be *lazy*, extremely *dogmatic*, even *untruthful*, *ungrateful*, *harsh*, *ungracious*, *blunt*, *unreliable*, *forgetful*, *critical*, *contentious*, or *inconsiderate* of others' feelings and point of view. We often think of this or that fault as belonging to certain Christians. Is there no remedy for these defects?

Two wrong attitudes may be taken toward this problem of our faults, weaknesses, and sins.

First, to *claim a standard of perfection or sanctification which we do not possess and thus lower our standard to meet our own attainment*. “If a Christian has an experience which he believes makes him like Christ in every particular, he cannot be sensitive to the discovery of his faults and sins. If he be consistent and persistent in this view that he is holy, in the sense of being wholly without fault, he will become hardened against the conviction of the Spirit and will develop into an unlovely Christian. Fortunately few Christians who

take such a view are altogether consistent in applying it."

The second attitude is to *condone an imperfection we do have and do not expect to give up*. In assuming this position, in effect we repudiate the Bible standard which condemns everything that is not Christlike. The Bible holds these standards not for the future life, but for practical application to the present. The Christian with the "perfect" heart will be sensitive to the Spirit's conviction (and He is always faithful in this ministry); he will be keenly aware of sin; he will not consider his peculiar faults and weaknesses as inevitable.

Paul's principle of constant progress should be ours: "It is not a fact that I have already secured it or already reached perfection, but I am pressing on to see if I can capture it, the ideal for which I was captured by Christ Jesus. Brothers, I do not think that I have captured it yet, but here is my one aspiration, so forgetting what is behind me and reaching out for what is ahead of me, I am pressing onward toward the goal, to win the prize to which God through Jesus Christ is calling us upward" (Philippians 3:12-14, Williams' translation). He looked upon himself as less than the least of all saints and exhorted us "in lowliness of mind each to esteem other better" than ourselves (Philippians 2:3).

"One of the evidences that we take this attitude is that our desire to conquer every sin and weakness revealed to us is as keen as it was when we were babes in Christ with no record of Christian service or attainment. It is not easy to accept rebukes from fellow workers, nor to recognize the justice of criticisms of unbelievers, nor to acknowledge that failures in Christian service have been due to our own faults. But in such ways as these the Holy Spirit would convict us of things that need to be changed in our lives. Let us beware of disobeying the command: 'Grow in grace.' The Word of God was specifically given for rebuke and correction and training, that the man of God may be complete or perfect." (See 2 Timothy 3:16, 17.) One way to victory is uncompromisingly to call things by their right names, to face the issue squarely, and to determine to appropriate God's available grace to overcome.

Let us accept Peter's perspective assumed in the prospect of his approaching decease and entrance into the full blaze of eternal light (2 Peter 1:13, 14). What was it he considered most important then, when he wrote to the Church? It was the development of Christian character. Note the context of 2 Peter 1:1-11 and especially verses 5-9 (Williams' translation): "Now for this very reason you must do your level best to supplement your faith with moral character, moral character with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with patient endurance, patient endurance with piety, piety with brotherly affection, brotherly affection with universal love. For if you have these qualities and they continue to increase in you, they will make you neither idle nor unproductive in attaining a full knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is blind—or shortsighted—and forgetful of the cleansing that he has received from his former sins."

Paul's principle and Peter's exhortation illustrate growth in grace, which is a perpetual obligation upon the Christian—both for himself and to help his brother Christian achieve the same. We are to provoke one an-

other to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24), to bear gently with the ignorant and the erring, realizing that we also are compassed with infirmity. We are also to stir one another to victory over every weakness, for God's grace is sufficient to deal with the deepest rooted fault.

In the words of an eminent Bible teacher: "Toward our own faults, then, our attitude should be, not to tolerate them, but by God's grace and power to seek the victory and trust Him for it. We must refuse to accept the view that, because none is perfect, we must needs be bound by some sin or fault. . . . Toward the faults of fellow Christians our attitude should be one of helpful faith, believing that by God's grace they may be changed. Recognizing that none is perfect and knowing our own failings, let us use this truth in the right way to give us a sympathetic and not critical attitude toward the faults of others; let us not use it as a formula that will make fixtures of the faults; let us rather encourage one another to win a triumphant victory over the sin and habit that binds." 

STEPPING-STUMBLING STONES

In this vale of tears and trials—

Filled with test each rugged mile—

How the evil one attempts to slack our pace,

Placing stones o'er which we stumble;

We can spare ourselves a tumble

Only as we journey on in heaven's grace.

I have learned one lesson duly,

Learned it slowly, learned it truly,

How to treat each subtle hindrance to my way:

By God's help surmount it fairly;

So today I'm standing squarely

On the stone o'er which I stumbled yesterday.

Heights of grace will not exempt us

From the wiles of him who'd tempt us,

But our eyes need not be blind to his device.

Stumbling stones that keep us guessing

Can be turned into a blessing

If we're willing to plod on and pay the price.

Satan tried to keep me worried

As through life I rushed and hurried,

Tried his best to keep me bound with doubt and fear;

But God's grace to me was granted,

Now my feet are firmly planted

On the stone that had me worried yesteryear.

I will never fuss or grumble

Though I chance to trip and stumble

On some stone that Satan places in my way;

I'll just simply rise above it—

Make a stepping stone out of it—

That will lift me nearer to Eternal Day.

Thus my pathway will grow brighter

And my every burden lighter

Till triumphantly I walk life's final mile;

I'll surmount the last temptation

Standing on my firm foundation

Built of all those stumbling stones of yesteryear.

—CLARENCE SIMEON WAY



Why I Believe in the Devil

By Evangelist **BILLY GRAHAM**

ONE DAY I WAS PREPARING A SERMON on the devil. My original notes mysteriously lost, I sat down to dictate a new sermon. And the dictating machine caught fire! One thing was certain—the devil didn't want me to invade his domain. But I did!

I also find the devil hinders me when I pray. I have certain hours set aside for prayer. Those are the hours when the phone rings loudest, visitors come in droves, and my team members always seem to have pressing problems that cannot wait.

Satan may not appear in person, but he makes himself felt. Recently I had a painful and unfortunate experience with a ram on my farm. Some aspects of that attack remind me of the devil's tactics. The ram hit me when I least expected it. Before I could regain my feet, he hit me a second time. While I was tumbling down the mountainside, he rushed again and knocked me over a ledge.

I have found Satan just as aggressive in spiritual matters. But whenever I am conscious of his presence, I try to follow the formula once offered by a little girl: "When Satan knocks, I just send Christ to the door."

There is not a thinking person in the world today who has not wondered many times about the devil. Does he really exist? What is he like? Where did he come from?

Modern man is often inclined to put the devil in the same category as Santa Claus and leprechauns. We make

jokes about him. He is caricatured in plays and literature as a fantastic creature with forked tail and horns.

But Satan cannot be dismissed so easily! He can't be laughed out of existence. He is a force to be coped with, a power with which we must come to grips.

His existence is demonstrated to me by three major proofs: (1) because the Bible plainly says he exists; (2) because I see his work everywhere; and (3) because great scholars have recognized his existence.

BIBLE EVIDENCE

He is mentioned by name at least 20 times in the Old Testament and over 100 times in the New Testament. He is not spoken of as just a principle or an abstract force but as a personal being who walks, talks, debates, deceives, lies, tempts, cajoles, and destroys.

He is not a repulsive-appearing creature but an attractive winsome being whom the Bible says disguises himself as an "angel of light." The Bible teaches that Satan is real, active, powerful, wise, crafty, clever, and designing. He is the foe of all that is good, righteous, and holy. He is author of every treacherous plot, crippling temptation, and evil thought.

If we dare believe that "peace in our time" is drawing closer, overnight misunderstanding, suspicion, and ill-will break out anew. For Satan is determined that the dark, joyless river of humanity shall continue on its tormented way until the end of time.

We know from the story of Adam and Eve that Satan was already present on earth before God made Adam. Evil already existed, else God would not have made a tree whose fruit bore symbols of good and bad.

Here we face one of the greatest of all mysteries: how could God, who is all-powerful, all-holy, and all-loving, have created evil or permitted Satan to create it?

The Bible gives us fleeting glimpses as to what the answer may be. But the Bible also makes it clear that man is not supposed to know the "mystery of iniquity" (2 Thessalonians 2:7) until God has allowed the devil and all his designs help work out His own great plan.

The Bible speaks of a time when the devil tumbled from his place as God's "lightbearer." One day pride and ambition entered his heart. He said: "I will be like the Most High." At that moment a breach occurred in the cosmos; the harmony of the universe was shattered. Satan defied God and attempted to set up his own kingdom and authority. If this had not happened, the Bible would not have been written, there would have been no Ten Commandments, and there would have been no need for Christ to die.

EVIDENCE FROM EVERYDAY LIFE

One cannot look at the world we live in—with its crime, lust, and carnage—and doubt there is a motivating power for evil operating in the world. Satan's works can be seen all about us—in the sunken eyes of the dope addict; in the tired, empty face of the alcoholic; in the greedy eyes of the miser; in the shifty glance of the criminal. Satan, now as always, "walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

One night Thomas Carlyle took Ralph Waldo Emerson through the dark streets of London, and there Emerson saw the carnage of sin all about him. Carlyle said: "Now do you believe in the devil?"

Many say, "But I have never seen the devil; how can I believe he exists?" You need not see a termite to know

it exists. Evidence can be seen in the crumbling beams and sagging floors.

Have you ever seen the wind? Has anyone ever photographed it? No, but you have seen it destroy property and human life. No sane person would argue that it does not exist. It can be measured, felt, and heard, but it is invisible. So are things of the supernatural realm.

Would sane, normal men and women murder, lust, rob, and assault if they were not held in the grip of evil? If the universe is filled only with God's love, how could men carry out the acts of violence reported every day? Could men of intelligence and honest intent fail so utterly at the world's conference tables if their minds were not fogged by some power outside themselves?

How do those who repudiate the existence of the devil and his minions account for the speed with which evil spreads? Breathe a lie into the air—unleash a slanderous tongue—and the words are carried as if by magic to the farthest regions. But speak a truth—perform an honest act—and the powers of darkness promptly hide it.

If no unseen power is at work corrupting men's hearts and distorting men's thought, how can you explain humanity's eagerness to listen to the base and vulgar while turning a deaf ear to the clean and pure?

SCHOLARS' EVIDENCE

The apostle Paul, one of Christianity's greatest scholars, said: "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12).

The Protestant churches, the Roman Catholic Church, and the Orthodox Jews believe in the existence of Satan. Martin Luther was once so conscious of his presence he threw an inkwell at him. John Calvin, John Wesley, Jonathan Edwards, Bishop Francis Asbury, George Whitefield, and many other leaders went on record that they faced the personality and power of Satan.

One of the prices Adam and all men since have paid for listening to the devil is a loss of spiritual perception. Men who are brought under his spell lose their capacity for seeing, hearing, and understanding anything that is not basely material. They even lose their faculty for recognizing the very one who holds them under his diabolical spell.

Like a radio or television set which has been cut off from its antenna, man can get only sensory perception when severed from God by Satan's power. He can only perceive that which is material or local. He loses his ability to communicate with God.

There are two unseen forces at work in the universe. You will yield to one or the other. There is no neutral ground. On one side is Jesus Christ with His offer of joy, peace, and forgiveness. On the other is Satan with his false promises, deception, and ensnarements.

Someday, in God's time, Satan will be completely divested of his power. Having fulfilled his negative place in God's infinite plans, he will be made inoperative and cast into outer darkness where he will remain forever and ever. There will come a day when the tormentor will be tormented. The Bible says of that future day: "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, . . . and . . . [he] shall be tormented day and night forever and ever" (Revelation 20:10).



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Why do you not keep Pentecost as the Early Church did, instead of something you call Pentecost Sunday?

I am not sure that I understand what you mean by this question. We observe Pentecost Sunday because of what it means to the Christian church. It was one of the three important annual feasts in Israel, a time of thanksgiving to God for the beginning of harvest. Its typical significance was the inauguration of the Christian dispensation. It came 50 days after the offering of the wave sheaf. The wave sheaf ceremony typified the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, "the first fruits of them that slept."

Pentecost was a Jewish festival which set forth in type the beginning of the Church Age. Both were celebrated on the morrow after the Jewish sabbath, setting forth that a new dispensation, the dispensation of grace, was thus begun (Leviticus 23:10,11; 23:15,16). We observe Pentecost by praying that God will endue all of His people today with the power of the Holy Ghost as He did on that Day of Pentecost chronicled in Acts 2.

I am troubled with the fear that since Lucifer and the angels fell when they were in a perfect state, we might also fall after we are in heaven. Does the Bible give assurance that this will not happen to us?

This has troubled others. I think we need not worry about falling after we are in heaven. In salvation, Jesus has given us eternal life, with the promise, "They shall never perish" (John 10:28). At the time of the final judgment, sin will come to its end (Revelation 20:11-15). Then will come new heavens and a new earth, wherein righteousness will dwell (2 Peter 3:13).

I have been praying for the salvation of a loved one, but he gives no sign of turning to the Lord. Have I a right to continue to pray and claim the promise of his salvation?

From time to time we hear wonderful testimonies such as, "My mother prayed for my salvation for many years. She died without seeing me saved. But now I am saved, so her prayers were answered, even if it was after her death."

We must be committed to the will of God as we pray. David fasted and prayed for the healing of his son. When the child died, David arose and ate food, submitting to the will of God (2 Samuel 12:16-20). We cannot force God to answer prayer, but we are told, "This is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (1 John 5:14,15). It is God's will that all should be saved. Therefore we should never cease to pray for the salvation of our loved ones.

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.

GENIE IN THE BOTTLE



TODAY WE HAVE A "GENIE IN THE BOTTLE," the fulfillment of the mythical Aladdin's lamp. Just as Aladdin's uncle deceitfully used him to make the magic lamp available, men and women across our country are in the same way being deceived by the false treasures of the bottle.

The genie slips out unawares and places the drinker in a state of suspended animation. The drinker is at ease with the world. He has feelings of warmth and security. Everything in the world looks rosy. Ah, liquor, the salve that heals all wounds, the elixir that cures all ills! What man has a problem when he is in the pink of an intoxicant? Oh the freedom one enjoys when he is in his favorite saloon.

Freedom? Freedom from the blame, the pressures, the tensions of a hard day. Freedom to claim insanity on the road after thousands have died. Freedom to use liquor as the excuse for the crippled bodies—the sealed dead. Yes, the "loaded" driver is as deadly a weapon as any loaded gun. More dangerous than man himself is man beside himself with drink. This is the reason we call these people, these drinkers, the silent *A* bomb! Alcoholics are one of the most inflammable, explosive forces in the world. Widespread destruction—the broken home, filth, abused sex, murder, suicide, and shattered consciences come about by the bottled genie.

Let's look at today's consumers. They are the ones who drink some hundreds of millions of gallons of liquor and alcoholic beverages a year. They are the social drinker, the swigger, the derelicts, the fiends. These are the customers, all manner of men and women who "bet their lives" on the magic of the bottle. Their homes, jobs, families, and friends all given up for the



Dwight Colbaugh (left) with the second- and third-place winners in the WCTU oratorical contest.

Dwight Colbaugh, a senior at Evangel College, Springfield, Mo., won first place in the Women's Christian Temperance Union national intercollegiate oratorical contest on September 11 with the accompanying oration, *Genie in the Bottle*. He had qualified for the national finals by winning the Missouri contest last year.

The oratorical contest was part of the national convention of the WCTU, held this year in Portland, Oreg. First-place was an award of \$150.

Dwight is the son of Lloyd and Juanita Colbaugh and grandson of the late Wesley R. Steelberg, a General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God. He is majoring in speech at Evangel College and has served as manager of the campus radio station and vice-president of the Forensic Guild. He traveled with the Evangel College Crusaders during the summer, singing and speaking throughout the Southeast.

It is especially appropriate that this oration appears today, in commemoration of World Temperance Sunday, October 23.

sweet savor of vintage '38 or 86 proof. Proof? Do we need more? Research studies throughout time have condemned this evil, yet men persist.

Statistics tell us that people of all ages drink; in fact, some researchers find that drinking begins as early as age 10. What would draw people into such a habit?

They say there are two major reasons: friends and social standing. Those close buddies and the hope of getting ahead are the biggest lures of the magic bottle. But once he has begun, what keeps him coming back? Is it the vomiting, the hangover? No, it's the thrill, the buildup of the midnight binge. It makes cowards braver and small men bigger, and bigger, and bigger—until deceived by the genie and confused by their own fears and tensions, they destroy themselves.

But is this all there is to drinking? Surely there must be a lighter side. Lighter? Yes, by \$13.5 billion. This was the amount of sales for one year. Why, with the liquor taxes from 1963 alone, we could have supported some 10,000 orphans through a foster-parent plan for a year; and that was three years ago, and the profits have soared. We could carry half of the staggering yearly cost of the war against Communism in Vietnam with this kind of money. And we say alcohol isn't good. What other industry can claim so much for so little? All major law enforcement agencies are partially supported by alcohol. Did you know that better than 50 percent of the people in our county jails are there because of alcohol? Not to mention drunken drivers and assault cases.

What can be done? Should we jam the genie back into the bottle and raise again the white dry banner in front of bars, saloons, and package stores across America? Or should we just "tsk, tsk," at the lives ruined, squeezed of health and happiness by the mocking glass? It is not alone the package store that's wrong, nor the bar, nor the saloon. It is also parents, teachers, businessmen, and students who foolishly toy with the bewitching bottle in their own homes.

To whom can we turn? Can we cry for a God of wrath to rain down fire and brimstone upon the consumer? Can we beg on bended knees for our great country to slap their hands with laws, codes, and balloon tests? Our nation grows more reluctant to infringe on this kind of individual rights daily.

God's judgment is sure, but He leaves us a job to do. What can we do? Do we become saints in white, sweeping down in the night to persecute the liquor salesman and burn the warehouse? There are those who cry temperance, temperance, abstain, abstain, and those who say, "Call us in the night; tell your problems to us, not to the bottle." These people do a *fine* work, but their resources and numbers are few.

The solution lies in reaching one man, and one man, and one man—"single men" who will abstain. Men who will listen, and judge. Men who understand that although one sip won't hurt, one sip has too many times uncapped a bottle, a pack, a case of heartache, a flood of filth and foam. No! Not even a sip.

Does he have a religion, a God, a home, a job, family, and friends? Then why drink them into oblivion? Rather he should relieve his tensions and pressures by rest, reading, the joy of family sharing, physical activities, and church interests. When pressures become too great, he should see a clergyman.

The solution lies in men and women who see the genie

in the bottle for what he is. One man and one man—as one individual interests those who will—joined with others, make a vast army on the move against this undermining evil.

If you don't have feelings about what has been said, you're not asleep; you're dead! Numbed by the flow of spirits. Remember you can't help life by viewing it through a wine-colored glass, or make life smoother by having one on the rocks. It's very possible that you may be the next mother, father, brother, or sister pickled alive. No amount of pleading, sweeping words will show us peace of mind, freedom from fear and tension. Only men and women, individuals who will recognize life's true values, can face life with courage and a clear head. Yes, a man lost in drink has lost the prerogative more valued than the rulership of cities—the *ability to control himself*. For he has placed his life at the mercy of the "Genie in the Bottle." 

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The Reach of Prayer

By RON ROWDEN

OUTSIDE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, a drifter hops a slow-moving freight, taking another step in his endless, pointless journey to nowhere. Could he be your uncle, that *outcast relative who has caused your family so much grief?*

A young mother in Kansas City, doomed to certain death at the hand of the mysterious executioner, cancer, lies surrounded by friends and relatives. Doctors give her just a few weeks to live. *Is your daughter facing this moment of crisis?*

Across the nation in Los Angeles, California, a father of four children walks dejectedly down the street, wondering where the grocery money will come from this week. It's been three months since the cutback at the factory, and still he has found no employment. *Is this the plight of your husband? Have you reached your wit's end with unpaid bills?*

Go with us now to Vietnam, where a teen-age soldier flattens himself against the jungle floor, caught in the nightmare of a Viet Cong ambush. Desperately his mind searches for some shred of faith, struggling vainly to recall long-forgotten memories of the church he attended as a child. *Is this your son? Are you lying awake every night worrying about him, burdened for his unsaved soul?*

One thing linked the fates of these four individuals: prayer was made at *Revivaltime's* World Prayermeeting; prayer that radically changed their life-courses and gave them new hope.

The drifter from Chicago, wandering through town the next day, discovered a tattered gospel tract that so moved his heart he returned to God.

The young mother rallied the next morning, and in two weeks the doctor sent her home.

A late-evening telephone call offered a good-paying job to the father in Los Angeles.

And in Vietnam, after the shooting subsided, the personal counseling of an Assemblies of God chaplain led a frightened young soldier to the assurance of salvation.

Coincidence? No! Divine deliverance!

Every believer knows the tremendous effectiveness of fervent united prayer. Nothing lies outside the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God.

Now once again time is drawing near for you to participate in *Revivaltime's* annual World Prayermeeting. Sunday, November 20, is the date set for this great time of intercession.

Bearing the theme, "THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S" (1 Samuel 17:47), this year's World Prayermeeting focuses special attention upon the spiritual needs of our young men overseas.

Just as David fought against the overwhelming odds of the Philistine giant, so we as Christians face today a godless, militant giant bent on world domination. Our only hope is the realization that "*the battle is the Lord's.*"

Requests are now being received for the November

20 prayer service. Trust God for the needs of your son or grandson. Share your burden for that ailing mother or father. Let us pray with you about those hopeless financial problems or that shattered marriage.

Thousands of persons around the world are waiting to unite their hearts in intercession for your individual needs. Send your requests today to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri 65801.

As in the past, we are expecting God to move in a mighty way in response to the petitions of His children. We want you to share His blessings with us.

The Battle is the LORD'S



REVIVALTIME

**WORLD
PRAYERMEETING**

NOVEMBER 20, 1966

MONEY IS OF NO VALUE unless it is spent. It becomes valuable as it is exchanged for something the owner does not have but wants and can use.

Earlier in human history, coins such as we have today were unknown. But man has always had some medium of exchange—animals or possessions which are useful, beautiful, or treasured. For convenience, however, bullion has been used for centuries.

The Pharisees, in alliance with the Herodians, interrogated Jesus one day in an effort to entangle Him with the question: "Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?" (Matthew 22:17).

Jesus wisely answered the question with a question: "Show me the tribute money. And they brought him a penny (denarius). And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?" (Matthew 22:19, 20).

The image on the coin identified it and defined its use. There were two commonly used coins in the days of this incident—the *denarius*, made of silver and used as tax money, and the *half-shekel*, made of gold and used as temple money. Both were legal tender and both bore the image of the reigning sovereign.

Having taken the offensive, Jesus then said to His opponents, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21). *Give the silver to Caesar and the gold to God.* The image and superscription determine the origin and the purpose for which the coin is used.

Coins become marred through use, and the image and writings on them become illegible. They have to be returned to the mint and made over. Perfectly good coins may be lost and, therefore, drop out of circulation.

In Genesis we have this record: "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..." (Genesis 1:26). All men bear this image. But like the coin, man has become marred, has lost the image, and therefore has had to be remade. He has become lost, hence is of no use to God until back in His circulation.

The coin has two sides. On one side is the image of the reigning sovereign, and on the other is "a heraldic design, often symbolic of the myths of the nation." The same die that stamped the king's image stamped the reverse side in one operation.

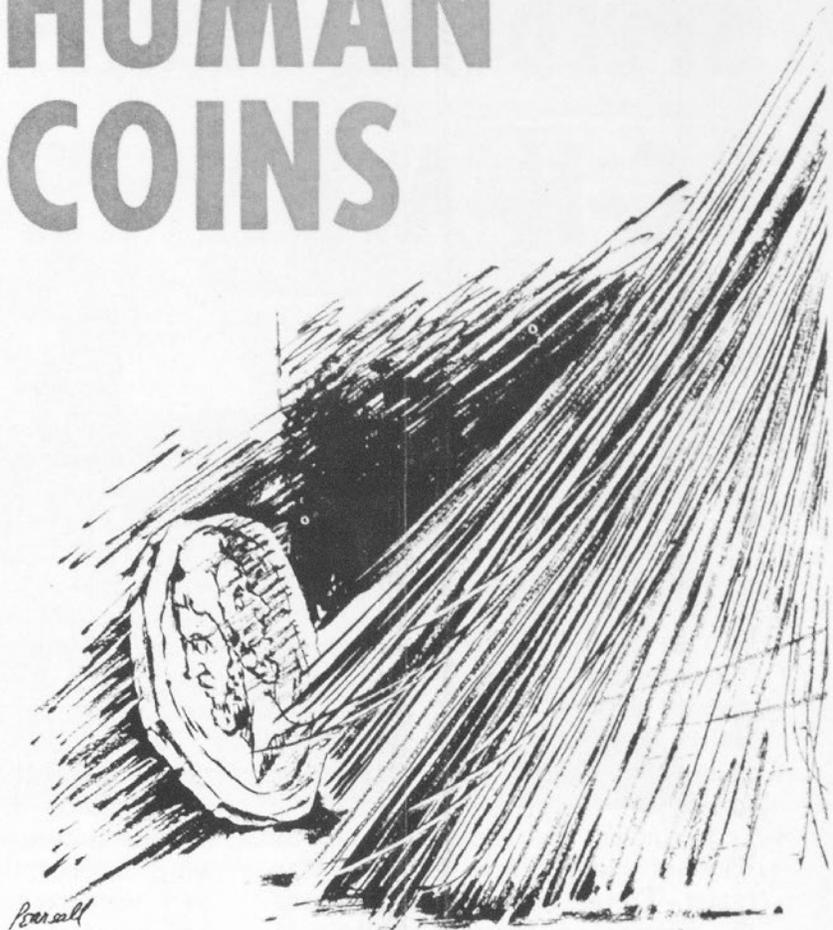
Only one side of a coin can be seen at a time. Man has two sides; he is both human and divine. When looking at one side you see the ugly, the sinful, the carnal; but there is another side—and between the two there is a constant struggle for supremacy.

The coin belongs to the owner, the man who made it or earned it. It has no right to say how it is spent or where it is spent. The coin you have in your pocket or purse right now may have bought a bottle of milk, or a bottle of beer. It may have been placed in an envelope and mailed across the nation, across the sea, or around the world. It may have been in the hands of a minister, a beggar, a thief, a murderer, a prostitute, or a banker. The coin had no voice, for it belonged to its owner.

Peter and John stood at the Gate Beautiful facing a man begging alms. Peter looked on him and said, "I have neither tax nor temple money, but I have some of heaven's coins"—and the man was healed.

The woman had 10 pieces of silver and lost one of

HUMAN COINS



By H. PAUL HOLDRIDGE
Pastor, First Assembly, Bartlesville, Oklahoma

them. She lit a candle, took her broom, and sought until she found her lost coin. "And when she hath found it, she calleth her neighbors together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost" (Luke 15:9).

All men are human coins, God's medium of exchange. Christian men are God's expendables. Who could say that the martyrdom of Stephen was not a wise expenditure when, in exchange, a Saul of Tarsus was won to the Lord and brought forth a thousandfold on the investment. Suppose that David Livingstone had been unwilling to be spent on Africa's soil. What of the thousands of souls who were returns on this human investment?

If God, in whose image all men are made, chooses to invest one of His choice coins in 10 years of service in a difficult field of labor and a thousand souls are won to Christ, a church is raised up, and a great work is done, who would question it? If He chooses to spend one on a mission field, another in the classroom as a teacher, another as a pastor, another as an evangelist, and still another as a businessman, who can say that He does not spend His coins wisely?

Thousands of human coins have been spent to bring this movement to where it is today. As other thousands are spent in His own wise way, great dividends will be the result. "Render unto God the things that are God's"—for you are His coin.

SPEED-THE-LIGHT: C-H-A-I-N R-E-A-C-T-I-O-N

THE PLACE: Faith Temple, Montego Bay, Jamaica

THE OCCASION: Speed-the-Light Night, Youth Week, 1966

*"Offerings large and small,
Speed-the-Light.
Bringing Christ to all,
Speed-the-Light..."*

That Speed-the-Light national anthem seemed suddenly to be transformed into an international anthem as I listened to our own Jamaican youth choir heartily singing its rousing message.

I studied the expressions on the faces of young people like Ken, Margaret, Trever, and Jean as they sang. There was no question of their involvement in STL; they emanated a very positive understanding of what STL is all about.

The cardboard replica of a car that Scottie had built to represent Faith Temple's own Speed-the-Light project caught my eye, and I had to smile. The STL goal that night was 100

pounds (about \$280 in U. S. money) for maintenance and insurance on our STL Anglia.

LeRoy, our enthusiastic youth director, stood hugging the microphone in excited anticipation; Icilyn and Monica were seated up front, with pencil and paper in hand, poised ready for tallying. Expectancy saturated the atmosphere.

LeRoy didn't hesitate! A rush of verbal eloquence flowed from his lips—and heart—to sell his product.

Having been in this business a long time, I knew the punch lines before they were recited, but it was as if I had heard them for the first thrilling time!

I watched intently as Jamaican C.A.'s, bringing their offerings and pledges, moved forward with lilted step to the accompaniment of the STL melody. A few moments of action passed.

"Twenty-seven pounds!" exclaimed

LeRoy. "Thirty-nine pounds!... fifty pounds!" Praise rises as the halfway mark is reached. "Seventy-six pounds." Excitement intensifies. Action accelerates. "Yes! One hundred pounds!" More praise; goal accomplished! But wait; that wasn't all!

The mood was contagious. The key phrase: total participation. Happy tallying minutes raced by. LeRoy was giving the last-chance-to-give-and-get-a-blessing call. Then, after a deliberate, suspenseful pause, he shouted out the grand finale loud and clear: "One hundred twenty-seven pounds, eighteen shillings, three pennies, and—what's this?—a halfpenny!" Then joyous praise rose with delightful overtones of animated humor at that halfpenny.

This could have been a STL rally anywhere in America. Same vision, same excitement, same enthusiasm, same buoyant spirit, same praise! I was seeing a real-life drama of STL



The STL Anglia station wagon (above) purchased by the Jamaican C.A.'s, is parked outside Faith Temple in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Paul Goodwin (left) and William Ilnisky (right), along with some of their Jamaican C.A.'s, inspect the STL vehicle.

chain reaction unfold right before my eyes... a magnificent transplant.

It occurred to me quite abruptly that I, myself, had grown up with Speed-the-Light back home in Indiana; and now here I was, providentially, in a foreign land watching my own Jamaica C.A.'s grow up with it.

My mind's eye took a whirling trip around the world, and I glimpsed this STL chain reaction in global perspective. I saw a sea of youthful faces bearing characteristics of many far-away lands. Tutored and nurtured by faithful Assemblies of God missionaries, these young people, too, had caught the vision of STL. It was like a huge printing press running off copies at top speed of the STL way of life.

To call it a chain reaction is putting it mildly. It is so much more. It has miracle after unbelievable miracle attached to its vast untold story. Absorbed in thoughts of the Faith Temple story, I know the half could never be told of the personal heartrending accounts of these young people's lives; the hours, days, months, and years of perseverance on their part as well as the missionaries', to bring them to this night's zenith.

Then my mental adding machine began calculating statistics: Our STL program was born at Faith Temple in 1956. In the past 10 years, four STL vehicles have been purchased and maintained. These have clocked off collectively at least 160,000 rugged miles of speeding the light in country churches, street meetings, witnessing campaigns, branch Sunday schools, hospitals, etc. Let's see; that would mean approximately 5,500 gallons of gasoline used to speed the Light. Clicking off a rough grand total, I concluded that Faith Temple must have given no less than \$17,000 in its STL lifetime for the entire operation of its outreach—strengthened every year with young people giving enthusiastically, willingly.

Suddenly, I looked ahead to 1970. I was thrilled with what I envisioned: a candid picture of another Speed-the-Light chain reaction taking place somewhere else on this lovely island. This time, not because of American influence, but rather because visionary C.A.'s of Faith Temple, Montego Bay, Jamaica, took the gospel and the Speed-the-Light way of life to that yet nameless place. That's the chain reaction I'm really waiting for... and the next... and the next... 



Paul Goodwin, former pastor of Faith Temple in Montego Bay, Jamaica, drives the car into the STL service.

CHINA MISSIONARY WITH CHRIST

B. MARTIN KVAMME, 80, of Tacoma, Washington, went to his eternal reward July 21, 1966.

Born in Bergen, Norway, in 1886, Brother Kvamme was married in 1912 and ordained to the ministry in 1914. After moving to Tacoma, Washington, he became a member of the Northwest District Council of the Assemblies of God and received his appointment for missionary service in China in 1921.

The Kvammes labored for the Lord in North China from that time until 1946, coming home for furlough only in 1928 and 1937, and were in North China during the difficult years of World War II.

When missionaries could no longer go into China, Brother Kvamme organized the Oriental Relief Agency at Tacoma. This was a blessing to the work in the Far East in the years after World War II

and the Korean War.

The steel barrels, which he packed with a hydraulic press, were often so full of clothing that they would nearly explode when opened in the Orient. Customs officials learned to leave his barrels alone, for they could not begin to refill them after inspection.

He was also very helpful to the missionaries of the Northwest District in packing and shipping their equipment. He would always remind them that when he went out to China, a few suitcases had been sufficient for all he and his wife carried with them to the field.

During his last years he worked among the shut-ins of Tacoma's First Assembly. He was only sick for a few days before he passed on to be with the Lord.

He is survived by his wife Martine, a brother, four sisters, and several nieces and nephews.



Assemblies of God missionaries work in places like this typical Basuto village.

BRITISH INFORMATION SERVICE

LESOTHO: READY FOR REVIVAL

By DON B. COLEMAN (Lehlohonolo) - Missionary to South Africa

IT'S A LONG WAY TO TIPPERARY, but at least the roads are better than the ones we travel on in Lesotho (formerly Basutoland). In spite of being a bit shaken by the rugged terrain, we finally arrived at the little Assemblies of God church at Maseru.

Just a year ago we saw 40 believers filled with the Holy Spirit and saw the burning flame of revival spread to other nearby churches and preaching points; and now Pastor Timothy Domela and his congregation were expecting me for another evangelistic campaign.

Maseru, the capital of Lesotho, was a beehive of activity. All of Lesotho was celebrating in remembrance of their first paramount chief, and political parties were gathering for rallies. One could easily recall the story of how Jerusalem was filled with unsuspecting people on the Day of Pentecost. As the name of Jesus was glorified then, we were believing it would be glorified again.

One of the few Assemblies of God church buildings in Lesotho is located in Maseru. The little 30- by 60-

foot church, dedicated just last Christmas, sits on top of a hill that spreads out its apron before it, holding within its folds this capital city.

Three hundred yards down the gentle slope from the church was a stand for the political meetings, and there a rally was in full swing. The hillside was bedecked with all the colors of the rainbow. Blanketed Basutos riding their ponies, groups of people spreading out their meager lunches, colorful dancing teams, and the commercial bus superstitiously named "Hallelujah" all joined to swell the attendance at the rally to over 8,000.

We hastily took advantage of this setting by draping our 12-foot revival banner over the fence in front of the church. Its big red letters could easily be read from any spot on the hillside. We knew God was going to answer prayer.

The sun was setting and the political speeches were still going strong when the evening service began. A normal Basuto song service will last from 30 to 45 minutes, but this was a special service, so singing continued

for over an hour. The songs of Zion wafted out over the hillside and settled upon the Basutos now resting on their blankets. Drawn by the Pentecostal singing, the people began to come into the little church, and a number of them accepted Christ.

Each night the attendance grew until there was standing room only, and soon that was gone too. Showers of blessing began to fall as the Holy Spirit drew men and women to Christ. Many testified to being healed. One night in less than 15 minutes five people were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

No one likes to sing more than the Basutos. Each night their singing was filled with zest and gusto. The action songs were a delight to both young and old. Basuto herdsmen who sel-

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dom get into the city sat in the midst of the people of God thoroughly touched by what they were hearing and feeling.

One evening during an enthusiastic action song, a young herdsman stood to his feet, slipped off his Basuto blanket, and with bare feet began to dance. One of the men in the church spoke to him, and he put his blanket back on and sat down again; but every once in a while off would come the blanket, and he would jump to his feet again.

Who said flannelgraph is just for children? Don't you believe it. I had two flannelgraph sermons—"Heart Locks" and "Weather Bird"—which the people soaked up like a sponge takes in water. In one of the meetings over 40 responded to the invitation. Pastor Domela made certain he got to every seeker and dealt with each one individually. Although a count

was not kept of the number coming to Christ, a conservative figure would be 100 decisions during the one week.

As the meetings came to a close, Pastor Domela surprised me by saying to the congregation, "It is a shame that an American missionary should be in our midst having only an English name and not a Basuto name." He then proceeded with much decorum to appoint a committee to receive names from the congregation. In the evening service it was announced with much ado that henceforth I would be known among the Basutos as "Lehlohonolo"—Blessing. It was indeed a very special blessing to me, for I knew they were deeply sincere.

The Basuto people are most responsive to the preaching of the gospel. This tiny, mountainous country, surrounded by the Republic of South Africa, is ready for revival.



CALL TO ACTION

J. PHILIP HOGAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

A NORTH AMERICAN GOSPEL?

IDEOLOGICAL DISTURBANCES in both Red China and Soviet Russia, as reported in the press in recent weeks, have brought into sharp focus again one of the most pertinent factors in gospel witnessing today.

The news indicates there has been an attempted further purging of all Christian religious elements because of their association with the Western ideologies.

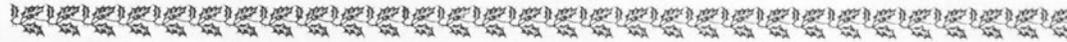
This is perhaps one of the master strokes of evil diplomacy in these days. If the devil can keep selling the idea that the revelation of Jesus Christ and the Christian Church are products of Western culture, he will succeed in sealing off vast populations from any openness to receiving the message.

We know from thrilling testimony that the Word of God is indeed supranational and supracultural, and when received will flourish and express itself in the mores of the soil from which it has sprung.

In an effort to divest ourselves as far as possible from North American flavors, we have moved the entire Spanish Literature Division from Springfield, Missouri, to Miami, Florida. It has been said by experts that for the next 25 years Miami will remain the most complete Spanish cell in the United States.

To avoid the tendency toward North American characteristics and yet take advantage of production, shipping, transportation, and other advantages which the U.S. affords, we have moved directly to the heart of a Spanish community where we may publish with the least amount of "offensive" North Americanism.

For the same reason, the Foreign Missions Department now sponsors 22 printing establishments overseas located amidst the cultures and the languages which each of them attempts to reach. In so doing we feel we are unshackling the message from any hindrances, real or supposed, which a Western origin would impose.



PASTOR WILLIAM F. HAGEMAN reports that the Women's Missionary Council of First Assembly in El Paso, Texas, has celebrated "Christmas in July" to provide goods for the missionaries in time for their Christmas.

One of the interesting features of the special day was contests held for the most items donated by one person and the item of greatest value donated.

The ladies particularly enjoyed making unusual hats for their "Christmas in July." Hats were made from towels, sheets, plastic decorations, pins, ribbons, and other items. Neckpieces were made of clothespins; bracelets were fashioned from tea bags; and some ladies even wore mops for wigs.

"People turned out to be very good

El Paso Church Celebrates Christmas in July

artists," said Pastor Hageman. "They made most unusual hats and costumes. This is the first time we have had such a program in El Paso. It turned out to be very successful."

The goods were sent to the Women's Missionary Council commissary in Lubbock, where they will be distributed to the missionaries of the West Texas District.



HOW TO GET MORE ENJOYMENT OUT OF READING

WHEN YOU WERE IN SCHOOL, about 90 percent of everything you learned came through reading. As an adult, the pattern is not much different.

Yet, according to a Chicago research firm, most people stopped learning the skill of reading somewhere between the third and sixth grades—and far too many Americans lost the habit of serious reading to improve their minds soon after they slammed their schoolbooks shut for the last time.

If you're not a great reader, turning over a new leaf can be doubly rewarding; not only will you be keeping up with the world and the interesting people in it, but you'll be more likely to get a better job.

Top-level executives in all fields agree that the man who reads more achieves more. Correlation between success and reading can actually be expressed in terms of dollars. In a recent survey made by International Paper Company, 100 company officers earning over \$7,500 a year were asked, "How many magazines, books, and newspapers have you read in the past week?" The total of their answers: 338 magazines; 53 books; 1,490 newspapers.

Then the researchers asked 100 men in the same age group whose salaries had never reached \$7,500 a year. The total for them: 229 magazines; 28 books; 1,177 newspapers.

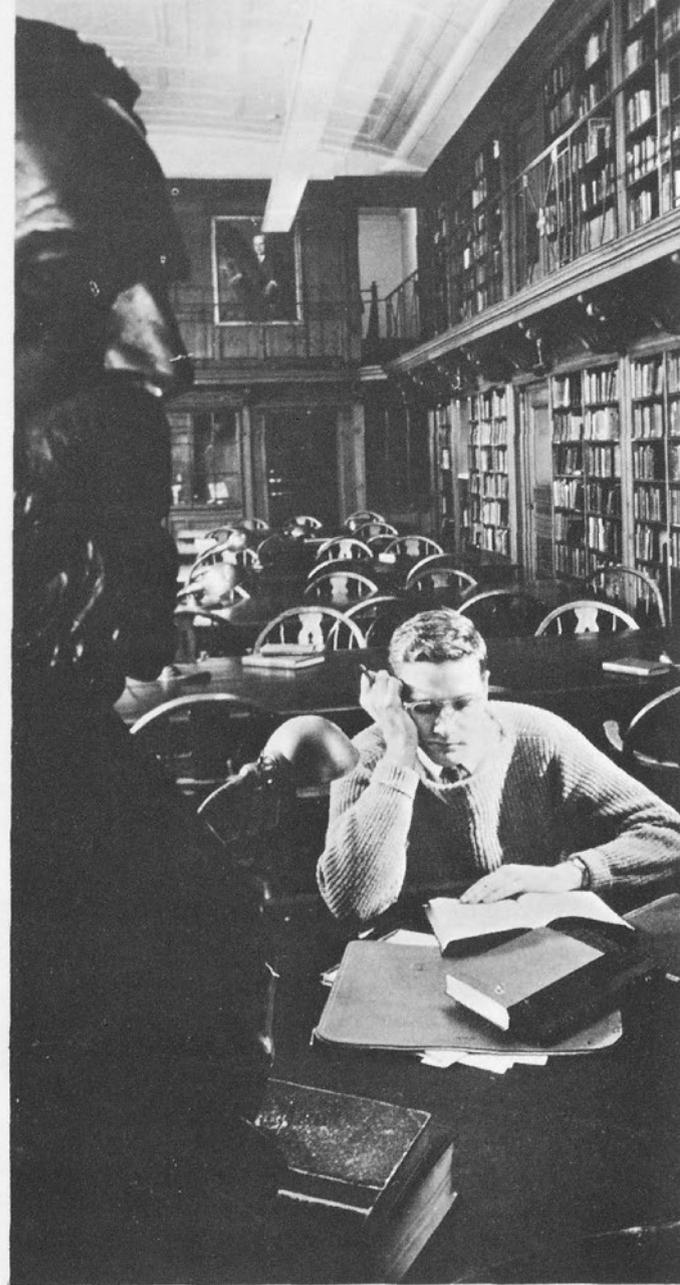
Those in the higher-paid positions read almost 25 percent more publications than the latter group—evidence that men who read more achieve more.

Can you learn to enjoy reading more? Yes, say experts at New York City's Reading Laboratory, Inc., whose developmental reading program is used in more than 100 schools and colleges in the U.S. and Canada. Follow these five steps to better reading:

1. *Preread first.* Before you begin to read anything for information, give it a quick, searching scrutiny to decide how much will be useful to you to read. Sometimes scanning an article will give you all you need to know of it.

2. *Read in phrases, not word-by-word.* Phrase reading not only increases speed but also improves comprehension and concentration by keeping the mind busy. You can think faster than you can read, since your mind moves faster than your eye. If you read slowly, your mind is free to wander and think of other things; but by reading faster—in phrases, your eyes keep your mind absorbed with more material; you are reading the same way you think—in whole groups of words.

3. *Concentrate when you read.* The greatest impediment to efficient and retentive reading is inattention. Your mind must be fully engaged. The unsure reader casts his eyes back a word or two, or a line or two, because he is afraid he has missed something. With untrained



readers this fault is habitual, and it is a killer to rapid reading because it slows the pace with interruptions. Unless a reader concentrates and keeps his mind engaged, these regressions will continue to plague him, and he will never become an efficient, rapid reader.

4. *Master skipping and skimming.* These two time-savers are used almost entirely in reading informational material and grow directly out of prereading. Skipping means that, on the basis of prereading, you jump over large sections of material. When you skim, you cast your eyes down a page of type without actually reading, looking for significant phrases or important facts to stop you. The technique lies in learning how to skip and skim with confidence that you are missing nothing important.

5. *Build your vocabulary.* Rapid reading depends, above all else, on a wide vocabulary. Most people have a vocabulary which can be divided into three categories: *active* (words they regularly use in speech); *reserve* (words they know but do not use in conversation, although they may use them in writing); and *passive* (words they recognize as images but are never quite sure of what they mean and so never use them). Your target should not only be to acquire new words but to

move words from the reserve and passive categories into your active vocabulary. Remember, you are never quite sure of a word until you speak it and use it in conversation.

Perhaps you're one of those who say they just can't find time to read; there are probably 20 books you've always wanted to read but never got around to. Why not set aside an additional half hour a day just for reading? Pick any time that suits your schedule—but once you set it, stick to it.

Finally, you'll find reading more fun if you make it a family affair. Encourage your children by setting aside some time each night just for reading. It's a good idea to read the same books your youngsters read; you'll be able to answer their questions more easily.

Ask your children to read aloud. This does wonders for their self-confidence. Praise them when they do well. Help them to learn, as you have, that reading is a main route to self-improvement. —*Precis*

The Blessing of Evangelical Reading

By HAROLD LINDSELL

THE GREAT INFLUENCE OF THE PRESS is undeniable. Even those who have suffered under its exposures or criticisms will not quarrel with Henry Ward Beecher's remark, "Newspapers are the schoolmasters of the common people. That endless book, the newspaper, is our national glory."

The press is liable to err because news gathering is full of uncertainties. Sometimes the unknown facts are more significant than the known ones. Sometimes the facts get twisted. From the jumbled mass of material it collects the press must sort out the facts and present them honestly and accurately so that readers can form their own opinions.

The press must also separate news from editorial judgments. Every worthwhile publication has the right, indeed the duty, to express editorially its own judgments on important issues and to strive to win its readers to its viewpoints. It is obligated to inform its readers and shape opinions about current issues. But it has an equal obligation to distinguish fact from opinion.

Because of its Christian commitment, the evangelical press must reflect the highest candor as well as the best journalistic standards as it faces the responsibility of speaking even the harshest truth in love. Only this kind of press will offset the formidable criticism of Thomas Jefferson, who wielded a mighty pen himself and who exclaimed in exasperation: "The man who never looks into a newspaper is better informed than he who reads them, inasmuch as he who knows nothing is nearer the

Dr. Lindsell, associate editor of *Christianity Today*, prepared this article for our observance of Protestant Press Month, sponsored each October by the Evangelical Press Association, of which the *Evangel* is a member.

truth than he whose mind is filled with falsehoods and errors." Let it never be said that the Christian public is faced with the unhappy choice of an empty mind or one filled with misinformation.

Once the evangelical press has fulfilled its task responsibly, it then becomes the duty of the Christian public to read what the press publishes. Readers need not agree with the opinions of the editors. They can write letters of approval or protest—and they do. They are free to begin their own magazines too.

Evangelicals forego many advantages when they fail to read and support evangelical publications. Such periodicals bring religious information not available elsewhere. They broaden the minds of those who read, introduce them to a variety of opinions, and sharpen their awareness of current issues. A magazine of general interest to the evangelical public will consist of more than pietistic homilies; it will print news, essays, poetry, theological studies, and editorially render its considered judgments based upon constant study of contemporary events and movements.

The evangelical Christian needs to keep abreast of current religious thought. The best way to do this is to read a good evangelical magazine that will bring to him many authors, diverse viewpoints, and new insights. For the price one pays for a single book he can obtain a year's subscription to a good magazine. Evangelicals must keep informed because the price of ignorance is always high. As Robert Browning said, "Ignorance is not innocence, but sin." 

FOUR KINDS OF READERS

SAMUEL T. COLERIDGE said there were four kinds of readers:

"One class of readers may be compared to an hour-glass, their reading being as the sand; it runs in and out, and leaves not a vestige behind.

"A second class resembles a sponge, which imbibes everything and returns it in nearly the same state, only a little dirtier.

"A third class is like a jelly bag, which allows all that is pure to pass away and retains only the refuse and dregs.

"The fourth may be compared to the slave of Golconda, who casting aside all that is worthless, preserves only the pure gems."

Which kind of reader are you? 

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THE KING'S HEALING POWER

Sunday School Lesson for October 30, 1966

MARK 10:46-52; 2 CORINTHIANS 4:3, 4

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THE BLIND BEGGAR (Mark 10:46-48)

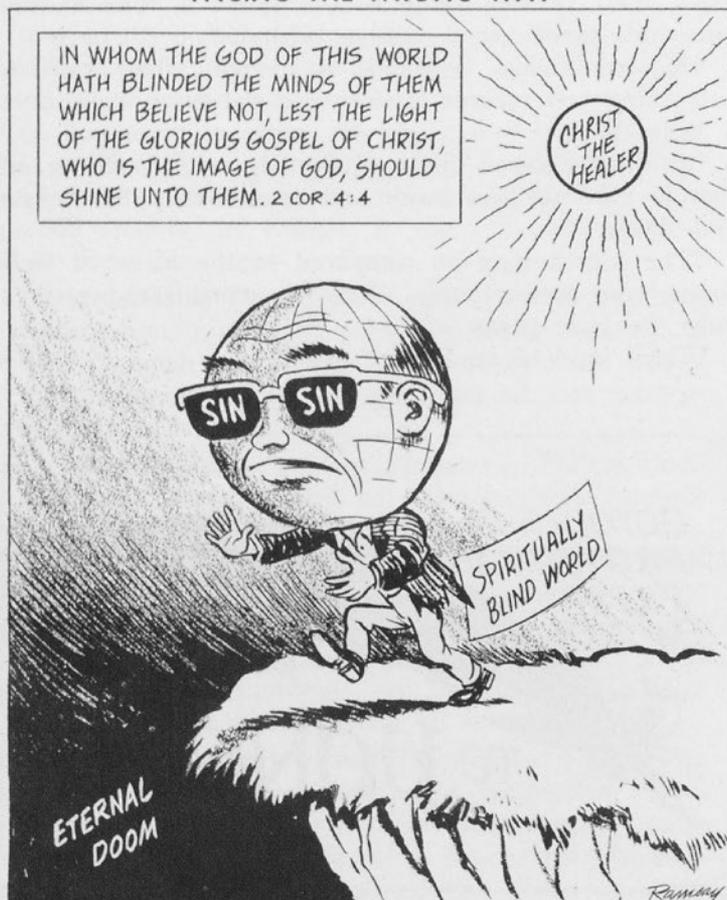
What a picture of human helplessness and hopelessness! Poverty-stricken, blind, and evidently friendless, Bartimaeus "sat by the highway side begging." He situated himself near the place where Jesus was soon to pass. Those who need Christ's help ought to follow his example and be sure they are where the presence of Christ may be manifest!

Consider other exemplary facts concerning the beggar:

1. *He took advantage of a passing opportunity.* Jesus was passing by and would soon be gone. Bartimaeus must act now. Some opportunities come again; some never do. "Now is the day of salvation."

2. *He wanted Christ more than material gain.* Bartimaeus might have begged a small fortune from such a crowd that day. But he forgot alms-getting in favor of sight-getting—and would have been a fool to do otherwise. Yet every day, and all their lives through, men grasp for things temporal and ignore the Christ who alone can give them saving light.

FACING THE WRONG WAY



3. *His prayer was a petition, not a demand.* Bartimaeus manifested that poverty of spirit which Jesus called "blessed" (Matthew 5:3). He might have said, "Lord, I demand justice; You healed others, and if You refuse to heal me, You will be guilty of partiality." Instead he cried, "Have mercy on me!"

The Pharisee prayed, in effect, "God be proud of me, a saint"; but the publican, burdened with a sense of guilt, sighed, "God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:9-14). And the publican's prayer was answered. We do well to remember that "it is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not" (Lamentations 3:22). Everything we get from God—regardless of our spiritual status—is a matter of mercy and not merit. God is not obligated to us, but He delights to be merciful!

4. *He refused to be hindered by his circumstances and environment.* He was blind, poor, and friendless; his voice would be well-nigh lost in the swelling tumult of the multitudes; yet, full of hope, he lifted his voice in fervent prayer. The worse our circumstances are, the more we need Christ and the more certain it is that we are among those to whom He was especially sent! "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick" (Matthew 9:12).

5. *He was persistent in spite of opposition.* The reaction of the multitude to the fervent cries of the blind beggar is typical of those who neither understand Christ nor appreciate His ministry. The crowd felt that the prayer of the blindman was presumptuous, unbecoming, undignified, and out of order.

Even today carnal pride, human reasoning, and unbelief are "wet blankets" which would silence the voice of sincere and fervent prayer if they could. Knowing nothing about Holy Ghost inspired praying, the cold formalist criticizes the earnest, energetic praying of the truly consecrated believer whose prayers are a rebuke to his own heartless, lifeless prayers.

No "wet blankets" could smother Bartimaeus' cry, dampen his zeal, nor quench his hopes! "He cried so much the more." The urgency of his need and the depth of his desire made him forget any pride and concern about what others might think of his actions. What an example he set for us all!

THE COMPASSIONATE CHRIST (Mark 10:49-52)

1. *The Divine Invitation Extended.* "And Jesus stood still." How dramatic and wonderful that the cry of a beggar should hold up the Son of God! "Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee." These words spoken to Bartimaeus 2,000 years ago represent Christ's invitation to every needy soul today.

2. *The Divine Healing Accomplished.* Jesus said, "Thy faith hath saved thee" (Luke 18:42). Faith is important because of its receptive power; by it we receive that which comes from God through Christ. No credit is due the beggar for stretching out his hand; yet it was the means whereby he received alms. In like manner, faith is the hand of the soul outstretched to receive spiritual blessing and help. Faith does not contribute a penny to salvation, but it is the purse which receives the grace of God. It is not according to the amount of time you spend in praying, serving the Lord, or doing anything else, but "according to your faith be it unto you."

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ARISE ... GO TO THAT GREAT CITY



By CHRISTINE CARMICHAEL



In Sierra Leone crowds hear the gospel from a loudspeaker.

THIS IS A WORLD OF CHANGE! An unprecedented migration to urban areas has characterized the past decade. New nations in Africa are experiencing a fantastic shift from the bush to metropolitan areas. A large percentage of Latin Americans live in urban situations. Djakarta, Indonesia's capital, had 500,000 people in 1920; today it has three million. The streets of the world's great cities are crammed with restless throngs of people.

For some years major missions neglected the cities. In a conscientious eagerness to reach the ends of the earth they established mission stations in remote areas. Home churches came to visualize their missionaries only in jungle settings.

The term "overseas evangelism" is relatively new in Assemblies of God missions outreach. Foreign city crusades were born out of an increasing awareness of the deep spiritual needs of cities. In accepting the challenge of this new outreach we follow the missionary pattern of the first century. The apostle Paul's concern was for strategic centers. From Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, and Rome the Christian witness radiated until it permeated surrounding areas. To the church in Thessalonica Paul wrote, "From you sounded out the word of the Lord."

"God desires large cities to become pivotal points of revival," said Otis Keener, a pastor who has ministered in the Far East. "Here the Holy Spirit would establish launching pads for evangelism. Modern miracles of communication make it possible to reach an entire country from strategic cities. Revivals kindled in key cities will light fires which can be seen by millions sitting in darkness."

Heeding the injunction, "arise . . . go to that great city," our missionaries and evangelists have conducted large-scale campaigns in many major cities. Tokyo, Naples, Montevideo, Rome, and numerous other cities have been the scenes of revival. Often the results can be followed up by establishing a large church or evangelistic center.

Global Conquest and Light-for-the-Lost have joined forces to make possible a new approach to evangelism. Global Conquest funds cover the cost of renting halls, purchasing time on radio and TV stations, etc. Light-for-the-Lost funds provide literature for saturation campaigns preceding the preaching crusades and for follow-up programs, such as correspondence courses.

Space permits mention of only a few crusades in

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Missionaries for years neglected the metropolitan areas.

widely separated fields. As a result of revival campaigns in Seoul, Korea, a building was constructed in 1961 to seat 1,500 people. This was later enlarged to seat 2,500. Now the church has multiple services on Sundays in order to accommodate its 4,000 members. The Seoul Revival Center has become the base of revival for all of South Korea.

Evangelist Harold Herman has conducted 65 crusades in 24 countries since his first meeting in Germany in 1951. Missionary Harland Park reported on Mr. Herman's recent campaign in Hong Kong: "This was one of the most extensive soul-winning efforts in many years in this great city on the doorstep of Red China. When the evangelist was invited by Radio Hong Kong for an interview, he gave his personal testimony of salvation to a potential audience of four million in Hong Kong, and across the border into mainland China." The value of this revival campaign cannot be measured merely in terms of converts and healings, of which there were many, but rather in long-range results known only to God.

The whole of El Salvador is feeling the impact of Spirit-filled men who, following the apostle Paul's method, evangelized the strategic capital, San Salvador. There are today more than 300 organized churches and 1,000 preaching points in this Central American republic.

Sometimes doors suddenly open to cities that for many years have been closed to gospel witness. Take for example, Dakar, capital of Senegal. Our missionaries had been assigned three interior towns in which to establish churches but were restricted from working in Dakar. Then, with the country's independence, came religious freedom. Dakar was open! Our missionaries not only were granted permission to build an evangelistic center but were given a choice building site. The center, completed in 1962, is a miracle in modern missions. Its youth program has merited the outspoken approval of the government. Dakar's Sunday school attendance has passed the 6,000 mark.

Good News Crusades were recently conducted in West Africa. Churches in 15 Nigerian cities tackled the gigantic task of placing a packet of gospel literature in every home in their respective areas. Following the litera-

ture saturation in many of these cities Evangelist Watson Argue held services. In Aba, 3,700 persons made a public indication of their desire to accept Christ; and the attendance reached 9,000 on the closing night.

In Evangelist Bob Hoskins' meeting in Bo, Sierra Leone, there was no calculated attempt to produce an emotional response. "Rather, a deliberate attempt was made to prevent unthinking responses to the invitation. The people were told not to come unless they were willing to give up their charms, jujus, and fetishes. Still they came. At least 500 people received a genuine experience of salvation during the 10 days of meetings."

Evangelist Lorne Fox, who has conducted crusades in many countries, realizes, as do other missionary-evangelists, that without the faithful labor of our missionaries overseas evangelism would fall far short of achieving lasting results. "The noble work of our missionaries was a source of inspiration to us," he reported after one campaign, "...a sincere tribute to missionaries and national workers who laid the foundation for this visitation of Pentecost."

In our churches abroad gifted national evangelists are being raised up. One of these is Cho Yonggi, superintendent of the Korea Assemblies of God. Another is Gideon Bomba, superintendent of our work in Malawi. José María Rico, a former Jesuit priest, is a successful evangelist in Latin America. Augustus Asonye's appointment as director of evangelism for the Nigerian field came as a result of his gifted ministry.

Together missionaries and evangelists are reaching more and more cities for Christ. "Arise...go to that great city," is a continuing challenge. Many *Good News Crusades* are being scheduled for coming months. For the first time in history a major crusade is to be held in Paris. Evangelist Harold Herman will lead this campaign. Evangelist Willard Cantelon will conduct crusades in Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Amsterdam and other cities. Evangelist Lorne Fox and the Paul Olson party will hold crusades in Africa. These crusades will be sponsored by Global Conquest and Light-for-the-Lost.

When these crusades are over, trained national workers will be on hand to conserve the fruit, establish converts in the Word, and continue a soul-winning ministry in the cities—the great population centers of the world.

People in crowded cities wait to hear the gospel message.



TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TODAY, AND FOREVER (Hebrews 13:8)



PRAYER SAVES BABY WITHOUT TRANSFUSION

OUR BABY, BONNIE LOUISE, is our eighth child. She was born April 4, 1966, and right from the start we knew she was different from the other children. She appeared quite yellow and slept so much of the time. Also she did not seem as eager for feeding times as newborn babies normally are.

Due to my negative blood type, I had known there was danger of complications. I knew that in some cases the blood has to be drawn out and replaced. I began to wonder if this condition was affecting Bonnie Louise, and I questioned the nurses. Finally on the third day my doctor told me there was a strong possibility that she might require a replacement transfusion. He said they were taking tests.

It was Wednesday when I received this report. I realized they would be having prayer meeting in our church that night, so I telephoned and asked them to pray for our baby. I also requested prayer of some friends from a nearby Assembly. Of course, my husband and I prayed fervently, too.

On Thursday the doctor told me she would require the replacement transfusion. He said he had consulted a city doctor and both agreed it must be done.

My husband and oldest daughter took her to the city hospital 16 miles away. The doctor there decided to take another test before doing anything. The test showed marked improvement, so he waited and took another test the following morning.

We have learned through the years to commit our lives into God's hands, trusting that all things work together for good to them who love the Lord. Therefore we were calm and ready to meet the situation, come what may.

Saturday morning came, and what a good day it was. I was released from the hospital, and later that morning the city doctor told my husband that Bonnie Louise was all right. She would not need the replacement transfusion! He said we could bring her home!

To me this seemed unbelievable. I phoned my doctor for confirmation but was told he had not heard from the city doctor since the night before. I then called the city doctor. I wondered how I was going to take care of a sick baby! He sensed my great concern and assured me the baby was all right. I asked him what symptoms we should watch for, and he replied, "None. There is nothing wrong with her. If I thought there was the least bit of danger I would not be releasing her."

Suddenly it dawned on me. "Why, God must have healed her." Then we all rejoiced and thanked God.

Bonnie Louise was brought home that day and I was

so grateful to have a normal little girl. The yellow color had left her, and she had begun to act more lively. I took her back to my doctor in a week. He had not heard the outcome and was anxious about her. I had a wonderful opportunity to tell him how God had answered prayer.

Everyone remarks, "She is the *sweetest* baby!" and we love to tell them about the miracle God performed in her life. We continue to praise Him for this wonderful answer to prayer.—Mrs. Perry Virkler, Great Bend, New York.

(Endorsed by Pastor Albert R. Fisher, Jr., Assembly of God, Watertown, New York.)

HEALED OF ARTHRITIS

GOD HEALED ME May 6, 1966 during our revival with J. L. Jeffrey.

For one year I had suffered with arthritis in my right arm. It spread through all my body. My joints would swell until I could hardly walk.

Brother Jeffrey would exhort me to put my faith in the Lord so that God could heal my body. When he prayed for me he tried to get me to raise my arms but I was in so much pain I could not lift them above my shoulders. He said he knew God would do something for me.

He was right. While walking home from church I realized I was not in pain. When I reached home, I actually lifted my arms above my head. God really did a work in my body.

I had become accustomed to using my left arm for everything. The next morning I reached for a glass with my right arm and there was no pain.

I am still healed. To God be the glory, great things He is doing!—Martha Deamore, Sebastopol, California.

(Endorsed by Pastor M. F. Crandall, Assembly of God, Sebastopol, California.)

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From Weakness to Strength



By **ALLAN G. SNIDER**
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"WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN AM I STRONG" (2 Corinthians 12:10). This is one of the paradoxes of Scripture. How can one be weak and strong at the same time?

Like many other truths in the spiritual realm, this can only be understood in the context of spiritual experience.

To some it would seem very foolish to admit weakness and expect to inspire confidence as a leader of God's people. But to those who like Paul have walked with God for many years, this becomes a marvelously enlightening experience. What seems ridiculous in the business or political world is often most appropriate in the world of spiritual matters.

It will help us understand the meaning of Paul's statement if we eliminated the areas to which he had no intention of referring.

In the matter of his salvation from sin the Apostle

nowhere admitted to weakness. On the contrary, he was continually magnifying his Saviour and His power to save and to deliver. He told us that He "is able also to save them unto the uttermost that come unto God by him" (Hebrews 7:25). Again he spoke of how Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom, Paul said, "I am chief" (1 Timothy 1:15).

This allows no room for anyone to say, "I am weak; therefore I cannot be a Christian." There is no weakness in our Lord's atonement for sin. His forgiveness was all encompassing, covering all of our sins. The transforming power of the Holy Spirit in changing the human heart is adequate for all sinners, making them indeed the children of God when they receive Jesus as Saviour.

Neither did the great Apostle mean to suggest he was weak in overcoming sin in his daily life. He often spoke of victorious living. In that great eighth chapter of Romans he listed all the pressures that tend to lead the Christian away from the path of devotion and consecrated living. He triumphantly declared that "in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (verse 37). The Phillips translation forcibly describes our triumph as "an overwhelming victory." There is no hint of defeat or discouragement here.

We are also told that "sin shall not have dominion over you" (Romans 6:14). How reassuring is this declaration! How important that all of God's people recognize that this should be the normal pattern of Christian living.

Our testimony should reflect this victory—whether in a public meeting or in a personal confrontation. So often in a testimony service someone will stand to tell of the many good things God has done for him. But then the testifier will close in a somewhat less victorious tone with the request, "Please pray that I will hold out to

Hear of the Bible



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Sunday	Ephesians 6
Monday	Philippians 1
Tuesday	Philippians 2
Wednesday	Philippians 3
Thursday	Philippians 4
Friday	Colossians 1
Saturday	Colossians 2
Sunday	Colossians 3

PROMISE OF THE WEEK

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).

the end." Surely this dismal note would be anything but encouraging to someone on the borderline of decision for Christ. There should never be any admission of weakness, for Christ, who has begun a good work in us, is able to bring it to full completion (Philippians 1:6, Amplified).

This weakness of which Paul spoke does not refer in any way to his baptism in the Holy Spirit. Paul had experienced that which Jesus described when He said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8).

A brief look at the ministry of this man brings into focus the fact that the mighty power of the Spirit was manifested through him in an unusual manner. He was one of the Lord's truly great witnesses. At Ephesus "special miracles" were granted through the hands of Paul (Acts 19:11). In our view, any miracle would be regarded as something special; but apparently these were such unusual miracles they could not be classified with the general run of such occurrences!

He referred again to this in another passage when he mentioned "the mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God" which attended his ministry among the nations (Romans 15:19). It is apparent also that Paul's preaching was neither weak nor ineffective, for he testified that his preaching was "a demonstration of the power of the Spirit of God" (1 Corinthians 2:4, Phillips).

In looking at this portrait of a man who shared in a mighty salvation, lived a triumphant life of holiness, enjoyed a ministry characterized by miracles of God, and preached with great power, we are led to wonder just what he meant when he said, "I am weak."

As we examine the record more closely, we see that this great servant of God was referring to his own estimate of his natural ability, whether it was to save himself or to serve successfully in ministry to others.

In the matter of personal salvation, how important it is to recognize our own weakness. Can anyone in his own strength save himself? Can any of us by our own virtues obtain the righteousness which is of God? The answer is an emphatic *no*. The Scriptures state that "when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly" (Romans 5:6).

This truth is well illustrated by the conversion of Paul himself. What a strong man he once was! Motivated by the notion that all the followers of Christ were a deluded people following a misguided and dead leader, he was a mighty man to persecute, to kill, and to destroy. But after his experience on the road to Damascus when he met the living Christ, he became completely broken. He arrived in Damascus in a state of helplessness, including physical blindness. Not a drop of his human strength was left, for he had come to the end of himself.

O blessed experience! Now God could deal with his heart. Now he would listen to the inner strivings of the Spirit. Now for the first time he could properly appraise the meaning of the glorious death of the young martyr Stephen. A humble member of the struggling Church could come to him in safety and pray for him, for the once mighty persecutor was himself praying. When he was weak, he became strong.

We sometimes use the expression "poor sinner." This is an appropriate phrase to describe any of us who have

come to see ourselves as we really are. The Spirit brings us deep distress of soul. Without any righteousness of our own we are able to see the value of the sacrifice on Calvary's cross. Like the songwriter we are ready to say, "Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling." Like Paul we say, "Not I, but Christ" (Galatians 2:20). By this complete dependence upon the work of Christ we become strong.

As Paul took up his life's work of proclaiming the gospel, he continued to live with this recognition of human weakness. His thorn in the flesh, whatever its nature, was allowed of God to keep him in this place of utter dependence upon Him.

His preaching was powerful because he no longer depended upon the enticing words of man's wisdom. When he mentioned his arrival in Corinth, he said, "When I came to you... I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling" (1 Corinthians 2:1, 3). This certainly doesn't present a very encouraging picture to the natural mind. What good could this evangelist do? He is fearful, he testifies of weakness, and he is actually trembling! But it was because he recognized his own inadequacy that this man of God threw himself completely upon God for strength and anointing—and thereby was greatly used of God.

Paul learned a lesson that all of us must learn if we would truly be successful in our service for Christ. Although our callings vary in the will of God, this one principle remains absolute: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord" (Zechariah 4:6).



DISAPPOINTED

It is depressing to see the faces of some servicemen after mailcall. How discouraged they become going for days—and even weeks—without mail from home. They wonder if anyone cares.

One ministry of the Servicemen's Division is to keep mail and literature going to these men, letting them know that others do care. But this mail can be sent only as funds are available.

God's Word says, "Ask, and it shall be given you. . . ." On the basis of this promise, we are asking you to generously support this ministry to those who guard our freedom.

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AFTER SPENDING THREE AND A HALF YEARS in solitary confinement in one prison as well as serving time in other prisons, it would seem a man like Dero "Jack" Brown would find some means of extricating himself from the hold of liquor, narcotics, and crime that had humbled this once-proud professional man. He finally admitted failure after 30 years of broken promises. In that hour, two years ago, Jack turned back to God. This miracle of salvation still stands today.

His story begins in the late 1930's when he was convicted of a narcotics violation and sentenced to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. It is difficult to explain the many fears and frustrations which Jack felt as he sat handcuffed awaiting transfer to the federal institution. It was just before Christmas, the most difficult time for inmates to be separated from their loved ones.

Two years later he was released from prison and returned to his family in Waco, Texas. Soon the old habits again clutched his life, and he began drinking and using narcotics. It was two years before his life of sin and bondage caught up with him. This time he was sent to

the United States Public Health Service Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky.

Some time later Jack was released and sent home. His wife took one look at him and began to cry. She knew he had secured drugs on his trip home. Her faith was sorely tested, but her confidence in God held fast.

Nine months passed, and Jack was arrested in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The state was seeking a sentence of between 30 and 50 years, while Jack's attorney was endeavoring to settle for the least possible sentence which was 10 years. Jack spent the next five years in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. He became involved in serious trouble with one of the inmates which resulted in his being stabbed.

After a brief stay in the hospital, Jack was placed in the "hole" and later transferred to a solitary confinement cell for three and one-half years. Well he remembers this cell he paced like a caged animal. The only time he was released was when his wife visited him once a month. After serving a "stretch" of five years, Jack was released. He made a number of promises to his wife which he soon found he was unable to keep.

The Jack Browns changed their residence from the Midwest to California. Jack began to work as a painter. It appeared he was going to make it this time; but after a year the inevitable happened—he reverted to drink and was soon back on narcotics.

The next two years found Jack committing a number of felonies to support his craving habit. He was finally apprehended and sentenced to 14 years in the California State Prison at San Quentin and the California Men's



By D. LEROY SANDERS
as told to PAUL R.
MARKSTROM, National
Prison Chaplain

FROM PRISON TO FREEDOM

Top photo shows William Rosenberg (left), parole officer, handing Dero "Jack" Brown release from parole papers.

In the photo at left are: Louis Price, narcotics officer for the State of California; Jack Brown; Mrs. Jack Brown; William Rosenberg; D. Leroy Sanders, pastor, First Assembly, North Hollywood, Calif.





Two ministers, Walter E. McAlister (left) and D. Leroy Sanders (right), were instrumental in leading Jack Brown (center) to the Lord.

Colony. A parole plan was accepted by the authorities, and Jack was permitted to go home for a brief period of time, only to be sent back on a technical violation for another three years.

His daughter began saying, "Daddy, I wish you would try to go straight; we love you. Mother loves you, and has worked all these years teaching us to love and respect you. She believes there is good in you. She would be so happy if you could just go to work and stay out of prison. I wish you would try, Daddy." The authorities had classified him as incurable.

The daughter's request had been Jack's desire for a number of years, but he did not have the inner strength to live a socially acceptable life. It appeared as if he were on a brief "vacation" from prison, only to return again. He warned his family not to raise their hopes, as the chains of sin once again began to destroy his good intentions.

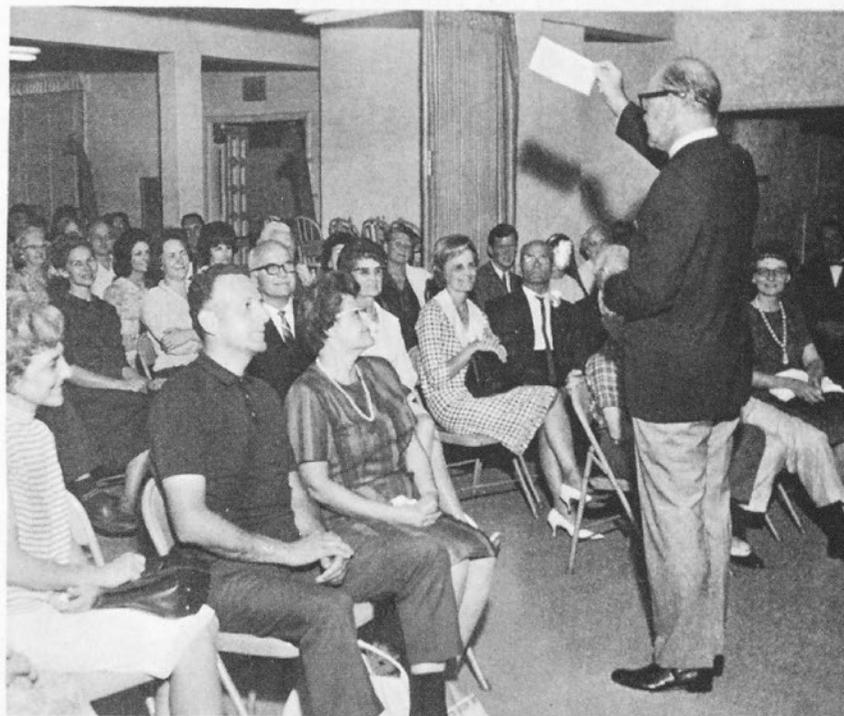
The Holy Spirit began dealing with Jack, and finally he consented to attend church with his wife one Sunday evening. Conviction gripped his heart. The following day God's Spirit stirred memories and desires long forgotten; he had a strange and unexplainable impulse to seek God. That night he attended the regular Monday night prayer meeting at North Hollywood's First Assembly. There he yielded his life to God, was freed from all bondage of crime, liquor, and narcotics, and was baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Some time later, it was Jack's privilege to testify to his parole officer regarding his release from sin and the

wonderful presence of God in his heart. The parole officer looked at him unbelievably, for he could not comprehend that such a miracle was possible. Six months later, another parole officer assigned to Jack expressed confidence that what Dero "Jack" Brown said was true.

On July 4 during a weekly prayer meeting at First Assembly, the final certificate of discharge and release was presented to Brother Dero "Jack" Brown by his parole officer, William Rosenberg. A state narcotics officer, Louis Price, spoke briefly of the great change Jack had experienced since giving his heart to Christ. Then the congregation participated in a time of praise to the Lord for Jack's deliverance from the powers of sin, as well as his official freedom from supervision by the State of California.

He now travels without restrictions and gives his amazing testimony wherever he has opportunity. He humbly gives all the glory to God for his miraculous deliverance.



The congregation of First Assembly, North Hollywood, Calif., rejoices with Jack Brown as he testifies of God's deliverance from sin and tells of his release from parole.

"There was a little Christmas pie. . .

. . . and no matter how big it was, it just had to be cut in enough pieces to go around! Now that's the advantage of a pie over something that might not come out right, like—say apples. But one does hope it will be big enough for "respectable size slices"!

Such is the story of our Home Missions Christmas fund. It's the "pie" which must be sliced into enough pieces to provide a Christmas remembrance for our home missionaries and pioneer pastors, for the children in our Alaska and American Indian Children's homes, and for our Indian Bible schools. Your generous gift will make the "pie" big enough for "respectable size slices"!



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FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

LIBERIA

God Blesses at New Hope

The Lord is blessing here at New Hope Leprosy Mission. The good news is that we will be getting more help soon.

Our new educational building is finished, and we have been having our day school and evening Bible and literacy classes in it for some time. We couldn't wait until it was finished. Our last four-month session of evening classes was an especially profitable one with over 100 attending full time.

Rainy season brings welcome, cooler temperatures, but also some problems. A huge log lodged against our bridge and threatened to tear it out. It took all day be-

fore the workers finally got it loose.

While using the chain saw on the log, Norman got dunked and lost his glasses. We are thankful he didn't get hurt!

—Mrs. Norman Backman

Visit to Garraway

I have just returned from a wonderful and fruitful time of holding Bible classes at a village on the coast. The name of the place is Garraway, and it was here that the first Assemblies of God missionaries stepped ashore on Liberia.

No boat had ever stopped at Garraway before that day in 1908, yet waiting in the village was a boy by the name of Jasper Toe whom God had sent to meet the missionaries. Jasper had been praying for God to send someone. On Christmas morning a boat anchored, and four missionary couples came ashore. They were greeted by Jasper and the villagers and then taken by hammock inland to Newaka where the first Assemblies of God work began.

I saw the site where the missionaries first came ashore and then the place where years later other missionaries came to Garra-

Even the small children (left) at New Hope help with the task of pounding the rice. In the lower photo, Norman Backman and nationals clear away a huge log that threatens to tear out the bridge.



way and started a work. Now we have a fine national church built right in the middle of the village. From it, spurred on by an evangelistic national pastor, the believers are reaching out to the villages around them. And so the work spreads, yet hundreds of new villages keep springing up—leaving us with much to be done.

—Paul W. Davis

Rain, Rain, Rain

This has been a very wet year but we have been having spiritual rain as well as physical rain. This summer the Lord met us in a special way during a week's revival with student intern, Don Menzies, from Northwest College of the Assemblies of God, Kirkland, Wash.

We had 3 services each day, and most of our 150 students prayed through to a glorious experience in the Lord. Ten received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many testified of being refilled with the Spirit.

On Friday we had a service at which 16 were baptized in water. Some of our older boys gave their hearts to the Lord that morning, and all day the students came asking forgiveness for wrong things they had done. There was a sweet spirit of prayer in the afternoon communion service. We praise God for His faithfulness. Only eternity will reveal what was accomplished in these services at Newaka.

—Bobbie Wilkins

CEYLON

Missionary-Evangelist in Ceylon

Assemblies of God Missionary-Evangelist Lloyd Perera, a Ceylonese, has been ministering in Ceylon for nearly a year. He is pastor of the Colombo Gospel Tabernacle and holds evangelistic meetings throughout the country.

During the past year the Colombo Gospel Tabernacle Sunday school has doubled, and the congregation is now praying for property to relocate where they can build a larger auditorium with sufficient Sunday school facilities.

During the time Brother Perera was youth camp speaker, 20 young people were saved and 20 were baptized in the Holy Spirit. At the same camp meeting the local

Christ's Ambassadors pledged Rs 2,400 (\$500) for next year's camp. This is a first in the history of the Assemblies of God in Ceylon.

In Jaffna, Mr. Perera held an evangelistic campaign and there were 50 decisions to follow Christ.

While on his way to Ceylon in 1965, Mr. Perera held evangelistic meetings in Hawaii, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the Philippines. The Sunday school attendance record was broken in Taiwan, and a record number of pledges were made for an evangelistic center. In the Philippines Mr. Perera renewed fellowship with Missionaries Harold and Beatrice Kohl, who had led him to Christ during their missionary term in Ceylon. Mr. Perera presented a gift of \$150 which Haven of Rest Assembly, San Leandro, Calif., sent with him for the Bethel Bible Institute and Far East Advanced School of Theology.

Pray for Brother Perera and the Ceylon Assemblies of God.

UPPER VOLTA

Annual Bible Conference

The theme for this year's annual Bible conference was "Looking unto Jesus." During the conference, 464 people registered, 39 were baptized in water, and 20 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Every district was represented, as the people came by van, bus, truck, train, or car. Some guests from "sister" councils in adjoining territories were also present.

Each department of the church had opportunity to present its special ministry. The WMC's displayed their various projects and presented clothing to each minister present.

There are three big conferences planned for South and East Africa this fall. Pray with us for God's blessing on them.

—Morris Williams

God's Hand Protects

Twice this past month we have seen the hand of God over us in the midst of near tragedy.

We had been working day and night to keep up the press, bookstore, and building program. One night as we drove up to the press building, we saw flames through

the window. We rushed inside and were able to put out the fire before much damage was done. The tape recorder, left on by mistake, was ruined, and the table on which it sat was burned. If we had arrived five minutes later, everything might have been destroyed.

Then during a tropical storm a gust of wind hit our new house under construction. We heard a tremendous crash, and I went to the window to see what had happened. One whole side of the roof had been ripped off. The roof, weighing probably a couple of tons, flew over the heads of several men who were plastering the walls inside the house. How thankful we are that the roof did not fall in on these workers.

Please pray with us that God will supply the funds to cover this loss.

—John Weidman

ARGENTINA

Campaign in La Plata

The fifth of May concluded a very successful evangelistic campaign with the Fox Party in La Plata. In spite of a citywide bus strike that began just two days before the crusade and continued throughout the duration, we averaged about 250 people nightly for the three weeks we were in a rented hall.

People depend entirely on the buses as few have cars. They came out night after night to hear the gospel, even though they had to walk several miles home after the meetings.

God blessed in a wonderful way with 10 to 20 people at the altar every evening; a good number filled with the Holy Spirit, including our son David; and several wonderful testimonies of healing.

Since the meetings, Sunday attendance in the church has increased considerably. Now our biggest problem is overcrowded quarters.

—Dick and Sharen Ellis

TAIWAN

Korean Evangelist Speaks

Evangelist Chai from the Assemblies of God Evangelistic Center in Seoul, Korea, was a blessing to all of our churches. Her ministry in Japanese was interpreted into Mandarin and Taiwanese and was appreciated by all. Many people were filled with the Holy Spirit, and many were healed of their sicknesses.

After Sister Chai gave her testimony of how God dealt with her about paying tithes, people in the congregation became convicted and began to bring one-tenth of their earnings to the Lord.

Every day of the campaigns Sister Chai had an early morning prayer meeting. Churches contin-

uing these prayer meetings report that God is continuing to bless them.

—James Vigna

INDIA

Prayer Is Answered

While traveling alone on the train at night, I realized that my left contact lens had fallen out. I had failed to remove my lense, as I seldom sleep while traveling alone at night.

Desperately I began to search for it. I awakened several Indian women in the same compartment to help me look for the lost lens. We searched to no avail.

After they had looked for some time, the Indian women laid back down and were soon fast asleep. I too laid down on my wooden bench; but I prayed, and kept praying until morning.

The train arrived in Hardoi at 6 a.m., so about 5:30 I got up, rolled up my sleeping bag, and prepared to get off the train. As

I reached for the little basket of food I had with me, there beside it was my contact lens.

As I left the train and summoned a rickshaw driver, I could hardly tell him where to take me because I was so filled with praise to the Lord for answering my prayer.

—Lois Shumway

KOREA

Campaign Before Tragedy

Missionaries Sue and Eldon Brown held evangelistic services here at Chonju Eternal Life Church and schools, and at the new country church at U A Dong from May 28 through June 3. The students especially appreciated the ministry of the young missionary couple. At least 500 people made decisions to accept Christ as their personal Saviour, with many attending the special tarrying service held on Friday afternoon.

Brother Brown felt he must come for the meetings, though the

dedication of the Tong Nae Church in Pusan was June 5. They went home tired after the twice-daily meetings here, but on June 7 we could see the reason for the Spirit's urgency.

Korean Memorial Day, June 6, is a holiday when students go home to their country villages. A bus traveling from the country to U A Dong plunged 100 meters down the mountain. One of our high school boys returning from the holiday was able to jump out a door before it was too late; but one of our high school freshmen, Miss Ahn, was among the 14 known dead. The students here were saddened by the death of this girl who had just had the opportunity to put her faith in Christ.

Besides the 14 known dead, there were 42 seriously injured and three bodies not identifiable. It was one of the worst accidents this province has ever had.

—Margaret Carlow

MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Missionaries coming home on furlough are **Doris Geiger** (Nigeria), the **E. R. Schneiders** (Chile), the **D. Mark Buntains**

(North India), and **Florence Byers** (Japan).

Returning to their respective field of service are the **Andrew Hargraves** (Nigeria), **Norma Johanson** (Liberia), **Ruby Johnson** (Ghana), the **Ralph Hollandsworths** (Liberia), the **Robert Turnbells** (Haiti), the **Richard Fulmers** (Germany), **Edna Hudson** (India), **Mildred Ginn** (India), and **Lydia Graner** (India).

Newly appointed missionaries who recently left for their fields of service are **Rose Ann Murphy** (El Salvador) and the **Royal Freemans** (Venezuela).



Robert Turnbull family



Ralph Hollandsworth family



Royal Freeman family



Richard Fulmer family



Andrew Hargrave family



Norma Johanson



Ruby Johnson



Edna Hudson

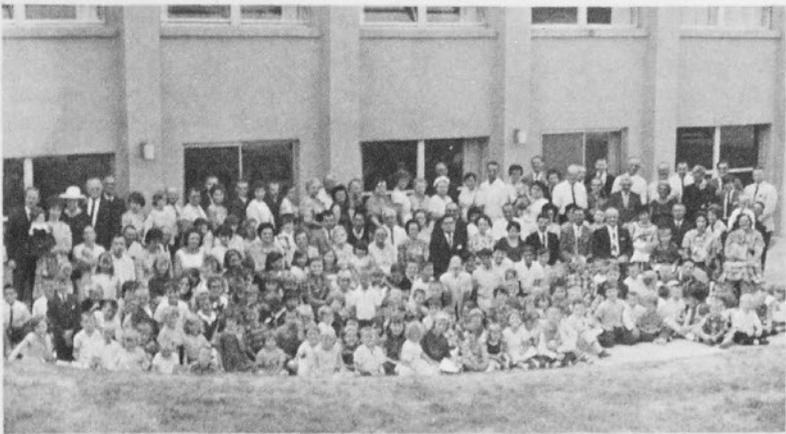


Mildred Ginn



Lydia Graner

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES



The Sunday school attendance reached 211 during the meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Carl Gammel at the Calvary Assembly in Galesburg, Ill. (Dave Iverson is pastor.)

GALESBURG, ILL. — God touched the lives of many children during a week-long Kid's Crusade at Calvary Assembly here with Evangelist and Mrs. Carl Gammel of Carmi, Ill.

Approximately 142 decisions for Christ were recorded. Scores of unchurched homes were reached. Average attendance was 197, with 211 present on the final Sunday for Sunday school.

—Dave Iverson, pastor

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MOUNT HOLLY, N. J.—The Assembly of God here recently conducted a children's and youth crusade with Evangelist Hilda Crusomat of Philadelphia, Pa.

Total registration reached 280, with 189 first-time visitors. The largest nightly attendance was 184.

The congregation is looking for a great revival to sweep over the church.

—James Occhipinti, pastor

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WEBBERS FALLS, OKLA.—While vacationing at nearby Lake Greenleaf, Evangelist and Mrs. Wayne Thompson of Oklahoma City, Okla., were asked to hold

services at the Assembly here.

Their ministry proved to be just what the church needed. The congregation was uplifted spiritually, and many received an infilling of the Spirit. One young married lady, a schoolteacher, was gloriously saved in the Sunday morning service.

—N. B. Rayburn, pastor

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MCKINNEY, TEX.—The Full Gospel Assembly here recently witnessed a real move of God's Spirit during special services with Evangelist and Mrs. Roy Drumm of New Orleans, La.

Many were saved, reclaimed, and filled with the Holy Spirit. Seventeen united with the assembly, and 15 were baptized in water.

The church gives all praise and glory to God.

—Earl J. Rogers, pastor

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ST. LOUIS, MO.—Eighty-five visitors attended special services at Northside Assembly here recently with Evangelist Glenna Byard.

Nine people were saved, four reclaimed, one baptized in the Holy

WILLIAM KIRSCHKE NAMED DEPARTMENT HEAD SUNDAY SCHOOL

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—William E. Kirschke, former pastor of Full Gospel Temple, Richmond, Calif., is the new national secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God.

Brother Kirschke, a native of Spokane, Wash., succeeds Charles W. Denton, recently appointed coordinator of the Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission.

As national secretary, Brother Kirschke will supervise development and promotion of the 8,964 Assemblies of God Sunday schools throughout the nation.

Brother Kirschke has conducted Sunday school ministries in the U.S., Australia, and the Orient. From 1947 to 1949, he was an executive secretary of the National Sunday School Association. Just prior to this he served as a national representative for the Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God. He has also been a member of the executive committee of the Sunday School Department of the Northern California-Nevada District.

He pastored Assemblies of God churches in Chicago, Ill.; Longview, Tacoma, and Centralia, Wash.; and Corsicana and Galveston, Tex. He also conducted evangelistic ministries during World War II.

He attended Northwest College of the Assemblies of God in Kirkland, Wash.



T. E. Gannon (left), executive director of the National Sunday School Department, and William Kirschke, the new national secretary, look over a poster for Sunday school achievement.

Brother Kirschke began his ministry in 1934 and was ordained by the Illinois District in 1939. He is currently a member of the Northern California-Nevada District.

While serving as a pastor in Galveston, he edited a church paper called *Gospel Truth*. In 1947 he was Sunday school page editor of the *District Messenger* of the Northwest District.

His wife is the former Dorothy Manney of Fort Worth, Tex. They were married in 1938 at Kansas City, Mo., and have three children.

Spirit, and two refilled with the Spirit during the meetings.

During the past year, 40 people have been saved or reclaimed through the ministry of the church.

—Norman Flood, pastor

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STOTTS CITY, MO.—Several were reclaimed and refilled with the Spirit during two weeks of special meetings with Evangelist Ruth E. Reece of Mt. Vernon, Mo., at the Assembly of God here.

There were also several healings. One man was healed of a stiff knee. A lady was healed of a stiff neck and shoulders, and another lady of a nervous condition.

Almost everyone reported being touched by God. The nightly messages stirred hearts.

—Frank Burton Jr., pastor

CLEARWATER, FLA.—First Assembly here recently concluded a successful meeting with Evangelist F. Don Rippey.

Attendance was good, and a number of persons were saved. More than 30 people received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The whole church received a spiritual awakening under Brother Rippey's anointed ministry.

—A. L. Shell Jr., pastor

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LAWTON, OKLA.—A large number of visitors, over 150, attended Bethel Assembly here during a kids' crusade with Evangelist Victor Etienne and "Terry" of St. Paul, Minn.

Many children prayed around the altars. Only heaven will reveal the importance of this meeting.

—Claud H. Davis, pastor

WORLD CONGRESS ON EVANGELISM MEETS THIS WEEK

Delegates from 106 countries have been invited to attend the World Congress on Evangelism currently being held in Berlin, Germany (October 26-November 4). The Congress, sponsored by *Christianity Today* magazine and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, is known as the "first

transdenominational endeavor in evangelism."

Representing the Assemblies of God at the Congress are Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent, and J. Philip Hogan, executive director of foreign missions.

Pray that God will bless the Congress and the delegates as they meet in Berlin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTERS INSTITUTE—Oct. 25-27, Calvary Assembly, Louisville, Ky. Speaker: Edgar Bethany. Theme: "Speak the Word."—by E. C. Bredbenner, district secretary.

HOMECOMING AND ANNIVERSARY—Oct. 29-31, Peoples Church, Minneapolis, Minn. Speakers: Emil Balliet; Herman Rhode, Minnesota District superintendent; and John Elrod.—by Douglas M. Henderson, pastor.

FIRST ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION—Oct. 27-30, at the Assembly of God, Milesburg, Pa. Missionary speakers: Pauline Smith, Leroy Williams, John DeCock, and G. L. Haggard.—by Clifton E. Wilkins, pastor.

DEDICATION AND HOME-COMING—Oct. 30, at Georgetown Assembly, Wilmer, Ala. (near Mobile). Speaker: T. H. Spence, Alabama District superintendent. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend.—by D. Z. Finch, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

ROBERT F. ASHWORTH, 64, Sumner, Wash., went to his eternal reward July 25, 1966. Ordained to



the ministry in 1937 by the Kansas District, he was a member of the Northwest District.

He served as a pastor in Humboldt, Chanute, Garnet, Oswego, Sharon, Greensburg, and Lawrence, Kans.; Gresh-

am, Oreg.; and Seattle, Yakima, Centralia, Shelton, and Sumner, Wash. He was a presbyter in three states for a total of 19 years.

Brother Ashworth recently directed the building of a new church in Sumner. He had been in the ministry 43 years.

He is survived by his wife Ruth, three daughters, and 13 grandchildren.

EVERETT L. DAMRON, 70, of Climax Springs, Mo., went to his eternal reward September 8, 1966.

Ordained to the ministry of the Assemblies of God in 1936, he was a member of the Southern Missouri District. Brother Damron was previously a minister



in another denomination. During 49 years in the ministry, he served as an evangelist and as a pastor in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri. He is survived by his wife Hattie, and two children, one of whom is a minister.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Lowell	*First	Oct. 30-Nov. 13	R. I. & Pearl Wynkoop	W. Ward Popejoy
Ark.	Minturn	A/G	Oct. 26—	Jerry & Judie Whitener	Charles E. Keller
	Russellville	First	Oct. 16-28	Oren Paris	Merle Harris
Calif.	Antioch	First	Nov. 1-13	John & Freda Bryant	R. M. Catlett
	Burbank	First	Nov. 1—	Diehl Evangelists	H. P. Wilde Jr.
	Corning	First	Oct. 25-Nov. 6	Leonard Miller	Jim Logan
	Escalon	A/G	Nov. 1-13	Garfield Unruh	R. A. Wilson Jr.
	Eureka	Bethel	Oct. 26-Nov. 6	John Stephens	Gene Riggs
	Hanford	First	Oct. 26-Nov. 6	Jerry Knibbe	Bruce Yorke
	Modesto	*Bethel	Oct. 30-Nov. 4	Christian Hild	Bill Lewis
	Oakdale	Bethel	Oct. 23-Nov. 6	Marvin Schmidt	Berent Knutsen
Colo.	Greeley	Evangel Temple	Nov. 1-13	Kenneth Stottlemeyer	Robert J. Blair
Conn.	Norwalk	Parkway	Nov. 1-13	Arthur & Anna Berg	H. J. Meppelink
Fla.	Naples	First	Oct. 30-Nov. 6	Mayme E. Williams	W. K. Richwine
	Niceville	First	Oct. 26-Nov. 6	Don & Dixie Cox	G. E. Skipper
Ga.	Douglasville	First	Nov. 1-6	Nettie Parham	E. L. McPherson
Idaho	Boise	Garden City	Oct. 30—	Roy & Dorothy Nielson	Doyt Allen
Ill.	Carmi	First	Nov. 1-13	F. R. McAdams Team	Everett Lee
	Peoria	Central	Oct. 26-Nov. 20	Jimmy Swaggart	Fred E. Ball
Ind.	Griffith	A/G	Nov. 1-13	J. E. Friend	John Neese
	Hammond	First	Oct. 26-Nov. 6	Keetah Jones	Walter Hanneman
Iowa	Sioux City	Morningside	Nov. 1-13	Norman & Evelyn Hays	Boyd L. Hoferman
Kans.	Garnett	A/G	Oct. 18-30	Aaron & Mrs. Pack	Harry H. Davis
	Humboldt	A/G	Oct. 30-Nov. 13	Lula M. Ware	Eugene Shaw
	Larned	A/G	Oct. 18-30	Norman & Evelyn Hays	Robert D. Box
La.	Baton Rouge	First	Nov. 2-14	Ernie Eskelin	H. L. Carroll
	Hodge	First	Oct. 23—	W. E. (Gene) Thompson	F. C. Chamberlain
Md.	Hancock	Full Gospel Church	Oct. 26-Nov. 6	H. S. Ryan	Alvin Kyle
Miss.	McComb	A/G	Nov. 1-13	Peiffer & Harden Team	George Harden
	Natchez	First	Nov. 2-13	Darrell & Carolyn Pilcher	W. H. Richardson
Mo.	St. Louis	Maryland Heights	Oct. 23-30	Glenna Byard	Paul Adams
	Sikeston	First	Nov. 1-13	I. D. Rayborn	T. A. McDonough
	Springfield	Calvary Temple	Oct. 30—	Jimmy Swaggart	Stewart Robinson
Mont.	Chester	A/G	Nov. 1-6	Roy & Arlene Brewer	Gary R. Benson
	Shelby	A/G	Nov. 1-13	A. H. & Mrs. Miller	Elmer Trygg
Nebr.	Kearney	*A/G	Oct. 30-Nov. 4	Charles Senechal	L. E. Wilkins
	Lincoln	First	Oct. 30-Nov. 13	Milo Harmon	S. K. Biffle Jr.
N. J.	Englewood	First	Oct. 16-30	Paul Graban	A. L. Richardson
	Medford	A/G	Nov. 1-13	Ernest & Mrs. Berquist	G. Frank DiBella
N. Y.	Bronx	Beulah	Oct. 27-30	Thomas Hernandez	Emilio Benitez
	Richmond Hill	Bethlehem	Nov. 1-13	Bob Watters	William J. Behr
N. Dak.	Egeland	Pentecostal	Oct. 25-Nov. 6	Wesley Pollett	Jack C. West
Ohio	Akron	Bethel Temple	Nov. 1-13	Andrew & Mrs. Basell	Lillian Derfer
	Celina	A/G	Oct. 30—	J. G. Gott	C. E. Dewlen
	Chardon	Ch. of Good Shepherd	Nov. 1-6	James & Beulah Pepper	E. T. Boytar
Okla.	Dewey	First	Oct. 25-Nov. 6	Leonard Negrin	L. A. Haymaker
Oreg.	Jefferson	A/G	Nov. 2-13	D. L. Nultemeier	Bob Roberts
Pa.	Canonsburg	Glad Tidings Tab.	Nov. 2-13	Don & Sharon Parker	George Hatchner
	Dickson City	A/G	Oct. 30-Nov. 13	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	Peter Bedzyk
	Indiana	First	Oct. 26-Nov. 6	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Leroy Whiteman
	Lewistown	A/G	Oct. 26-Nov. 6	John & Faith Stallings	Earl H. Ford
	W. Pittston	First	Oct. 26-30	"Little Joe" Peterson	Donato D'andrea
S. Dak.	Pierre	First	Oct. 18-30	A. H. & Mrs. Miller	E. Bill Lentz
Tex.	Grand Prairie	East Side	Oct. 31—	Terry & Mrs. Johnson	Bob Skipper
	Sequin	Central	Nov. 2-13	Charles & Mrs. McKnight	W. Thurman Fountain
	Vernon	First	Oct. 17-30	Mangram Evangelistic Tm.	W. J. Rogers
Utah	Roy	Calvary	Nov. 1-13	John W. Everett	Paul F. Baugher
Va.	Bristol	First	Nov. 1-13	Lee Paino	L. Elwood Rakes
	Danville	Mt. Hill	Oct. 26-Nov. 6	Charles S. Morris	Billy C. Melton
Wash.	Spokane	Southside	Nov. 1-6	Martin Haack	Robert L. Griffin
Wis.	Milwaukee	German Full Gospel	Oct. 30-Nov. 6	William F. Grams	Werner Honsalek
Canada	Bella Bella, B. C.	Pentecostal	Oct. 23-Nov. 6	L. H. Sheets Family	Ken Kubryn
	Essex, Ont.	Gospel Tabernacle	Oct. 24-Nov. 6	David Dean	Hugh Munro
	Fort Erie, Ont.	Bethel Tabernacle	Nov. 1-13	Bill McPherson	Gordon Richmond
	Manitou, Man.	Elim Temple	Oct. 26-30	Gene & Heather Burgess	Jacob Fehr

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'Mr. Average Man'

WITH THE MULTIPLYING OF YOUR MACHINERY you grow increasingly anxious and dissatisfied. Whatever you have, you want more. Wherever you are, you want to go somewhere else. You invent a hundred machines to do a hundred things for you, and still you are the most nervously busy man in the world."

That is a picture of the typical man of this Western civilization as seen through the eyes of Abraham Matrie Rihbany, an Oriental philosopher. And we must admit it is a correct diagnosis of Mr. Average Man, U.S.A. A pall hangs over our progress. There is inner agony joined to our outer advancement. Such words as *meditation* and *contemplation* have been practically dropped from our vocabulary. Our life is a dizzy whirl, and we do homage at the altar of aspirin. We have everything we need except the things we need the most.

Does this sound crude, cruel, caustic? Yet it is true. Furthermore, the shortcomings of Mr. Average Man can be traced still deeper. He is informed on religion but ignorant of the gospel. He attends church but has never accepted Christ. He professes piety on Sunday but pursues pleasure on Monday. He sings in the church but sins in the world. He worships God with his lips but goes after gold with his heart. No wonder he is so confused, so frustrated, so dissatisfied.

But consider this. Long before the Oriental philosopher there was a holy prophet of the East named Isaiah who gave a better, deeper diagnosis:

"But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There

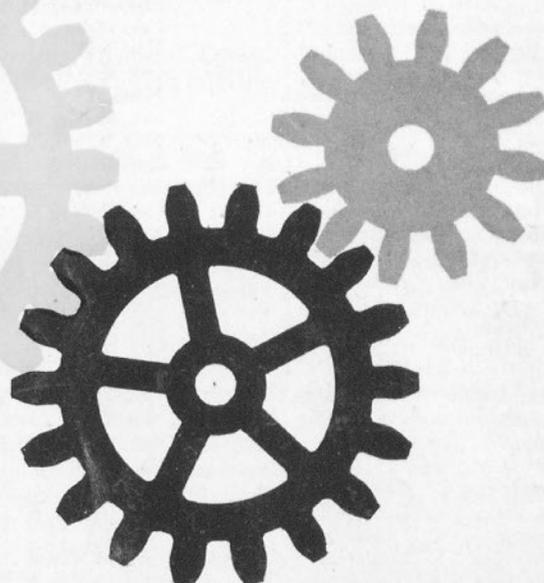
is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked" (Isaiah 57:20, 21).

"We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes; we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men" (Isaiah 59:10).

And were not the words of the Lord Jesus Christ addressed to Mr. Average Man when He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"? "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him [Christ] the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). There is more truth and comfort in these scriptures than in all our modern science because the greatest problem confronting men and women today is the sin question—for which there is no answer in modern technology.

Don't let the complications of present-day life keep you from understanding the simple facts of spiritual life. Most of your troubles can be traced to one source—sin. You and I and all mankind have sinned and come short of the glory of God. There is none righteous, the Bible says, except our Lord Jesus Christ; but the good news of the gospel is that He who was righteous took the place of every guilty soul and canceled our sin-stained record by dying for us on the cross. We may be saved simply by renouncing our sins, repenting before our Maker, and receiving Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. Eternal life is obtained as simply as that.

You must choose between everlasting life or everlasting damnation. No scientific eradicator can erase the "everlastings" of the Scriptures. The poorest man is he who has gathered to himself everything except the Saviour. The unhappiest man is he who knows only the passing pleasures of this Christless age. What mad moderns we be if we miss the miracle of the new birth that is offered to us in Christ! What a pity if we continue to grope around like the blind, stumbling in frustration and bitterness of heart, when He who is the way, the truth, and the life waits to satisfy our souls and put purpose in our lives.



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