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CAMP-MEETING TIME



The Runaway

TUCKED AWAY between the books of Titus and Hebrews, the triumph of a soul winner is told in the short letter to Philemon. Paul shatters here the cloister concept of Christianity. He won men where he found them. Race and class barriers were overcome by a consuming passion to reach the lost.

The background of this letter to Philemon is not soft organ music and tinted light filtered through stained glass; it is the grim prison of ancient Rome, with clanking chains; cursing, brutal men; and bullying jailers' tramping feet. In this setting the runaway slave Onesimus encountered the chained Apostle. Onesimus seems symbolic of some modern youth: running from responsibility, flee-

By Evangelist JACK WEST

ing reality, involved in lawlessness. The apostle's modern counterpart still confronts men as they are, where they are, with the message of redemption.

REDEEMING THE TIME

This same Paul wrote, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16). The apostle could have wasted his time bemoaning his lot in life. He could have wallowed in the slough of self-pity or nurtured a root of bitterness. But he wasted no energy on any of these unprofitable pursuits. In the next cell lay a miserable runaway slave. Paul directed his energies and attention toward helping this young man, and thus redeemed the time.

Some years ago a backward country girl went to visit her aunt in the city. When she returned, people noticed she carried herself with poise and charm. Her outgoing personality seemed to draw her to people in need. Many were helped by her warm spirit of concern for their problems. Asked the reason for her transformation, she said, "My aunt took me aside one day and told me, 'Everyone is lonely.'" Those three words changed that girl's life.

Paul knew too that "everyone is lonely." He knew that every man needs the friendship of the Saviour and he redeemed his time in prison—by witnessing, praying, writing. From that prison cell flowed epistles that form a vital part of the New Testament and have stimulated succeeding generations with their inspired message. No doubt Paul's prison writings inspired John Bunyan to write from his Bedford prison and Fanny Crosby to write from her prison of blindness.

I recall the frustration of Army days while I served in World War II. It all seemed so futile until I realized I could be a missionary in uniform. I began to redeem the time by witnessing and had the joy of seeing a number of other soldiers won to Christ.

REDEEMING A SOUL

In these days of shifting values—of emphasizing the material above the spiritual; of placing educational advantage above spiritual qualities—I find Paul's success in winning Onesimus challenging and refreshing. He recognized that wrapped in a tattered slave's garb was a precious soul for whom Christ died. Paul wrote later of Onesimus, "Whom I have begotten in my bonds." There must have been the initial contact, then the burning word of testimony, and the earnest invitation to receive the Saviour. We who are engaged in soul winning know it is never easy. There may have been hours of prayer in the dark, foul-smelling dungeon before the vital decision was made.

I recall the first soul I ever won to Christ. Far from home, in an army camp on the west coast of Canada, I had prayed in desperation, "Use me, Lord!" God led me to another lonely, homesick soldier boy. He received my witness and surrendered his heart to Christ! What a joy! It has kept me looking for other lost lonely souls who need the Saviour!

Frederic W. Myers expressed the soul winner's longing in these words:

*Only like souls, I see the folk thereunder
Bound who should conquer, slaves who should
Be kings;
Hearing their one hope with an empty wonder
Sadly contented with a show of things!*

*Then, with a rush, the intolerable craving
Shivers through me like a trumpet call,
Oh, to save these, to perish for their saving,
Die for their life, be offered for them all!*

REDEEMING A RELATIONSHIP

There are those who divorce spirituality from moral responsibility, but Paul was thorough in his work. A bond had been shattered when the slave had run away from his master. Now Paul said in effect, "Onesimus, you are saved now. Do the right thing. Go back and be reconciled to Philemon." Paul's letter to Philemon was a part of his effort to redeem this relationship.

Oh, how many broken relationships there are in this old world! Husbands and wives estranged, children and parents at odds, labor and management in disagreement, even pastors and congregations at variance. Is the gospel relevant here? Paul believed so. Profession of faith was not enough for him. "Whom I have sent again," he wrote to Philemon of Onesimus.

We fail to find true fulfillment if our redemption does not involve proper relationship with our fellowman. Paul sent Onesimus back to Philemon with the message that, "Perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him forever" (v. 15).

A young man just out of the Navy wandered into a service where I was preaching in a Canadian city some years ago. Liquor and lust had broken his home—and his heart. His wife had left him. Desperately searching for the answer, the "runaway" had come to the meeting. When we gave the invitation, this sailor came forward to receive Jesus as his personal Saviour and Lord. Faithful personal workers prayed with him.

He went from the meeting that night freed from his old sinful habits. Excitedly he called his wife. "Honey, come back to me! . . . You'll see. . . . I'm different The Lord saved me!" Hesitatingly, she finally agreed to another try—for a month. At the end of the first week she came sobbing to her husband and said, "I want what you've got!" She too was gloriously saved, and today they are in the ministry together. A relationship was redeemed!

Thank God, there is power in the gospel of Jesus Christ to redeem broken relationships, to reconcile the estranged, and to pour in divine love to melt hostilities.

During a recent crusade at Glad Tidings Temple in San Francisco, we witnessed to a number of hippies. In the Haight-Ashbury district were hundreds of "runaways," many from respectable homes, trying to escape from reality through LSD and other drugs. Several young people came to the church during the crusade and received deliverance through Christ.

One youth came with his long unkempt hair, in an agony of distress after taking LSD. "I saw hell," he moaned. What a blessing to see his face light up as he gave joyful testimony that very night to Christ's redeeming power!

Some modern-day Onesimus for whom life has become a confusion of despair may read these lines now. Chains of habit may bind as securely as Roman chains bound the runaway that day, but there is deliverance. Come to Christ! He will save you now and give your life purpose and meaning. With thousands of others who have found Christ is the answer, you will be able to sing, "Jesus breaks every fetter, and He sets me free!"

Parading in Jerusalem

IF THE ISRAELIS seemed a bit boisterous in celebrating the 20th anniversary of their national independence, it is quite understandable. Probably no other nation ever accomplished so much with so few friends and so many enemies in the first two decades of its existence.

No sooner had they proclaimed their new State in 1948 than they were forced to defend it in months of bitter warfare—but they held their ground under enemy fire, both then and since, with the result that their military position today is more secure than ever.

From nearly 100 different countries they have been drawn to Zion by the prospect of freedom and an opportunity to build a better life for themselves and their families. Above all, they are drawn by the knowledge that God promised this land to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and their descendants. In the "land of promise" they have achieved phenomenal results in reclaiming the soil, building cities, opening factories, and developing a strong economy. As Harold MacMillan, the former British Prime Minister, said of the Israelis: "They have what any great people need—resolution, courage, determination, pride. These are the things that count in men and nations." This is true, but apart from God the entire Zionist program could have collapsed long ago, as many of the Israeli leaders will testify; for the obstacles were many.

Independence Day was celebrated as in most western nations with sports events, picnics, music festivals, and a great parade. There were displays of military might. There also was the International Youth Bible Contest which was held at Jerusalem.

It was a great and historic parade unlike any that preceded it—for this one was held in both old and new parts of Jerusalem. Being the 20th anniversary and the first since their victorious Six-Day War, it was a significant occasion. It reminded us of three other parades—one in the distant past and two which may be in the very near future.

In our mind we compared the May 2 parade with Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem over 19 centuries ago. The contrast could not have been greater! The meek and lowly Jesus of Nazareth rode into the city on a little donkey to the accompaniment not of warplanes and army tanks but of waving palm branches and cries of, "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord."

Then we thought of the two parades that are still in the future—the triumphal entry of the Church into the heavenly city, and the majestic return of the Lord Jesus Christ into the earthly Jerusalem.

There is an ancient Jewish legend about the eastern gate of Jerusalem that has been walled up for centuries. It says that the resurrection and final judgment will take place in the Valley of Jehoshaphat close to this gate, after which there will be a great parade. "The Messiah will stride at the head of a redeemed nation, the Prophet Elijah marching in front of Him, sounding the ram's horn to herald the Messiah's advent, until the procession arrives at the sealed gate—and, lo! its layers of stone will tremble and shudder, and suddenly they will topple of their own accord, and the gate will open wide to admit the Messiah and the multitude following in His wake."

That parade may be nearer than we think.

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Mrs. Clara Shannon was given six months to live when the Lord healed her over 40 years ago.

JESUS' HEALINGS DO LAST

By Evangelist WESLEY R. HURST Sr

THROUGH THE YEARS I have seen a great number of cases of divine healing that have proved to be permanent. In most of these the healing has come in connection with the corporate prayer of the church.

James said, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up" (James 5:14, 15). This suggests corporate faith. When the body of Christ, the Church, will take time with love and united compassion to pray the prayer of faith, Jesus stands ready to heal in our day.

A great healing by Jesus Christ took place in the fall of 1926 at Annandale, Minnesota. A young country schoolteacher named Betty Davis—who some years later went to India—as an Assemblies of God missionary—went to the home of Mrs. Clara Shannon and told her about the love and compassion of Jesus to save and heal. Mrs. Shannon was in a wheelchair with multiple sclerosis, and the doctors had said that she might not live more than six months longer.

The visit of Betty Davis planted the seed of faith in the woman's heart, and eventually she asked to be anointed with oil and prayed for. It was at a time when a group of young people and other folk had been engaged in protracted prayer meetings at the parsonage.

It was Saturday night when we went to this home, while the people in the prayer group were on their knees at the parsonage. We anointed and laid hands on Clara Shannon, prayed the prayer of faith, and she immediately got up out of the wheelchair and walked across the room!

On seeing this, her husband, an unsaved man, said, "Pray for me!" His right forearm had been broken while cranking a Model T Ford and it was in a cast. So we proceeded to anoint him with oil and to lay hands on him. My wife put her hands on his forearm as we prayed and she felt the bones in his arm move as together we sensed the power of Jesus.

He immediately said, "My arm is healed!" and he proceeded to unwrap the cast (as we looked on with anxiety). To prove that he was healed he went and got a full bucket of coal, lifted it up, and dumped the coal into the stove.

Early the next morning they both walked three blocks to the parsonage. The husband was not yet saved but did

get saved later. As this was noised about the small town, there was a real stir—as we had hoped there would be. The two local doctors were very much excited. Our praying church had by then become a topic of conversation.

Some time later Clara Shannon's doctor requested that she come to his office. He asked her to walk across his office because he wanted to see her walk. Then, a little agitated, he said, "Well, it won't last." How much this affected her faith is hard to say, for there were other doubting friends that pestered her, but in a few weeks she was back in her wheelchair. Her poor husband had become fearful and wrapped up his arm again; so Satan blew our testimony to the winds. It was a very hard blow to a new Holy Ghost church!

But his cast was soon off again; and after he was saved, he testified that the Lord really had healed his arm.


Some months later Dr. Lillian Yeomans and her sister were in Minneapolis for services. They were asked to come to Annandale for a day of meetings. In the afternoon Clara Shannon and her husband were there, and we all engaged in a prolonged time of prayer that her healing might be renewed. This time the healing came a little at a time as we kept believing and trusting the Lord for a full deliverance. Soon she was out of the wheelchair again.

Clara Shannon has lived for more than 40 years to prove Jesus' healings do last. Her husband passed away some years ago, and she continues to live in Minneapolis.

These healings took place in answer to the prayers of a number of God's children. We call this corporate prayer. We have an example of this in Luke 5:20: "When he saw *their faith*, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee."

After His resurrection Jesus gave the commandment to His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel. Then He said, "These signs should follow them that believe; . . . *they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*" This is very definitely corporate action.

I could relate a good number of cases in my experience back through the years where persons were wonderfully healed. For many of these there was no human help. *And these healings have lasted.*

This responsibility of corporate prayer for the sick has not been withdrawn from the body of believers. Let us believe God to perform more miracles today. 

A PATIENT NOTED A BIBLE on his doctor's desk and asked, "Do you, a psychiatrist, read the Bible?"

The famous physician, Dr. Smily Blanton, replied, "I not only read it; I study it. It's the greatest textbook on human behavior ever put together. If people would just absorb its message, a lot of us psychiatrists could close our offices and go fishing."

In our age when some doubt the inspiration and relevance of Scripture, it would be wise to remember the Bible is the most accurate and cogent compendium of our behavior. The Bible is not man's wisdom.

Radio Evangelist C. M. Ward often says the Bible reads like this morning's newspaper. This is particularly true of a song written by Moses and preserved for us in Deuteronomy 32.

For 40 years this dynamic leader had half-led and half-driven a nomadic nation toward a new homeland. Now he felt drawn to his "long home" and wished to pass on some points to ponder in the days ahead. Under the Holy Spirit's inspiration he gave his people this great hymn which still speaks with such force one can almost sense the powerful shadow of Moses falling across the pages. This old, profound song is certainly appropriate for our century.

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE HIS PORTION

Moses sets the pace for the psalm by saying God has designated Israel as His own portion. Moses makes certain the people realize the significance of this selection and emphasizes the personal protection of a loving Father. However, God did not favor Israel without purpose. Jesus would later remind Israel, "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required."

The nation prospered, but problems arose. Moses says, "Jeshurun [the upright one] waxed fat, and kicked" (v. 15). The greatest temptation to forget God is not in hard times but in good times. Israel experienced this problem repeatedly, and the Church has not been immune from it.

During the first three centuries of its existence, pressure from without threatened to crush the struggling Church, and false teachers within sowed seeds of discord. Still, the Church prevailed.

Some feel that in our age of comparative religious freedom, the Church has grown fat and begun to "kick" instead of conquering. This certainly is not true in all quarters, but most of us would have to agree that the Church could be more effective than it is now. Perhaps we have grown fat.

Moses says Israel took five disastrous steps downward. It would be wise to reevaluate our position to see if we are tempted to repeat their folly.

1. *They forsook God.* Moses charges, "Then he forsook God which made him." Too often there is temptation to think we have arrived because of our ability, personality, or innate goodness. However, the Psalmist said, "Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath

song for OUR century

made us, and not we ourselves" (Psalm 100:3). Add to this the words, "For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another" (Psalm 75:6,7).

When we are tempted to spiritual pride, it would be wise to remind ourselves of our origin and give glory to God. Our success as a church or as individuals comes because He blesses our efforts and gives the increase. In some areas of endeavor a man can drive himself to the top, but in the service of the Lord it is He alone who gives us what we have. He is not only the source of our original strength, but also the source of our continuing strength. Jesus said it succinctly when He talked of the vine and the branches. As long as we remain in the vine, we enjoy the life-giving and sustaining flow of His power and presence. Israel forgot this, and tragedy resulted.

2. *They took God lightly.* Moses laments that Israel "lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation." Salvation for Israel had been miraculous. First there was preservation through Joseph, then God broke the bonds of slavery and brought them out of Egypt. Following this came dramatic deliverances in desert places. "He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye."

Then Moses moves on to describe the personal protec-

tion of Jehovah in the eloquent eagle allegory. "As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: so the Lord alone did lead him. . . ." From here this great leader goes on to tell of the success God affords His people. "He made him to ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields." Salvation, protection, and success were all given, but still Israel lightly esteemed the Giver.

So much is said about God's great mercy that modern Christians are tempted to lightly esteem Him and feel that, whatever they do, "He'll understand and say, 'Well done.'" However, Moses and all the great prophets who followed him had tremendous respect and reverence for God. He is the Eternal Creator, and we can never reduce Him to our own personal genie who serves our whims and waits to do our pleasure. While He is loving, He is also holy and just. Paul reminds us there is a day coming when we shall have to give an account for the deeds done in the flesh.

3. *They served strange gods.* "They provoked him to anger with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger." Even the Red Sea, the manna, and other miracles did not keep Israel from taking strange gods and imitating the sensual worship of pagan nations about them.

We may not think the worship of strange gods is a temptation of our century; yet there are those who bow to gods of money, sports, entertainment, and other such gods, unconsciously worshiping them by their ambitions and attitudes. Anything that replaces God as the center of one's life is a strange god.

4. *They sacrificed unto demons.* Moses accuses, "They sacrificed unto devils, not to God." This referred to the gods of Canaan. Demonism is the dynamic of idolatry and Paul mentions sacrifice to demons in 1 Corinthians 10. Sacrifice involves giving up what one would rather keep for oneself.

In our century there is much sacrifice to these strange gods already mentioned. We seem to have the money to

satisfy the desire for material possessions, yet the church of God is encumbered with debts. This is the tragedy of misplaced values. Paul says we should "owe no man anything, but to love one another" (Romans 13:8).

5. *They thought little of Him.* "Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful." No doubt Moses was thinking of the time God had called him into conference to set down the Ten Commandments. Suddenly that meeting was interrupted as God told Moses the people had betrayed Him by worshiping at a strange altar. At the foot of the mountain Moses found the people writhing in pagan worship before a golden calf. Moses, God's representative to them, had left them for a little while, and they thought all restrictions were lifted.

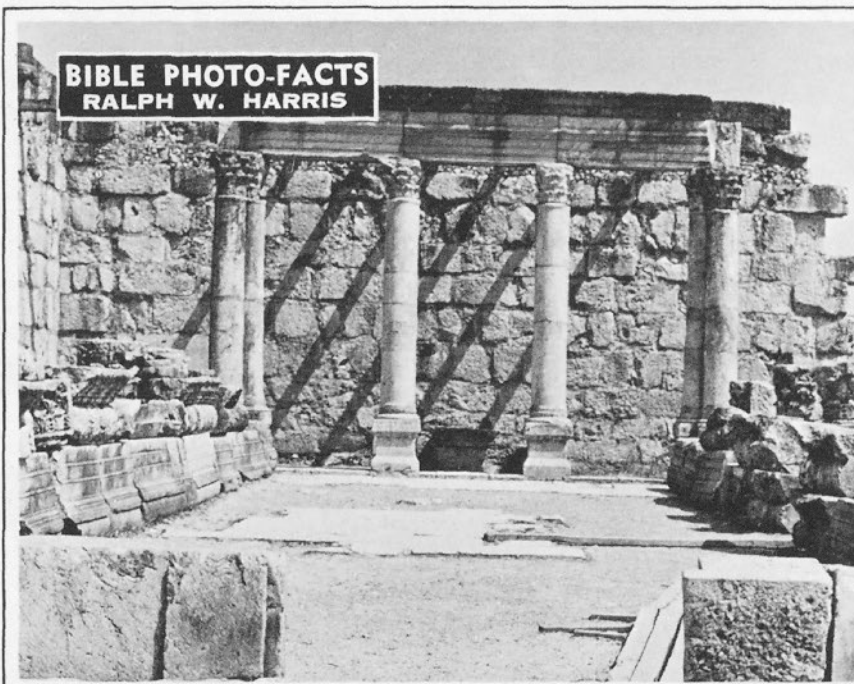
Do we forget God when we are away from His house or His people? God desires our thoughts to be continually on Him and His way. The Psalmist said of the *blessed* man, "His delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Psalm 1:2). If this is our experience, the sight of the sanctuary or the presence of a preacher is not all that keeps us holy. It is the degree of our mindfulness of God in every circumstance of life that influences our thoughts and actions.

WE CAN LEARN BY THEIR MISTAKES

Moses followed this recitation of Israel's failures with a prophecy of the hunger and captivity which would come upon them because of their negligence. Other prophets brought similar messages of warning, and they were fulfilled.

It is possible for us to make the same foolish mistakes as Israel and to suffer the same consequences. We like to think we are God's special joy, but we must remember we are His grafted-in "fruit." If He did not spare His *natural* "fruit," He will not spare us. What a tragedy if suddenly the reading and distribution of God's Word were restricted in America as it has been in some countries. It could happen.

Now is the time to reevaluate our lives in the light of Moses' song and avoid the five foolish errors which caused Israel so much misery.



CHRIST AND CAPERNAUM

At the site of Capernaum, on the northern tip of the Sea of Galilee, stand the ruins of a synagogue which dates back to the second century after Christ. It could well have been erected over the one where the Master ministered so mightily. Jesus made Capernaum His headquarters while laboring in Galilee.

What a story these walls could tell! In Capernaum Jesus healed the servant of a centurion who had built the synagogue. Jairus, whose daughter Jesus restored to life, was a ruler of the synagogue. In the synagogue Jesus preached with such authority all were astonished at His doctrine. There He healed the man with a withered arm.

Jesus taught the multitudes here on the shore. In the streets of Capernaum a woman touched the hem of His garment and was healed. Here Jesus called Matthew to become His apostle.

"COME YE YOURSELVES APART INTO A DESERT PLACE, AND REST A WHILE" (Mark 6:31).

JESUS TAUGHT THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL to take what we call a vacation. It is quite possible for one to be filled with love for people, and yet not want to be with them constantly.

Certainly this was true with the Lord Jesus. He was thronged with people on every hand so that there was not even time to eat. And as a result He told His disciples they must have a season of rest. The tensions had built up in Jesus' ministry. The crowds of people were great, and some of His critics also were following Him. He thought it would be good for His disciples to alternate between their busyness with the people and their getting alone in some wilderness place.

Actually Christ is not included in our vacation plans as often as He should be. Many of us are in the same class as the boy who had belonged to a rough crowd before his conversion. After he found Christ, he had some fears about going on a camping trip with the group. Finally he went. Upon his return, an interested friend asked how he got along with his non-Christian friends. "Oh," said he, "they never even guessed I was a Christian." He "got along" by leaving Christ at home.

Even more vivid was the morning prayer of a little girl when the family was preparing to go on a vacation. She asked God during their devotions to bless each member of the family during the summer and then added, "Now good-bye, God, until we get back."

That is a pretty good picture of what happens in the lives of some of us when we get a little leisure time. But the whole life of a Christian should be lived under the sovereignty of Christ. There should be no area and no time in which He is not supreme.

One of the fundamentals of Christian living is balance. And I think that Christ is interested in our sanity, in our health, in our usefulness, and also in our influence for good. We ought not to go to extremes. This requires that every life should be divided into three sections. I like to call them vocation, avocation, and vacation.

VOCATION

A person's vocation is his calling or his work, and happy is the individual who has a vocation which is creative. But subsistence demands that we work. We must earn a living.

Labor should be considered as something very precious

BREAK THE FATAL FRIENDSHIP!

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A WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS 1967, newspapers carried the shocking account of how two small boys died in a wooded area near their suburban home. They had been playing with dogs owned by a neighbor when the dogs attacked and killed them.

The boys had played with the dogs before, and there had never been an indication of their deadly potential. Now it was too late.

One can only imagine the remorse of the parents as they no doubt chided themselves for allowing the fatal friendship to develop. If the children had not been allowed to play even once with the seemingly harmless dogs, the tragic incident might never have happened.

In the spiritual realm there is a friendship with an equally deadly potential. "The friendship of the world is enmity with God. Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4).

Those innocent-appearing friendships formed with sin progress if they are not renounced, penetrating the spiritual life until they culminate in an open outbreak of sin.

Paul describes the final posture of the friends of the world in 2 Timothy 3:1-4. They are self-loving, greedy, reviling, rebellious, untrustworthy. This is the inevitable end of the works of the flesh enumerated in Galatians 5:19-21.

Friendship with sin, however casual in its initial phase,

and sanctifying. Paul worked at tentmaking; Jesus worked at carpentry; every Jewish boy was taught a trade, because work ennoble a man.

AVOCATION

But it is a sad thing when a man has only a vocation, with no avocation whatsoever. An avocation can very well save the situation if we are condemned to the monotonous work which may be the by-product of some

The Christian's Vocation, Avocation, and Vacation

By **HAROLD J. OCKENGA**

will eventually bring destruction upon those who persist in the relationship. "Sin always pays its servants" (Romans 6:23, Phillips). This may not occur overnight, just as the dogs did not destroy the children the first time they played together. But "sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:15).

How can we break these deadly friendships before they destroy us? There are several in the world who claim they have the solution. One is an Indian yogi who counts England's Beatles among his admirers. He promises that if one will give him only half an hour in the morning and in the evening, he will be a new man in six months. Others offer ritual magic as the cure for spiritual ailments.

But there is Another whose voice sounds out over the centuries with the only real solution to man's spiritual needs: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

There was no way for those helpless children to save themselves from the powerful dogs they had befriended. Not even their parents could save them, though they made frantic efforts to do so. Only a power stronger than the dogs could have saved them.

He who plays with sin has befriended a power stronger than himself. He cannot save himself, nor can his family and friends save him. It takes a power stronger than the sin to deliver him from it.

If you are bound in the chains of sinful habits and recognize that you cannot free yourself, don't despair. There is deliverance! There is victory! You do not have to go down in spiritual defeat. Cry out for help, not from those who are as helpless as you are, but from the Son of God who came to the world to set you free.

Break the fatal friendship with sin by turning to the Friend of sinners.

large productive process. Then our sense of creativity should be derived from our avocation or hobby. If a man can have a hobby, he can retain vigor and vitality.

Think for a moment of what hobbies have led men to do. You may have read some of the books by Freeman Douglas. He was the editor of a paper in the South, and then began to write as a historian of the Civil War. He became such an authority in this field that his avocation ultimately became his vocation.

Think of Winston Churchill, who was a politician, working in the diplomatic area. But he also kept a diary of all the things he did, and his literary efforts became some of the most prominent productions of his whole life.

VACATION

Whether or not you have an avocation along with your vocation, remember that from time to time you do need a vacation or an extended rest period. And this is of equal importance in balancing your life. You find this illustrated in the Sabbath law of the Old Testament. One day in seven should be given to rest; when an individual does not observe this, he is violating a fundamental physical and psychological law and certainly will be bound for trouble.

I think that the balanced vacation, and also the bal-

anced life, involves relaxation, restoration, and revitalization.

We need some kind of break in the expending of nervous energy by making a budget of our time. Think of the radio blasts which hit us constantly, the traffic pressure against which we fight, the machines we handle in business, the crowded restaurants we enter, the commercial entertainment which is thrust upon us on every hand, the noise, the lights, the reading, the advertising. All this is distracting, and what happens as a result? For one thing, we are having an increase in mental illness in America, where one person in 10 will enter a mental institution during his lifetime. There has been a tremendous growth in the practice of psychiatry and counseling.

Then, too, we have the thrills and startling events that take place daily. These are commonplace to everybody. We have competition for success, the pressure of business activity, the rapidity of transportation and communication—everything is keyed to a high pitch. And if we do not relieve that tension, many of us will become physical wrecks.

No one can turn the clock back, nor would we want to reject this very wonderful age with all of its stimuli, but we do need to have some kind of letdown for intellect, body, and spirit. We need to have the diversified pursuits which can alternate our lives between the stimulus which excites us and the tranquillity which can bring a sense of peace.

Change in endeavor alone is not sufficient. There must be a change in our level of living. We must either step it up or step it down, according to the alternation which we need. That is why an active businessman likes to go fishing, or somebody from the country goes to the city.

Practice the attempt to alternate life's activities so that you can get some degree of relaxation from the tensions which come. You may get it by sleep, meditation, exercise, or in some other way, but you must certainly give some attention to getting it. The tensions and the monotony of life must be changed, and this can be done by a definite letdown or by a definite bolstering up, according to the need of the individual.

When we have leisure time or a vacation, let us remember that there ought to be some restoration of the reservoirs of our personality. We get run down. We use up the battery. The electrical power is dissipated by the things that we do; our energies are consumed. These must be built up. If we are constantly using our minds, we need to read in order that there may be a replenishing of the reservoir. If we are in a constant social atmosphere, then we should seek solitude to cultivate the spirit.

There is one further thing, and that is revitalization. Let us be sure that we seek, every day of our lives, to have a measure of contact with God, worshiping Him and having fellowship and intimacy with Him. If we do that, there is a restoration of the vitality of the inner life of a man, and his strength comes back to normal.

Keep the Christian vision. Begin, continue, and end your vacation with Christ. Intelligently plan and spend your leisure time and your vacation so as to keep your testimony bright. Let these Christian principles guide you so that each vacation or each weekend you become stronger in the Lord.

—Park Street Spire

ARE YOU A SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIAN?

By Evangelist JIM MACKEY
Fort Smith, Arkansas



IN THE STORY OF CALEB and his mission to spy out the land of Canaan (Numbers 13 and 14) we have a seeming paradox. Here is the account of a man whose efforts seemed a failure, whose report was rejected, yet who was a sparkling success for God.

Residing within each of us is the desire to succeed, not only in secular life, but also as Christians. Yet many times we use improper devices to measure our success.

A church member cannot rightly determine his success as a Christian by how much he gives to missions, or how many he invites to Sunday School, or by how regularly he attends church.

A pastor cannot properly evaluate his success as a

This sermon was preached at the Arkansas District camp meeting in July, 1967.

Christian by the number on the Sunday school register, nor by how large and modern the church is, nor by its ideal location in the city.

An evangelist cannot properly determine his success as a Christian by how many times he preaches each month, by the number of people healed in his meetings, or even by the number of souls saved.

To be successful Christians we must have:

THE TESTIMONY OF CONSCIENCE

Conscience is that element born by our conduct which distinguishes between good and bad—that condemns the bad and commends the good. Man must answer not only to God for his actions, but also to himself. He must judge his own actions, and his conscience will give the verdict! In speaking of men, Paul wrote that they have “the law written in their hearts, their *conscience* also bearing witness” (Romans 2:15).

The report of the 10 spies caused the hearts of the people to melt with fear; they wept; they murmured against God. But Caleb had done his job well. He had reported and striven for the glory of God. The people rebelled, but he had the testimony of his own conscience. He could say, “I wholly followed the Lord” (Joshua 14:8).

We have peace of mind and comfort of soul when our conscience declares that we have wholly followed after the Lord. There will be no disturbing spirit as a result of neglect, no haunting memories of slothfulness!

One of the most perplexing hours in the life of man is when he is arrested by a guilty conscience. The scribes and Pharisees brought to Jesus the woman taken in adultery. He spoke to them about personal sin and casting stones. “And they which heard it, being *convicted by their own conscience*, went out one by one” (John 8:9).

Saul, on the road to Damascus, realized he had been trying to ignore the pricks of a guilty conscience as he persecuted the Christians (Acts 9:5).

To have a good testimony of our conscience, we must remember the things God says concerning *duties* just as much as His promises. We must hold fast to the promises of God and make full application of His commands. Then we shall have the testimony of our conscience that we have wholly followed the Lord.

THE TESTIMONY OF MAN

“And Moses sware on that day... thou hast wholly followed the Lord my God” (Joshua 14:9). Not only Moses, but the 10 spies and the entire congregation of Israel would also have to testify. They had all stood and heard Caleb plead with them to trust and obey God. All would have to confess that Caleb had indeed followed after God.



There may be some men who "follow the Lord" of whom it cannot be said that they "wholly follow the Lord." There is a great distinction—a distinction between being *active* or *passive* Christians.

As Peter and John stood before the Jewish Council (Acts 4:13) with great boldness, the leaders "took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." The court was reluctant to make this appraisal but could not deny it. Oh, that it might be thus with people today! How many are so mature spiritually that boldly, without fear or hesitation, they will join the fight and withstand the powers of hell, that men might see they follow wholly after God.

Men will be impressed for God not so much by our *abilities* as by our *character*; not so much by our *knowledge* as by our *wisdom*; not so much by our great *vocabulary* as by our simple words of *courtesy*. Every child of God should so live that people will be compelled to confess, "Thou hast wholly followed the Lord."

THE TESTIMONY OF GOD

Caleb had the testimony of God that he had followed wholly and faithfully and now was worthy of inheritance: "But my servant Caleb hath followed me fully" (Numbers 14:26). We likewise may have the testimony of God.


Job had God's testimony: "There is none like him in

all the earth, a perfect and upright man..." Jesus at Jordan heard God speak, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Oh, that God might testify of us, "This is my beloved servant, in whom I am well pleased."

We also receive God's testimony by His call to service—a testimony that all is forgiven. Jonah had disobeyed. What if God had sent another prophet to Nineveh? Jonah's pardon would never have seemed complete. The beauty of his pardon was not in a promise but in a commandment. "And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying, Arise, and go unto Nineveh, and preach." He was reemployed, and that was God's testimony that all was forgiven.

Peter was full of sorrow and distress as he fished on the Sea of Galilee; he was thrilled and excited as Jesus called for him to come ashore. But his pardon for denial was complete and satisfying as Jesus reemployed him to feed His sheep!

Just as by faithfulness Caleb received his inheritance, so by faithfulness we shall receive our inheritance. We are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ. But most important, we shall receive the testimony of our Heavenly Father, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Are *you* a successful Christian? 

WHERE IS THE NET GAIN IF A MAN GETS THE WHOLE WORLD AND LOSES HIS OWN SOUL?

FILLED BUT NOT SATISFIED

By STEVE ALLEN / Pastor, First Assembly, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee

MANY AMERICANS ARE ENJOYING material wealth and prosperity beyond anything they have had before. But the affluent society is not a contented society. As material wealth increases, there appears to be less satisfaction, less joy, and certainly less peace of mind.

Hands are full while hearts are empty. The senses are satiated but the spirits are starving. The only answer to this unhappy paradox lies in God's Word "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled," Jesus said.

There is no possible satisfaction in earthly possessions for the craving of the inner man, the spiritual man. Status and relative security cannot appease the hunger pangs of the spirit. There is no spiritual nourishment outside of Jesus Christ. He said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."


It is natural for the worldly and unregenerate to search in the wrong places for spiritual satisfaction. But in the course of several years of travel as an evangelist, I have observed that many of God's people have fallen into the same trap of materialism as those of the world have done. They seem to have forgotten that these things did not give them their salvation, their initial contentment. Their strength in the beginning came from God. Now they seem to have reverted to depending upon tangible

possessions for satisfaction, allowing them to take the place of their spiritual food.

I believe God intends for us as His people to share in the temporal blessings that come our way and to be good stewards of our affairs. But He does not allow us to prosper that we might turn our possessions into gods. He expects a thankful heart and warns against anything that would displace Him in our hearts.

God forbid that we should glory in our material possessions, substituting them for the "true riches" of divine blessing and spiritual power.

Jesus traced the lukewarmness of the Laodicean church to a false sense of security brought about by material prosperity. He used sharp language to call them back to the true values: "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich, and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see" (Revelation 3:17, 18).

With anointed eyes we see things in a new perspective. Their values change radically when we see them from eternity's viewpoint. 

ALABAMA DISTRICT

District Camp & Council

Montgomery, Ala. (5 miles south at District Headquarters, U.S. Hwys. 82 and 231)

June 10-14

Jack West, speaker

For accommodations write to District Office, P. O. Box 1828, Montgomery, Ala. 36103

ALASKA DISTRICT

Family Camp & Servicemen's Retreat

Little Beaver Lake (15 miles west of Wasilla)

July 3-7; July 13, 14

Dennis Davis, speaker

For accommodations write to Robert E. Cousart, Box 306, Valdez, Alaska 99686

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT

Tri-State Camp

Mabe, Va.

August 2-9

A. L. Shuttlesworth, speaker

For accommodations write to Jack M. Carnley, P. O. Box 512, St. Paul, Va. 24283

ARIZONA DISTRICT

District Camp

Prescott, Ariz. (1840 Iron Springs Road)

July 26-August 4

Blake L. Farmer, speaker

For accommodations write to District Council, 2009 N. 7th St., Phoenix, Ariz. 85006

ARKANSAS DISTRICT

Ozark-Lithia Camp

Hot Springs, Ark. (north on State Route 7)

June 17-21

Earl W. Goodman, speaker

For accommodations write to P. O. Box 2580, Little Rock, Ark. 72203

EASTERN DISTRICT

Living Waters Camp

Cherry Tree, Pa.

June 28-July 14

Wesley Hurst and Chester Roberson, speakers

For accommodations write to Frank Yarnal, Box 12, Cherry Tree, Pa. 15724

Maranatha Camp

Green Lane, Pa. (Maranatha Park)

July 20-August 4

Hardy Steinberg and Watson Argue Jr., speakers

For accommodations write to Mrs. John Tucker, Maranatha Park, Green Lane, Pa. 18054

ILLINOIS DISTRICT

Lake Williamson Family Camp

Carlinville, Ill. (4 miles south)

July 26-August 4

W. T. H. Richards, Bible teacher; Don and Dixie Cox, afternoon speakers; T. F. Zimmerman, evening speaker

For accommodations write to District Office, Box 323, Carlinville, Ill. 62626

INDIANA DISTRICT

Lake Placid Bible Camp

Hartford City, Ind. (1½ miles south-east, Route 4)

June 25-July 4

J. Robert Ashcroft and Jimmy Swaggart, speakers

For accommodations write to District Office, 6065 N. Michigan Rd., Indianapolis, Ind. 46208

IOWA DISTRICT

District Bible Camp

Storm Lake, Iowa

June 27-July 7

Hardy Steinberg, Bible teacher; Lowell Lundstrom Party, evangelists

For accommodations write to S. E. Johnson, 4512 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines, Iowa 50322

KANSAS DISTRICT

Wheat State Family Camp

Augusta, Kans. (4 miles west and 1½ miles north, Santa Fe Lake Road; 15 miles east of Wichita—Highway 54)

June 24-30

J. Philip Hogan and Jack West, speakers

Woodston Family Camp

Woodston, Kans. (3 miles east on Highway 24)

July 29-August 4

Richard Orchard and J. L. McQueen, speakers

For accommodations for both camps write to District Office, 1009 South Broadway, Wichita, Kans. 67211

KENTUCKY DISTRICT

District Camp

Crestwood, Ky., on Clore Lane (1 mile west on State Route 22—10 miles east of Louisville)

June 26-July 4

Donald Brankel, speaker

For accommodations write to Carl E. Schmidt, 2407 Canton St., Hopkinsville, Ky. 42240

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Fa-Ho-Lo Park Camp

Grass Lake, Mich. (10 miles east of Jackson)

June 25-July 7

T. H. Spence, Bible teacher; William Kautz, evangelist

For accommodations write to Michigan District, 6053 Chase Road, Dearborn, Mich. 48126

Lost Valley Camp

Gaylord, Mich. (8 miles west)

July 14-28

John and Faith Stallings, evangelists
For accommodations write to Henry Rose, 401 Lawrence, Petoskey, Mich. 49770

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

Lake Geneva Bible Camp

Alexandria, Minn. (1½ miles northeast)

June 28-July 7

Emil Balliet and Wesley Morton, speakers

For accommodations write to Kenneth Freiheit, 820 E. 14th St., Minneapolis, Minn. 55404

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MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT

Family Camp

Hurley, Miss. (Magnolia Springs Camp Grounds)

July 21-26

Bracy Greer, speaker

For accommodations write to J. F. Patton Jr., P. O. Box 4195, Meridian, Miss. 39301

MONTANA DISTRICT

Glacier Bible Camp

Hungry Horse, Mont.

July 11-21

Phillip Lindvall, teacher; Paul Finkensbinder, evangelist; The Tanner Team, youth seminar

For accommodations write to Ray Walden, Box 65, Hungry Horse, Mont. 59919

NEBRASKA DISTRICT

District Camp

Lexington, Nebr.

August 2-11

James D. Brown and Obie L. Harrup Sr., speakers

For accommodations write to District Office, 1503 W. 2nd, Grand Island, Nebr. 68801

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT

Family Camp

Mountainair, N. Mex. (District Camp Grounds—Highway 60, west edge of town)

July 18-25

Haskell Rogers and J. B. McIntosh, morning and evening speakers respectively

For accommodations write to District Office, 222 Alvarado Dr. NE, Albuquerque, N. Mex. 87108

NEW YORK DISTRICT

Lakeview Gospel Camp

Hamlin, N.Y.

June 29-July 14

Harry J. Steil, Bible teacher; Martin L. Davidson, evangelist

For accommodations write to Mrs. Pauline Moon, Registrar, County Line Road, Kendall, N.Y. 14476

Mountainview Gospel Camp

Sherburne, N.Y.

July 20-August 4

Harry J. Steil, Bible teacher; Robert Burgess, evangelist

For accommodations write to Mrs. Charles Flach, Registrar, Box 662, Sherburne, N.Y. 13460

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT

Western Adult Camp

Franklin, N.C. (5 miles east on U.S. Highway 64)

June 25-July 7

Marion Ravan and Jesse Smith, morning and evening speakers respectively

For accommodations write to Noel Cookman, P. O. Box 986, Dunn, N.C. 28334

Eastern Adult Camp

Windsor, N.C. (1 mile north, off U.S. Highway 17)

July 23-August 4

J. Robert Ashcroft, Bible teacher; Vaudie Lambert, evangelist

For accommodations write to Glen Lawrence, Route 2, Box 59, Windsor, N.C. 27983

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

Lakewood Park Bible Camp

Devils Lake, N. Dak. (5 miles southwest)

June 27-July 7

C. M. Ward and G. Raymond Carlson, speakers

For accommodations write to Raymond Loven, Box 896, Bismarck, N. Dak. 58501

NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT

District Family Camp

Bedford, Tex. (Bedford Ranch)

July 22-27

A. A. Wilson and Jimmie Swaggart, speakers

For accommodations write to Jake Tucker, P. O. Box 158, Bedford, Tex. 76021

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA DISTRICT

Bethany Park

Santa Cruz, Calif. (Bethany Bible College Campus)

June 28-July 7

Cyril E. Homer, Bible teacher; James D. Brown, evangelist

For accommodations write to Bethany Bible College, 800 Bethany Drive, Santa Cruz, Calif. 95060

Mt. Lassen Camp

Mineral, Calif. (40 miles east of Red Bluff, Calif. on Highway 36)

June 28-July 7

Richard Orchard, Bible teacher; G. W. Hardcastle Sr., evangelist

For accommodations write to Kenneth Bird, Box 217, Live Oak, Calif. 95953

NORTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT

District Camp (Lake Maurer)

Excelsior Springs, Mo. (Lake Maurer Road)

August 1-11

Kermit Reneau and A. M. Alber, speakers

For accommodations write to District Office, P. O. Box 6, Excelsior Springs, Mo. 64024

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Long Lake Bible Camp

Naples, Me.

June 29-July 7

Harold Davis, speaker

For accommodations write to Camp Registrar, 283 Main St., Sanford, Me. 04073

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Fruitland Bible Camp

Fruitland, Wash.

June 21-July 4

Bert Albritton, speaker

For accommodations write to Phillip Henderson, Davenport, Wash. 99122

Singing Hills Family Camp

Cle Elum, Wash. (Singing Hills Ranch)

June 27-July 7

Speakers to be announced

For accommodations write to Frank N. McAllister, P. O. Box B, Kirkland, Wash. 98033

Silver Lake Camp

Medical Lake, Wash. (near Spokane)

July 5-14

Joe Johnson, speaker

For accommodations write to Leonard White, W. 134-15th Ave., Spokane, Wash. 99203.

Cedar Springs Bible Camp

Lake Stevens, Wash.

July 11-21

Arne Vick, speaker

For accommodations write to John Eylander, Route 1, Box 789, Marysville, Wash. 98270

OHIO DISTRICT

District Camp

Big Prairie, Ohio

June 30-July 7

John Hall, Bible teacher; J. Billy McIntosh, evangelist

For accommodations write to Helen Stange, 3377 W. Broad, Columbus, Ohio 43204.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

District Camp

Oklahoma City, Okla. (District Auditorium, 8101 N. Kelley)

July 8-14

G. W. Hardcastle Sr. and C. M. Ward, speakers

For information write to Robert E. Goggin, district superintendent, Box 14466, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73114

OREGON DISTRICT

Bethel Gospel Park

Brooks, Ore.

June 24-July 7

Bernhard Johnson and O. Cope Budge, speakers

For accommodations write to Lester Young, P. O. Box 9038, Salem, Ore. 97305

POTOMAC DISTRICT

Potomac Park Camp

Falling Waters, W. Va. (U.S. Rt. 11, near Marlowe, W. Va.)

July 13-August 4

James E. Morris, Bible teacher; R. C. "Keetah" Jones, evangelist

For accommodations write to Irvin G. Steiding, Registrar, 3145 Fort Avenue, Lynchburg, Va. 24501

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

District Camp


Littleton, Colo. (District Headquarters, 5700 S. Broadway)

August 6-15

Clyde Henson, evangelist; Bible teacher to be announced later

For accommodations write to William W.

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FAR LEFT: Open-air tabernacle at North Texas District Camp at Bedford.
CENTER: Inspiration Point, Southern Missouri District Camp on Lake of the Ozarks.
LEFT: Partial view of the crowd in the large tabernacle at Lake Pacid Bible Camp near Hartford City, Ind.

Brandt, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo. 80120

Utah State Camp

Ogden, Utah (1390 Canyon Road)

June 25-July 2

John W. Everett, speaker

For accommodations write to Peter Pilot, presbyter, 1209 E. Parkway, Salt Lake City, Utah 84016

Western Slope Sectional Camp

Cedaredge, Colo. (3 miles north on State Route 65)

July 15-24

Louis G. Neely, speaker

For accommodations write to Donald I. Farmer, presbyter, 762 Dodge St., Delta, Colo. 81416

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

District Family Camp

Rapid City, S. Dak. (Cedar Canyon Camp)

July 1-7

A. M. Alber and Lloyd Shoemaker, speakers

For accommodations write to District Office, 721 West Havens St., Mitchell, S. Dak. 57301

SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT

Camp Pearl Wheat

Kerrville, Tex. (Harper Star Route)

August 5-14

Gene Scott and Jimmy Swaggart, speakers

For accommodations write to Warren J. Piersol, P. O. Box 9714, Houston, Tex. 77015

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Camp Pinecrest

Twin Peaks, Calif. (San Bernardino Mountains)

June 27-July 4

Ronald Cottle, Bible teacher; A. N. Trotter, evangelist

For accommodations write to Shellie Miller, Box 157, Twin Peaks, Calif. 92391

SOUTHERN IDAHO DISTRICT

District Camp

Nampa, Idaho (15 miles north on Franklin Road N.)

June 25-July 4

J. O. Savell, Bible teacher; Haskell Rogers, evangelist

For accommodations write to M. V. Sumner, P. O. Box 309, Nampa, Idaho 83651

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT

District Camp

Eldon, Mo. (13 miles southwest, at end of Highway "Y")

June 25-July 4

Philip Crouch, Bible teacher; Edwin Burris, evangelist

For accommodations write to District Office, 1400 N. Campbell, Springfield, Mo. 65802

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LEFT: Missionary service at the Potomac Park Camp, Falling Waters, W. Va.
RIGHT: Tabernacle at the Ohio District Camp in Big Prairie.



SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District Camp

Charlton, Mass.

June 26-July 7

The Musical Sunshine Party, evangelists
For accommodations write to District Office, Box A, Auburn, Mass. 01501

WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Camp

Marianna, Fla. (Tallahassee Hwy.)

July 8-18

Klaude Kendrick and Joe Neely, speakers
For accommodations write to G. H. Blair, P. O. Drawer E, Marianna, Fla. 32446

WEST TEXAS DISTRICT

District Camp

Lubbock, Tex. (3800 Avenue H)

July 29-August 5

John G. Hall, Bible teacher; Jimmy L. Swaggart, evangelist

For accommodations write to District Office, 3800 Avenue H, Lubbock, Tex. 79404

WISCONSIN-N. MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Spencer Lake Bible Camp

Waupaca, Wis. (5 miles south on County Trunk E)

June 26-July 7

Leland Keys and Murray McLees, speakers

For accommodations write to Charles A. Anderson, Box 309, Waupaca, Wis. 54981

Family Weekend Camp

Lake Nebagamon, Wis. (Assembly Park)

August 3, 4

Chief John McPherson and Bob Bartlett, speakers

For accommodations write to Charles E. Koeshall, 2211 Hughitt Ave., Superior, Wis. 54880

WYOMING DISTRICT

Family Camp and District Council

Casper, Wyo. (Mill Spring Camp Grounds located 10 miles south on Casper Mountain)

July 15-21

N. D. Davidson, speaker

For accommodations write to H. W. Thiemann, P. O. Box 104, Cheyenne, Wyo. 82001

GERMAN BRANCH

Bethel Park Camp

Bridgman, Mich. (S. Church St.)

July 5-14

Herbert Meppelink and Jakob Heidt, speakers

For accommodations write to Arthur Klaus, 4448 N. Richmond, Chicago, Ill. 60625

ITALIAN BRANCH

Pine Grove Camp

Malaga, N.J. (Dutch Mill Rd.)

June 30-July 28

Peter Dell'Aringa (June 30-July 7), Frank Maccarone (July 8-14), Louis Iannittoni (July 15-21), and Alfred Perna (July 22-28), morning speakers; Samuel Clutter (June 30-July 7), John and Mrs. Giannattasio (July 8-14), Hattie Hammond (July 15-21), and Jim and Mrs. Adams (July 22-28), evening speakers

For accommodations write to Pine Grove Camp, Box 56, Malaga, N.J. 08328

LATIN AMERICAN BRANCH

Chama Camp

Chama, N. Mex.

July 3-8

Speakers to be announced

For accommodations write to Nestor Bazan, 5805 Candelaria NE, Albuquerque, N. Mex. 87110

OTHER CAMPS

FLORIDA

Pleasant Grove Camp

Durant, Fla. (10 miles south of Plant City and 18 miles east of Tampa)

October 10-20

A. A. Wilson, morning speaker; evening speaker to be announced

For accommodations write to G. C. Stanaland, P. O. Box 43, Durant, Fla. 33530

MARYLAND

George's Creek Camp

Lonaconing, Md. (State Rd. 36 at Detmold)

August 4-Sept. 1

Charles Crank, evangelist (August 4-18); Jimmy and Carol Snow, evangelists (August 19-September 1)

For accommodations write to Charles E. Fussell, State Road 36, Detmold, Lonaconing, Md. 21539

Union Grove Camp

Cumberland, Md. (5 miles north of city)

August 4-18

Lowell Lundstrom & Message for America Team, evangelists

For accommodations write to Frank J. Fratto, P. O. Box 1121, Cumberland, Md. 21502

TEXAS

Austin Section Camp

Driftwood, Tex. (20 miles from Austin, off Fredericksburg Hwy.)

August 14-22

C. L. Stewart, speaker

For accommodations write to W. W. Cothran, Box 7, Georgetown, Tex. 78626

Camps Shape Young Lives

"GREAT SPIRITUAL VICTORIES are won at camp. I'm so thankful I shared a part of them." This is the testimony of a Bible college freshman who attended boys and girls and youth camps for nine years of her growing-up life.

Joy Blair, whose home church is Central Assembly, Kansas City, Missouri, is one of thousands of youth who now look back with gratefulness on the experiences gained in Christian camps. In the past year alone, more than 35,000 children and youth attended the approximately 200 Assemblies of God camps conducted for those between the ages of nine and 18.

What does camp mean to these lives? Here is what Joy has to say:

"I share many memories of wonderful times of blessings, fellowship, and fun at camp. I'll never forget those early morning flag-raising ceremonies when all the campers stood with their counselors and listened to the reading of God's Word.

"In the morning services we were often introduced to new, interesting speakers such as a missionary to Alaska who taught us how to make ice cream—Eskimo style. Or perhaps it was a sheriff who demonstrated the amazing abilities of his trained German shepherd dog.

"Afternoons were always filled with recreation—volleyball, softball, or swimming. Then there were classes in handcraft, rehearsals for the camp choir, Bible quiz competitions, and Bible studies. I participated in the latter three especially, and learned much about improving my talents by using them for the Lord's glory.

"The most life-changing part of camp life, however, was the evening services. I looked forward to the times of tarrying around those old wooden altars in the taber-

nacle. I was often surrounded by dozens of boys and girls with tears streaming down their faces, all seeking for a deeper walk with God.

"I learned many lessons at camp which I am now applying to college life. First, I learned to get along with others when living in close quarters. I discovered how to get along on my own away from home. Camp experiences taught me how to pray with my friends about needs in their lives. This has proved to be a valuable experience for the outstation ministry I currently have.

"The most important lesson was getting acquainted with Jesus Christ on very personal terms. Camp helped me realize God is not distant but lives within me!"

There are many others who can testify to this fact as well. Last summer more than 5,000 children and youth acknowledged Christ as their personal Saviour, and an equal number were filled with the Holy Spirit. These Assemblies of God camps are a vital part of the overall Christian outreach to youth who spend more time in programmed activity in one week at camp than in a whole year at Sunday school.

The value of camp to an individual cannot be measured in statistics or even in one short testimony. At camp a young person can get help on an individual basis; spiritual decisions are encouraged; and habits of prayer and Bible reading are established. Camp offers a priceless opportunity to show that Christ can be in every phase of living.

There is a Christian camp for your children near you. Your district Sunday school and/or youth director will be more than happy to give details on the location, dates, costs, and requirements of the camping program in your area.



Spiritual emphasis is foremost at children's and youth camps, but well-rounded programs provide a variety of other interesting activities. ABOVE: Teens on their way to a banquet. ABOVE RIGHT: Bible quiz in progress. RIGHT: Flag raising.



YOUR QUESTIONS

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS



What is the meaning of "horns" in such references as Psalm 75:10 and Jeremiah 48:25? For example, "The horn of Moab is cut off."

In these references, "horn" represents power and authority, especially power to conquer others.

Who wrote the Book of Hebrews?

The authorship is not given. Many believe Paul wrote it for the encouragement of Jewish believers, but did not sign it because of the prejudice of some Jews against him.

Please explain Jeremiah 10:3-5. Does this condemn use of Christmas trees?

Jeremiah spoke of the folly of cutting down a tree, decorating it with ornaments, then bowing down before it and worshiping it as a god. This is not a reference to Christmas trees. Where Christmas trees are used, they are simply decorated for beauty and atmosphere. They are not made objects of worship. If any are opposed to recognizing Christmas, they should seek more substantial reasons for their objection than these particular scriptures.

If a Christian should commit a sin, be it ever so small, or a sin unknown to him, would this keep him from being accepted were Jesus to come before he asked forgiveness?

No person who seeks to live for Jesus need fear that because of his unworthiness he might be left behind when Jesus comes. We are saved through faith in Christ "who loved us and gave himself for us." Our security is in the atonement which He made, not in our effort to be worthy through good works. Of course, Christians desire to live pleasing to God, but it is written, "By grace are ye saved through faith, . . . it is the gift of God: not of works [for human merit] lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

Will you please give me the correct interpretation of Isaiah 4:1: "In that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach."

It seems that this is a Tribulation picture since it is followed immediately by, "In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious . . . for them that are escaped of Israel."

In Isaiah 3 the prophet condemns the ungodly way the women adorned themselves (vv. 16-24). Then, "Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war" (v. 25). There will be such a shortage of men, and the women will have been so ravished (Zechariah 14:2) that they will be glad to provide for themselves if only they can bear the names of men as their husbands to cover their shame. If there is a better answer, I would be glad to learn of it.

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.



MORE THAN 14 YEARS of presenting the gospel in song have taught the *Revivaltime* choir a valuable lesson—it is not necessarily trite to sing the old melodies of the church, even though the audience may have heard them since they were children. People want to hear the familiar songs to which they have anchored their faith.

This ability to communicate a personal message is the key to the *Revivaltime* choir's warm acceptance by thousands of persons across the nation. Through the versatile arrangements of Director Cyril McLellan, the group keeps pace with the sounds of contemporary music, and yet included in every service are songs that speak to hearts and stir pleasant memories.

Over more than 500 radio stations their music reaches out, extending an invitation to share in the happiness they have found in serving Christ. And so many respond to their musical message—people like this Marine fighting in Vietnam:

"It was while in my bunker at Con Thien last September, that I first heard your service. I had heard *Revivaltime* many times while back in the States, but it has meant so much more since coming here to Vietnam.

"The music especially brings a blessing to this scorched land. I remember one evening as my squad was going out on an ambush, we passed the Chaplain's bunker, and I heard the *Revivaltime* choir singing. It had been nine weeks since I had heard a hymn or had the opportunity

REVIVALTIME CHOIR SUMM

- Sun. a.m., May 26—Faith Tabernacle, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- Sun. p.m., May 26—Grace Assembly, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- Mon., May 27—First Assembly, Amarillo, Tex.
- Tues., May 28—First Assembly, Clovis, N. Mex.
- Wed., May 29—Central Assembly, Albuquerque, N. Mex.
- Thurs., May 30—First Assembly, Phoenix, Ariz.
- Fri., May 31—First Assembly, San Bernardino, Calif.
- Sun. a.m., June 2—First Assembly, Long Beach, Calif.
- Sun. p.m., June 2—First Assembly, Wilmington, Calif.
- Mon., June 3—Full Gospel Assembly, Fresno, Calif.
- Tues., June 4—First Assembly, Pacific Grove, Calif.
- Wed. June 5—Bethel Temple Assembly, Hayward, Calif.
- Thurs., June 6—First Assembly, Santa Rosa, Calif.
- Fri., June 7—Bethel Assembly, Redding, Calif.

RADIO CHOIR TRAVELS WESTERN STATES



to attend a service. The melody was heavenly and brought tears to my eyes and new hope to my heart. May God continue to use your ministry which means so much to us."

On Sunday, May 26, the *Revivaltime* choir will once again embark on their annual summer tour. During their 27-day journey, they will meet face to face with thousands of persons whom they have blessed week after week through the medium of radio.

Moms and dads of servicemen and college students who write home about *Revivaltime* will be in every congregation the choir visits. Nearly every audience will include someone who has found Christ through radio evangelism.

For the choir the 6,000 mile tour is a refreshing time of meeting friends who listen faithfully each week to the broadcast service. It is the thrill of seeing America. It is the pleasure of daily fellowship with Christians who share common goals and values.

But most important, summer tour is a glorious opportunity to lead souls to Christ. That is the ultimate goal of every song sung by the dedicated young people from Central Bible College—to somehow, somehow direct souls to the life-changing experience of salvation.

Daily prayer sessions led by Jack Risner, tour director, and Cyril McLellan establish a determined, positive attitude in the heart of each choir member. They

enter a musical service knowing that God is ready to stir the hearts of everyone present. They believe that souls will be saved, and their determination leads them to a personal encounter with those who indicate a desire for prayer.

The warm, personal sounds of the radio choir are captured in their latest long-play record, "Anniversary Album," which will be available on tour. Featuring colorful arrangements by Cyril McLellan, the album is a collection of songs typifying the music of the *Revivaltime* broadcast service.

This summer's tour will take the choir through nine western and northwestern states in addition to two appearances in British Columbia, Canada. States to be visited on the journey are Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, and South Dakota.

Every choir tour is a search for souls. So often, just one song or word of testimony has altered the course of an entire life.

Check the schedule included on this page to determine the choir service nearest you. If possible plan to attend and bring a friend. Your guest may be the one these young people are looking for.

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- Sun. p.m., June 9—First Assembly, Medford, Oreg.
- Mon., June 10—Assembly of God, Bend, Oreg.
- Tues., June 11—First Assembly, Salem, Oreg.
- Wed., June 12—First Assembly Portland, Oreg.
- Thurs., June 13—Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church, Victoria, B.C.
- Fri., June 14—Broadway Tabernacle, Vancouver, B.C.
- Sun. a.m., June 16—First Assembly, Tacoma, Wash.
- Sun. p.m., June 16—Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash.
- Mon., June 17—First Assembly, Spokane, Wash.
- Tues., June 18—First Assembly, Missoula, Mont.
- Wed., June 19—First Assembly, Billings, Mont.
- Thurs., June 20—First Assembly, Rapid City, S. Dak.
- Fri., June 21—Gospel Tabernacle, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

WHAT CAN I DO
ABOUT SO MANY
WORLD-SHAKING PROBLEMS?

THERE IS NO MAGIC IN ANY NUMBER; but when given a choice, we Americans tend to favor the big ones. Christians are not immune from this tendency. Even Andrew, Peter's usually silent brother, looked at the small number of loaves and fishes in comparison with the crowd of hungry people and asked, "What are they among so many?"

Perhaps if we could all just get into a big prayer meeting somewhere. . . . But that's not what Jesus said about effective prayer. He said, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:19, 20).

How many times have our spiritual burdens been lifted and our hearts strengthened because one or two persons cared enough to agree with us in prayer. Lost souls have been saved. Closed doors have been opened to the gospel. Churches have been revived. The sick have been healed. Problems have been resolved. Or God has shown us our place in His work.

**IF
TWO
OR
THREE
AGREE...**

By ELVA J. HOOVER

A Christian grocery clerk felt discouraged because her efforts looked small beside those of a friend who worked for the Lord in what seemed a more direct way. But one day as the two visited, the clerk told her friend of a fellow-worker to whom she had witnessed in a time of need. "I'll pray with you," the friend offered, "that the Lord will save her." The face of the clerk lighted up with joy



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as she saw the possibilities of this partnership in prayer. The two agreed in prayer, and God worked as He had promised.

Jesus did not say how long the prayer should be. Two or three minutes of united prayer by two or three persons who are in agreement can bring the answer.

What do you talk about when you get together with two or three Christian friends—for a shopping trip, coffee break, committee meeting, or for any reason? There are many things to be discussed, but we rob ourselves and others if we do not include what one writer called "the Theme of themes" as part of our conversation. More people want to talk about the Lord and His work than we realize, but He may be left out unless we take the initiative to include Him in our discussion. Talking about Him leads very naturally into recognizing His presence and agreeing together in prayer for some need that concerns us all.

Too often we come together, all carrying our own personal burdens, and we keep the needs on our hearts out of sight. And while we talk blithely of other things, the great needs remain unexpressed and unmet. Then we part, carrying the same burdens with which we came, sometimes wondering how much longer we can bear them and marveling that others hide theirs so well.

Jesus did not plan it that way. He made provision for the intimate sharing of prayer burdens with others.

He did not say how often we should meet together. If He had said it should be two or three times a day, some would be discouraged from the start. We can't always get together with the same persons even once a day, except perhaps with our families. And what with staggered (and sometimes staggering) schedules, even this is a problem. But most of us can get together with two or three others at least two or three times a week to share our prayer burdens.

Christians in the same family can easily form such a "prayer link." Neighboring homemakers with mutual spiritual interests can find a few moments to agree in prayer several times during a week. Two or three Christian young people can share their problems in prayer for mutual strengthening and to gain understanding of the needs of others.

The exciting possibilities of "prayer links" are limited only by our willingness to allow the limitation to exist. If there is no one around you with whom you can possibly team up to form a "prayer link," you might like to write and invite a Christian relative or friend to join you in prayer at a certain time during the day. Even across the miles your prayers can be united for various needs. Agreement and God's presence depend not on geographic proximity but upon the state of our hearts.

Approximately three months remain until the Assemblies of God Council on Evangelism. This meeting, to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, August 26-29, will bring thousands together with a single purpose: to invite God to meet with us, to pour out His Spirit afresh upon us, and to manifest Himself to us in showing what He wants us to do in fulfilling our mission in this needy world.

We must not wait until this meeting to begin to unite our hearts in prayer and purpose before Him. Many of our people are already praying individually for the Council on Evangelism. You can contribute to the success

O GOD, GIVE ME PEACE

O God, give me peace!

From deep within me rises this cry; a cry so deep in its feelings that I cannot tell it to men.

I cry of hunger—hunger for Your constant indwelling fellowship; hunger to separate myself from the things that deter me in my search for more of You.

I cry to escape the petty things I have foolishly counted worthwhile—things that have given me leanness of soul.

Father, hear me!

Let my tears flow.

Let them flow for my own failings until I stand clean and whole before You.

Let me weep with a compassionate heart for the lost. Let me see them as those You love.

When my cries have been answered and I have met You wholly,

Then let me have peace.

—JACK RISNER

of this important meeting, whether you can attend or not, by joining regularly with one or two friends in prayer for God's guidance and blessing upon it.

A number of "prayer links" have already been started among persons at the Assemblies of God Headquarters. Our goal is to have a record of *at least* 1,000 "prayer links" involving a total of two to three thousand people throughout the nation praying for the Council on Evangelism, especially from June 16 through the Council itself. Each "prayer link" is a part of the body of believers agreeing in prayer at this time.

Don't make Andrew's mistake. "Among so many" urgent needs, your prayers count!



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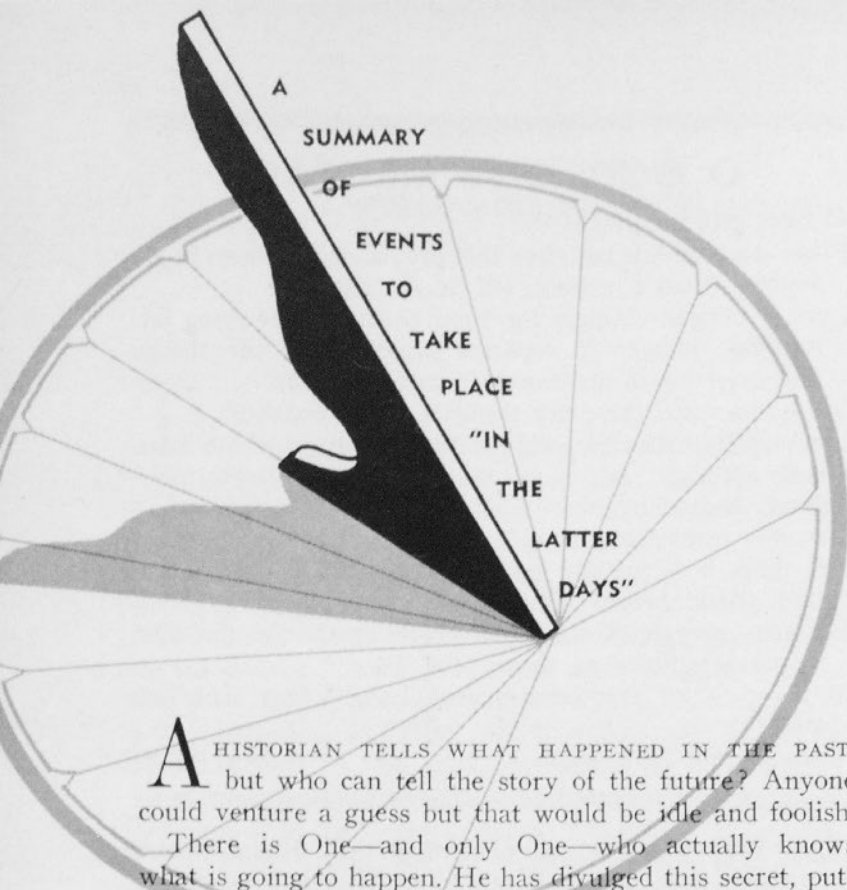
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GOD'S TIMETABLE

By RALPH M. RIGGS / *Santa Cruz, California*

A HISTORIAN TELLS WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST, but who can tell the story of the future? Anyone could venture a guess but that would be idle and foolish.

There is One—and only One—who actually knows what is going to happen. He has divulged this secret, putting it into writing so that the world may read and know. In the Bible we have the bona fide story of the future, a true preview of those things that are actually going to happen. Here are a few highlights of that story.

THE PURPOSE—JUDGMENT

Peter warns us that if God spared not the angels who sinned but cast them down to hell, and if God spared not the antediluvian world but destroyed it by water, and if He turned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, then it is certain the immutable God will punish all men for their sins (2 Peter 2:4-9). The story of the future is largely the unfolding of this visitation of God in wrath to punish the ungodly of this earth (Revelation 6:17).

THE SAINTS—DELIVERED

It brings much comfort to the true children of God to know that before this judgment takes place, they will be taken out of this world. Just as God remembered Noah and Lot in the time of judgment, so He promised He again will deliver the godly out of "temptation [trial]" (Revelation 3:10). Thus we are not surprised to find that just when judgment is about to break upon this present evil world, our Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, raising the dead in Christ, and transporting the living righteous together to meet Him in the air to be forever with Him (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17).

To us, His own, a blessed word is found in Isaiah 26:20: "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast."

THE EARTH—GREAT TRIBULATION

This "indignation" is commonly called "the great tribulation" (Revelation 7:14). A full description of the day of His wrath is given us in Revelation 6, 8, and 9. Here the Lord reveals that by worldwide war and famine He

will destroy one-fourth of the inhabitants of this earth, and another one-fourth by demons of various kinds released out of hell for this purpose.

THE ANTICHRIST—DOMINATING AND DEFEATED

One man, the Antichrist, will then dominate the world. His lieutenant will be the False Prophet.

God will have His special agents on the earth at this time, too, in the form of His two witnesses (probably Moses and Elijah) brought back to live again on the earth for this occasion (Revelation 11:3-6). These men will be the instruments of God to bring further punishment on the realm of the Antichrist by turning water into blood, placing sores upon men, and bringing great heat and intense darkness on the earth.

Also there will occur the greatest earthquake known in the history of men. All the cities of the nations shall fall (Revelation 16:19); and every wall shall fall to the ground (Ezekiel 38:20).

The horror of this hour will climax in the great Battle of Armageddon when the Antichrist asks for a showdown between himself and God. Christ will come forth from heaven riding on a white horse (Revelation 19:11-21). Merely by the word of His mouth Christ will conquer the Antichrist and the False Prophet, casting them alive into the lake of fire. He will then destroy all the armies of the world which the Antichrist will have gathered together to fight against God, thus putting an end to this Great Tribulation.

THE MILLENNIUM—BRINGING PEACE

But this is not the end of the story of the future. The best part lies ahead, when the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His rays (Malachi 4:2). There is no secrecy here, for we are told "every eye shall see him" (Revelation 1:7). In Acts 1:11 we read that He will come in the same manner as He went away. And in Zechariah 14:4 we are told "his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east."

This too will be the time of the judgment of the living nations, spoken of in Matthew 25. Despite all the talk of peace, it remains an unknown quantity. But at that time He shall judge among many people and rebuke strong nations afar off (Micah 4:3). They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning

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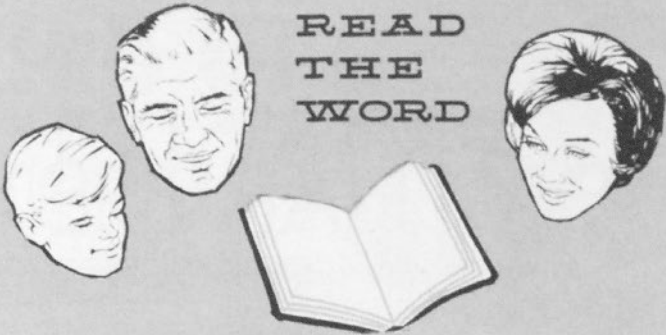
hooks. Nation shall not lift up a sword against another nation, neither shall men learn war anymore.

How we look forward to the Millennium, a thousand years of peace! How beautifully Isaiah pictures it. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

Nor will God forsake His own chosen people, the Jews. They will be permanently established in Palestine, and a new city of Jerusalem will appear. The glory of the Lord will fill His new temple. The Jews will prosper, will be the leading nation of the world, and will become missionaries to the nations (Micah 4:8; Isaiah 66:19).

THE SAINTS—EXALTED

The crowning triumph of the story of the future will be the exaltation of the saints. When the Lord comes to rule over the earth, He will share His throne with them: they will participate in the government of the world. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father in his throne" (Revelation 3:21). "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things. Have thou authority over ten cities" (Matthew 25:21, 23; Luke 19:17, 19). The saints of all ages in resurrected and raptured bodies will share the administration of the world with Christ throughout the Millennium.



**READ
THE
WORD**

CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 19-26

Sunday	..... Luke 17, 18	Thursday	..... John 1, 2
Monday	..... Luke 19, 20	Friday	..... John 3, 4
Tuesday	..... Luke 21, 22	Saturday	..... John 5, 6
Wednesday	..... Luke 23, 24	Sunday	..... John 7, 8

"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).

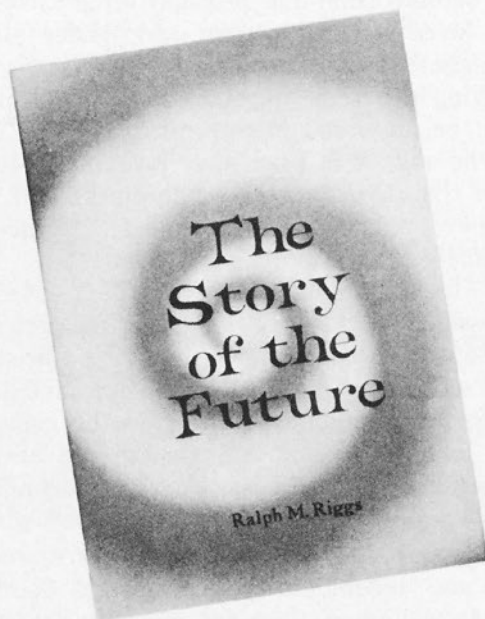
FINALE

The culmination of God's story on earth will be the Great White Throne judgment and the consignment of the wicked dead to the eternal lake of fire (Revelation 20:12; 21:8). As eternity begins, the New Jerusalem will come down from heaven. This wonderful city is the home of the glorified saints. Then Christ and His bride will reign over the nations of the earth forever and forever. Amen.

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A SAD HARVEST

Sunday School Lesson for May 26, 1968
2 SAMUEL 18:24-33

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

IN LAST WEEK'S LESSON we considered the deceitful and despicable plan Absalom, the treacherous son of David, had devised to overthrow his father. For a time it seemed certain he would prosper in his wicked devices.

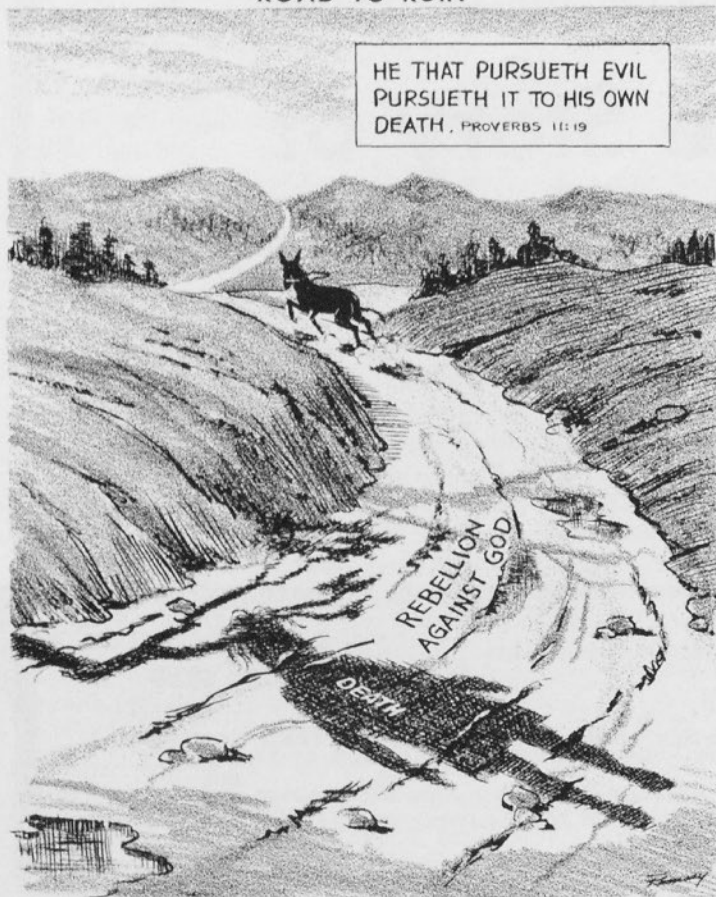
However, in our lesson today the tables were turned. Borne in upon us with great force is the old, old truth: "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (See Galatians 6:7, 8.)

Absalom deceived himself when he thought he could sow pride, deceit, flattery, and violence, and then reap lasting benefit and success. God was not to be mocked. Instead, He arranged things so that, for all who read of him today, Absalom has become a monument to the retributive justice and judgment of God.

ABSALOM'S DOOM (2 Samuel 18:6-8)

Because of Absalom's treachery, David was forced to flee from Jerusalem into the wilderness east of Jordan. There he mustered his forces to wage war against the great army of Absalom.

ROAD TO RUIN



When David heard that Ahithophel, his own trusted friend and counselor, had betrayed him and had become counselor to Absalom, he simply prayed, "O Lord . . . turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness" (2 Samuel 15:31). His prayer was answered, for Ahithophel saw his advice rejected.

This brings us to the point of Absalom's downfall. He was:

1. *Defeated by self-deceiving pride.* (See 2 Samuel 17:1-14.) Personal vanity ruined Absalom! When Hushai suggested Absalom should personally lead his army, the thought of being a grand and glorious leader of such a mighty host generated pride in Absalom's heart. This conceit stifled his better judgment. Thus Absalom was defeated and punished by his own sins. It happens so often!

2. *Arrested by divine judgment* (2 Samuel 18:6-9). When the battle went against him, Absalom sought to escape. But he became victimized by the thing in which he gloried most—his long, beautiful hair! God used a dumb animal and a tree as instruments to fulfill His plans in dealing with a man who opposed His will.

3. *Buried in a shameful grave* (2 Samuel 18:17, 18). Absalom was put to death while hanging by his hair from the tree. Then he was laid in a pit and covered with stones. What a contrast to the monument he had erected as a memorial to himself. Instead of being buried like a king, he died like a dog and was buried as a criminal.

Absalom's fate is a warning especially applicable to young people who may be inclined to be careless and flippant in their attitude toward God's immutable Word. God is not mocked!

DAVID'S GRIEF (2 Samuel 18:24-33)

1. *David's concern* (v. 32, 33). David's first question to each of the two messengers who came from the battlefront was, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" Though his son had betrayed him and probably would have killed him, David loved him with deep and tender affection. His words suggest several lessons:

(a) Applying this same question to our own children, when may it be answered in the affirmative? When are they safe? The answer is when they love and obey God's Word, when they live lives of watchfulness and prayer, and when they apply Christian ideals and principles to every department of their daily living.

(b) How ought parents to conduct themselves so as to make possible such safety for their children? They must lead the way in accepting and serving Christ themselves, and set an example of Christlike living. They should administer discipline faithfully in the right spirit. They ought to maintain the family altar and also spend time with their children in order to know and understand them.

2. *David typifies God the Father.* David's sorrow over his wicked and rebellious son is only a faint foreshadowing of the Father's love for prodigals—a love that is not turned away by sin and ingratitude! Although David wished he might die for Absalom, it would do no good. But God found a way to do what David could not do. He sent His *well-beloved* and *only-begotten* Son, Jesus Christ, to die for sinners everywhere! How wonderful and all-encompassing is His love.

TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

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



CHILD HEALED OF HERNIA

I AM NOW 10 years old. I had a hernia about the size of an egg. It hurt a lot. In October 1963 I asked for prayer during a prayer meeting. It was at the Assembly of God in Mountain Pine, Ark., where my daddy was holding a revival.



Daddy and the pastor, Brother Lyndale Harberson, anointed me with oil and prayed. The Lord Jesus Christ healed me.

Before I could start to school in Little Rock, I was required to have a physical examination. Daddy asked the doctor to check me for a hernia, which he did. The doctor told us there was no sign of a hernia.

That was five years ago, and I thank the Lord that I am still healed.—Timothy Booher, Little Rock, Ark.

(Endorsed by Timothy's father, Pastor Audrey C. Booher, Rosedale Assembly, Little Rock, Ark.)

HEALED OF PLEURISY

I AM GLAD there isn't anything too hard for God to do for us if we believe and put our trust in Him. He will heal us.

I fell in my room and made a knot on my forehead as large as an egg. My left side struck the side of the bed. My ribs were injured, and pleurisy set in.

As I lay in bed, I prayed, and the church prayed for me. My pastor and his wife came and offered special prayer. In a few days God had healed my body. Praise His wonderful Name.

Later I fell again and hurt my head but again the Lord took care of me. I am so glad I can just leave myself in His hands without worry or fear. As the Bible says, "Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you." He is so good to those who trust in Him.—Mrs. S. B. McDaniel, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

(Endorsed by Pastor Lloyd Fosner, Assembly of God, Klamath Falls, Oregon.)

ARTHRITIS VICTIM HEALED

AFTER 30 YEARS OF SUFFERING FROM ARTHRITIS, I was completely healed a year ago by the power of God.

The doctor had told me I would just have to learn to live with the pain and swelling and stiffness brought on by the arthritis. I did live with it, but it was not easy. Some mornings my hands were swollen to twice their normal size. Pain in my feet compelled me to use a cane at times. At the time I was healed, I also had thyroid trouble and a growth on one kidney.

I was a member of a well-known church, but was unable to attend for physical reasons. One morning when

my wife and I were shopping, we met a friend who formerly was a member of our church but who had become a member of the Assembly of God. She urged me to come to her church and have prayer for my healing.

Three times that morning we saw her, and each time she repeated the invitation. So we went.

We attended a few services, and then one Sunday evening I went to the altar and asked the Lord to heal me.

I still had pain when I went home and I got up in pain the next morning. But later that day I sensed a change. It took a few minutes for me to realize what it was. Then I knew—the pains were all gone! Praise God forever.

For a whole year—from that day until now—I have not taken one pill for arthritis pain. I also stopped taking pills for the thyroid trouble. A recent check on the kidney shows improvement in that condition also.

That is not all God did for me. I am 72 years old and had smoked since I was 15, but the Lord has also taken away that habit.

I was baptized in water and am now attending all the services at the Assembly of God here in Bay St. Louis. I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit in February 1968. Hallelujah!

My only regret is that I did not turn to Jesus years ago and receive these blessings then—not because of the pain I suffered in that period, but because of the spiritual blessings I missed—the joy and happiness of knowing Jesus, and the fellowship of the saints of the church.—Ludwig C. Mulling, Bay St. Louis, Miss.

(Endorsed by Pastor E. L. Stewart, First Assembly, Bay St. Louis, Miss. Pastor Stewart says: "Mr. Mulling has been a blessing to many people in this city because of his constant witnessing to the saving and healing power of Jesus Christ.")

BLOOD PRESSURE NOW NORMAL

FOR TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS I was under the care of a doctor for high blood pressure. I was required to stay in bed for days at a time to avoid a stroke.

Evangelist Clymena Bowling of Springfield, Mo., came to our church for a revival. One Saturday night she prayed for me according to the Scriptures (James 5:14). The following Wednesday I went to the doctor for a checkup. He exclaimed when he checked my blood pressure, "What has happened to you? The pressure is perfectly normal!"

God had done more for me in a matter of seconds than anyone else had been able to do in two-and-a-half years. I do praise Him!—Mrs. Nettie Weeks, Haskell, Ark.

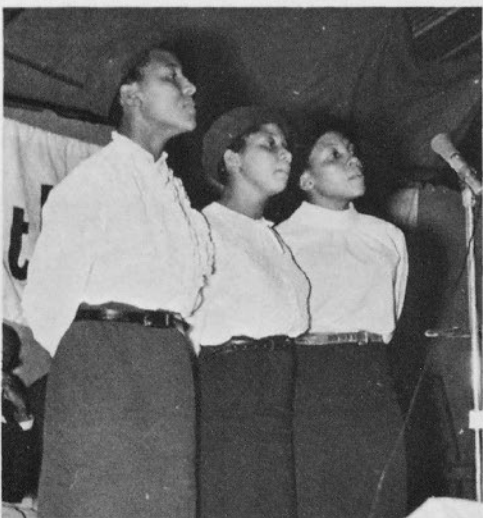
(Endorsed by Pastor O. D. Stewart, Assembly of God, Haskell, Ark.)



I Like the Old-Time Way

PREACHING (*Phil Mangum*, above) singing, and praying—yes, those who attended the annual Bible conference in South Africa like the “old-time way.”

During the five days of conference there was an awareness that Christians were not only conferring with each other, but with the Holy Spirit. Delegates from Botswana, Lesotho, Tanzania, and South Africa were confronted with the conference theme, “Have Ye Received the Holy Ghost?”





NATIONALS H. MOTSEPE (above, right), dean of African Bible Training Institute in South Africa, and T. Domela (below) from Lesotho preached dynamically. Peter Radinne (above left) and Jonathan Masoga (below, far right) helped interpret the services. Mrs. Bernice Vandermerwe (below, far right), missionary to

South Africa, addressed the conference. It was an old-fashioned meeting, and the delegates loved to sing with fervor:

*I like the old-time way,
I like the old-time way,
I like the old-time singing,
shouting, preaching, praying,
Yes, I like the old-time way.*

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AN IMPORTANT STEP on Special Ministry fields of the Home Missions Department has been establishing youth camps besides the camps for adults. Although young people from these minority or ethnic groups may attend the regular district youth camps, youth camps conducted by home missionaries are more convenient in some areas. These have proved an effective means of strengthening Christian young people and evangelizing the unsaved.

At least 40 regular camp meetings will be conducted in Special Ministries areas this summer. A number of these will have youth camps in connection with the regular camps or will conduct separate youth camps. In 1966 home missionaries reported nearly 10,000 conversions and camp evangelism accounts for many of them.

During the summer of 1967, 35 regular camps were conducted. Almost every camp had a successful children's church in connection with its activities. The total number of children saved was encouraging.

The development of the Indian youth program in Arizona is thrilling. L. P. Thomas, missionary at Salt River, writes:

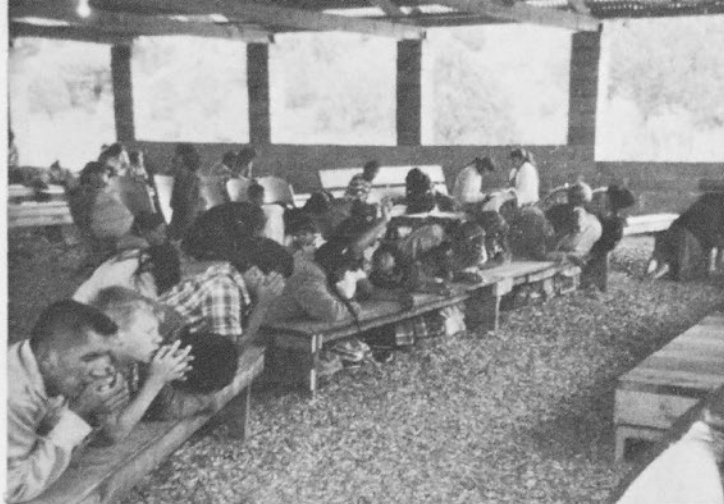
"Four years ago southern Arizona missionaries, burdened to see a summer camping program for Indian youth, found a beautiful site at the base of Mount Baboquivari. The superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the Papago Reservation graciously permitted us to use a small Boy Scout encampment.

"That August 43 nine- to 19-year-old, excited, and en-

EMPHASIS ON YOUTH

IN HOME MISSIONS SUMMER CAMPS

By RUTH LYON



Indians faithfully gathered for morning prayer meeting at the White Mountain Apache Camp in Lower Cedar Creek, Ariz. This spiritual hunger was manifested at all the camps.

thusiastic Indian boys and girls from the Pima and Papago Reservations came with their missionaries to the first Indian youth camp in Arizona.

"To arrange a curriculum which would reach all of them was not easy. Laurel Akers, district Christ's Ambassadors president of South Texas, helped organize the camp and also was camp speaker.

"The following year we returned to the same location for youth camp with almost a 100 percent increase in attendance!

"Following the second camp we realized we must have more adequate and convenient facilities to accommodate more youth. The Arizona District Council offered the commodious facilities of its campground at Prescott, which made the camp available to all the tribes in the state. This also made possible two week-long camps. Workers enrolled 95 eight- to 11-year-old children the first week and 85 teen-agers the second week.

"Last year camp closed with 140 children enrolled for

Pictured are 140 children and 47 staff members who attended the 1967 Boys and Girls Indian Camp at Prescott, Ariz. At the right are: Lonnie Thomas, camp coordinator; John McPherson (Cherokee Indian), camp speaker; and Harold Hanson, camp director.





An Apache woman carries her baby in the familiar cradleboard. The Charles Slaters (right), missionaries in North Dakota, pose with Fred and Susie Pemma who were saved in a Wisconsin Indian camp.

the boys and girls camp and 100 for teen camp. Of this number about one-fourth were saved, many were reclaimed and refilled, and quite a few received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The young people were a blessing to their churches as they went home filled with zeal. The outstanding spiritual results from these camps have made everyone aware of the inestimable value of a camping program for Indian youth.

"The 1967 camp met all the requirements of the Assemblies of God Camping Standard. A fifth camp will be conducted this summer."

Last summer Alaska had 17 consecutive days of camp, including family, teen, and kids camps and a servicemen's retreat. Vivian Kline reports:

"Approximately 295 campers from all over Alaska and several from the South 48 were registered. Missionaries and some of their people from many of the northern villages were present and assisted in the work. One missionary, Ned Nusunginya, traveled 1,000 miles to attend camp. For some campers this was their first time to enjoy a Pentecostal camp. Many from other churches were there, and a number of them were saved and filled with the Spirit.

"Night after night, the Spirit of the Lord moved and God did a marvelous work in many hearts. Young people seeking God lined the altars each night of youth camp. Workers conducted classes in doctrine, Christian education, and music; and early morning calisthenics kept all on their toes. Sports and other recreation were part of the fun and fellowship campers enjoyed."

Over 800 deaf people in six 1967 regional deaf camps in the USA "heard" the Word of God through sermons given in the language of signs by missionaries and layworkers. Many deaf were saved, and numbers were filled with the Spirit. When the deaf receive the Baptism, they use their voices, although it is impossible for them to do so ordinarily!

This summer nine camps for the deaf will be conducted in various regions. Interested hearing friends and churches make camp time possible for these silent friends, since many deaf cannot attend without financial assistance.

The majority of home missions camps are Indian. The White Mountain Apache Indian Camp at Lower Cedar Creek in Arizona, a cooperative camp, continues to be one of the largest with about 600 in attendance.

James F. Pepper, evangelist for the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan Indian camp last summer, says: "The

people began to arrive at the tent, pitched near the church. They kept coming until the tent was well filled for the afternoon service; and by evening the tent was packed to overflowing.

"It was a sight never to be forgotten—seeing scores of Indians kneeling all over the tent (because there was not enough room around the altar) with upraised hands and tears streaming down their shining faces. It was impossible to count accurately how many were saved and filled or how many backsliders returned to God, for there were so many praying. We praise God for having had the privilege of ministering in that great camp."

The first Indian Camp of North Dakota was held last summer on the Standing Rock Reservation at Ft. Yates. Charles Slater reported that the Indian Council gave permission to use the rodeo grounds, lights, and water without charge.

In reporting one Navaho Indian Camp, a missionary wrote: "It rained so hard one night we crowded over 75 people (plus a little goat) into a wee house. The last night, the little *ramada* (brush arbor) was bulging with Indians—with some sitting in the window openings, some sitting on blankets outside, and some crowded into vehicles with doors open so they could hear. After counting to 120, we gave up. At least 15 *young people* and that many or more adults were saved."

And so it goes. Almost every report mentions *young people*, for all home missions leaders are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of enlisting youth. Beyond the fact that youth represent the church of tomorrow, they also can make a vital contribution to the evangelistic outreach of the church of today!

Most of the camps need financial help each year for operational expenses. Some churches and individuals have been faithful to provide offerings or gifts of canned or packaged foods and fruit and have thus helped make these camps possible. There may be a camp near you that would welcome assistance.

At many of the Indian camp meetings, the people cook their meals over open fires. In the bottom photo, the fellows enjoy a ball game at the Michigan Deaf Camp.





By HAYDN GILMORE

MIGHTY LIKE A LAMB

LIKE A LAMB" still means innocence. Even though we do not live in a shepherd society, a young sheep appeals to us.

I know a man who investigates aircraft accidents. Some of the scenes he views are indeed grisly. One day his team was removing a wrecked aircraft from a lake. Many bodies were recovered. The men were taut, terse, and rough with the bodies—and each other.

Then one of the men came to the body of a little child.

As he lifted the small body in his arms, the men standing nearby changed. Some stared blankly ahead; others had tears. The man who lifted out the child said, "One of God's lambs." He wept.

It does not seem hard, even in this day, to see the pathetic sorrow when a lamb suffers—or dies. It is little wonder that one of the titles of the Son of God is "the Lamb of God."

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, was born in a manger. Men

GRADUATION TIME IS HERE AT LAST! I can almost hear the sighs of relief.

Yet graduation is an important achievement. It is one of the plateaus of life where important decisions must be made. Christian young people must recognize that regardless of the vocation they choose, they are servants of Jesus Christ and their first allegiance is to Him.

CONSIDER FULL-TIME MINISTRY

You have been challenged to consider many glamorous occupations. But there is no greater thrill or challenge than to receive a call from God to enter full-time ministry. What an honor it is for a young person to be chosen by God and set apart for His service!

It must have been a thrilling experience for the 12 disciples when Jesus came to each of them and said, "Follow me." Without hesitation they left whatever they had been doing and followed the Master.

Saul had made quite a name for himself as a young man. Then one day the Lord appeared to him and revealed the divine plan for his life. He immediately was obedient unto the heavenly vision and became one of the greatest missionaries of all time.

There has never been a greater need for such dedication to the call of God and His work. The days of God's special "calling apart" for the ministry are not past, and many young people are yielding their lives to this call each year. Knowing they have helped others find a new life in Christ provides the personal satisfaction and thrill of God's approval—and that more than compensates for any sacrifices made.

New areas of full-time ministry are opening all the

A MESSAGE TO GRADUATES

The Divine Call— TO SERVE

By CHARLOTTE JENKINS

time. New churches are being built; more churches are calling for Christian education directors, ministers of music, ministers of youth, and other full-time personnel to assist the pastor. The population of the world is increasing, and there are still millions of people who have never heard the gospel of Christ. New pastors, evangelists, and missionaries are sorely needed. I challenge you to earnestly seek God's will regarding full-time ministry.

YOUR SERVICE AS A LAYMAN

Many Christian people never receive God's call into full-time ministry. You can serve Christ as a layman. There is a great need for those who will offer their talents freely in their churches and maintain a testimony in their professions. As a layman you have opportunities to witness and be a blessing to God's kingdom that may not be available to a minister.

gathered in awe. Jesus was in the temple, and wise men scratched their heads and said, "Who is this?" Jesus worked in the carpenter shop, then walked among men. People gathered to gawk, and they collected to worship. People saw Jesus' miracles; they heard His words. And they gathered in wonder.

One day, Jesus went to the cross. Men gathered to watch. And some rough men at the foot of the cross wept.

They were recognizing the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

No greater lamb could be offered. No greater Saviour could be seen.

When the apostle John mentioned the Lamb of God, he pointed Him out as the expected One who would fulfill the Old Testament promises and whose sacrifice would provide a deliverance from divine judgment.

Revelation 7:17 uses the diminutive in the Greek, *arnion* or "the little lamb." The "little lamb" once humiliated and rejected of men is in a position of sovereign glory and honor: "For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd."

However, in the Greek New Testament, says Mr. Vine (*Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*) "little lamb" (*arnion*) does not mean "small" as much as it presents "His acquired majesty, dignity, honor, authority, and power." The seemingly insignificant Saviour is invested by God with all power in heaven and earth.

Let the hippie and the person who searches for integrity look to Christ. Jesus Christ has fulfilled the will

of God completely. Jesus Christ demonstrated God's love for us when He bore our sins on the Cross. The evidence stands together.

The Lord's power to show Himself to the heart of any man—strong and mighty to save—has never changed.

In a culture dominated by pastoral scenes and sheep, men worked building a church. They were putting a cross on top of the steeple.

One of the men slipped and plummeted to the ground. His companions were sure he was dead. But when they reached the ground, they found him safe. He had landed on a passing flock of sheep. His body had come crushing down on one lamb. The lamb was dead, but the man was alive because the lamb had broken his fall.

How like Jesus Christ, the Lamb broken for sinners! Isaiah said Christ was "smitten" and "afflicted" for us.

Later, the builders realized the spiritual significance of a man saved by a sheep. Instead of a cross they placed a metal lamb at the top of the steeple.

Some day metal crosses and lambs will no longer be necessary nor desirable. For the Lamb will be personally present.

Revelation 22:3-5 says: "There shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: and they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."

Esther was queen of Persia. Her dedication led her to jeopardize her life and save God's chosen people from destruction.

Daniel was an outstanding statesman and government official. So successful was he that he became second only to the king. He was persecuted for his beliefs almost to the point of death, but he never compromised. He received revelations from God which are still blessing and helping men.

God does not expect dedicated service from only those who enter full-time ministry. For every Christian, regardless of his vocation, his first interest must be the kingdom of God and the salvation of souls.

YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION

Today, more than ever, preparation for your life's work calls for post-high school training. Christian young people will certainly want to consider the value of attending an Assemblies of God college.

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God has a divine plan for every young person. Ask Him to show you His will. If you follow that plan and serve Him—whether it be as a full-time minister or a Christian layman—you can be confident your life will be pleasing in His sight.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

PANAMA CITY, FLA.—A recent meeting at Calloway Assembly here with Evangelist and Mrs. S. P. Bostic of Enterprise, Ala., was a success. Six persons were saved, and 10 were baptized in the Holy Spirit. One joined the church. Attendance was good, and the church was blessed in a great way.

—F. H. Wesley, pastor

WILMINGTON, CALIF.—Special services at First Assembly here continued for 11 weeks with Evangelist Marvin Schmidt of Bakersfield, Calif. There was no way to keep count of those saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit, but at least 10 entire families were saved, and testimonies of healings continued throughout the meeting.

Attendance increased every week during the crusade, setting a new Sunday school record of 703. The

Sunday school averaged 655 the last two months of the meeting—an increase of about 200 over the same period a year ago.

The Spirit-directed ministry of the Word of God has left lasting results at First Assembly. People are still being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday



A new Sunday school record of 703 was set by the First Assembly in Wilmington, Calif. Left to right: Associate Pastor Wayne Cagle, Pastor Roy Sapp, Sunday School Superintendent Lee Foughty, and Evangelist Marvin Schmidt.

school has maintained an average of over 600, and 40 new members were recently received into the church.

—Roy Sapp, pastor

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Record crowds attended Bethel Temple here during a recent meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. C. W. Quattlebaum of Kansas City, Mo. The attendance peak in Sunday school was 241. God moved in the services saving 15 and baptizing 18 in the Holy Spirit. Many others were refilled with the Spirit. Five other persons were saved in the Sunday morning service following the crusade.

—William C. Hamilton, pastor

LEWES, DEL.—Midway Assembly here enjoyed a good meeting with the Singing Lunsfords of Metropolis, Ill. Five persons were saved, three were reclaimed, two were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and three were refilled with the Spirit.

Attendance was excellent. There were 137 visitors during the 12-day crusade, about 100 of them coming for the first time.

—William R. Sanders, pastor



EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETS

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The Evangelists Committee met here February 19 to consider matters relating to evangelism in the Assemblies of God. The role of the evangelist's ministry was the central point of discussion. In addition a review of the Council on Evangelism to be held in St. Louis, Mo., August 26-29, 1968, was presented by General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman.

Seated from left to right are: Don Cox, C. M. Ward, W. Glenn West, T. F. Zimmerman (chairman), C. W. Denton (Spiritual Life—Evangelism Coordinator), R. C. Jones, Louis Neely (guest), Arthur Berg.

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CHURCH DEDICATION week—May 20-26 at First Assembly, Redlands, Calif. Speakers: C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* speaker; William H. Robertson, Southern California District superintendent; and Paul Bruton, Southern California D-CAP.—by *Lloyd Reece, pastor.*

WITH CHRIST

B. H. HELTON, 76, of Richlands, Va., went to his eternal reward January 23, 1968. Brother Helton, licensed to preach in 1936 by the Appalachian District, served the Lord as an evangelist. He is survived by his wife Sarah and six children.

WALLACE B. WEATHERFORD, 70, of Riverside, Calif., went to his eternal reward Feb-

ruary 10, 1968. Licensed by the Arizona District in 1956, Brother Weatherford ministered as an evangelist and also assisted the missionaries working among the Arizona Indians. He is survived by his wife Ruby and three daughters.

ROY B. KING, 55, of High Point, N.C., went Home to be with Jesus February 20, 1968. Brother King was licensed by the North Carolina District in 1941. He served as an evangelist and as pastor in Lexington, N. C. He is survived by his wife Lucy, a son, and a daughter.

MONA E. LADYMAN, 75, of Modesto, Calif., went to be with the Lord February 23, 1968. Sister Ladyman received a preaching license in 1946 from the Northern California-Nevada District. She

served as an evangelist. She is survived by her husband James, also a licensed minister, two sons, and two daughters.

THEODORE E. WOOD, 59, of Graysville, Ala., went to be forever with Jesus February 23, 1968. Brother Wood, ordained in 1955 by the Alabama District, served as a pastor in Alabama at Graysville and in Shelby County. He is survived by his wife Linnah, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

SADIE C. LEOPARD, 60, of Trussville, Alabama, went to her eternal reward February 26, 1968. Licensed to preach by the Alabama District in 1951, she served as pastor of the Assembly of God in Argo, Alabama, since 1951. Sister Leopard is survived by her husband, three daughters, and two sons.



Please don't forget

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Clanton	Lomax	May 12—	Bill Strickland	Thomas A. Ball
	Huntsville	Central	May 26-June 2	Jim Mackey	R. S. Watson
Ariz.	Mesa	Calvary	May 22-June 2	Charles Ogdon	J. D. Lowder
Ark.	Sheridan	First	May 12—	Miriam A. Hooks	E. R. Teeter
	Yellville	First	May 19	Arlis Janis Thrasher	C. C. Hodges
Calif.	Barstow	First	May 21-June 2	J. B. Woolums	Gary Nash
	Clovis	A/G	May 15-26	Ernie Rogers	Arnie Rogers
	Novato	N. Marin	May 21-June 2	A. A. Anderson	J. Kirk Soper
	Porterville	Community Chapel	May 22-June 2	Travis Bates	Willard Gray
Conn.	Bridgeport	Bethel	May 22-26	Bill Verna McPherson	Robert Sinner
Fla.	Pensacola	Bethel	May 19-June 2	Autrey Harvill	Ellis Beech
	Zephyrhills	Branchborough	May 19-24	Randall A. Walker	A. L. Williams
Ga.	Cartersville	A/G	May 26-June 2	Kenneth & Mrs. Wright	Mary Richards
	Murrayville	Full Gospel	May 22-26	"Little Joe" Peterson	L. G. Gilstrap
	Waycross	First	May 21-June 2	Robert L. Stephens	L. G. Grice
Idaho	Twin Falls	A/G	May 14-26	Roy & Arlene Brewer	L. I. LaMance
Ill.	Bridgeport	A/G	May 21-26	E. A. Manley	William Sipes
	Galesburg	Calvary	May 21-26	Sunshine Party (Thum)	David Iverson
	O'Fallon	¹ A/G	May 20-26	Carl E. Gammel	Richard D. White
	Olney	First	May 22—	Charles E. Crank	R. H. Peterson
Ind.	Garrett	Bethel	May 21-June 2	J. E. Friend	Virgil Pittman
	S. Bend	Northside	May 22-June 2	Chas. & Mrs. McKnight	Wilson Shabaz
Iowa	Ottumwa	Faith	May 16-26	Paul E. Morris	William E. Kruger
Md.	Baltimore	² Essex	May 19-29	B. Harold Conant	Stephen Bogdan
	Hagerstown	³ Bethel	May 21-June 2	David E. Dean	Arvel J. Barrett
	Midlothian	¹ Trinity	May 20-26	Bob & Maxine Wilkes	R. W. Richendrfer
	Haverhill	A/G	May 21-26	George DeTellis	Clarence Temple
Mich.	Charlotte	A/G	May 21-June 2	Ray C. Eskelin	J. E. Allen
	Flint	First	May 21-26	Tony & Dorothy Callies	Gerald Patterson
	Saginaw	Calvary	May 28-June 9	Stan & Marilyn Morris	Paul Spence
	Warren	¹ A/G	May 24-June 2	George & Evelyn Butrin	Fred Smolchuck
Minn.	Verndale	A/G	May 14-26	Jerry & Mrs. Fischer	Merwin Miller
Mo.	Marshall	First	May 22-June 3	Ernie Eskelin	Warren LaRose
	Morehouse	A/G	May 22-31	Knott-Olson Team	T. G. Perry
	Potosi	A/G	May 21-June 2	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Roy Bennett
	Shelbina	A/G	May 21-June 2	Wallace & Carol Joice	Samuel Adams
	Warrensburg	A/G	May 26-June 9	Glenna Byard	Joe D. Snavey
	Warrenton	A/G	May 12-26	F. C. Cornell	Allen R. Gregory
N.J.	Irvington	Calvary Temple	May 15-26	John & Esther Hamercheck	John Deegan
	Passaic	Trinity	May 23-26	Roy & Mildred Johnson	David Clattenburg
Ohio	Cleveland	Berea Park	May 21-June 2	Paul & Donna Wright	M. M. Brandebura
	Toledo	First	May 14-19	Doug & Judy Maners	G. G. Martin
Okla.	Dustin	A/G	May 22—	Tom F. Ogdon	James L. Dodd
	Eufala	¹ A/G	May 20-26	Knouse-Stovall Team	Paul Spinden
	Guymon	First	May 26-June 9	V. G. & Mrs. Mangram	Grady Adcock
Oreg.	Grants Pass	A/G	May 22—	Thomas Ming Sr.	Don R. Merrill
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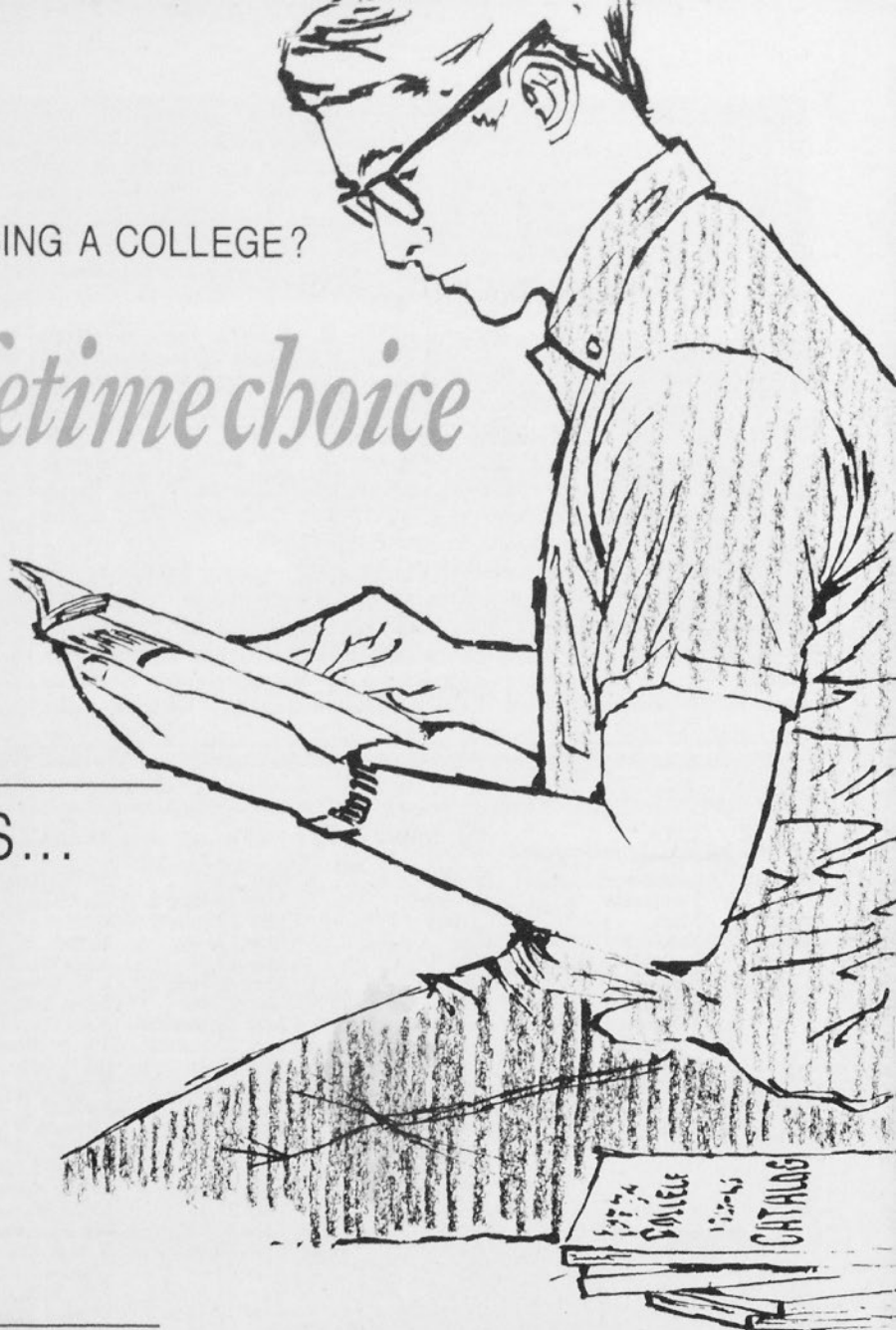
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