

THE PENTECOSTAL evangel

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

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WIDE, WIDE AS THE OCEAN, HIGH AS THE HEAVENS ABOVE;
DEEP, DEEP AS THE DEEPEST SEA, IS MY SAVIOUR'S LOVE;

I, THOUGH SO UNWORTHY, STILL AM A CHILD OF HIS CARE,
FOR HIS WORD TEACHES ME THAT HIS LOVE REACHES ME
EVERYWHERE.

C. AUSTIN MILES (See page 4.)

YESTERDAY I HAD A MARVELOUS EXPERIENCE when I visited Mamelodi, a section of South Africa's capital city of Pretoria. Located at a crossroads between two huge African townships, the one-year-old church in Mamelodi stands on ground marked *useless* by the town planners.

Useless? No longer!

Marked? But definitely!

"Mononyane's church" is known throughout Mamelodi to have the liveliest congregation and the most aggressive program in town. It has the "outsiders" and the "old-timers" shaking their heads in amazement.

"Why," they ask, "does this upstart assembly boast more young people in attendance than any other church in the community? How can religion be so attractive? How can they hold their young folk on a day given over to soccer, socials, and sleep? What's their secret?"

To sit through a service at Mamelodi is to learn the answers to these questions. Actually, one word sums it all up—*Pentecost!*

Pentecost is the answer to restless, seeking Africa. Pentecost is the antidote for dying churches. Pentecost fills the void in empty religion. It is the holy *happening* that absorbs the misdirected energies of youth and brings fulfillment to those dissatisfied with nominal Christianity. For young and old alike, the baptism in the Holy Spirit brings a new dimension in life and service.

Three things about the Mamelodi church stand out in my mind as I try to analyze the success of yesterday's meeting. These three things characterize the phenomenon known as the Pentecostal Movement.

ANOINTING

First, the pastor, Harold Mononyane, was the key figure in that service. Vibrant and anointed, he kept the service moving and the people interested. His secret was more than psychology and timing, more than personality and planning. He communicated.

The flow was not only between himself and his people, but I was conscious of continuous communication from above. This was Brother Mononyane's secret—and it is the secret of all Spirit-anointed leadership.

I have watched it work in the primitive areas of Malawi with the same success that it enjoys in the sophisticated urban areas of Johannesburg. I have watched men with no formal education hold audiences in the palms of their hands. With no knowledge of mass behaviour, no understanding of norms and mores, no training in speech or voice control—yet I've seen them captivate crowds with consummate skill.

Natural ability? Never! Let it be called that by those who know nothing of divine enablement, but to the spiritually enlightened it is supernatural ability, and nothing less! What the coming of the



Spirit did for the unlearned apostles nearly 2,000 years ago, it does today in those who have been baptized in the Holy Ghost and fire!

SPONTANEITY

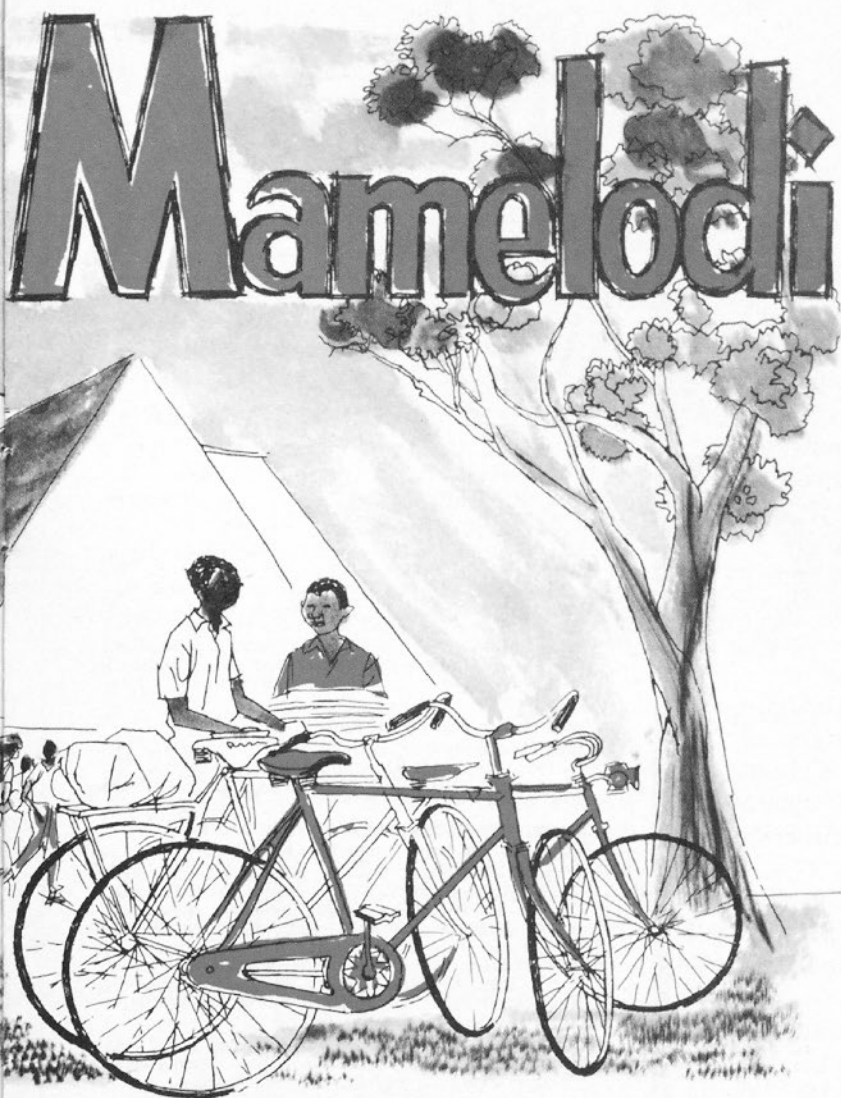
Second was the spontaneity of the service. There was a suspense about it that was spiritually stimulating. The worship followed a general pattern, but "B" did not necessarily follow "A." Unorderly and undignified? Not at all!

Let those who object to this aspect of Pentecostalism go back to their empty churches; but let those who long for revival make place once more for the spontaneous moving of the Holy Spirit.

At Mamelodi all things were done decently and in order, but they were in no wise cut-and-dried. There was a sense of expectancy—a constant readiness for divine intervention. Reason and intellect were fully operative, yet yielded to Him whose presence was everywhere felt in yesterday's service.

PARTICIPATION

Total participation was the third factor. In Mamelodi the pastor was not directing a service for the people. Rather, Brother Mononyane was leading the believers in their worship. I think this is perhaps the most significant reason why the church is packed to



By **MORRIS WILLIAMS** / *South Africa*

the doors. Everyone takes part. Everyone is a participant rather than a spectator. During prayer, everyone prays—in unison.

Does this aspect of Pentecostalism offend you? Does it sound chaotic and unrestrained? Is it wrong if every person becomes involved and the burden of communication with God falls directly upon every individual?

No, it is right, for it is scriptural. This is the secret of Pentecostalism's success. It has all the attractiveness of a do-it-yourself kit. The end result may not be as polished as a prayer said by the pastor; but the point is that a man-to-God contact is made—and that's what worship is all about.

This is why people are drawn to Pentecostal services. Our Africans prefer it this way, and maybe God does too!

In Pentecostal services, participation is not confined to prayer. At least not in Mamelodi.

Three or four special musical numbers, including one from a 30-voice choir, were part of the program. I know that choir singing is common to all denominations, but there is something different about *anointed* singing. When the choir has learned to yield to the moving of the Holy Spirit, a quality is



Harold Mononyane at left



Morris Williams

injected into the song that is more than harmony and rhythm. The singing seems to carry the very souls of the singers as spiritual experiences are expressed in song.

Anointing, spontaneity, participation—these are the hallmarks of Pentecost in Africa. How aptly they fit the African culture and disposition.

The people of this land are warmhearted and expressive. They are spiritually inclined. Ritual and ceremony appeal to them, but not for long. They look for something beyond robes and incantations; they want an experience that is vital and satisfying.

The Pentecostal message, with its emphasis upon personal experiences with God, finds a response in African hearts. Here is truth. Here is meaningful living. Here is a kind of worship that involves every member. Here is communication with the unseen God attested by miracles of grace and healing! Here is the power to proceed beyond theory to the practice of holiness. Here is hope and happiness that lifts life to a rewarding plane above the monotonous routine of struggle and sleep, sleep and struggle.

Praise God for Pentecost! I came away from Mamelodi convinced that it is the answer for Africa, for America, and for all the world.

How Wide Is the Ocean?

"WIDE, WIDE AS THE OCEAN," says the songwriter quoted on the front page of this *Evangel*. How wide is that? In one sense, it varies; but in another, it's always the same. It's always wide enough to reach from one shore to the other.

Just like divine love. As the sea spans all those deep chasms and jagged peaks of the ocean floor that separate one land mass from another, so divine love in human hearts can bring the nations together. It will fill all the foreboding valleys of fear, and cover all the formidable peaks of selfishness that divide the world, if men will let it.

Our talented artist, Norman Pearsall, certainly chose an appropriate symbol for the Saviour's love when he designed the front page. That divine love is the only love that is "wide, wide as the ocean; deep, deep as the sea."

How deep is the sea? Over six miles, in some places. Did you know that its depth at the deepest points exceeds the height of the tallest mountain on earth? It is questionable whether Columbus ever would have been able to climb those precipitous mountains and cross those yawning chasms between Europe and America if God had not covered it all with a watery highway.

Nor could man ever have crossed the great gulf between his lost condition and the state of salvation except for a Heavenly Father's love. God loved us so much that He sent His only Son into the world to save us from our sins.

When the jailer at Philippi asked Paul and Silas, "What must I do to be saved?" they gave him a simple answer. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," they said, "and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

We never could have saved ourselves. We have to be saved by Another. No heroic effort on our part could have overcome our sinfulness that separated us from God. Therefore He opened the windows of heaven and poured His love upon us in limitless measure—enough to fill all the evil crevasses and cover all the ugly peaks of rebellion and pride, so that we could sail to eternal safety on an ocean of divine grace.

What does it mean to believe? How does faith save? Faith means accepting salvation from Christ as a gift. You cannot work for a gift. You cannot earn it. You simply accept it.

Faith means coming to Christ as a pauper and trusting Him as your Benefactor. If you were drowning, would you ignore the lifebelt thrown to you by a friend? Or would you grasp it, hang onto it, trust it? That is how to trust the Saviour. He is the best Friend you ever had. He wants to save you, if you will let Him.

Don't look for something in yourself that might be good enough to save you. Rely on the goodness of the Lord. It is a humbling experience to acknowledge you are spiritually bankrupt and that you need divine mercy, but the alternative is to be lost eternally.

Launch your little ship on the great ocean of God's love and trust Him to save you. Depend on His power, not your own. Did you ever hear of a captain trying to find anchorage by fastening the anchor inside his ship? Never. Always outside. Anchor your trust in Christ. Put your faith in the Scriptures.

The Bible says it is "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us" (Titus 3:5). God's love is like the ocean. Deep enough to lift you from the darkest fears, and wide enough to carry you to the port of heaven, no matter how far away you may have drifted. Will you accept His love today and be saved?

—T.C.C.

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a sign to the unbeliever

By ESTHER M. TAHMAZIAN

GOD WOULD LIKE TO TURN all the unbelievers into believers, so He speaks to people in various ways. He speaks to some through circumstances—such as business reverses, ill health, or even tragedies. He speaks to others through dreams. He often speaks through words of concern from friends and loved ones. He also speaks through church songs and sermons.

Sometimes he speaks in “tongues” to warn the wrongdoers and to point them to the Saviour.

A nurse in Sweden who was married to an infidel was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Her husband laughed at her with a superior air and joked about religion, saying it was all foolishness. This man understood English—in fact, he did a great deal of reading in English, especially of infidel books—but his wife did not know English at all.

One day some of her friends were visiting her and they were all engaged in prayer when her husband came home. He stepped into the room where they were pleading for his salvation, and stood watching them for a while, unnoticed.

Suddenly the Spirit of the Lord fell upon his wife and she began to speak to him in English. She called on him to repent and believe in God and declared, among other things, that only a fool says there is no God.

He stood amazed, for he knew she had no knowledge of English. The message penetrated his soul like a two-edged sword. He fell on his knees and cried to God for mercy.

A number of years ago an ex-convict wandered into a full gospel church in Pomona, California. He and another man had planned to rob a bank and a market that night at 9, so to be off the streets until then he went into the church.

At the conclusion of the sermon the people began to pray. He started to leave the church when all at once a message was given in the Russian language which he understood. The message in essence was, “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Don’t leave this place until you give your heart to God.”

The man became almost paralyzed and could not leave. Instead he went to the altar and was gloriously saved. That very day he had received a Bible through the mail from his little girl with a note enclosed urging him to read it and attend church. His wife and little girl were praying for him and God had timed it all. This man later entered the ministry.

J. Narver Gortner of Berkeley, Calif., told of a friend who was miraculously saved from suicide, converted, and shortly thereafter filled with the Holy Ghost.

This friend went to church and an opportunity was given to testify. He rose to his feet and began to tell how the Lord had saved him. Suddenly God took his English away and he began to speak in another language, a language he was utterly unfamiliar with, and which he did not remember having heard before. Words were formed into sentences under the inspiration of the Spirit, and he continued to speak for two or three minutes.

At the close of the service, three educated Hindus came to him and inquired where he had learned their language. He assured them he had never learned it. They insisted he must have been in India, for he had spoken their language perfectly. They had never heard a foreigner speak Hindi so proficiently and thought he must have had a very competent teacher. When they became convinced that he was utterly unfamiliar with their language, and that it was the Holy Spirit who had moved him to speak, they gave their hearts to the Lord and became Christians. Afterwards they received the Baptism and took the message of Christ to their own people in India.

Alma Ware Crosby of Beaumont, Tex., told of receiving a call to go to the hospital to pray for a Jewish woman who was sick and near death. She wanted prayer that God would heal her but not in Jesus’ name.

Mrs. Crosby pleaded with her to accept the Lord Jesus as her Messiah and Saviour, but she seemed unable to help her.

As she silently prayed for God’s help, strange words suddenly began to pour from her lips. Immediately the

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IF YOU LIVED IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C., AREA, you could read an unusual automobile agency ad each week in three leading newspapers. Instead of featuring a "buy of the week" as you might expect from such an ad, L. P. Safford Rambler City of Silver Spring, Md., uses this space for what it calls, "A Thought for the Week."

That "thought" doesn't refer to the "lowest priced" or "cleanest" cars in town; rather, this weekly ad includes Bible verses and provocative comments that lead the reader's attention to the greatest bargain of all time—free salvation and eternal life offered through Jesus Christ.

Interestingly these ads have played an important role in the growth of the agency. There are now over 60 employees in a business that merchandises over 1,500 cars a year—plus service and parts.

But business considerations are not the main reason why L. P. Safford authors this unorthodox newspaper column. His reason, he states, is because he has based his whole life on Christ's statement: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). Mr. Safford has the philosophy that God's work is far more important than his business—and that his first responsibility is to let the world know that Christ is the answer to people's problems.

L. P. was born in Augusta, Maine, in 1903. When he was eight he joined a church which did not question whether or not a person was a born-again Christian.

Religiously inclined, he participated actively in the church program. During his teens he became a Sunday school teacher, an officer of the youth group, and an usher in the church. But still he had no knowledge of what it meant for Christ to take away his sins.

A good athlete, he lettered in football, basketball, and baseball in high school and was captain of the football team. In college (Yale and later Boston University) football became a dominant force in his life. By this time he had practically excluded all church activity from his life.

During a summer vacation he made a success out of a fireworks sale venture. This success, coupled with an offer from an older brother to go into a real estate business in Florida, lured him from college.

The land business boomed. Young Safford had a new car at his disposal, and he had money to really enjoy himself. Soon he was drinking, taking in the night life and all that went with it.

But that life was shortlived. The boom collapsed. And Safford was out of work.

A former client offered him a job in Washington, D.C.—so L. P. Safford became an automobile salesman.

It was in Washington that something else happened that changed the course of his life.

He began to date the girl who later became his wife.

a thought for the week
L. P. SAFFORD



Do you want the best out of life? Well, then turn yourself completely over to God in prayer and confession and He will bring it to pass! "Seek First the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you", Matthew Ch 6 V 33. This is God's perfect formula for success! "No good thing for us shall be withheld from them that walk uprightly, O Lord of Hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee", Psalm 84 V 11-12. Put your faith and trust in the Almighty by attending church regularly, reading your Bible thru in '68, and having a daily prayer life. Write for free copy of my new tract "The Bible Speaks."

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The Man Behind the Ads

One night when he drove his Christian mother to a service at Full Gospel Tabernacle, he took his girl friend along—so she could get acquainted with his mother. He had no intention of attending the service. But when he let his mother out at the church, he noticed a group of young people waiting for the service to begin. He was so impressed by the caliber of these youth that he decided to attend that church if he ever went to church again.

The next night his mother wanted to attend a service some distance from Washington. It was another opportunity for a date, so again he took his girl; but this time they attended the service—the first full-gospel service that either of them had attended.

The Spirit-anointed preaching convicted him of the sin in his life. When the altar call was given, a young man asked him to go forward. But, L. P. Safford thought his girl friend would consider him a sissy. When he turned

to her, she said, "Let's go." He assumed she wanted to leave the service—and it wasn't until they were out in the car that he discovered she had wanted to go to the altar for prayer.

Later he talked to his mother about the plan of salvation. The next Sunday they all went to Full Gospel Tabernacle together, and at the altar he and his girl friend trusted Christ's precious blood to cleanse away their sins.

Since it was a Pentecostal church, it wasn't unusual to hear speaking in tongues during a service. His mother thought this might frighten him away. But, as the Bible says, this became a "sign to the unbeliever." Rather than being frightened by it, he found it an indication of God's presence and power. And just two days later he himself received the baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

"This baptism in the Holy Spirit has been a true source of power in living for Christ, and has helped me win others to Him," he says. "The mighty experience keeps me in victory, whether in adversity or success. The Spirit gives me understanding as I read my Bible or engage in intercessory prayer. In my opinion this baptism in the Holy Spirit should be the normal experience in every believer's life."

God has blessed this Christian businessman in many ways because he has tried to put God first in all things.

One of his early tests came shortly after his conversion. He had learned the truth about tithing—giving a tenth of his income to the Lord. But one week he discovered that with all of his obligations, if he gave the tenth to the Lord, he would have only a few cents left for his family to live on. He talked it over with his wife. She encouraged him to do the right thing—to give to God what really belonged to Him. So he did.

God took care of them in a miraculous way. Money came in from an unexpected source—and the little family was never in want.

Later God talked to him about giving \$200 to a specific gospel project. Never had he given that much money to anything—and he really didn't have it to spare. Again he talked it over with his wife, and they agreed to put God first. A short time after this God led him into a business which he soon resold at a profit of several thousand dollars.

As a Christian businessman it has been his practice to keep his personal life strong for Jesus Christ by reading his Bible, praying, and attending church regularly—as he urges others to do in his "Thought for the Week."

He has faithfully served as a Sunday school teacher of teen-age boys for many years. Several young men from this class are now full-time ministers of the gospel. He has been superintendent of the Sunday school, deacon in his church, and active in several interdenominational religious organizations, such as the Gideons.

If you were to ask him what has been one of the main objectives of his life, Mr. Safford would answer without hesitation: "Personal witnessing!" Whether in home, office, or car, this man behind the ads wants others to know the peace and joy he has found in serving Christ—and helps them to find Christ for themselves. It's a way of life with him, as it is indeed for all who find that life's real satisfaction comes only as they put Christ first in all things. 

PENTECOST IS FOR ALL

By DONALD GEE

IT'S ALL RIGHT for your type of personality, but not for me." That remark, carrying a rather dubious compliment in its tone, was given as a reason why a fellow-Christian should take no interest in the baptism in the Holy Spirit or any matters classed under the heading "Pentecostal."

His idea was that such matters involve a certain kind of emotionalism, and he prided himself as being one to whom that is foreign.

He may not have been entirely to blame for his mistaken idea; perhaps we have stressed the emotional side a bit heavily. And admittedly some folk do go to extremes—even good ones.

Of course, the truth is that in the very nature of the case the baptism in the Holy Spirit must be for every Christian, irrespective of temperament of upbringing or culture or any incident of personality. It is as universal as salvation, of which, indeed, it is a vital part.

A significantly recurrent word in the Bible story of Pentecost is *all*. "They were *all* with one accord." "They were *all* filled." "The promise is unto . . . *all*" (Acts 2:1, 4, 39). There were no exceptions.

The original "all" on the Day of Pentecost was composed of a varied enough company. There were Peter the impulsive, John the intense, Thomas the skeptical, Matthew the precise, Nathanael the guileless, Simon Zelotes the revolutionary, Andrew the practical, and James the ambitious. Then there were Mary and the other women. Enough samples of humanity there to suit every type! But the striking historical fact is that on that day they *all* received an identical spiritual experience that was a Baptism.

Later on there were despised Samaritan converts; Saul the educated Pharisee; Cornelius, an officer in the Roman Army; Apollos from the Alexandria schools; and citizens of Greek cities. The cosmopolitan nature of the Christians who received a Pentecostal experience identical with that bestowed "at the beginning" disproves any idea that it requires a certain type of personality favorable to a special kind of "religion."

It must be for all, because all need it. Rightly understood it involves far more than anything temperamental or denominational or sectarian or parochial. It cannot be otherwise for it is the positive side of salvation. It is the "receiving" that complements the "remission." It is not sin going, but sanctification coming. Not emptying, but filling. It is God coming into the life in a fuller way. How can it be only for those who conform to a certain type of personality? Never!

The body is "compacted of that which every joint suppleth." All are necessary; therefore, all have a share. Nothing but a foolish pride, though unrecognized as such, will cause one deliberately to hold aloof. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is for *you* and for *me* because, thank God, it is for *all*. 

"Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over" (Psalm 23:5).

PSALM 23 IS FILLED with the enormous generosity of God. The superlative is demonstrated in every verse. No somber clouds of pessimism are permitted. The sky is clear—the horizon bursting with the sunshine of eternal love.

The Psalmist David is overwhelmed by the lavishness of the Giver of all good gifts. Restraint has loosed its bonds. The river of grace is flowing freely. The Singer of Israel is filled and wanting nothing. God has become his portion.

David overflows with the love of God whose goodness and mercy have exceeded his fondest expectations. He has discovered a well of such proportions that he is almost overcome with its magnitude.

Apparently David had the capacity to receive the impact of such lavishness. Other souls were blinded by earth's restrictions. They had eyes only for the paltry wealth of this world. The profit and loss balance of earth's economics had tended to distract them from the true wealth. But David could appreciate the wider scope of the Lord's goodness.

God's measure of giving is not determined by our worthiness nor by our responses. King David found this true and he is registered in the eternal Word as a man after God's own heart. God loved him. Something in this monarch prompted a response from the heart of the Lord.

But David was far from perfect. His glaring sins are recorded for all to read. His private life has become an open book. Taken from the obscure life of a shepherd, he became the hero of all Israel. His faith in God enabled him to deliver the Lord's people from Goliath and the domination of the Philistines.

Upon the throne, David was not always the exemplary king. His palace was a scene of hatred, jealousy, intrigue, and immorality. This king of Israel was to learn by bitter experience the reaping of his sowing. When finally brought to account by Nathan the prophet, David discovered a fountain of forgiveness and grace. His eyes were opened to the mercy and love of God. His heart, cleansed from sin and guilt, was enlarged to receive the flowing river of God's grace.

The profuse Giver is to be found at all of life's extremities. The Garden of Eden became the opening fountain of the river of grace for the first man and woman.

The exodus from Egypt's bondage demonstrated the same dimensions of grace. Not one Israelite was left behind. Even their cattle were included in the deliverance. Gold and silver became the possession of slaves as they "spoiled the Egyptians."

The sea parted to provide a highway. Here was a road only the redeemed could traverse, for it was a provision of grace and faith.

God Himself provided food and water in the wilderness. Enough and to spare was His measure. The waters ran like a river. Angel's food became the menu for the

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A Sermon by FRED H. PARLEE

redeemed with quail for dinner—everything necessary was provided by Jehovah. The greatness of God was demonstrated by miracles throughout the entire journey.

Moses, the leader, spoke with the authority of divine revelation. He had known and seen God. God demonstrated Himself to this man of faith, and he led a crowd of slaves through hostile territory, proving God's faithfulness all the way. Israel discovered that God was *for* them. He would be their sufficiency. That was all any people could ever need.

Calvary provided the summit of God's lavish generosity. The dimensions of love were enlarged to include the world. "God so loved" is the inspired record. He loved and He gave—the richest of heaven's treasure. Calvary opened a fountain for *all* sin and uncleanness. The river of grace flows like a torrent to bring its cleansing to all the sons of Adam. Not one person is excluded. The poorest may here become rich in heaven's wealth. The guilt-ridden may find release. The least deserving will find a welcome.

Here is where full salvation is found. Complete healing for mind, spirit, and body is secured at this fountain. All may sing with complete assurance: "I see a crimson stream of blood, it flows from Calvary; its waves which reach the throne of God are sweeping over me." Calvary opened the floodgates of grace for a perishing race. It is at this fount where sins are washed away and the pangs of guilt are healed.

The profuse generosity of God is seen again at the resurrection of Christ. By dying and being raised again, "he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men" (Ephesians 4:8). He obtained gifts for men and sent back the Holy Spirit as the divine Dispenser of those gifts which were for *all* the children of God. They were supernatural in essence and would qualify the receiver for the Lord's work. There was no need to minister unsuccessfully in the futile area of human wisdom. They would now be endued with "power from on high" and become evangelists of the covenant of grace.

The Pentecostal outpouring became a mighty torrent

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ARLEE at Camp Emmanuel, Newfoundland

of divine grace to all who received. It became the dominant force of the Christian church. Wells of living water became the one common denominator of the Christians. Christ had "bound the strong man of the house," and these Christians were spoiling his goods. Demons were cast out; signs and wonders followed the preaching of the Word.

These Christians spoke with authority. Christ was preeminent. His eternal power and position in the Godhead were constantly emphasized in their ministry and conversation. The baptism in the Holy Spirit became the energizing force of those proclaimers of the Cross. Their ministry penetrated the ruling courts of the world and found responsive believers in all walks of life.

Satan had been defeated by the crucified One. Christ arose with the keys of death and hell firmly in His omnipotent hand. The authority of the Cross could now become the possession of the humblest believer. The message of redemption was to be heralded across the world, and all who believe would be saved.

The Comforter had come to abide forever with the ransomed Church. The tidal wave of Pentecostal blessing engulfed the city of Jerusalem. It soon overflowed its banks, and the waters of life flowed to Samaria. The unclean Gentiles were swept into its depths, and the river flowed to the ends of the earth.

In these closing days of the Dispensation of Grace, the river of God's love and mercy is flowing for all who hunger and thirst. Out of the innermost beings of many will flow rivers of living water (John 7:37-39). There is no need for anyone to go hungry and thirsty as in a barren land, for the Lord of life is here to satisfy him with the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit alone is the answer to man's insatiable thirst. The stagnant waters of materialism will not do. The disappointing wells of man's wisdom leave us thirsting still.

The heavenly Giver now abides within our hearts and there dispenses His gifts and graces. He waits only to find a person willing to receive Him. When He finds such a one, He gives him eternal life, the Holy Spirit, His gifts, grace for all occasions, and assurance for the future.

So lift up your head—God is for you. Strengthen the feeble knees and stand confidently upon the Word of God. Open your heart to His intent—be filled with the Spirit. The Spirit-filled life is God's highest plan: it is His will for you. Here you find the complete answer to life. Here is fulfillment—the abundant life may be the possession of all who accept Jesus Christ.

Do you know the gracious Giver? If not, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ *now*, and the fullness of His love will be your eternal glory and joy. —Glad Tidings

THEY ARE SAYING

We live in a controversial world; there is a keen controversy raging today around the subject of the outpouring at Pentecost of the Holy Ghost, with all of its implications. And yet in spite of the controversy there is a growing spirit of inquiry about the meaning and work of Pentecost. An ever-increasing number of God's people are conscious that Pentecost is their heritage, and they believe it is only through Pentecost that the greatest need of present-day Christianity can be met. In spite of the controversy, the Lord's people everywhere long for the richer, deeper life which Pentecost makes possible.

—ARTHUR M. CLIMENHAGA, in *Evangelical Visitor*

I wonder if one of the secrets of Pentecostalism cannot be learned by our main-stream churches with the great emphasis on the Holy Spirit. I believe the time has come to give the Holy Spirit His rightful place in our preaching, in our teaching, and in our churches. We need to go back and study again what Paul meant when he said,

"Be filled with the Spirit." We need to learn once again what it means to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. We need to accept, we need to get something. Give it any terminology you want, but we do not have the same enthusiasm, the same dynamics, and the same power the Early Church had!

—BILLY GRAHAM (speaking in Sacramento)

It is certain that we shall never comprehend Pentecostal beliefs and practices until we understand the centrality of the third Person of the Blessed Trinity in their theology. Pentecostals profess a deep reverence and a boundless faith in the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is not for them a mere historical event. It remains an always renovated presence of the Spirit in the Church. The Holy Ghost is, now as then, the 'Vivifier,' the 'Consoler,' and the 'Creator' of a new life in the souls of men. He rules the Church and cares for those who put themselves under His protection. Pentecostals believe that there is no valid reason to restrict His powers to the first centuries of Christianity. The Church needs them now, even for her survival.

—PRUDENCIA DAMBORIENA (a priest in Bogotá, Colombia) in *The Catholic World*

SOMETIMES YOU HAVE MET SOMEONE WHO STOOD OUT FROM THE CROWD BECAUSE OF A DIFFERENCE IN HIS WHOLE OUTLOOK AND DEMEANOR. HE WAS CHEERFUL INSTEAD OF GLOOMY, REFRESHING INSTEAD OF DEPRESSING. AND YOU REMARKED, "HE HAS SUCH A GOOD SPIRIT."

another SPIRIT



By KENNETH D. BARNEY / *Pastor, Heights Assembly, Houston, Texas*

GOD COULD PAY NO GREATER COMPLIMENT to anyone than His praise of Caleb in Numbers 14:24: "But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it."

How miraculous that the unbelief of the majority did not rub off on this man. Their pessimism and panic never swerved him an inch. Amid all the clamor and turmoil that doomed the nation to 40 years' wandering, Caleb had "another spirit."

Sometimes you have met someone who stood out from the crowd because of a difference in his whole outlook and demeanor. He was cheerful instead of gloomy, refreshing instead of depressing. And you remarked, "He has such a good spirit!"

When we speak of a person's "spirit," we mean his qualities of mind and temper, his mood, his general disposition. An individual's spirit largely determines what direction his life will take.

In this hour of crisis and conflict let us consider some of the areas in which a Christian should display another spirit—a spirit wholly different from the surrounding multitudes.

A SPIRIT OF FAITH IN THE MIDST OF DOUBT

When the 10 unbelieving spies made their report, they did not deny the wonders of Canaan. But they concentrated on the difficulties until the glories of the Promised Land were overshadowed. Their whole emphasis was on what they "saw." With trembling hearts they declared, "Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great; and moreover

we saw the children of Anak there" (Numbers 13:28.)

If we spent all our time dwelling on what we see instead of what God has promised, we would never make any spiritual advances at all. Caleb didn't even mention what he saw; he just said, "Let's go; we're able." Some people look at a bruise on their skin and they see a cancer. They feel a pain and see death. They look at a mole hill and see a mountain.

There is a marvelously simple truth expressed in Lamentations 3:26: "It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord." It seems that the emphasis here is on *quietly*, although we often seem to read it, "hope and *hysterically* wait." Panicky waiting and hope are incompatible.

A SPIRIT OF PURITY IN THE MIDST OF IMPURITY

Our hearts race when we read of Samson carrying off the gates of Gaza when his enemies had barred them in an effort to capture him (Judges 16:3). But even more incredible is that just prior to this he had spent part of the night with a harlot.

It is unimaginable to a New Testament Christian that after indulging his fleshly lust, Samson could be anointed by the Spirit to carry off the gates.

For some reason known only to Himself, God in His mercy does sometimes grant such favors to men whose lives are questionable. But such mercy has a time limit. It always comes to an end. And it is inevitably a more tragic end than that of a man who has never enjoyed such blessing. If anyone would encourage himself in sin because of this picture of Samson, let him rather look at the hour when he shook himself and the Lord wasn't there,

with the result that he fell into enemy hands.

We are told in Judges 16:16 that in her effort to get Samson's secret, Delilah "pressed him daily." She couldn't have pressed him daily if he hadn't been *with* her daily. Samson's narrow escapes made him bold, but this reckless self-assurance was his downfall.

Whatever "new" standardss the world may be erecting in the realm of purity and morality, the words of Jesus have never been rescinded: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." How easy it is to drift into the free and easy moral behavior of one's surroundings. But how deadly! If there is one area of life in which we need another spirit, it is this one.

A SPIRIT OF WORSHIP IN THE MIDST OF IRREVERENCE

When Joshua met the Lord just before the invasion of Jericho, the divine command was, "Loose thy shoes from off thy foot, for the place whereon thou standest is holy" (Joshua 5:15). It isn't necessary for us to follow Joshua literally in this, but I hope we will always have his spirit. It isn't possible for the Lord to say much to us until our hearts have developed the attitude of reverence shown by this great man in taking off his shoes to talk with his Captain.

To the world today, sacred things seem to make the best jokes. Even people who do not say "God is dead" do not take Him seriously. Sad to say, individuals who live in such an atmosphere all week long can easily carry some of it into the church with them on Sunday. And then we wonder why the blessing is absent!

One evidence of irreverence today is the manner in which even Christians treat the Lord's Day. While it is true that we are not under the old Sabbath law, we nevertheless should honor the Lord on the day on which He rose from the dead (the first day of the week) and should do everything possible to make it a special day. There is no need to go into details and set forth rules; the Holy Spirit will lead a sincere heart in the right direction. But let us be sure that our freedom under grace does not overwhelm our sense of reverence for Him whose name is above every name.

A SPIRIT OF STABILITY IN THE MIDST OF CONFUSION

I appreciate the dogmatism of the gospel. Nowhere is it expressed more forcefully than by Paul in 2 Corinthians 1:18-20: "But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timothy, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea. For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."

When some people talk about spiritual things, they say "yes and no" so much that you aren't sure what they believe. But the gospel is one positive "yes." It is not "yes" today and "no" tomorrow as some people in the apostle's day seemed to think.

In Ephesians 4:14 we are warned against being carried about with every wind of doctrine. How very fitting to speak of false and distorted doctrines as "wind." Of course, wind can make a big commotion and attract a lot of attention while it is blowing. It often leaves a good deal of wreckage and at the very least it always leaves some objects in a different place from where they were before the storm.

But after a big wind you can always look out and see some things standing where they stood before, and this is the kind of character Paul is encouraging. After a person has lived awhile, he learns to take the wind in stride, realizing that as noisy as it may be, it will eventually die down. When some immature Christian excitedly proclaims a new thing that has come to town, the stable one says, "Maybe it's just some more wind."

Jesus warned of false christs. These people flourish in time of trouble when people not grounded in the truth are frantically searching for something to lean on. Some Christians are so poorly anchored to the Word that they too may feel insecure and will be trapped by teachings which contain enough truth to be deceptive but are so interlaced with lies as to be deadly. Our security lies always in our knowledge of the Word of truth, rightly divided.

A SPIRIT OF LOYALTY TO CHRIST IN THE MIDST OF SELF-CENTEREDNESS AND LETHARGY

When Israel left Egypt, they were accompanied by a group referred to as "a mixed multitude." The best explanation I have found of this is in the margin in the Scofield Bible: These people were drawn to the manifestations of God's power without an actual change of heart. They were full of enthusiasm as long as there was the excitement of constant supernatural demonstration. But once things settled down to the slow, plodding, everyday business of being a disciplined child of God, they grew restless and began to cry for more of what they had seen in the beginning.

When 31,700 of Gideon's army went home, relieved of any further obligation, I wonder if some of the remaining 300 said to themselves, "How lucky they are. They don't have to fight. While I'm in the thick of the battle, they will be lolling in bed." But which company would they rather be in when the great victory came?

Sometimes faithful Christian workers are tempted to envy the lethargic and lazy whom God Himself has apparently dismissed and sent on their way to spend their lives lounging and lolling and resting while the battle rages. But some day there will be a shout of victory in the camp of the Lord. And it will be the steadfast minority who bore the brunt of the battle who will be rewarded. May we never lay aside our spirit of loyalty just because some have deserted the ranks in order to pamper the flesh.

In Luke 9:59, 61 we see Jesus calling two men to be His disciples. Both were enthusiastic about it, but one said, "Suffer me first to go and bury my father"; while the other replied, "Let me first go bid them farewell which are at home at my house."

How deadly was that word, *first*. These men realized they should follow Jesus, but there was something else that must be attended to *first*. How often we do likewise: "Lord, I will surely do that for You, but *first* let me do this." Actually the real worth of our consecration is determined by what our "first" is. Jesus said our "first" should be the kingdom of God.

It is nothing short of a miracle that God can give us "another spirit" in the midst of such a corrupt age as ours. But as long as our lines of communication to heaven stay open, we shall indeed be able to resist the onrushing tide about us.



The Voice of God

Next Sunday's Lesson

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP

1 KINGS 19:1-18

WHAT A CONTRAST! On Mount Carmel, Elijah, full of faith and courage, prayed down fire and rain and slew 850 prophets of Baal! Later on Mount Horeb he was in a cave, gloomy and despondent, having fled from the queen who had threatened his life!

But God does not desert His servants even when their faith falters. Thus God had strengthened Elijah for the journey to Horeb where He would teach him some lessons—lessons we still need to learn today!

THE SEARCHING QUESTION (vv. 9, 10)

"What doest thou here, Elijah?" This question was calculated to lead Elijah to examine himself so that God could enlighten and strengthen him further.

It pointed to Elijah: "What are *you* doing here, Elijah? You are a man who knows God and has been used of God—a man who knows God's power and willingness to meet every need."

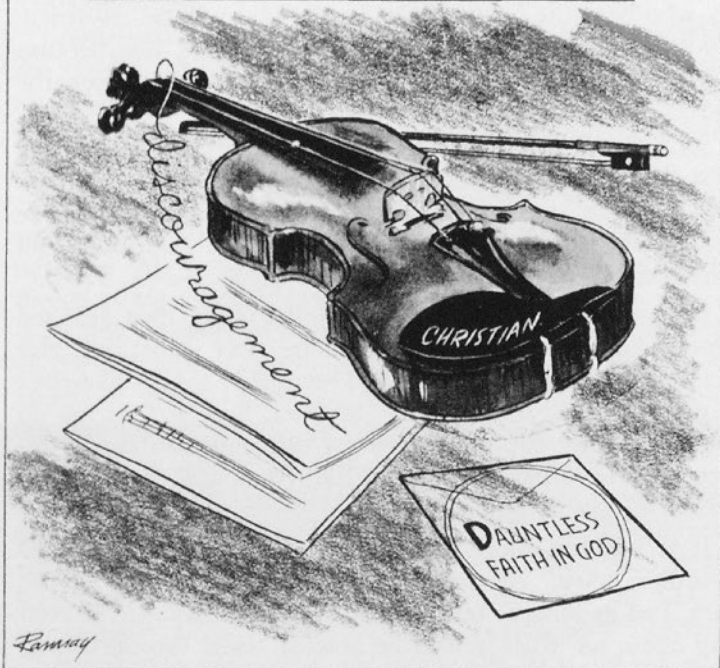
"What *doest* thou here?" Elijah had been a man of action. There was work to do for God. But now fear had paralyzed activity.

"What doest thou *here*?" Elijah was repining in a cave.

NEEDS A NEW 'D' STRING

BE STRONG AND OF A GOOD COURAGE,
FEAR NOT, NOR BE AFRAID OF THEM;
FOR THE LORD THY GOD, HE IT IS THAT
DOETH GO WITH THEE; HE WILL NOT
FAIL THEE, NOR FORSAKE THEE.

DEUTERONOMY 31:6



This was not a fit place for God's prophet. His place was among the people God had called him to serve.

God's searching question comes to men in all sorts of "caves": (1) to the sinner in the cave of sin; (2) to the Christian in the cave of discouragement, worry, doubt, and fear; (3) to the indolent in the cave of idleness; (4) to the unconsecrated and divided heart in the cave of worldly pleasure and questionable activity; and (5) to the child of God in relation to all of life. Why am I where I am, doing what I do, thinking what I think, saying what I say? What are the motives that shape and guide my life, making me do *this* rather than *that*, take this turn rather than the other, and choose this friend or that?

THE OBJECT LESSON FROM NATURE (vv. 11-13)

As Elijah stood before the Lord, he saw evidences of wind, earthquake, and fire which were indeed spectacular and miraculous. However, they merely preceded what was more significant—"the still small voice." Part of Elijah's failure lay in the fact that he had placed too much hope in the external manifestations of God's power. God was now saying to Elijah, in effect: "Elijah, you have thought that I could only deal with Israel through fire and storm or outward show of My power. This I do, but I have other ways of accomplishing My purposes. My power is working mightily in stillness and in ways which may seem ordinary. You expected the fire and the storm to convert Israel. But that was merely My preparation for revival. As you return to duty and faithfully proclaim My Word, it will accomplish its intended purposes in the hearts of men."

In these days of feverish haste and hyperactivity we need to wait before our Lord until we too hear the "still small voice" in the depths of our inner being. His voice will become to us the voice of peace, of guidance, of revelation, and of power!

THE CORRECTION OF ELIJAH'S ARITHMETIC (vv. 14, 18)

Elijah had complained that he was the only one left serving God. But God told him: "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel . . . which have not bowed unto Baal." Says one writer: "The Lord was saying to Elijah, 'It is not your business to keep books. You don't know how in the first place. You added a column of figures and got one. I added it up and got 7,000. You have not been a failure for you have walked with Me.' A man may not realize many of the hopes of his life, but if he lives in the secret place of the Most High his life will never be a failure."

To express it in yet another way, God was saying to Elijah (and it applies equally to any of us in a time of discouragement): "Cheer up, Elijah; things are at least 7,000 times better than you think they are, and the future is 7,000 times brighter!"

THE CALL TO RENEWED MINISTRY (vv. 15-17)

Ministering to others in obedience to the will and call of God is often a sure cure for depression. Introspection and self-examination are occasionally helpful and necessary, but too much of it results in morbidity and despondency.

Furthermore, the work God gave Elijah to do made it plain that God had the future of His people well in hand. All Elijah needed to do was to trust and obey!



IF GOD IS ALL-POWERFUL, WHY DOESN'T HE
STOP THE WAR IN VIETNAM?
IF HE IS SO LOVING AND MERCIFUL,
WHY DOES HE PERMIT STARVATION IN BIAFRA?
THE WICKED PROSPER;
GODLY ARE IN NEED—IS GOD FAIR?

ALL MIXED UP

By **BILL POPEJOY** / *Pastor, Assembly of God, Bourbon, Missouri*

YES, I KNOW I SHOULD go to church, but to tell you the truth, I'm all mixed up! There are so many things I just don't understand. I'm all confused in my thinking right now; but as soon as I get the answers to my questions, I'm going to live for God."

This problem is serious. We have been too well-trained to become God-deniers or God-haters. The devil knows this, so he works in another way. He magnifies what appear to be inconsistencies. He points out apparent failures. He focuses our attention on what seem to be contradictions.

If Satan cannot get people to be total unbelievers he is content to get them all mixed up in their thinking, for a confused mind will lead a soul to hell just as fast as a rebellious mind. You may not shake your fist toward the heavens and deny the existence of God. But by living with a mixed-up mind you have, for all practical purposes, done away with the Almighty. The agnostic is no better off than the atheist.

A confused mind is not easily put back together. It is like a jigsaw puzzle that has been taken apart and shaken up in a box. It will not naturally fall back into place. You must spread it out and turn the pieces face up. Begin with what you know. You know that the straight edges go together. Separate the blues from the greens. Begin slowly, and little by little a picture will appear. It will not be long until you will find pieces falling into place—pieces you thought must be from another puzzle!

So with a mixed-up mind. You will never suddenly find yourself out of that maze. Begin with what you know! That is important. Your life must not be built upon guesswork. Instead of feeding on perplexities and question marks, meditate on those truths that you know for sure. You will soon get the feeling that your hand is in the hand of Another and that He is leading you!

ALL MIXED UP ABOUT GOD

Begin with what you know about *God*. You say you don't believe in His existence? Of course you do! You once believed in Him; what changed your mind? As a child in Sunday school you believed in God.

Has something happened to prove that you were wrong? What evidence do you have now that you didn't have then? Is it the fact that you do not understand His

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**SCRIPTURES
TO LIVE BY**

DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Theme of the Week: **OBEYING THE LORD**

Mon. Leviticus 26:1-13	Thurs. 2 Cor. 10:1-6
Tues. ... 1 Samuel 15:17-23	Fri. Philippians 2:1-11
Wed. Acts 26:1-23	Sat. Philippians 2:12-18
Sun. Titus 2:1-10	

"To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" (1 Samuel 15:22).

workings that bothers you? Would you like it better if God would confide in you concerning all His actions? Are you unable to accept the fact that God's ways are above man's ways?

Once you accepted God for what He was, but now you want to know why He allows the war in Vietnam. You think of all the suffering in the world and you wonder why an omnipotent God doesn't do something about it. If He is so loving and merciful, why does He permit the starving in Biafra? You see injustices all around you and wonder about God. When the wicked prosper and the godly are in need, you ask about God's fairness.

Let me state it again: *begin with what you do know about God*, not with what you do not know. Since you do not understand why He permits suffering, hatred, cruelty and injustice to run rampant, let your mind meditate on what you *can* understand. You know He has answered prayer for you. Perhaps you or some loved one would not be alive today if He had not intervened. In a tight spot you still call on Him—or you ask someone else to pray for you. Why? Because you know in your heart that God is full of compassion and mercy. You know that much about Him. You do not understand it, but you know it. If you are mixed up in your thinking about God, consider what kind of God you have found Him to be in the hour of crisis.

You know about Calvary. That was no ordinary death. You feel involved in it. There is no way to escape the fact that God's love for you sent Jesus to the cross. It was a price He did not have to pay. He did it because He loved you. He did it to save your soul from eternal wrath.

If He is that kind of God—One who died for you and who answers your prayers in the hour of need—then you know enough about Him not to be troubled about the way He is handling world problems. For even in wrath He remembers mercy. That is His nature. He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should repent.

Since He cannot be untrue to His nature, and since His nature is love, rest confident in the fact that if more people would come to Him, He would change them! There is no cause to be all mixed up about God.

ALL MIXED UP ABOUT THE CHURCH

But for every one who is mixed up about God, there are scores mixed up in their thinking about His Church. "When I find the perfect church," they say, "I will join it!" The finger of accusation is constantly pointed at hypocrites.

Someone says, "I'd rather be an honest sinner than a dishonest church member!" I like Sam Jones' answer to

that: "You don't have to be either one! It is possible to be an honest church member!"

But maybe you are not troubled by the inconsistencies within the church; it is the number of churches that bothers you. Why are there so many denominations? Which is the right way? Since they all use the same Bible, why do they teach different doctrines? If all Christians plan to go to the same heaven, why must they be divided here?

And the more you consider it, the more mixed up you become. Finally you throw your hands up in despair, saying it must be impossible to know the right way.

Wait a minute! Sure, there is a lot you do not understand about the church, but remember what you *do* know about it. Whom do you call upon in the hour of trial? Whom do you want to visit you and pray with you while you are in the hospital? And where do you find comfort and strength in the hour of bereavement? When the doctor says, "There is no more earthly help!" and the preacher says, "Would you like for our church to pray?" what do you say then?

All at once you forget about the hypocrites. You do not ask about the name over the church door, for you know that the people are just sincere folk doing their best to make heaven their future home and to help others along the way. At that moment when you need spiritual help, you *know* what the Church really is—and you are thankful for it!

There is no cause to be mixed up over the Church when you remember what it is. It is a group of imperfect people following a perfect plan. When they stray from the teaching of Scripture, do not follow them. But as long as they hold high the Blood-stained banner of the Cross and teach the born-again experience that Jesus taught, seek their fellowship to find strength.

ALL MIXED UP ABOUT THE BIBLE

I must confess that I get impatient and a bit unsympathetic toward those who say they are mixed up about the Bible. For in almost every case they are not Bible readers. They have read a magazine article or overheard an argument somewhere and have decided that the Bible is vague and full of contradictions.

When a man wants to know where Cain got his wife, I ask him which book in the Bible contains the story of Cain. If he doesn't know, he isn't mixed up—all he wants is an argument. It is doubtful that anyone ever gave his heart to the Lord because it was proved to him that a big fish swallowed Jonah!

If you are mixed up about the Bible, it is probably because you don't read it. Of course, no one fully understands it, but those who read it, meditate on it day and night, and hide its truths within their hearts find it to be a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their pathway. It is not confusing—it is wonderful! It is always new and refreshing to those who seek the living Word through the written Word.

ALL MIXED UP ABOUT THE FUTURE

How many are there who say that they are all mixed up about eternity? Is there a literal hell? How could a loving God allow people to go there? Is there a day of judgment? Will there be a second chance after death? What about the heathen who never heard the gospel?

Is there actually a place called heaven? How can



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saints be happy knowing that some of their loved ones are in torment?

What about the Great Tribulation? Will the Church go through part of it? When will the Temple be rebuilt? What is the meaning of 666? Will all the world hear the trump of God? Why wasn't the tribe of Dan listed with the 144,000? Who is the "man child" of Revelation 12?

The questions go on and on. There never seems to be an end, for man is naturally curious about the future. He wants to know about the next world and what it holds for him. But sometimes an over curious mind is coupled with an unrepentant heart—and the result is confusion.

Follow the same basic principle: *begin with what you know*. Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." He also said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." What more do you need to know? When the peace of Christ fills a heart, that person is not mixed up about the future. He knows that the One who holds tomorrow is the One who holds his hand.

It is altogether possible that although you say you are mixed up about the future, the actual truth is that you are scared! You are afraid the Bible is true, and you are not ready to stand before God in judgment. The Bible says, "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

You do not have to be mixed up about anything. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit will teach you all things. But He will only teach those who belong to the Lord and are willing to believe the Scriptures. The question is, are you God's child? Have you been born again? Your eternal destiny depends on your answer. 

a sign to the unbeliever

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Jewess began to talk to God, and repented, and accepted Jesus as her Saviour.

She then explained that Mrs. Crosby had spoken in her native language which she had not heard since her childhood. Yes, God had spoken directly to her.

As the Scripture states, "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not" (1 Corinthians 14:22).

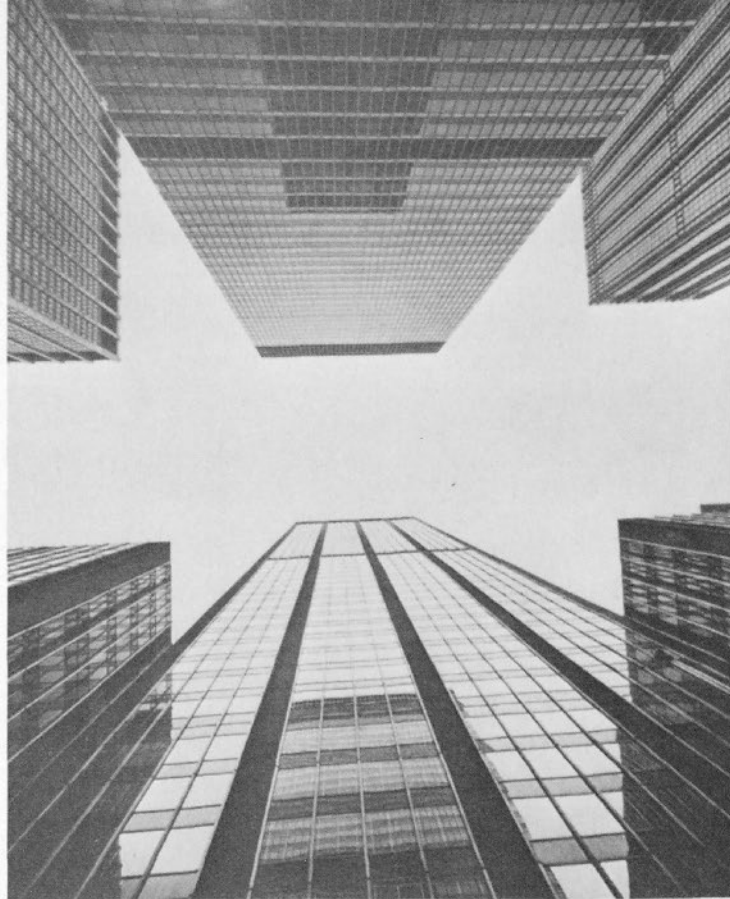
In his book *Speaking with God*, Willard Cantelon tells of a young man in Canada who gave a message in tongues in the Hebrew language. A Jewish rabbi who was present understood the message and was converted.

In California a young girl spoke in Latin. An atheist understood the message and found Christ.

A well-known evangelist was addressing a Chinese audience in Canada through an interpreter when suddenly the Spirit of God anointed the evangelist and he spoke to the Chinese in their own language. Many were saved.

God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. He speaks again and again, in many ways, to each unbeliever.

Regarding the Pentecostal experience, Mother used to say so often, "Oh, there's something that's real!" Yes, thank God, it is real. 



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CLARA HAS ALWAYS BEEN A FAINTER. She passes out at the sight of blood. Once she fainted when she bumped her head on a door.

Due to her habit of fainting, Clara is not much help in times of emergency. When she was a teen-ager, she worked for her Uncle Matt and Aunt Marge. One day Matt broke his leg. Marge was away, so Matt shouted for Clara to call a doctor. Clara, however, rushed to see what had happened. When she saw the broken leg, she fainted! Matt had to crawl to a phone and call the doctor himself—then try to help Clara!

In the face of almost every crisis Clara faints. After her marriage, she and her family were camping out on the top of Grand Mesa near Grand Junction, Colorado. Her son Dean had a heart murmur, and in the middle of the night he began breathing hard—gasping for breath.

Clara's husband awakened her and said, "We're going to have to take Dean down off this mountain. He can't get his breath."

She sat up in bed, looked at Dean, then lay back down again. "I think I'm going to faint," she said weakly.

Her husband laughed. "Don't be silly; you can't faint lying down."

She did anyway.

Her fainting is the result of a depression in the action of the heart. This can be caused by cold, heat, hunger, mental shock, weakness, pain, or fright. As a consequence, the flow of blood to the brain is interrupted and temporary unconsciousness occurs.

Not many people suffer physical fainting as often as Clara—but in the church there are many "spiritual fainters." The Bible reproves those who faint when the going gets a little rough. "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small," it says (Proverbs 24:10).

There is no need to "faint" when trouble comes into our lives. If we will wait on God in prayer, He will renew our strength so that we can "mount up with wings as eagles," and "run and not be weary," and we can "walk and *not faint*" (Isaiah 40:31).

There is a Scripture verse also for those who may grow discouraged while doing the Lord's work. "Let us not be weary in well doing," it says, "for in due season we shall reap, *if we faint not*" (Galatians 6:9).

A preacher's wife was ill and not expected to live. The minister, consequently, became discouraged and seemed to have no more heart for his church work.

Instead of helping him, the members of his congregation left him. "I'm going to another church," they said; and they departed one by one.

Eventually the minister's wife recovered, and the preacher was able to throw himself into the work with his former zeal. But by that time the church was so depleted it could not meet the challenge of the community and that section of a metropolitan area was unreached. Victories were forfeited because the church members "fainted" when the going became hard.

But "fainting" is not necessary. As long as God lives and answers prayer, there is a way to recover strength. Better still, there is a way to prevent "fainting." For the Bible says, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).

Please don't faint. Pray instead—and let God strengthen you by filling you with His Spirit.

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