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



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EDITORIAL

THE UNFINISHED WORK

At this time when our nation is celebrating the birthday of Abraham Lincoln and when our Assemblies are remembering the birth of the Pentecostal Movement, it seems fitting to recall Lincoln's great address at Gettysburg and adapt it to our Golden Anniversary. The following paraphrase of the Gettysburg Address has been written by Ralph W. Harris, the resourceful Pastor of Fremont Tabernacle in Seattle, Wash.

"Two score and ten years ago, our Father in heaven brought forth upon this continent a new Movement, conceived in the liberty of the Spirit and dedicated to the proposition that all believers are recreated with equal rights to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"Now we are engaged in a great war against sin, testing whether that Movement, or any other Movement so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. This country is a great battlefield of that war.

"In a large sense this ground is dedicated—it is consecrated—it is hallowed by the brave pioneers—living and dead—who fought for the faith. It is consecrated far above our poor power to add or detract.

"It is for us, the living, to be dedicated to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored pioneers of Pentecost we take increased devotion to that great cause for which they gave the last measure of devotion—that we here resolve that these men shall not have labored in vain—that this Movement, under God, shall have a new birth of Pentecost, and that the glorious full gospel faith, purchased by the Savior, energized by the Spirit, and redounding to the glory of God, shall not perish from the earth."

PRAY FOR FORMOSA

A cablegram to the New York Times from Formosa, dated Oct. 5, 1950, said:

"War has dealt a blow to Buddhism on Formosa from which it may never recover. All the island's 1,500 temples have been taken over as army billets. Once there were 150 monasteries and 100 convents. Most of these also have gone to the army and the 3,000 monks and nuns forced to make do with the remainder which are high on inaccessible mountain crags.

"Confucianism and Taoism have suffered in the same way. Only Christianity—which alone has provided any kind of social service or aided the people in material ways—has been allowed to keep its plant intact.

"There seems hardly a stirring of interest in Buddhism anywhere. Mrs. Sun Li-jen, wife of the commanding general of the Chinese ground forces, wrote a small booklet some months ago for Buddhist women, but the campaign she tried to start seems to have lost momentum. She estimated recently that there were no more than 600 really devout

Buddhists in the northern half of the island."

May God speed the day when every heathen system will give way to Christ and His gospel, and the promise of Jeremiah 10:11 shall be fulfilled: "The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens."

TYRE AND SIDON

Ezekiel said of ancient Tyre, "Thou shalt be built no more." Chapter 26:14. What was once a well-fortified city, a busy port rich with commerce, now is nothing but bare rocks where fishermen dry their nets, exactly as the prophet predicted. Tyre was destroyed because the people refused to repent. The neighboring city of Sidon was to suffer many things through war and pestilence because of her sins (see Ezekiel 28:20-23) but it was not said of her, "Thou shalt be built no more."

Last month oil began to flow from Saudi Arabia to Sidon through the great 750-mile pipeline. At present the 31-inch pipeline of American steel is carrying 300,000 barrels of oil a day to ships on the Mediterranean. Eventually, when enough pumps are installed and when all lines under construction are operating, the flow will be five times as large.

Did the oil companies study Ezekiel's ancient prophecy when trying to decide on a port site? No, probably not. With the ruins of the ancient city dredged out, Tyre would have a wonderful harbor, but for some reason the oil men preferred Sidon. God foresaw this fact 2500 years ago, and that is why He caused His servant to prophesy exactly as he did. "The Scripture cannot be broken." John 10:35.



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VIEWS

—READERS WRITE

Golden Anniversary Issue

I just wanted to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation to you for the December 31st issue of the EVANGEL. As far as I can remember this is the best issue ever to come off the press. I especially appreciated the messages by some of our forefathers in the Pentecostal Movement. I for one would like to see more messages by some of our older brethren on the line of the Pentecostal experience, for the benefit of some of us younger ministers.—Pastor Melvin W. Steward, Assembly of God, Vacaville, Calif.

Ordering Extra Copies

I want to express my deep appreciation for the December 31st issue of the EVANGEL. I feel it met a need in my heart and in my church to the extent that I am ordering some additional copies. Every article seemed to be born of God and the thing that hungry hearts are crying for. May God continue to bless our Pentecostal groups with the power and doctrines which the early men of God cherished so.—Otis M. Keener, Erie, Pa.

Communism in China

I have read Brother Hogan's article in the Jan. 14th issue. What a Satanic thing this Communism is! How sad that it is being forced into the minds of the Chinese. The Chinese people are not Communists. They are being forced by Satanic deception into most horrible slavery. I know it. I have lived there nearly sixty years, and have been in every province except the seven in South China. I speak from experience and intimate contact with all classes of Chinese people.

When the so-called Christian General, Feng Yu-Siang, returned from Moscow he had been deceived by the Soviets, and purposed to convert his so-called Christian army to Communism. He replaced his Christian chaplains with Communist propagandists. Two came to Min-hsien and on market day harangued a great crowd in the open air. One of our preachers, Mr. Meng, heard them tell the Chinese people that they were oppressed by the Nationalist Government and deceived by missionaries. They cried out against the missionaries in the city, saying, "Why do you permit them to deceive you with their smooth talk? Why don't you rise up and kill them, or drive them out? Down with foreign imperialists! Destroy the churches!"

Mr. Meng was standing near some farmers and he heard them say: "Humph! If we rise against anybody it will be against you rascals. You are our worst oppressors. You tax us to death. The missionaries harm nobody. They do only good. They introduced American potatoes, rye, wheat, and vegetables, and saved thousands of lives during the famine." Of course, they said these things quietly among themselves, but Mr. Meng heard and told me. They were not Christians but knew of missionary work and the good we were doing to the entire community. The same is true generally all over China.

When I first went to China in 1892 there was much anti-foreign feeling, due to ignorance. Every time I went out I was called, "Yang gway dze"—Foreign Devil. But I never hear that any more. Now even the rowdy boys frequently crowd around, take my hand, and ask, "You are an American missionary, aren't you? Where do you live? When did you come to China?"

Communists know they must uproot the teachings of missionaries or utterly fail. Missionaries of Jesus, anointed Son of God, Lord of the universe, must know what they are up against. Put on the whole armor of God. Quit you like men; be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Endure hardness as good soldiers of the anointed Jesus!—W. W. Simpson, Riverbank, Calif.

One Hour Inside the Pearly Gates

Evangelist Lorne Fox

IT IS MY PURPOSE to tell you a little concerning the vision which the Lord gave to me of heaven, of hell, and of the cross.

While praying one afternoon, the power of the Lord came upon me and I fell to the floor before His mighty presence. I lay there under the power of God as this vision was given to me by the Holy Spirit. You can realize that it is impossible for me to tell you the whole vision as it was given to me. For one thing, some of the things which my eyes were permitted to see in that vision I believe I am not permitted to speak of at all. But some things can be told, and a few of them I want to relate to you as best I can.

It has always seemed very strange to me that God would give me such an experience as this, as I am not a person given to a great many dreams and visions. But the Scripture promises that in the last days, when the Lord would pour out of His Spirit, among the signs and wonders that would be manifested would be God-given visions and dreams. There have been a very few supernatural experiences in my life, and this, I believe, is one of them.

Lest you think there is no precedent for an experience of this nature, may I remind you of Peter's experience recorded in the 10th chapter of the Book of Acts. He was waiting for the evening meal when suddenly he fell into a trance. The power of God came upon him, and he beheld a great vision. You may read the story for yourself. And so there is, I believe, a parallel. (While I do not for one moment compare myself with Peter, yet I do compare the experience of this vision with the trance into which Peter the apostle fell.)

I almost hesitate to try to tell you what is on my heart. If you are a thoroughly matured Christian you will understand and appreciate very much what I am going to say. But if not, you may scoff. However, as God is my witness, I assure you that as I give you this wonderful testimony I am telling you the truth.

We sing the little song, "How beautiful heaven must be, sweet home of the happy and free," but my friends, no man begins to know, for eye hath not seen, nor has ear heard of the wonderful things that await the redeemed children of the Lord in that land that is fairer than day.

While I was praying that afternoon, the

power of God came upon me and the scenes of the room where I was praying seemed to fade almost completely away. As the vision began, I found myself praying with my head bowed to the very grass of the earth, which seemed to be the slope of a hill on which I was kneeling. There was a very slight breath of wind blowing upon me, and far away in the distance I could hear something like the low, mournful wail of a crying, sobbing wind. Finally, after many moments, I raised my head to look, and I saw that I was kneeling upon a hillside, and that my face had been buried in my hands in the grass of



the earth. When I looked ahead, I saw a cross upon a hill. The whole hill was shrouded, and veiled, as it were, with a twilight or semi-darkness, and high atop that lonely, windswept hill I saw the Savior hanging upon the cross. Instinctively I was seized with a desire to draw near that cross, but felt so totally unworthy to do so in my heart. I felt that I must not dare to stand upon my feet in His presence in that moment, and so I moved forward slowly, literally crawling on my hands and knees, nearer and nearer to the cross. I moved forward until at last my body was bowed beneath the left cross-beam, and I heard the dripping of divine blood, dropping from hands that were pierced with nails and from feet that had been pierced through with the spikes; from a head that was crowned with thorns, and a side that was spear-riven. And as those drops of blood dropped, I felt them drop on me.

Hearing an unusual sound after a long moment, I raised my head to look, and away at the opposite side of the cross near which I was kneeling, there suddenly appeared a wide highway, or avenue, as it were, which led from the cross up into the heavens. It was a road that began at the cross, and I was given to understand it would end at the

Father's throne in glory. And where that great roadway ultimately entered into Heaven it vanished in a bright maze of golden light. I looked at that wonderful scene for a long moment, and then I moved back on my hands and feet until I was some feet away from the cross. But upon hearing a sound from the cross I turned to look, and this time the Lord Jesus Christ was not hanging upon the cross, but He was standing beside it. He spoke tenderly to me, with a word and with a tone richer than the world's most beautiful music.

I had been on the evangelistic field for many years and was very seriously considering settling down and preaching in one locality. There had been some very fine opportunities and offers came, and I had earnestly asked the Lord to show me His best will in this matter. Now, as He stood beside me at the cross, He said that I would know His will that day and that I would be thoroughly satisfied. He told me further that I was to have the privilege of walking up that highway into the blazing glory of golden light in the heavens, and that He would send an angel to accompany me on the entire journey. He also told me that when I had returned to the cross, I would find Him waiting for me there.

So with the angel messenger of the Lord I began to move slowly up the bright highway to the heavens. It is totally impossible for me to give you the details of that wonderful scene as we moved along side by side, the angel and I, but we soon found that this was a wonderful highway, filled with life and activity, for as we moved along, I saw many of the Lord's workers moving along as well. As I looked at them there were some that I could not recognize, and there were others whom I fully recognized as those with whom we had labored on this earth. They were all workers of the Lord, and notable was the fact that their arms were laden with treasures and trophies of grace which they intended to lay at Jesus' feet at the throne. These trophies, the angel told me, were the precious souls of men and women that had been won for the Lord.

Later on, as we journeyed up that highway, I noticed that on one side of the roadway everything became covered with a kind of semi-darkness, and I began to hear the agonized cry of men's voices. When I asked the angel just what these cries meant, he said, "Come, and we shall see."

We moved over to the side of the highway, and I looked over the edge into what was a partial twilight and down further into what was a dismal darkness. I stood there wondering and hearing the cries of people that I could not see; and then, just like the upsurge

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Brother Fox told of this experience at Springfield, Mo., last summer during the city-wide tent meetings which the Fox Party conducted.

The Power of Apostolic Days for You in the Twentieth Century



J. W. Welch

THE CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE is a reality—it is a real life to be lived. It is a mistake, however, to feel that self-sufficiency can ever enable us to live it. We feel rather that it is Jesus who lives the life in us. He brings us under the administration of God's plan, and bids us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God who, in due season, will exalt us.

Many have been discouraged because they tried to live the life they saw portrayed in the Bible, and failed. The failure was because they tried to live the life without the provision God had made. There is, however, no failure in God. Neither is there any provision made in the Epistles of the church for defeat or failure. We are told that we are "more than conquerors, through Him."

Conditions that Prevailed in Beginning of Church History

There is nothing in the Word of God that gives us to understand there is to be a shadow of difference between the first-century Christian and the twentieth-century Christian. The same Savior, the same Holy Spirit, the same power is for us today. The hindrances that lie in our path are no greater than those which confronted them, if as great.

When Jesus departed from this earth, He left His disciples facing a very serious and critical situation. We think sometimes that we are suffering persecution; but it is naught to what they faced after the Crucifixion. After all the hub-bub, disgrace, and discouragement which had been heralded far and wide, they were told that they must go forth and witness for Jesus.

The social, political, and religious world had all turned against Jesus. All had unanimously declared Him to be a malefactor. Now the disciples were told to go forth and tell the world that without that Malefactor they could not be saved. In this dire extremity—despised, hunted, driven, so persecuted that they did scarcely dare to meet together for fear of the Jews—they looked forward with great and anxious longing for the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, the Paraclete, of whom Jesus had spoken, saying:

"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

These people had never seen the Holy

Ghost given. There had never been anything like it in the world. They had nothing for it but the verbal word of the Lord. But oh, how they resorted to this promise. They went to the upper room in desperate straits, praying desperately. They prayed and continued to pray and supplicate at the Throne of Grace. They agonized and insisted that the promise should be fulfilled. They all prayed, and prayed all the time, and the thing happened for which they prayed.

When the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all still there, sitting before Him, praying as insistently as ever. Then a sound as of a rushing wind filled the whole room. "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the



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Spirit gave them utterance." There are various aspects between:

The Filling and the Baptism of the Spirit

It is hard to differentiate between the two, for it is all the power of the one Spirit. Yet it is one thing to be filled, but another thing to be baptized or submerged. Baptism means a filling, but it means even more than that. It means a sub-mergence, a plunging under in the Holy Spirit.

You might ask me to baptize you with water. I might tell you to come up here and take this pitcher and drink till you can contain no more; but that is not water baptism. When you get down to the river of the Holy Spirit and go beneath its mighty flood tides, your internal capacity is filled, and your whole being is submerged also.

Many Christian workers say: "Oh, I have the Spirit, I have had Him for years." Yes, so did I have Him for many years, but there came a time when He got me—got me under His hand, submerged in His power till He spake for Himself, and my whole being was under His control. There is a difference between having the Spirit for our pleasure,

and the experience where He has us for His pleasure. Do we pray, "Lord, take me, fill me with Thy Holy Spirit, for Thine own pleasure, and joy"? Or do we pray, "Lord, give me the Gift of Thy Spirit, that I may be happy and filled with joy"? Many talk about the leadings of the Holy Spirit, and at the same time they are trying to lead the Lord. There is too much asking the Lord to help us do things, and not enough moving in His operative will, where He permits us to help Him do it.

What a vast difference there is in the two scenes in the life of Peter, *Before* and *After* receiving the Holy Ghost. *Before*—we see him denying his Lord, shirking the cross, timidly following a long way off. *After* Pentecost, we see him preaching the Word with a boldness and daring that cut like knives into the hearts of his hearers. We hear the amazed people saying—"What power is this man speaking under? Where did he get such language and authority? In himself he is nothing but an unlearned fisherman."

What was it that made the difference, you ask? Why, in the first case we see Peter *trying* to follow Jesus, in his own strength; in the second we see the Holy Ghost Himself handling Peter.

These early Christians were men just like you and me, called from their scenes of labor, whether it was farm, or fishing boat, or the money-changer's desk. They were ordinary people, without special training or equipment for this work, who had seen Jesus and preferred to follow Him rather than anything else in the world. But something extraordinary had happened within them—their own puny strength with its tryings and failings had gone out, and a new power which equipped and endured for service had taken its place. It is your privilege to receive this same mighty, dynamic power of the Holy Spirit within your being, equipping and enduing you with power from on High as you go forth into the service of the soon-coming King.

Many wonder at the physical manifestations—the wonder would be if we did not have them. When the very life and Spirit of God comes surging in, the strongest of us are apt to shake and tremble under His mighty power.

Receiving the Power of the Holy Ghost

To receive the Holy Spirit you will have to come to a place of lowly humility, utter subjection, yielding to the will of God and of the Holy Ghost. You are discouraged, and feel your lack of power—so did Peter. But cheer up, his feelings and yours are only natural under the circumstances. You need the power of the Spirit just as he did, and it is for you as freely as it was for him.

As you read God's Word today, you feel that

This report of a convention sermon preached at Holdrege, Nebr., appeared in the *Evangel* of November 1, 1919. Brother Welch was Chairman of the General Council at that time and served as leader of our Assemblies of God Fellowship for many years. He went to be with Christ in 1939, and we reprint his sermon as an Anniversary feature.

you have fallen far short, and are condemned, as you consider the power with which the early Christians were vested. But God's Word has power not only to condemn but to fill the need and to comfort.

For fifteen years of my Christian life I lived without knowing that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the apostolic experience was for me. But now after twenty years of preaching, I can truthfully say there has been as much accomplished through my life in one year as there was in fifteen years before.

How can a farmer plow without a plow? He might get a stick and try to plow; but he knows that if he is ever going to do creditable and competent work he must get a plow. If ever you Christians mean to rise to the power God wants you to have for service, you need the Holy Spirit.

When I came to the Lord for the Baptism, I put the safety check on—and it worked, too. I said: "Lord, I want what you have for me. I don't want anything unreal or superficial. Jesus, I want what John had, what Peter had, what Stephen had when he gazed into the heavens seeing naught but Jesus while the

stones fell upon his body like rain. I want that which I see in your Word is provided for your children." And that is just what He gave me—A BIBLE EXPERIENCE."

I was alone in my office, with my head upon the chair in prayer. My whole being was still before Him. I seemed to be conscious of but one thing—GOD, GOD, GOD, everywhere. I became conscious of something moving within me, higher, stronger, and fuller. All at once it began to roll over. Strange, unintelligible words came from my lips, words that I had never heard nor seen in print, words that in their origination were apart from my mind altogether. There welled up swelling words of praise to Jesus in a language I did not understand.

He had taken hold. The Blessed Holy Ghost was worshiping God through me for the first time in my experience, just as He did through the hundred and twenty in Acts 2:4. I know what it is now to worship God, not only spiritually, but IN THE SPIRIT. He floods my soul with torrential rivers of praise, and song, and glory. Ask Him to fill you, too, this very hour.



She was sick with low blood pressure. It is one of those nagging illnesses which take the pep out of a person, yet for which there is no swift cure in the natural. She needed a strength beyond her own to carry her through.

Her doctor leaned across his desk with a stern, but genial expression on his face, and said, "I want you to quit reading your Bible."

"Quit!" she gulped.

"Yes. Too many of my patients read the Bible and when they finish a page they don't know what they have read. In the condition your body is in, you need more than mere reading. Go home and STUDY it."

And his advice is becoming widespread among the doctors and psychiatrists of our day. But most of us don't know much about studying the Bible. Here are a few simple but excellent methods.

Perhaps the best one is to select a short book, or a group of chapters, and read them over and over until you know the contents. As you read you will find some words repeated over and over again. They are key words. When you recognize a key word, underline it with red pencil. For instance, in the Gospel of John, the key word is *believe*; in Philipians, it is *joy*; and in First John, it is *know*.

Another way to study the Bible is by topic. Select a subject which interests you, such as FAITH. If you have a concordance, look up every reference to faith and see what God has to say about it. If you do not have a concordance, read in the New Testament until you come to the word "faith"; then write down the verse and the reference, and make your own concordance.

Still another way is to buy an inexpensive notebook and carefully put the Bible verses into your own words. For instance, 1 Cor. 13:1 is, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." To you this might mean, "Though I speak ever so fluently both in tongues that I have learned and in tongues that I have not learned, but have no love in my heart for others, all my fluent speaking doesn't do a bit of good."

Study the Word until you become like the man of whom Andrew Bonar told. The man said he had "meditated the Bible through three times."

Just when we are most anxious to have our hearts the temple of God, we shall find the two men coming up to pray. And the publican will find that his danger is not from the Pharisee beside him, who despises him, but the Pharisee within who commends and exalts. —Andrew Murray.

YOU'VE DONE IT AGAIN!

We were sure you would!

In November and December we talked over with our EVANGEL readers the situation at our National Children's Home at Hot Springs. We told you of those fifty-six children—real live boys and girls who never know a dull moment, lovable boys and girls with sunny smiles that would melt your hearts.

We shared their story with you, and together we remembered that Christmas was coming, and these children do not have homes of their own and parents to plan delightful surprises for them. Just as we expected, you joined us so heartily in our suggestions for giving them a happy Christmas, that Christmas for them was just about perfect. Many packages were received, all gift-wrapped and exciting, and some of them with the individual names of the boys and girls on them. There were also some cash offerings to buy new clothing and to provide a special holiday dinner.

After a great big family gathering around the Christmas tree in the dining room, where each child received several gifts, including pretty new clothing as well as toys, games, books and the usual goodies and Christmas treats, the children went to their rooms to arrange their cherished presents on their beds and to await the visit of "Mother and Daddy Jolliff" (Matron and Superintendent) and other workers who spent some time with each child, sharing their joys and exclaiming with them over the wonderful new possessions.

The children do deeply appreciate what you have done for them. We know, for we have received letters from some of the older ones, expressing their gratitude, and they say, "We do not know where we would be if it were not for this wonderful home." So we pass along to you a great big THANK YOU from each one of the boys and girls. Will you please continue to remember them throughout the year? They are still our BIG FAMILY

to love and provide for, and when Christmas is past, there are twelve ordinary months when bills must be paid for groceries, school supplies, fuel, staff salaries and other incidentals. Please keep your offerings coming in, if possible, that these boys and girls may be given a chance to make good in life.

OUR PIONEERS SAY "THANK YOU" TOO

Christmas at our Retirement Home was no less thrilling than for the kiddies at the Children's Home. A beautiful Christmas tree graced the parlor, and as packages arrived each day, curiosity mounted. Mrs. Holifield, Matron of the home, writes:

"We received lots of lovely gifts for everyone in the home. I have never seen little tots any happier over gifts than these dear men and women were when we gave out the gifts Saturday night. We received plenty of candies, cookies and fruit cake. The missionary Councils really did a wonderful job of supplying our needs for Christmas. We realize that lots of precious time was put into making the cookies, candies, some very pretty quilts and hand-made handkerchiefs, and the residents all want to say a great big THANK YOU to each one who had a part. When we gathered for our little Christmas service, we prayed for everyone who had made it possible for us to have such a pretty tree and the lovely gifts. With some cash offerings which came directly to the Home, I bought a twenty-pound turkey for dinner."

By now the Christmas goodies are gone, and we must again look to our churches and friends to keep funds coming in to operate the home comfortably for our dear pioneer workers. A little help from each of our readers, when added together, will meet the need.

All offerings for either of these homes should be sent to our Department of Benevolences (Fred Vogler, Director), 434 W. Pacific, Springfield 1, Missouri.

PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Fined for Drunken Flying

Drunken driving is dangerous enough, but now comes the ogre of drunken flying! A California man was recently fined \$300 for flying a plane while under the influence of alcohol, and another \$25 for having a passenger with him, according to Los Angeles Times.

Liquor Sprouts Wings

Colonial Airlines, flying between New York City and Bermuda, is said to be the only airline on that route not serving drinks. A survey was made of its passengers recently which showed that 78% of them were against "tippling in flight." Despite this, some domestic airlines have begun to go wet, very much to the apprehension of some of their patrons.

Bible Saves Soldier's Life

A Bible carried into battle in Korea by army Corporal Douglas Cook is credited with saving his life. Cook was wounded on the Masan front August 14. Evidently he was in a prone position when struck, for a machine gun bullet tore through his legs and penetrated half way through the Bible he carried in a pants pocket. Hospital authorities said that if the Bible had not been in the way, the bullet probably would have killed him.

Hebrew Christians in Israel

A Hebrew-Christian settlement is being established at Petach Tikvah, near Tel Aviv, with funds provided by the Southern Baptist Convention. An advance group of settlers, consisting mainly of Jews converted to Christianity, has already arrived at the settlement. Six other Hebrew-Christian groups are also laying plans to set up similar settlements in Israel.

Religious Freedom in Yugoslavia

Marshall Tito's government in Yugoslavia recently made a number of concessions to religious groups. Lutheran churches previously closed were allowed to reopen, Roman Catholics were permitted to consecrate a bishop for the first time since the war, a theological seminary was returned to the Serb Orthodox Church, and other denominations also felt an easing in the government's religious policy.

Why Is China "Red"?

A paragraph in *United Evangelical Action* reads as follows:

"How did China get so Red? Well, for one thing, by the aid of liberal missionaries sent out by careless or compromising foreign mission boards of the big denominations. They spent more time teaching *social revolution* than teaching the gospel. Our good friend Dr. Chester Tulga sent us a multith of a letter from Dryden L. Phelps, one of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society's missionaries, which appears in *Soviet Russia Today*, November, 1950. He is all for the Reds. And he is just a sample. How long will American Protestants stand for this sort of thing?"

The "Talking Bible"

A second complete recording of the King James Version of the Bible has been completed. The re-recording was needed because the original wore out from frequent reproduction. Distribution is made by the American Bible Society and the Library of Congress; the latter has found the Bible to be the most popular of the 1,500 "talking book" titles it gives free to blind persons.

Directing Y.F.C. International

Paul J. Maddox of Los Angeles, former chief of chaplains of the U. S. Army in the European theatre of operations, has been named executive director of Youth for Christ International. He will also serve as co-ordinator of the "Million Souls Campaign" in which 250 gospel teams will travel to 40 foreign lands during 1951 to hold 2,000 evangelistic campaigns in an effort to win a million people to a personal faith in Christ.

Alcoholism at the Capitol

Alarmed by its reputation for consuming three times as much liquor per capita as the rest of the nation, Washington, D. C., is trying to curb alcoholism. The House recently refused to consider a bill that proposed to extend drinking hours in the city, and the press and radio launched a campaign designed to supplement work done by the Board of Health and a local committee for education in alcoholism.

Drinking in Washington

Washington is called "the cocktail capital of the United States," and no social function is considered respectable if it be so anti-social as to exclude Martinis and Manhattans. *The Covenanters Witness* says:

"Washington was shocked during the recent visit of Mr. Nehru to find this social axiom ignored. His sister, the ambassador from India, gave a party to which 700 were invited, and served only fruit juice instead of Scotch or Bourbon. India has its important lessons for our so-called progressive country. Would that others who believe in sobriety had a like courage and would dare to be thus 'anti-social'!"

Germany in Prophecy

According to Ezekiel 38:6, Russia is to lead Gomer (Germany) as one of her satellites in the end time. How much of Germany she will control, we do not know, but the extent of her present holdings is significant and her desire to seize West Germany is no secret. *Intelligence Digest* (October 1950) says:

"Here is a nation of 80 million people, highly disciplined, with a high standard of living, outstanding in technical knowledge and achievement, and with tremendous industrial power. All these things are priceless assets. The whole German industrial machine is the most efficient, and on the way to becoming the most powerful, on the Continent. The Soviets are determined to seize Germany regardless of time and effort."

Prayer for World Leaders

The United Nations call it a "police action," and refuse to accept the situation in Korea as a state of war; but more Americans have already been killed or are reported missing than in more than half of the seven wars in U. S. history combined. The conflict may spread at any time. This is a time when the Lord's intercessors should be constantly in prayer for world leaders, for our representatives in the U.N., and for all in places of authority in our own nation. "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the river's of water: He turneth it whithersoever He will." Prov. 21:1. A great volume of prayer should ascend in behalf of these leaders whose decisions affect the lives and destinies of unnumbered millions.

General Eisenhower's Choice

One of the most distressing situations faced by a hotel manager was related recently in *Saturday Evening Post*. It happened when General Eisenhower returned to this country after World War II. The Board of Trade in Washington, D. C., was entertaining him with a luncheon for 1500 guests at the Hotel Statler.

The general was to be greeted by a Board of Trade welcoming committee in a small room with a completely equipped bar. The hotel manager, not being familiar with General "Ike's" drinking preference, gave orders to lay in every known alcoholic drink.

But when the general was asked what he would like, he named a soft-drink! Not a bottle of "Ike's" choice could be found. How embarrassing to the hotel manager! But how fortunate it is for America and for the forces of freedom that we still have a few leaders whose minds are not befuddled by strong drink. General Eisenhower is assuming another great load of responsibility in taking charge of the defences of Western Europe, a task he performed so brilliantly during the war with the Nazis. Let us support him with our prayers. It is reported that he was brought up by a Christian mother who knew what it meant to be "born again" and who had a fervent belief in the Second Coming.

Bible Distribution Expanding

People are pleading for the Bible in most of the world. The Scriptures in more than 150 languages are being supplied by the American Bible Society—in Korea, Greece, Japan, South America, China, Africa, Germany. Even Bibles in Russian are in demand in Europe (who knows how many are going inside Russia!).

An Aymara Indian living in South America writes: "I want so much that my race may have all the Word of God in their own native tongue for the good news has brought such wonderful changes to my people. It seems that Christ Himself is dwelling in our villages."

To meet the growing needs, the Bible Society has drawn up a budget of \$2,161,500 to translate, print, and distribute the Bible during 1951. It is the largest budget in the Society's 134-year history. Any readers who would like to contribute toward this good work may send an offering to our Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri, and it will be forwarded to the Bible Society promptly.

Why We Believe in Conventions

Paul Copeland

Registered delegates traveled a total of nearly three million miles to attend last year's National Sunday School Convention

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD PEOPLE believe in conventions! Evidence of this is the unusually high attendance at both general and district council meetings and at national and district conventions. This interest in conventions stems from our genuine appreciation of fellowship with Blood-bought believers and a common desire to learn how to do the work of God better.

No single gathering of this constituency has revealed our eagerness to attend conventions more than the National Sunday School Convention. This annual gathering has been proclaimed the largest Sunday School convention of its kind in America. Many of our people gladly make sacrifices to attend this annual convention. Pastors from smaller churches save their small offerings for weeks in order to come. Evangelists are willing to relinquish an evangelistic campaign, and the offering which they would receive during this period. Laymen have asked for leaves of absence from their jobs, sacrificing their salaries in addition to bearing the expenses of the journey.

Why do we find such interest in conventions? It is because our people are convinced that there is no business on earth as important as God's business. They believe that so many benefits are obtained by association with spiritually-minded people that they cannot afford to miss a convention where this association will be realized.

A recent check on our post-Sunday School convention correspondence showed me the powerful influence of the annual Sunday School convention. I am amazed more and more by the scope of its influence.

Pastors are experiencing a new concern for Sunday School work. A busy pastor who traveled over a thousand miles to attend the last convention, wrote: "The first night was worth the trip!" Another pastor who traveled a total of 3500 miles, testified that the things he had learned at the specialized conferences helped him to build up several departments of his Sunday School.

Evangelists, too, have been helped by the National Sunday School Convention. One wrote: "The convention gives me confidence to boost the Sunday School program out on the field." Another evangelist who gives his full time to Sunday School evangelism, said: "I felt that this was one of the most profitable meetings I have ever attended from the standpoint of learning practical things which help us on the field."

Even the physical equipment of many Sunday Schools was improved because of the national convention. A southern pastor visited the huge Exhibition Room, called the "Sunday School World's Fair," and carefully noted the Primary Department exhibit which

was a display of a model Primary classroom. After he returned home, he remodeled some discarded adult-size chairs and cut them down to fit Primaries. He made tables like those he saw in the convention exhibit. The equipment of his Sunday School underwent a major adjustment. And, because of the pastor's desire to put into practice the things he had learned, the Sunday School membership responded by steadily climbing in average attendance. A Nursery Class teacher declared: "We want our Nursery classroom to be decorated like the one we saw at the convention."

We received several reports of Schools that stepped up their training efforts as a result of instruction received at the national convention. Upon his return home, one superintendent began a "Potential Teachers Class." He wrote, "We thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the Sunday School convention and are using some of the new ideas received from it."

The National Sunday School Convention has had an effect even upon district camp meetings! A District Sunday School Representative received some helpful, mimeographed notes at last year's convention and wrote for additional copies for use at camp meeting.

An instructor at one of our Bible schools wrote to the Sunday School convention committee, saying, "I am sure delegates went home with a deeper appreciation than ever before of the worth of the Sunday School." Through the national convention, many Bible school students were convinced of the impor-

tance of Sunday School work and planned to enter a Sunday School ministry.

The enthusiastic atmosphere and instructional value of our conventions have attracted not only our own people, but friends from other evangelical groups as well. The director of the convention department of another organization wrote: "Congratulations that you are planning another Sunday School convention! I would that other groups had as much Sunday School push as yours. I think everyone in the Sunday School field who specializes in this type of work should go to Springfield, Missouri, at least once, to get a 'shot in the arm' that your well-attended, well-publicized, well-planned convention gives!"

The president of another publishing house called it "spiritually and inspirationally one of the high points of the year for me."

The effects of the National Sunday School Convention go even beyond the borders of the United States. A Pentecostal leader who travels in many countries in an effort to help Christians of various groups better to understand one another, wrote: "The teamwork in this great convention was to me a tremendous inspiration. In all my travels I have never seen anything greater or more glorious. Everything was so sweet and smooth. I am more encouraged to work in the interests of world fellowship amongst Pentecostal people of God."

Yes, we believe in conventions. They help us to unify our efforts for Christ. Improved policies and programs and more wisdom to deal with Sunday School problems result from them. The Scriptures state, "In the multitude of counsellors there is safety." Proverbs 11:14. The Bible pattern for the Church is one of interdependence. See Romans 12:4-6. Conventions offer opportunity for an active and practical demonstration of this truth. Our vision, enthusiasm and determination are heightened by our coming together for one common purpose. At the National Sunday School Convention discouraged ministers and laymen alike find new courage as they rub shoulders with other Christian workers who are blazing trails for the Master.



PAUL COPELAND
National Sunday School Director

"STEPS" AND "STOPS"

Waiting is much more difficult than walking or working. Waiting requires patience, and patience is a rare virtue. It is fine to know that God builds hedges around His people—when the hedge is looked at from the viewpoint of protection. But when the hedge is kept around one until it grows so high that he cannot see over the top, and wonders whether he is to get out of the little sphere of influence and service in which he is put up, it is hard for him sometimes to understand why he may not have a large environment—hard for him to "brighten the corner" where he is. But God has a purpose in all His holdups. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord" reads Psalm 37:23. On the margin of his Bible at this verse George Muller had a notation, "And the stops also." It is a sad mistake for men to break through God's hedges. It is a vital principle of guidance for a Christian never to move out of the place in which he is sure God has placed him, until the "pillar of cloud" moves.—Selected.

Priest Finds Genuine Peace

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Lindvall,
El Salvador

THE FIRST OF DECEMBER our four-month term of the El Salvador Bible Institute ended with a glorious graduation service. *Templo Bethel* was filled to capacity with close to 800 friends and relatives of the 45 students. An impressive part of the program was the entrance of a representative student of each of the five Central American republics, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, bearing the flag of his republic.

The Lord is blessing our weekly radio broadcasts. We know of several priests who are listening regularly. One of them asked our pastor, "Do you have real peace in your heart?"

"Yes," was the reply.

"I mean genuine peace, not something learned as a doctrine?"

To this our pastor replied, "Do you think I would return to religion, after having been trained for the priesthood and leaving it disillusioned, spending many years practically an atheist, if I had not encountered genuine peace of heart through our Lord Jesus Christ?"

Last Monday night a priest entered the control room and was there the entire time of our broadcast.

The "temporada" or coffee-picking season is now in full swing. You perhaps know that coffee is the most important crop here; how-

ever, we pay up to 70c a pound for coffee and it is inferior to that in the States for the best is shipped out of the country.

The living conditions of the coffee pickers are deplorable. Last Sunday night we drove by a large field about a block from our church and saw row after row of persons, some wrapped in thin blankets and some without covering, asleep on the bare ground. There they live, hundreds and sometimes thousands of them. During the four months of coffee harvest they have no shelter. The world does all it can to get the few pennies they earn with its liquor, lotteries, gambling, and entertainments. We use our public address system to try to reach some of these people with the message of salvation.

Two years ago we had a stand near the central market in Santa Ana where we sold gospel literature and Bibles. We are setting up a stand again this year.

Down here the people do not observe Halloween as a time of *spooks* but they do observe November 1 and November 2 as All Saints Day and Day of the Dead. The people go to the cemetery, decorate the graves, and have the priests pray over the graves. They pay from 80c to \$2 for each prayer. There must have been between 40,000 and 50,000 persons at the local cemetery this year. Our students went out in three groups. Each group conducted three services around some of the graves, singing, praying and testifying to the hope we have in Christ. One person accepted the Lord during their services and hundreds heard the true message for the first time. The several thousand tracts that were taken out did not begin to meet the need. Next year we hope to have at least 50,000 copies of an appropriate tract ready to give to every individual leaving the cemetery.

KYOTO ASSEMBLY

Mr. Uchimura, pastor of the Kyoto Assembly, and his family. Pastor Uchimura has been one of the most aggressive of the Japanese ministers.

The group below attended the ground-breaking service for the new church building in Kyoto. The building is now well on its way to completion.



REVIVALTIME ENCOURAGES CHRISTIAN IN SCOTLAND

"For some time now I have been listening to your Tuesday evening REVIVALTIME broadcast from Radio Luxembourg. These broadcasts have been to me, o Christian, a real source of encouragement.

"It has been my privilege to tell some of my fellow workers of the program. They are interested. This has opened up ways of speaking to them of their need of the Savior.

"We especially enjoy the singing. It is bright. The messages in song are gripping. One realizes the power of the Spirit behind every word.

"I will continue to pray that you and your workers will have great blessing and joy in all your labors for the King of kings.

"G. C., Renbreshire, Scotland."

There are close to 500,000 Pentecostal Christians in Europe, to say nothing of the other Christians, to whom REVIVALTIME can bring encouragement as it has to this man, as it is beamed from Radio Luxembourg each week. Many of them are living under trying conditions. What a privilege is ours to help sustain them! Millions of unsaved are also in listening-range of the powerful station.

The fellowship's cost for keeping REVIVALTIME on Radio Luxembourg is \$200 a week. Won't you share in this radio-missionary endeavor by mailing in an offering today? Your offering is needed. Send it to: **Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific, Springfield 1, Missouri, designated, "For Radio Luxembourg."**

Kyoto Assembly Now Under Construction

RUTH G. FLOYD, who is engaged in missionary work at Kyoto, Japan advises in a recent communication that the church building in Kyoto, Japan is now under construction. She writes: "The adults, Sunday School children, and pastor all have hands, hearts, prayers, and love in the construction. The Christians are so grateful for the cash gift from the Salem Pentecostal Church of Salem, New Jersey!"

A picture of those attending the ground-breaking service is shown on this page, also of Pastor Uchimura and his family.

Early last year Parker B. Hayes, pastor of the Salem Pentecostal Church, located at 322 Grant Street, Salem, New Jersey, mentioned to the Foreign Missions Department that his church would like to contribute \$1,000 toward the building of a small church on one of our foreign mission fields. When, in response to a presentation of his offer to missionaries on the field, the needs of the field were submitted to him, his congregation elected to sponsor the building of the Kyoto church,



NEW CHURCH IN SENDAI CITY, JAPAN

The new church in Sendai City, shown above, was dedicated on October 15. John J. Clement and Pastor Kikuchi of Hamamatsu were present for the dedicatory services, also Margaret E. Carlow, who is

stationed in Sendai City and has been largely responsible for the work there. Since the church was dedicated two evangelistic meetings have been conducted with about 50 decisions for Christ.

so it is largely through the kindness of the people of the Salem Pentecostal Church in Salem, New Jersey that the Kyoto church is now being constructed. The Christians in Kyoto, with great sacrifices, had purchased the land for the building themselves.

Our missionary work in Japan has made great advancements during the past two years. A number of churches have been built, but many others are needed. The gospel is finding ready acceptance wherever it is being preached. Scores have found Christ.

We have a number of new missionaries in Japan now. They are having to learn the difficult Japanese language. Pray for them in their language study.

Note: Other churches desiring to sponsor large projects on the field are invited to contact Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Secretary, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. He will be glad to assist in working out such projects.

Andrew W. Hargrave reports that our Publishing House in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil published more Portuguese literature in 1950 than in 1949. Here are some of his figures:

"This year we printed 870,255 of our paper called *Mensagem da Paz*, an increase of 166,070 from last year. Then, too, we started with the Christmas number a paper for the children called *Mensagem Infantil*. We printed 10,000 of these.

"Our Sunday School quarterlies also showed a gain, printing 158,720, a gain of 26,640 from last year.

"Added to this we printed 1,004,000 tracts; 25,000 songbooks; 5,000 books; and 5,000 promise boxes, besides the envelopes, mottos, cards, etc. This literature has gone not only to our 2,000 congregations scattered in every part of Brazil, but also to Africa and Portugal, and 'a drop of ink makes many think.'"

John C. Tinsman and R. B. Cavaness are on their way home from Indonesia. They have been in Ambon where the political situation

New High in Attendance Set

IN THE JANUARY 7 *Evangel* we told of the Sunday School in Trujillo, Peru experiencing remarkable growth. Our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Isensee, are pastoring there pending the securing of a national pastor. May we quote again for you two paragraphs from one of the Isensee letters showing the progress of the Sunday School to the first of October?

"When we were asked to take over the church we found that the Sunday School attendance was around 40. It had been down as low as 30. We felt that our first step was to impress upon the believers the need for prayer, and to stimulate within them the desire for an increase in attendance. When we set a goal for 70 they thought we were doing wishful thinking. 'When will I ever have the joy of writing 70 in my record book?' the Sunday School secretary asked. It was only a matter of a few weeks, though, until we had 72, and then 83 and 85.

"The last of July we launched an even greater effort to reach out. What a joy it was to see the enthusiasm of the believers themselves! Attendance climbed to 113, then 123, then 158, and by the first of October we reached 171. One Sunday we had 99 new pupils in Sunday School."

In a letter written on January 12, Mr. and Mrs. Isensee, tell of further developments in the Trujillo work:

"After Clifton Erickson held his campaign

has been quite tense. From Djakarta Mr. Tinsman wrote:

"We left Ambon on a rainy Saturday night and we must confess that we had a peculiar feeling of mixed emotions as we watched the glowing shells from the guns by the shore. At the time of our leaving the fighting was by no means over though the newspapers

in Trujillo in November, the 'opposition party' went right to work to see how much damage it could do us. A campaign was put on in the schools and young people and children forbidden to attend our Sunday School. Our attendance had gone up to 171, but dropped to around 80; however, we did not become discouraged. Everyone just worked harder and we saw the attendance go up to 182 the Sunday before Christmas.

"Christmas Sunday the Christians really worked. One man alone brought 90 to the Sunday School that day, and our attendance for the day went to 459. [Note: We recognize that the Christmas-Day figure would naturally be higher, but even so it is a good record, as we think you will agree. Mr. and Mrs. Isensee, incidentally, have followed rather closely some of the plans recommended by the Spanish Department's *Plan de Avance* in building their Sunday School.]

"For a number of months we have conducted personal workers' classes for the young people. Recently we took some of the young people with us to do house-to-house visitation. Five persons visited were won to the Lord, and three of the five are now attending services regularly.

"The Lord has certainly blessed the Trujillo church during December. Four received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit during the month and others are manifesting a greater hunger to be filled."

here say that the cleaning-up process is just about ended.

"Of course we did not leave Ambon until we had done everything we could to arrange for our people, and to make certain that all of our property was in good hands. The services were left in the care of competent national ministers.

"It was a thrill to meet all the folk here at Djakarta."

SUNDAY'S LESSON

A PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LESSON BY F. S. WILLIAMS

JESUS IN GETHSEMANE

Lesson for February 18

Matthew 26:36-46

We see something of the suffering of Christ in the account concerning Gethsemane, but we do not see it all. Because of this a person shrinks from trying to expound the meaning of Gethsemane. Help is received when a person turns to Leviticus, chapter two, where Jesus is presented in type as the offering-up of God's perfect man. The offering was to be of fine flour. The grain had to be broken and ground to fine powder. Jesus was ever the perfect One in that He was holy and without blemish; "holy, harmless, and separate from sinners" in character (Heb. 7:26). Although sinless, "Yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered" (Heb. 5:8). He suffered being tempted (Heb. 2:18). He suffered as our sin-bearer (Heb. 9:26; 13:12). He suffered, giving us an example (1 Pet. 2:21; 4:1; 5:10).

1. Gethsemane in Type

The whole life of Jesus was a life of suffering. He was "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief" (Isa. 53:3). What struggles He endured we may never know. It is enough for us to know that He suffered in our behalf, that we might be brought unto glory. The Captain of our salvation was made perfect through sufferings (Heb. 2:10).

In the meal offering in Leviticus 2, the meal might be either "anointed" with oil or "mingled" with oil (vv. 4, 5). The oil mingled typifies the birth of Jesus by the power of the Holy Ghost. The offering anointed with oil typifies that aspect in the life of Jesus when He was "anointed with the Holy Ghost and with power" at Jordan for His ministry (Matt. 3:16; Acts 10:38). Then comes the account concerning His sufferings. The meal offering had frankincense put thereon, signifying that the life of Jesus was to come up before God as incense. This is seen in the Father's twice testifying His pleasure in the life of Jesus (Matt. 3:17; 17:5). The fragrance of the frankincense came when the offering was being baked. The sufferings of Christ brought out the fragrance of His life.

This offering might be baked either in the oven (v. 4) or in the pan (v. 5). *Baked in the pan where all might see* sets forth those sufferings of Jesus which we are able to see. *Baked in the oven* tells of those hidden, inward sufferings of Christ which entirely escape the eyes of man—seen only by God. These inward sufferings culminated in Gethsemane when Jesus said, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt" (Matt. 26:39). Jesus had just said to His disciples, "My soul

is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death" (v. 38).

2. Gethsemane in the Plan of Redemption

While Jesus suffered and pled in the Garden, the disciples lay fast asleep. They felt a touch of His sorrow, for "He found them sleeping for sorrow" (Lk. 22:45). They could go a little way with Him in His sufferings, but not far. It was impossible for them to enter the hidden sorrows, the deeper sorrows, through which Jesus was passing. In spirit they were willing, but the flesh was weak. They were prevented by their material being.

What lesson does this afford us? If we love the Lord sufficiently we are willing to go all the way with Him, even to the death of the cross. We are conscious, however, of our limitations. It is well that Jesus understands our willingness and accepts our desire. What allowances He has to make for the weakness of our flesh! It is well for us that Jesus went the full way and that we may depend on what He has done. Should we for a moment depend on our own righteousness or the ability of our feeble flesh, we would fail. Peter thought he was able to endure, but how utterly he failed when left to himself (Lk. 22:33; Matt. 26:69-75)!

It is the conviction of the writer that in Gethsemane God "laid on him the iniquity of us all"; that Jesus felt the curse of our sins. His sinless soul, crushed with its awfulness, staggered under the load. He sweat as it were great drops of blood; His heart was broken under the weight of our sins. There is no wonder that the disciples could not enter with Him into such an hour as this. The cup which His Father had given Him to drink must be drunk by Him alone. He alone bore our sins. The Virgin Mary had nothing to do with it. We had nothing to do with it. Our only hope is in full reliance on what He has done. Human reason cannot get to its depths. Simple faith, and faith alone, brings His salvation nigh.

3. Gethsemane and the Betrayal

How Jesus longed for someone who could stand with Him in the conflict in Gethsemane. Before Gethsemane, when He knew that fateful hour was coming, He gathered the disciples and ate the Passover with them. There he said, "With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer." His heart was yearning for their love, their fellowship, their sympathy, and their support. Rising from supper and starting for the Garden, He said, "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." The clouds were

already gathering for the coming storm. In the storm He twice went to the sleeping disciples, the first time awaking them with the question, "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" The second time He refused to disturb them. He knew He must drink the cup and defeat the foe alone.

Finally the victory was obtained. His human nature was reconciled to the drinking of the cup. He then said to the disciples, "Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners" (v. 45). Then came Judas and betrayed Him with a kiss, a feigned mark of affection. God preserve us from advances of false love. God make us sincere in our dealings with the brethren. The cup in the Garden has been so bitter that nothing to Him could be worse. He was fully reconciled to go to the judgment and to Calvary where He "bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Pet. 2:24).

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The Ten Virgins (lesson for Sunday, February 11). Lesson text: Matthew 25:1-13.

THE MEANING OF FAITH

For what is more consistent with faith than to acknowledge ourselves naked of all virtue, that we may be clothed by God; empty of all good, that we may be filled by Him; slaves to sin, that we may be liberated by Him; blind, that we may be enlightened by Him; lame, that we may be guided; weak, that we may be supported by Him; to divest ourselves of all ground of glorying, that He alone may be eminently glorious, and we may glory in Him.—John Calvin.

HE COULD HAVE REFUSED THE CUP BUT—



having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. John 13:1

Ramsay

Taking God for Granted

Wesley R. Steelberg on REVIVALTIME

ARE YOU taking God for granted, my friend? I am very sincere in asking this question, for certainly there are many people in this world today who are taking God for granted. They are expecting the favor and blessing of God to continue to flow irrespective of how they treat Him.

In the nineteenth chapter of Luke, beginning with the forty-first verse, there is a little story upon which I want to base my statements. It says:

"And when he [Jesus] was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knevest not the time of thy visitation."

These words were spoken of the great Jewish nation, which had failed to recognize their true Messiah. They failed to recognize that the very Son of God had come into their midst. He had walked among them and had lavished His blessings round about. He had been with them in their daily life; had talked with them; had eaten with them—the Son of God, the lovely Savior. But so many of the Jewish people had failed to recognize their Christ; they had failed to realize that He was the anointed One, the Messiah.

So, as Jesus realized their unbelief, He went out on the mountainside, and looked down on the city of Jerusalem. He wept and lamented over the city in the words which I have just read to you. Believe me, friends, when I say that God Himself is moved with great distress because the people of this world, the people of this generation, have failed to appropriate the grace that He is affording them. They have not recognized that this is the day of salvation, that this is the hour in which God is seeking to draw them to Himself and to give them a glorious revelation of His love and mercy. If you are among that number, I want you to stop and think. I want you to consider where you are going to spend eternity. What have you done with Jesus Christ, the glorious Savior who alone is able to save you from sin?

There are many things which people take for granted in this life. They take their health for granted. People walk about with that air of nonchalance and self-sufficiency, expressing enjoyment over the fact that they feel very, very well. They recklessly spend their time and their strength in the pursuit of those things that gratify the desires of the fleshly nature. They never stop to think that some day they are going to have to pay. They may have to lie on a hospital bed, or use a

cane; or perhaps they will have to look through glasses and say, "Oh, I wish I had that good vision that I had a few years ago."

I visited Europe a short time back, and looked on buildings that once had rung with the laughter of happy families. Now there is no laughter ringing through the rooms; there is only an empty mocking shell to remind them of the horrors of war. And many of these dear people, it seemed, were not deserving of such calamity. They were ordinary folk, going the ordinary rounds of life. But war came upon them. Families were broken up; homes were destroyed; and there was an end to many of the benefits and blessings that they had enjoyed.

Perhaps they once felt secure, quite confident that what was today would also be tomorrow. This is one of the subtle schemes which Satan seeks to perpetrate against the children of men—to make them feel that all is well and that they need not fret themselves about tomorrow. But you'll notice that Jesus spoke very solemnly to those people. He warned them that there would be a day of reckoning.

Oh, if I could only persuade you, dear friend, to trust in God. You may be in the prime of life. You may have a fine job. You may own a lovely home, and have money in the bank. You may feel perfectly secure, but these transient things of earth can so quickly disappear. They can vanish like the dew before the heat of the morning sun. Let us not be so sure of ourselves, but let us take heed lest we be overtaken by the judgments of God.

You ask if there is a day coming when it will be impossible for us to be saved. Yes, there most certainly is. I want to read you a few portions of Scripture to illustrate this. Listen to Matthew 21:43: "Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." This was a solemn declaration made by the Son of God Himself.

Again we note in Matthew 25:28: "Take therefore the talent from him, and give it



unto him which hath ten talents." That little excerpt taken from the parable of the ten talents indicates clearly that God is going to expect an accounting of our privileges and of our opportunities. We are going to have to account for idle words, for indulgences of the flesh. We are going to have to account for that feeling of independence that turned a deaf ear to the pleadings of God.

In Mark 6:11 Jesus said to His disciples: "And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city." Jesus was reminding them of the two cities that had perished under the great judgment of God. He was telling His disciples to enter into a city, and preach to the people if they were received hospitably. But if they were not received in a city they were to depart, shaking its dust off their feet as a sign. It was as though God were saying, "You have had your last chance and have rejected it. You are not going to have another."

Now I do not know that this is your last opportunity to be saved, but it may be. We are living in dangerous days. We cannot afford to be dilatory with regard to our eternal destiny. We must take advantage of the opportunity while we may. I beg you, my dear friend, take heed now. Bow your knees. Ask God to save you. Take advantage of the opportunity that is yours, while the door is still open.

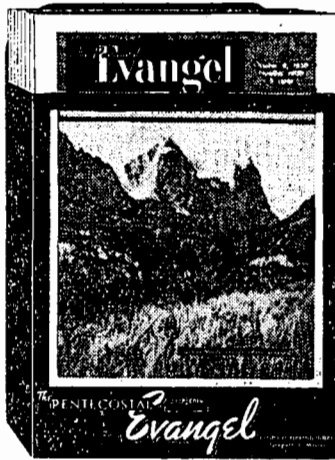
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—Andrew Murray.

I prayed for faith, and thought that some day faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not seem to come. One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, "Now faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." I had closed my Bible, and prayed for faith. I now opened my Bible and began to study and faith has been growing ever since.—
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ONE HOUR INSIDE THE PEARLY GATES

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of a mighty wave of the ocean, or a tide of the sea, I saw countless forms of men and women outlined dimly in the twilight. They rose up out of the darkness momentarily and I caught a glimpse of their faces. They were not all white faces; I saw many different nationalities represented there, people of various countries. They were crying. Their hands were outstretched toward the highway where I stood, and it pierced my very soul as I heard them crying and saying, "Won't someone tell us of Jesus? Won't someone show us the way of salvation? Won't someone show us the way of eternal life before it is too late? Tell us again of Jesus."

Do you know, my friend, to this very day, when I get down to pray for a meeting, and to pray for souls, more times than not that vision comes back to me, and again I hear the cry and the call of utter despair of those poor people who want to hear of Jesus.

It was at this point that the messenger of the Lord told me that I was to be taken away from the highway for a short time in order that I might be shown that which happens to the souls of unsaved men and women without hope and without God. It was here that God permitted me to get a glimpse of hell. Time will not permit me at this moment to say much more concerning the vision of hell. I have already told it to you and it is in tract form.

(The account of Brother Fox's vision of hell has been printed in tract form, and it ought to be put in the hands of every unsaved person. Copies can be purchased from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield 1, Missouri, for 50 cents per hundred. Ask for Tract Number 4-4654, entitled, "I Have Seen Hell.")

I believe there is a hell because I believe my Bible. I also believe there is a hell because of what the Lord let me see in that vision. There is a literal, eternal hell, and there is a lake that burns with fire and brimstone for ever and ever. In that vision I

discovered that the lost souls of men are not only tortured by the flames of hell, but they are also tortured eternally by the sins, vices, and habits that took them to the pit of hell. I was permitted to see what happens to the soul of an unsaved man at the time of physical death. I was permitted to journey along and see the torments through which that poor soul must pass on its way to the abode of the lost.

After my sad experience of the visit to hell, the messenger of the Lord took me again to the highway, and we continued to move forward to that wonderful haze of golden light. At closer proximity, the golden light became so intense that it illuminated everything; and then, in the distance, I began to see the pearly gates of heaven. And oh, my friends, thrill of thrills, the gates were opened wide. As we moved along, the roadway seemed to vanish from my feet, and I found myself standing by the shore of a crystal-clear river. That river flowed between me and the pearly gates, and the angel of the Lord spoke to me saying, "This is the river of Life, the crystal river, and all those who are redeemed of the Lord, upon leaving their earthly vessel, must pass through this river before they enter the pearly gates of Heaven." But the angel of the Lord told me that I could not then pass through that river because my work on earth was not quite finished, and that I must return to earth for a season to perform that ministry. Then the angel touched me and I found myself passing over the crystal river in his company instead of going through it.

Now in my vision I stood within the portal of Heaven. If you enjoy music, my friends, wait until you get up there. Oh, friends, I heard it. My ears were privileged to listen. You may love the music of orchestras and the majestic symphonies as they play. You may thrill to hear the melodic voices of choirs blended in harmony. You may rejoice to hear the husky, deep-toned voice of a mighty pipe organ. But on earth you have never heard music or singing that will compare with the music of heaven. My friends, over there you will hear the voice of a thousand harps, and the streets of that heavenly country are paved with pure gold. The atmospheric colors

are blended in one harmonic symphony more lovely than all of the rainbow colors combined.

I was only permitted to witness or see a very small portion of heaven. There are some things in this regard that I wish I were free to tell you, but at the moment, at least, my lips are sealed. I can say this much: I saw that heaven was built or composed of several planes or levels, and that we entered in at the highest level as apparently do all of the redeemed of the Lord who have been washed in His precious blood.

In the distance the majestic highway of life again swept through the pearly portals up to the highest point, high, high above everything else. There, the messenger told me, stood the throne of God and of the Lamb. My friends, there was no darkness there, no sun to shine, no moon to give her light, no stars to twinkle, for the Lamb of God is the light forever in that holy land. And, as the Word of God states, there is no night there.

As we looked over to the extreme right and again to the extreme left, we could see indistinctly in the distance the form of the beautiful mansions that the Lord has promised to us. He 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. In my Father's house are many mansions." I want you to know that God is keeping His promise and is preparing many mansions.

Closer to the highway of life along which we moved I saw a beautiful, green meadow. Rising from this meadow there were gentle, sloping hills clothed with the richest green. Then I saw a beautiful garden with its riot of color. There has never been anything like it on earth. There is a paradise within the city of God, and it is there that the redeemed of the Lord await the finishing of those heavenly mansions. I saw many friends there, some of whom I had known on earth who had gone on to be with the Lord. Among them was my own mother who came and extended her hands to me in warmest welcome, saying, "My son, for just a little while longer are we separated and then shall we be together forever in the Kingdom."

Moving along we came to another green sward and in this place there were great colonnades reaching up high. They were studded with bright, scintillating, shining gems. Among those pillars and colonnades there were many tables, innumerable, each of them covered with what appeared to be a snowy-white linen, whiter than anything I have ever seen on earth. The tables were laden with the good things of heaven. As I looked upon that wonderful scene the messenger of the Lord spoke to me again, saying, "As you can see, everything is ready for the marriage supper of the Lamb. Very soon the redeemed of the Lord will eat and drink anew with their King in His eternal Kingdom." I pause here, my friends, to say that this is just one more reason why I know the second coming of Christ is right at the door. Everyone in heaven seemed to worship the Lamb of God. Everything in heaven is pinpointed to the glorious event of the second coming of the Lord. All of heaven is waiting for it, every angel, every cherubim, every seraphim,

every being of that holy land and all of the redeemed of all ages. They wait breathlessly, eager for that moment when the trumpet shall sound and the church shall be caught up and the complete body of Christ shall be forever with the Lord.

As I watched their worship of the Lord, they never seemed to get their fill of adoration and praise to Him for His eternal love. In one place I saw a large number of people worshipping the Lord. I heard them crying and saying, "Praise! Honor! and Glory! to the Lamb of God who hath bought us, who hath redeemed us with His own precious blood." Even as I watched them, the messenger of the Lord touched me and said, "These are some of the men and women whom you have already won for the Lord, and there are many more yet who will follow."

We moved again back up the highway of life toward the throne of God. As finally I lifted my eyes to look upward to that highest point of life where was the throne of God, it seemed my vision had become blurred and my mortal eyes were almost blinded with the blazing brightness. The angel of the Lord smiled compassionately and understandingly at me and said, "Alas, but in your mortal state you can no longer stand more of this glory. You cannot come closer. Only when you become immortal as we will you be able to stand the wonderful atmosphere and light of this land."

Somehow I knew then that my journey was ending and that I must soon turn back, back to the pearly gates, and then back to earth. I believe the angel messenger that was with me must have read the sadness that was in my heart. I did not want to leave this land of fadeless day. I did not want to leave this land where the angels sang and played their harps, and where the choirs sang and the symphonies of heaven were blended in one melodic note of praise to the eternal Lord of glory. In that moment the messenger spoke to me tenderly and said, "Go back to earth and tell the people that the King is coming very soon. It will only be a few more years of mortal life and then you will all be forever in the presence of the King."

We walked back to the gates of pearl, and as we walked my eyes became heavy. I just remember coming near to those gates of pearl when my eyes were so heavy that I could no longer hold them open. I closed them, and as I did so, I presume it was the hand of the angel that was pressed over my eyes. In that moment there passed through my being a very strange sensation of the supernatural power of God. It quivered and throbbed all through my being from head to foot. When finally that sensation was ended, the heaviness of

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my eyes seemed to be gone. The hand of the angel had been lifted, too, and I was able to lift my head and open my eyes and look. I found myself back at the cross where this wonderful vision had begun.

Even as the Lord had promised me, He was standing at the cross, the blessed Lord Jesus Himself, clothed this time in beautiful, radiant, sparkling garments of purest white. He greeted me with a resplendent smile and He said, "Now, my son, you know my will. Go back and tell the people of earth that the last hour of mercy is upon them. Carry the message and faint not, for the time is short. Wherever the message is given, I will be in the midst and there shall be light, for I am the light of the world. You, with many others, have been raised up and called to give forth this last-hour message. Therefore, go quickly and warn the people to seek God, for behold, I come quickly, even as a thief cometh in the night."

The power of God began to lift from my body as the vision faded from my view. When later I sat up and then stood to my feet, I was amazed and startled to find that over three hours had passed. But during those brief three hours of earthly time, I had lived a lifetime and a wealth of eternal experience. I could never be the same again. Now I knew God's will for my life for I had had a glimpse into eternity.

This, then, is the holy calling which I believe the Lord has given me for your sake. Will you remember the words of the Lord Jesus, "Ye must be born again. Except a man be born again . . . he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." From the earnestness of my soul, I ask you, "What will you do with Jesus?" The time is short. I know with all my heart that the last call of the Holy Spirit is going forth over the land. That is why in these days of revival the Lord is speaking so mightily to the people everywhere. I love you. I wish I could put my arms around all of you who receive this testimony and bring every one of you to my Jesus, but you must make the decision for yourself. I ask you, "What will you do with Jesus?" Will you not pray with me in the words of the song:

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Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy glorious freedom and, light,
Jesus, I come to Thee."

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AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

ST. THOMAS, PA.—We recently had a three-week meeting with Evangelist Emma A. Dickerson of Elizabeth, N. J. Her ministry was a spiritual uplift to the church and many are seeking a deeper place in God.—David Armstrong, Pastor.

PARLIER, CALIF.—We had a three-week revival with Evangelists Ruth and Tom Monte of Fresno, Calif. Several were saved and three received the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. There were some wonderful healings. The singing and anointed messages were a blessing to our church.—Charles W. Barrett, Pastor.

MARIETTA, PA.—On December 17 we closed a meeting with Evangelist Daniel W. Brubaker of Columbia, Pa. The presence of the Lord was manifested and the church was helped spiritually.

Among those healed in answer to prayer was my wife, whose testimony follows:

"When eleven years of age I had rheumatic fever which diseased my heart. Before my last child was born my heart troubled me continually. The doctors told me I had decomposition of the heart, and that my life was practically over. When I was anointed and prayed for, the evangelist did not know my trouble, yet he rebuked the disease in the name of Jesus. I was immediately delivered. There has been no sign or symptom of heart trouble since. Our baby was also healed of a sore running eye."

We are praising the Lord for His goodness to us.—Elwood Bell, Pastor, Maranatha Chapel.

COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 17 days before the date which appears upon it.

ALEXANDRIA, VA.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, 207 S. Patrick St., Feb. 11—; Evangelist Anna B. Lock.—by Obie L. Harrup, Pastor.

MAGNOLIA, ARK.—First Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. J. E. Oaks, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by Floyd L. Garver, Pastor.

WESTWEGO, LA.—Assembly of God, Avenue F. and 4th St., Feb. 8—; Evangelist Roy Sherrill, Farmington, Mo.—by L. D. Wells, Jr., Pastor.

AKRON, OHIO—First Pentecostal Church, N. Howard and York Sts., meeting in progress, Evangelist and Mrs. Edwin Anderson; Providence, R. I. (Tom Johnstone is Pastor.)

VAN, WERT, IOWA—Teachers' Training Class, Feb. 4—18. Classes Mon. through Fri. at 7:30 p.m. Evangelistic services Sat. and Sun. G. R. McGhghy, Leon, Iowa, instructor and evangelist. (Mildred Baker is Pastor.)

MIAMI, FLA.—City-wide tent meeting, Seaboard R. R. and 25th St. (Hiialeah, Fla.) Feb. 4—25; Evangelist M. Mastro. Sponsored by Full Gospel churches.—by Gaynor C. Blouin, Chairman.

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SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, 6th and Fir, Feb. 11—; Evangelist William E. Long and party.—by Gene Martin, Pastor.

NEWARK, CALIF.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. James R. Swanson, Toronto, Canada.—by Riley Kaufman, Pastor.

CAYUGA, TEX.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen, Austin, Tex. (J. P. Sterling is Pastor.)

ST. CATHARINES, ONT., CANADA—Elim Tabernacle, Feb. 18—Mar. 4; Evangelist Fleming May.—by Eric Hornby, Pastor.

PLANT CITY, FLA.—First Assembly of God, Feb. 15—Mar. 4; Evangelist John D. Williams, Augusta, Ga. (C. A. Symonds is Pastor.)

ROSEBURG, OREG.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist Fulton W. Buntain of Canada. (V. L. Klemin is Pastor.)

LAMPASAS, TEX.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. F. Howard Yates, Henderson, Tex. (Carroll E. Yelverton is Pastor.)

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HOLLEY, N. Y.—Assembly of God, Feb. 4—18; Evangelist John Ward, Philadelphia, Pa.—by Peter Kozak, Pastor.

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MUSKOGEE, OKLA.—First Assembly of God, 7th and Boston, Feb. 18—25; Lawrence Selvey, Perry, Okla.—by S. J. Scott, Pastor.

CLEVELAND, OKLA.—First Assembly of God, Feb. 20—Mar. 6 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick.—by Kenneth D. Bird, Pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—Assembly of God, 1200 Atlantic Ave., Jan. 28—; Evangelist J. E. Stiles.—by L. B. Lewis, Pastor.

VIRGINIA, ILL.—Feb. 4—18 or longer; Evangelists Helen Early and Marjorie McCullough.—by Helen Cox and Mabel Brown, Pastors.

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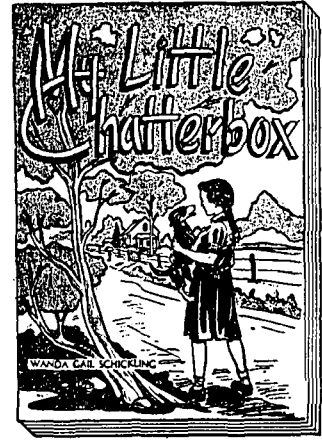
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PORTLAND, OREG.—Central Assembly, 115 N. W. 14th Ave., Feb. 11—18; Pentecostal Jubilee Crusade, Evangelist Wayne Fagerstrom.—by William F. Hageman, Pastor.

CARTHAGE, MO.—Memorial Auditorium, Feb. 19—Mar. 4; Evangelist Jack Coe and party, Fort Worth, Tex. Day services (10:30 a.m.) at Assembly of God, 10th and Lyon Sts.—by J. A. Rogers, Pastor.

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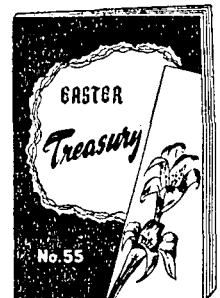
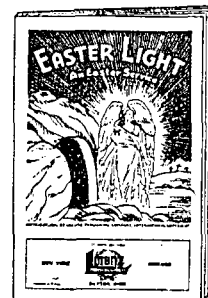
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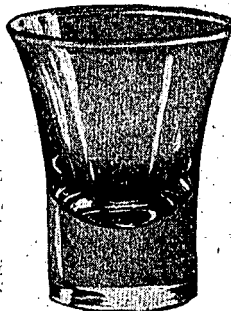
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