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

He will never fail us,
He will not forsake;
His eternal covenant
He will never break.
Resting on His promise,
What have we to fear?
God is all-sufficient
For the coming year.
Christian Business Men Meet

Representatives of Christian Business Men's Committees in 250 American and Canadian cities recently met at Toledo, Ohio, for their annual convention. Seven hundred "born-again" business men from various denominations partook of the Lord's Supper in a hotel ballroom prior to the convention.

Jews Oppose Vatican Embassy

The American Jewish Congress voted at its biennial convention in New York City to oppose President Truman's nomination of an ambassador to the Vatican. An adopted resolution urged the President to recall the appointment "in the interests of fundamental American democratic principles and of inter-religious harmony and accord within this country."

"Daddy" Hall With Christ

"Daddy" Hall, known to many as the "Bishop of Wall Street," is dead. The 86-year-old Episcopal clergyman carried on an unusual ministry of street preaching in New York for many years, and was well known for his telephone ministry. Thousands of people called his number when in trouble and received a straightforward answer from the Scriptures.

"I preached not what they wanted but what they needed," he said, "and I found it easy to be a Christian." He asked that these words should be his epitaph.

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Six Million Copies Distributed

The advisory council of the American Bible Society, at its annual meeting in New York, was told that this year's domestic distribution of the Scriptures will be the greatest in the Society's long history. Representatives of some fifty denominations which support the Bible Society's work, including the Assemblies of God, were told that last year's total of six million volumes had been exceeded in the first nine months of 1951.

Sabbatic Year in Israel

It is now the Sabbath Year among the Jews, and the orthodox Jews of at least one settlement in Israel are obeying the Mosaic law which forbids the tilling of land every seventh year. Members of Kibbutz Haetz Haim are told that last year's total of six million volumes had been exceeded in the first nine months of 1951.

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U. S. Department of Religion?

A proposal that the United States government have a Department of Religion has been made by Alexander F. Jones, executive editor of the Syracuse Herald-Journal. Mr. Jones pointed out that every activity of man is represented in our government except the most important one—religion. We have departments of Labor, Education, Commerce, Justice, but our spiritual life is not guarded by any recognition whatsoever. Perhaps our churches are much better off without government interference—but Mr. Jones thinks there ought to be more recognition of the need of God in our national life and that is why he makes this suggestion.

Christians' Rights in Pakistan

The All-Pakistan Christian League was assured that Christians and Moslems have equal rights as citizens of Pakistan. The Punjab Rehabilitation Minister told the group (in a recent convention) that "the government is doing everything in its power to bring comfort and prosperity to the Christians who have chosen to live in Pakistan after the partition of the India sub-continent." He asked the group not to misinterpret the "careless action of an officer somewhere" as the policy of the government.

The Gospel in Portugal

"Portugal is a clerical state where a dictator has nationalized a dominant church," says Dr. John Mackay, who recently returned from a visit to Europe. But there are 15,000 Protestants in Portugal and they enjoy religious freedom, he says. They can get permission to open new places of worship and hold public meetings. At least 2,000 Portuguese professed conversion in the first nine months of 1951 as the result of special Youth for Christ campaigns.

Intolerance in Spain

"Spain is a clerical state where a dictator maintains a Protestant ghetto," reports Dr. Mackay. There are 20,000 Protestants in Spain but they are not permitted to mark their churches, or publish church literature, or hold services in private homes. They may not conduct recreational clubs or parochial schools. They are not permitted to become army officers, teachers, or lawyers, and they have trouble getting married.

"In the great city of Madrid, there are only two judges who have the conviction and the courage to perform civil marriages for couples, one member of whom has broken with the Roman Catholic faith," he says. (Dr. Mackay's report was published last month in Presbyterian Life.)

PASSING and PERMANENT
NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE
"Come Ye Up Out of Jordan"

A New Year's Message by Zelma Argue

And the Lord spake unto Joshua, saying, Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan.

Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of Jordan. Joshua 4:15-17.

HOW STRANGE this new command! How different! And how encouraging!

At the commandment of the Lord they had crossed the Red Sea. God had said, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward," and the waters had parted before them.

At the commandment of the Lord they had placed their feet in the wheels of the Jordan, too, and the waters had divided to permit them to cross over.

But here was a command that was different. It was not to go down into the deep waters; it was not a further descent down, down, into another deep trial of faith. It was a command to come up on the other side!

Has God led you into the waters? Does it seem that your rivers have been overflowing all their banks? Have the great billows mounted about you, a tower on the one side and a high wall on the other side?

Thank God for such experiences—and for His sustaining presence and help through them all. But every time He leads us into a Jordan experience He likewise seeks to lead us out. He wants to bring us up out of the Jordan. And it is not back to the place where we were before we entered it. No, it is up on the opposite side. It is a new place, a place of unexplored possibilities, new possessions, new victories.

Take heart, O Christian! There is much land ahead. Conquests are never made while lingering in the Jordan. Arise, move ahead, march on to face the foe!

Hear the hosts of Israel as they obey the new command. It is the tramp, tramp, tramping of a victorious army. Not lagging now. Not hesitant now. Not uncertain now. A Jordan has been entered, crossed, and left behind. Looking back, the great gain of the frightening experience becomes clearly evident. So much so, that we hear the Voice of their Divine Commander bid them take great stones and set them up to mark the spot and remind them of the experience. How enriched is the life that can look back on spiritual milestones and review the victories won!

Further on the way grows brighter, Count the milestones one by one; Jesus will forsake us never—It is better farther on.

Before entering that Jordan they had camped upon the banks. One day passed. Two days passed. It was not until three days had passed that the command-faith-testing step as soon as they saw the priests bearing the ark leading the way. The priests would dip their feet into the waters of the Jordan; then shortly after, all the others were to follow.

Soon the time of pause was over. Now all was action, moving ahead to new conquests. Much land lay ahead to be possessed.

Ah, to look back after we have stepped out in obedience to the voice of the Lord makes us to rejoice and wonder at all His goodness and His power. When He has led us through the waters, through a hard place, we look back feeling we could sing and dance, even as Miriam did after crossing the Red Sea. The Red Sea behind? Wonderful! The Jordan behind? Wonderful! What next, Lord?

Beyond the Jordan of your trials, beyond the deep and perhaps bitter waters through which you have been led, lies an inheritance which you have never seen. Don't stay down in those chilly waters beyond the time God wants you there. When He bids, "Come up out of the waters," come out at once.

The past must be forgotten, and the new land possessed. This takes determination. It takes faith, zeal, unwavering purpose. But beyond that trial lies the new inheritance, waiting only to be possessed. Will you arise to the opportunity? Will you enter in? Will you take possession of new land that is now your right?

The challenge is: "The land whither thou goest in to possess it ... is a land of hills and valleys; a land which the Lord thy God careth for; the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year, even unto the end of the year."

The response of faith is: "Let us go at once and possess it, for we are well able."

Surely in facing the untrodden path of a new year, and especially in such a time in world history as this, we need to put upon us the mantle of Joshua. His fine spirit of humility, willing to pick up the responsibility where Moses had laid it down. His dependence upon God, waiting to get a word from the Lord, and His willingness to act upon it. His obedience to approach the walls of Jericho believing they would indeed fall down flat. His courage to face the inhabitants of the land, believing that God was able by a word to put them all to flight.

"Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you," God said, Joshua 1:3.

But it takes courage. "Only be thou strong and very courageous!" Meditate much in the Word, and it will give strength.

Let us make this new year the richest we have ever known by meditating much in God's Word. George Mueller made this the rule of his life. Every morning, before he would converse with man, he sought God, first in the pages of the Word, and then supplication and thanksgiving. God established the work of his hands as a consequence, giving him enough supplies not only for his own

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You Can Conquer Your Doubts

Nelson E. Hinman

IT IS EASY for some people to believe. Others constantly have misgivings and find it difficult to exercise pure simple faith. The apostle Thomas was one of these. He simply could not believe the facts of the resurrection without something to substantiate the statement regarding the phenomenon; but his doubt was essentially honest, as we shall see.

There is a certain kind of doubt that has made great contributions to human progress. “Skeptic” is a Greek word that means to “look about carefully.” A skeptic, in the scientific world, is one who uses his eyes to look into things. Copernicus doubted the Ptolemaic theory and thus proved that the earth was not the center of the universe. Martin Luther doubted the divine right of the Popes of Rome, and thus led the Great Reformation which has brought to Protestants the freedoms we know today.

There was a prevailing theory that man could not fly in controlled flight above the speed of sound. Certain scientists doubted that theory and they built supersonic planes that streak through the skies today; thus an intellectual doubt often has been the means of great scientific advance.

But doubt is valuable only when it spurs one to seek after truth. Otherwise it is like an opiate that kills, deadens, saps strength. A question mark is a poor resting place for a spirit.

Jesus never lost patience with an honest doubter. Consider Thomas: he received only the mildest rebuke. Nicodemus, who could not see through the statement regarding the New Birth, was not chided. Consider how gently Jesus greeted the messenger from John the Baptist who was doubting. The doubt of these men was honest, and in each case the Lord recognized the fact and gave them an answer on which they could base their faith.

But some people let their doubts be an excuse for slothfulness or inactivity.

They let doubt be a snare instead of a spur. If you are in this class, I want you to bring your doubts to Jesus, who can turn those stumbling stones of doubt into corner stones of confidence.

The first step in the conquest of doubt is to recognize doubt for what it is. It is essentially negative and defeating. It is a poison that in large doses will kill. Like strychnine, it can be a stimulant in small, measured quantities, but in larger doses it is a killer.

Doubt is a state of uncertainty. It is the first step into rank, open hostile unbelief, and therein is its deadliness. Doubt is synonymous with distrust, mistrust, indecision, suspicion, and genuine disbelief. A state of doubt is a condition of unsettled opinion, a feeling of uncertainty. It is a hesitancy to believe. It is a halting between two or more opinions.

To doubt God’s Word, then, is to question God Himself. It is to be suspicious of Him. That is just as wicked as it sounds, and I hope it makes you want to be rid of your doubts, instead of running down in them like a wounded dog in a briar patch—too miserable to remain, yet finding movement only brings added pain. (If the dog will recover at all, he must get out of the briar patch, sooner or later.)

Jesus listed doubt as one thing that would nullify faith (Mark 11:23). Look what doubt did to Peter. As he walked on the sea, he looked about and began to be afraid, and thus began to sink, even though the Lord had bidden him take the step. To the sinking Peter, Jesus cried, “Wherefore didst thou doubt?”

This explains why Jesus put unbelievers and scoffers out of the room of Jarius’ daughter before He raised her from the dead. Jesus knew the power of doubt. Elsewhere it is recorded that in certain parts of the country He could do no great work because of the unbelief rampant there. Doubt blocked the way to the Master Himself.

As long as one considers doubt a sign of intellect, and thus harbors and coddles his doubts, there is little hope of conquering them; so the first step in conquering doubt is to see it for what it really is—a damning, poisonous opiate.

The second step in the conquest of doubt is to sincerely desire to be rid of it. We must prefer faith to unbelief. It is shocking, but true, that some people are ashamed to be sincere believers. They consider it smart to parade their doubts and skepticism; many get a morbid satisfaction out of their doubts. In such a frame of mind, there is little hope of ever getting rid of them. We must look on our doubts as fifth columnists, and treat them as imposters. We must hate our doubt and sincerely desire faith.

The third thing to do in conquering doubts is to keep reminding ourselves that faith is possible. Others have met great doubts, more difficult than ours, and have won through to triumphant certainties. You can, too, but you will need to look around you for evidences that will substantiate your faith. Such evidences are available. The preponderance of evidence is on the side of faith, not on the side of doubt.

Dean Inge said, “If the whole of a distant landscape which others have described to me is a mere blur to my eyes, I infer that there is a fog which will soon pass away, or that there is something wrong with my vision.” God’s Word describes a Canaan land of possibilities to those who will believe. Jesus said, “All things are possible to him that believeth.” And again, “Whosoever . . .

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Daily Provisions in the New Year

Frank J. Lindquist

The New Year is made up of 12 months, 52 weeks, 366 days (counting February 29), 8,784 hours, 527,040 minutes, 31,622,400 seconds. Every second is fraught with possibilities and responsibilities. Every minute will bring us closer to eternity and to the meeting with Christ in the air.

Before all these minutes and seconds will have been measured by the clock, many who read these lines may have left this world and entered into the life beyond the vale. Time is something that must not be wasted but carefully used for God and man.

The past year may have had many disappointments and failures. These we must commit to God, resolving that with His help our record for the coming year will be better.

Thorwaldson the sculptor was asked, "What is your greatest statue?"

He replied, "The next one."

Let us begin the new year with faith in God, expecting it to be a year of spiritual victory—our best year yet.

Jonathan Edwards was a remarkable man whom God used for the salvation of many souls. People who do not agree with Jonathan Edwards’ theology still admit he was a great man. One of his many resolutions was, "Resolved, never to do, be, or suffer anything in soul or body, less or more, but what tends to God’s glory. Resolved, never to act as if I were in any way my own, but entirely and altogether God’s." Here are some very good resolutions for the New year.

The Blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7. It would be foolish for us to think we will be ready for the Rapture, unless we consider our need of daily pardon and cleansing through the blood of Jesus Christ. Every day we must live, and work, and associate with the ungodly and the sinful. We must walk through an evil world, and contact its defilement. The daily and momentary cleansing of the blood of Christ keeps the defilement from clinging to us, and thus we are daily kept clean and fit to meet the Lord.

Daily Prayer. David said, "Be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I cry unto thee daily." Psalm 86:3. Daily prayer is the breath of the Christian. It is indispensable, and absolutely necessary. What an example to us is that great statesman, Daniel, who in spite of many duties in the court of the King, kneeled upon his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God. Dan. 6:10. Daily prayer will bring daily strength and faith.

Daily Pardon. "The blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7. It would be foolish for us to think we will be ready for the Rapture, unless we consider our need of daily pardon and cleansing through the blood of Jesus Christ. Every day we must live, and work, and associate with the ungodly and the sinful. We must walk through an evil world, and contact its defilement. The daily and momentary cleansing of the blood of Christ keeps the defilement from clinging to us, and thus we are daily kept clean and fit to meet the Lord.

Daily Food. "Give us this day our daily bread." This part of the prayer the Lord taught His disciples is very often taken for granted, and in this country we revel in abundance. But man does not live by bread alone. He needs soul food, This is the Word of God. We must have a daily reading of the Word of God, if we are to maintain strength for the days as they come.

Daily Gratitude. "Who daily loadeth us with benefits." Psalm 68:19. The giving of thanks cannot be crowded into one day of the year in the month of November, but must be spread over every day, for every day we receive benefits. A healthful as well as cheerful disposition of mind is cultivated by the daily expression of thanks to God for His many benefits.

Daily Vigilance. "But exhort one another daily, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." Heb. 3:12-13. Vigilance is necessary under all circumstances of life. Just at the time when we think we are the safest, Satan is very near with unexpect ed temptations. The weak moment is Satan’s opportunity for our downfall. And how he watches for that moment!

The new year should be a year of new resolutions, new faith, new hope, new strength. Let us be watchful and strong. Let us commit the new year to God and expect this year to be a better year than the last. May God’s grace be with us all the days of our life.

For a happy new year, let each sunrise find you on your knees and each sunset find you engaged in Family Devotions.
Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

**Daily Cross-Bearing.** "Let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23. Daily cross-bearing is what forms Christian character. The daily cross is the means of God to produce the fruit of the Spirit. It is the way of the cross that leads home. The crucified life is the life of surrender. And sometimes we, like Simon the Syrenian, have an unexpected cross thrust upon us which we must bear.

**Daily Sanctification.** "I die daily." 1 Cor. 15:3. The dying daily to sin, and to self, and to the world, gives Christ opportunity to transfigure Himself in us. This dying is not pleasant to the flesh, but necessary for the manifestation of Christ in us. We discover just how alive we are by the rising up of our flesh and self asserting itself at times when we think we are the most dead. But we must resolutely set ourselves to the task of reckoning daily that we are dead indeed unto sin.

**Daily Strength.** "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." Deut. 33:25. We have a definite promise from the Lord that our burden shall not exceed our strength, that our Lord will not suffer us to be tempted above what we are able to bear (1 Cor. 10:13). This is then a promise of strength for the day. The trouble with so many of us is this: we have no tomorrow, yes, next week's troubles, and that is what wrecks our nerves and breaks us down. Let us live this year one day at a time, and claim the promise of strength for that day.

**Daily Growth.** "And the Lord added to the church daily, Acts 2:47. This daily growth of the church is spiritual as well as numerical. We must reach out for new territory; we must take the offensive rather than the defensive. The individual Christian must grow or else lose ground. We do not stand still. May we at the end of this year be able to say we have grown in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Praise God for the daily rate for every day, all the days of our life.

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**God and World Affairs**

Alice E. Luce

We often hear the complaint: "If there is a God, why does He not do something to stop the terrible things that are happening now?" Even sincere Christians sometimes are troubled and puzzled, and they ask: "Does God really keep His hand on current events? Is He interested solely in spiritual things—in the progress of missionary work, in the growth of His church, and in the development of our characters while holding Himself aloof from all matters that are merely civil or political, and exerting no active influence in international affairs?"

To answer these questions we need to make a definite study of the Bible, especially of the Old Testament. "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us." Deut. 29:29. Look at Psalm 33 for some of these things revealed, which therefore belong unto us. "The Lord looketh down from heaven, He beholdeth all the sons of men. . . . He considereth all their works. The Lord bringeth the counsel of the nations to nought; He maketh the devices of the people of none effect. The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations." God's mill of judgment may grind slowly, but it grinds exceeding small.

Another truth revealed in this connection is found in Psalm 50. For centuries man has been boasting that he could run the world by himself without reference to God. It appears as if the Creator had said to him: "Very well, go ahead, and I will let you do it." We see now in all parts of the world what an utter failure man's rule has been. But the day is soon coming when "our God shall come, and shall not keep silence" any longer. Then He will say to sinful man: "These things hast thou done, and I kept silence." We are living in the time of God's apparent silence as to administrative intercession, when Faith can cry: "Do as Thou hast said." 2 Sam. 7:7, 25.

Meanwhile, can we not learn much as to how our prayers should be guided, by studying God's dealings with His people Israel and other nations in the past? There is always a portion of Scripture specially suited to our day; and this could have been said by the Lord's listening intercessors in every age. Look at the historical and prophetic books of the Old Testament carefully, tracing God's dealings with the nations. Although in one sense He is "keeping silence" now, yet His plans and purposes for this world have never been changed. We may confidently believe that He will intervene in the near future (perhaps much sooner than we think) along the same lines which we can trace in earlier history.

There is a significant difference between the records of Kings and Chronicles. These books were compiled from different points of view. In Chronicles, while much of the history contained in Kings is repeated, much is omitted because it was foreign to the writer's purpose. But whatever bears on the Temple (its preservation or restoration, the purity of its worship, the regularity and orderliness of its sacrifices) and whatever matters bearing on God's people are emphasized in Chronicles. The attitude of the kings to the King of kings is, in Chronicles, the key of national history.

This purpose being seen, it is easy to account both for the likeness and unlikeness of Kings and Chronicles. The former books concern both kingdoms, and are political and kingly; the latter books concern Judah only, and are ecclesiastical and priestly. One pair, a record of history, analyses; the other, as a philosophy of history, analyses. In Kings we find wars, idolatries, and offences; in Chronicles deliverances, repentances, and reformation. In one, idolatry is treason against the Supreme King; in the other, it is apostasy from the Covenant God. Compare 2 Kings 17:7-23 with 2 Chronicles 36:14-21. With these facts it is often pointed out that all through the Old Testament only those events of world history are referred to which affected Israel. May it be possible that during this dispensation of grace God is compiling a history of the time of His "silence" in which only those events which affect His church are recorded, as important? We can surely see the Lord's commands in Luke 21:25-28 as basic truth on which to rest our souls in these "last days," when it seems that the "times of the Gentiles" must be coming to an end. Study these verses until your whole being is filled with the glory of that blessed Hope, and you simply cannot help obeying the call to look up and lift up your head to welcome your soon coming Lord. For lack of space we cannot here make full reference to four Great Deliverances which are filled with deep teaching and comfort for the Lord's oppressed and troubled ones in every part; but His Spirit will witness to your own hearts as He has done them at His feet. (1) Abijah against Jeroboam. 2 Chron. 13:18. (2) Assa against the Ethiopians. 2 Chron. 14:11, 12. (3) Jehoshaphat against the Moabites. 2 Chron. 20:17, 24. (4) Hezekiah against the Assyrians. 2 Chron. 32:21, 22.

There are five basic principles which seem to emerge from a study of these passages and record of God's dealings with all the nations:

(1) God never fails to keep His promises. Ex. 2:24, 25; 32:13; 2 Kings 13:23. What a firm foundation we have on which to rest our intercession, when faith can cry: "Do as Thou hast said." 2 Sam. 7:7, 25.

(2) Every king, as the leader of his nation, was held responsible for the condition of his country. We see this not only in things spiritual, but also in things temporal. 2 Chron. 25:8; 20:16.

(3) Blasphemy of the enemy against God was answered by Him. 2 Kings 19:16, 22; Luke 10:16. His judgment does not always fall at once (Eccl. 8:11), but it is safe to leave God to do the vindication of His own, whether in things great or small. He always vindicates us far better than we could ever do for ourselves.

(4) There was always a hidden, believing remnant, perhaps seen only by God. Take Naomi and her family (Book of Ruth) during a time of apostasy. See also 1 Kings 19:10, 14, 18; Rom. 11:3-5; 2 Kings 2:16; 4:43.

(5) Even in times when there was "no king" (Judges 17:6; 18:1-31; 21:25), God answered prayer for deliverance and called out leaders. 1 Sam. 7:3, 9, 10. This is the thought which should bring us the greatest comfort. We can find one example after another in Old Testament history; and as we rest our hearts on them, we can be guided in our intercession. Let us put the ministry of intercession in its right place, first in importance; and let us *take time to pray*. 

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An Urgent Call to Prayer

at Watch Night, December 31, and during the WORLD-WIDE WEEK OF PRAYER
January 6 to 13, 1952

God has been pleased to bless Watch Night and Week of Prayer assemblies since Wesley, Whitefield and about seventy of their brethren met in 1739 for special seasons of prayer for revival. United prayer has resulted in incalculable good to congregations and communities. It is doubtful if, in eternity, anything that is really good will be found that is not connected with the prayers of Christ and righteous people.

Divine exhortations to prayer should be taken to heart more today than ever. "Knowing the time, that it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day, not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof" (Romans 13:11-14).

We must draw nigh to God if we are to have Him draw nigh unto us.

In fact, there is nothing in itself good in this world or the next that is not linked up to prayer. As pardon and all the blessings of salvation must be obtained by calling upon the name of the Lord, so we must ask God to work if we want God to work. The Church's chief blessings are all connected with prayer. "Ye have not because ye ask not." Our Lord, who ever liveth to make intercession for us, waits for the prayers of His Church (see Eph. 1:15-22; 3:14-21; and I Tim. 2:1-8) in order to do mighty things.

Therefore, let Christians, families, and congregations give themselves to prayer for the blessings God has linked with prayer, and do everything possible to rouse the Church to make full use of the public prayer opportunities on Watch Night and all during the World-Wide Week of Prayer.

General theme for the Week of Prayer is, "REVIVAL IN OUR TIME." Some suggested topics for sermons and matters for prayer are as follows:

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Sunday, January 6


Monday, January 7

Pray for all men in Executive, Legislative, and Judicial departments of Government, and for those in State and Civic positions of trust, that God will open their eyes to see their duty towards Christ.

Tuesday, January 8

Pray that God will graciously grant that your family may be an unbroken circle in heaven. Pray for sons and daughters with the armed forces. Pray that piety and love may characterize all Christian homes.

Pray for the children in your church, for their protection against temptations, and for their early conversion and consecration to Christ.

Urge family prayers and daily Bible reading. Emphasize our duty to be witnesses to neighbors and friends, both by our example and by our spoken testimony.

Wednesday, January 9

Pray for all schools, especially Christian day schools, Sunday Schools, Vacation Bible Schools, Bible colleges, etc. Pray for Christian training in the homes of your congregation. Pray that more Christian influence be brought to bear upon all the families throughout your community.

Thursday, January 10

Pray that the behavior of God's people shall befit their high calling, and that old and young shall honor God at their jobs, at school, and in all their associations with others. Emphasize the need of personal evangelism.

Friday, January 11

Pray for all home and foreign missionaries. Pray that the Spirit of grace and supply shall be poured out upon all God's people in every land, and intercede for the speedy evangelization of the world. Remember all missionary leaders who face the problems of closing doors, for guidance in entering new doors.

"Come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker." Psalm 95:6.

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THE PROBLEM OF SIN
Lesson for January 6


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1. Origin of Sin

Before considering the origin of sin it is well to remember that if there is sin, there must be that which is sinned against. This we believe to be the government of God. As Supreme Ruler, God has provided out of His own nature laws that are the fruit of His divine holiness. These laws have been written in human consciousness. While sin and erroneous teachings have marred the clear vision of transgression, the reality of its existence has never been destroyed. Paul recognizes the knowledge of sin to be universal and indicates that the heathen, who have not the Word of God, will render an accounting for their lives according to their response to conscience (Rom. 2:14-16).

The divine law of righteousness reaches beyond the sphere of man. The angels that sinned were cast down to hell (2 Pet. 2:4) which proves that divine government is universal and according to law, and that such law demands penalty for transgressors. Were there no penalty for sin, the angels that sinned would not be penalized for their transgressions.

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longs to another. God-given instincts used in a way that violates the laws of righteousness become sinful. Paul said, "I keep my body under" he meant that he subjected every natural instinct and desire to the will of God, living according to the revealed will of God as found in the Bible. To live contrary to the teachings of the Bible is to "live after the flesh" and to live after the flesh is to perish (Rom. 8:13; Gal. 5:21).

Temptation is not sin. It is designed to prove us. Temptations to evil do not come from God. He does not tempt us to violate His Word. We may therefore know that such temptation is from Satan (Jas. 1:12, 13). There is that in man to which Satan can appeal in temptation. Temptation comes when we are "drawn away" of our own lusts (carnal desires) and enticed (Jas. 1:14). Our first parents were tempted through sight, feelings and ambition. They saw with desire the fruit of the forbidden tree; they became conscious that it was good to taste; they saw further that it would make them wise. At least they are the suggestions made to them by the tempter.

Jesus was tempted through similar avenues. He was hungry when Satan said, "Make these stones into bread." Ambition was appealed to when Satan said, "All this will I give thee." Pride was appealed to in the words, "Cast thyself down from hence." Temptation comes, therefore, through three avenues described in the Bible as "the lust (desire) of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life"; to satisfy any of these in ways other than as approved by God is sin (1 John 2:16).

3. Results of Sin

The results of the sin of our first parents were universal. Adam and Eve were banished from the garden, and their evil nature was passed on to their posterity. We are still the sufferers from the first sin (Rom. 5:12, 17, 19). This nature of evil is spoken of as "the old man," "the body of sin," "total depravity," etc. It is the bias or tendency to evil that is born into all men, a disposition that is contrary to God and His Word. "The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither can be" (Rom. 8:7).

The Scriptures of our lesson (Gen. 2:22-24) tell only of the banishment of Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden. We need to study the entire Bible to learn the dire results of the first sin. May this make us most careful concerning our lives. If Adam's sin was far-reaching, how far might our sins reach? When a person sins he influences others. If they in turn sin, the result of their sin spreads farther. Finally the effect of that first sin may reach to the uttermost parts of the earth. Not until the results of our sins are all in can proper and eternal reckoning be made to our account. What an accounting some will have when they stand before the judgment bar of God!

4. Remission of Sin

It is well that our lesson does not stop with the thought of sin, but tells us that "where sin did abound, grace did much more abound" (Rom. 5:20). Our lesson tells of a covenant which God has made through our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the covenant which Jesus made with His disciples when He instituted the Lord's Supper—"This is the new testament (new covenant) in my blood" (Luke 22:20). In this covenant God assures us—"And their sins and iniquities I will remember no more" (Heb. 10:17). Jesus came, "the last Adam" (1 Cor. 15:45), to atone for all the sins that have been brought into being through the fall of the first Adam. (See the comparison in Rom. 5:15-21.)

When Jesus spoke of the new covenant through His blood, He announced that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16). Their sins and their iniquities God would remember no more (Heb. 8:12).

Not only would God through our Lord Jesus blot out all the past, He also would put His laws in their hearts and in their minds. This means that God not only saves from the past; He changes the believer into a new creature and writes the laws of divine holiness in his heart.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON


HE CAN UNTANGLE THE CORD

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. John 8:36
If God has healed you recently, will you not write cut your testimony and let us publish it so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch? Make it as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

FOOT AILMENT

For over a year I have had something wrong with my foot. I went to several doctors, but they were unable to relieve the pain. I was to be operated on last August.

Brother and Sister Smith, my pastor and his wife, laid their hands on me as Christ commanded (Mark 16:18) and prayed. God healed me, and called me back into His service. Today I am healed and I am obeying His call.—Mrs. Ethel McCullough, Box 424, Plant City, Fla. (Endorsed by Pastor and Mrs. Donald B. Smith, Plant City, Fla.)

BOWEL OBSTRUCTION

I was very sick and for several days I was unable to keep food or water in my stomach. I was admitted to the hospital and the doctor said I had a bowel obstruction, making an operation necessary.

My pastor and Christian friends prayed for me. I felt the assurance that God would heal me. In a short while I began to recover. The operation was not necessary, after all, and no medicine was used. The doctor and hospital staff were amazed that I was up walking around so soon. I give God all the glory for healing me.—Mrs. Anna Lindskoog, Hughenden, Alberta, Canada. (Endorsed by Pastor R. J. White, Hughenden.)

HERNIA OF LONG STANDING

I was afflicted with a hernia in my side for 12 years. I have prayed many times for others to be healed during my ministry in evangelistic and pastoral work, and the Lord has healed in a remarkable way. I could not understand why I did not receive healing in my own body for so long.

Each time I sought the Lord in prayer concerning my healing, He would say, “I will heal thee. Only believe.” I wanted my healing right now and then, but God was healing me gradually.

A surgeon in one of our leading hospitals told me that he would operate on me and charge me for just the hospital room, medicine, and nurse’s fees. I told him I appreciated his offer, but declined to accept. There was always that assurance that the Lord would heal me.

Many times the agony and pain was so severe that I could hardly stand it, especially when I was preaching.

While I was pastoring the church in Campbell, Mo., the Lord said to me, “You are healed. Take off your truss.” I removed the truss and found it even as the Lord had said.

Three years have passed and the healing still holds good today. Since that time I have prayed for the sick with greater faith than ever, and many have been healed instantly. Praise the Lord.—Pastor A. A. Bradley, Box 53, Cotter, Ark.

GALLSTONES

For a year and a half I suffered with what seemed to be gallstones. I had such severe cramping spells that I rolled on the floor. I vomited blood even while I was on a diet. I had these attacks often.

While my husband and I were conducting an evangelistic meeting in Poteau, Oklahoma, I had an attack that lasted twelve hours. The pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Homer Boyd, and my husband prayed four hours before the service and four hours after the service before I got relief. I re­conciled my life to God during this suffer­ing.

The next night while I was sitting in church, I felt another attack coming on. Fear bound me. Brother Lem V. Wood, a visiting minister, was conducting the praise service. He said, “I believe that the lady on the front seat is suffering with gall bladder trouble. I used to have the same affliction, but God healed me. If we will pray for her, God will heal her.”

I did not know him and he did not know me. I had never seen him before, but God was letting me know that He wanted to heal me. I went forward and the people prayed for me.

I have not had one symptom of these attacks since. I eat anything I want and it does not hurt me. My husband told a physician about my healing. He said that it was an impossibility. From a natural standpoint it was, but with God all things are possible. This healing took place almost two years ago.—Mrs. C. M. Patterson, 119 E. Madison, McAlester, Okla. (Endorsed by Pastor Homer Boyd, Poteau, Okla.)

GALL STONES AND CANCER

I became seriously ill in El Centro, Calif. I was examined by two doctors, and an X ray was taken. My gall bladder looked like a nest full of bird eggs. The doctors recommended an operation immediately. I wanted to go home, and they granted me permission to go to the hospital in Phoenix, Ariz. They gave me a number of shots of dope so that I would be able to make the trip.

I arrived in Tolleson, Ariz., the next morning and called Pastor O. W. Killingsworth to pray for me. He refused the operation and I did not need to go to the hospital. That has been over a year ago, and I am still well.

I developed a growth in my breast which the doctor was sure was cancer. He wanted to operate on me. It had advanced until I was suffering a lot of pain.

We had a healing service at the church and in answer to prayer God completely delivered me. It has been a number of months since I was healed, and I am still in good health today. I give God praise for both of these wonderful healings.—Mina Justice, Tol­leson, Ariz.

(Pastor O. W. Killingsworth states that Sister Justice is perfectly well and does hard work.)

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Missionaries Broadcasting Over Radio Ceylon

MAYNARD L. KETCHAM
Field Secretary for India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon

AT 9:30 a.m. on December 3 our missionaries went on the air with our first weekly broadcast over Radio Ceylon, located at Colombo, Ceylon. This 100,000-watt station is by far the most powerful in the East, and one of the most powerful in the world. The broadcast comes as the fulfillment of one of my dreams of long standing.

When I first went to India more than twenty-five years ago I was a radio enthusiast. It was my hobby to devise new and improved circuits to pull in the countries of the world, and to send as well as receive. We rigged up a five-watt station for getting the gospel to the few people in India who, at that time, had sets. As a fledgling missionary who had not yet mastered the Bengali language, the vision of a radio ministry reaching from my little office to the English-speaking people of India was compelling.

The government stepped in while my interest was keen, and banned all private broadcasts. "Ham" licenses were canceled. Complete monopoly was taken of all that went out on the ether waves. It was discouraging, but it did not kill my vision. Through the years I was able to obtain special permission to put on a Christian broadcast occasionally. These were largely musical programs with little opportunity for gospel preaching.

But now the picture has changed. Through a fortuitous chain of circumstances we have been able to get a half hour each week for uninhibited Christian broadcasting over Radio Ceylon—the station that blankets the Middle and Far East, the station that comes roaring in on anything that could be termed a radio set in India, Ceylon, Burma, Pakistan, Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, and Africa.

Derrick S. Hillary is program director. He has planned a broadcast which will be unique and effective in reaching the multitudes of Buddhists, Hindus, Mohammedans and nominal Christians who understand the English language, have access to radios, and listen regularly to Radio Ceylon. There are outstanding men in the Colombo assembly who will help with the program—men filled with the Holy Spirit, men in high government positions, men whose names command respect far beyond the borders of Ceylon.

Here is a marvellous opportunity. Just think of it—to be able to preach to 50,000,000 people, the estimated potential listening audience, at one time!

Offerings should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, labeled "Radio Ceylon."

"BUT . . ."

I am the "butter." I get my name by injecting the word "but" into what otherwise would be high compliments for people and things. "Yes, he's a fine man; one of my best friends. I like him a lot, but . . . ."

"Sure, he's a fine preacher, and the church likes him but . . . ." "Yes indeed! America is certainly all right, but . . . ."

I'm a crack shot. I'm not going to stand by and let anybody or anything get away with unlimited approval! There are no closed seasons on compliments. I shoot them down any time with my disguised slander-gun. I never miss a shot!—Christian Action.

February 3 Will Be NATIONAL B.G.M.C. DAY

Children Have Given $25,000 to Publish Gospel Literature for Foreign Lands

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1952 has been set aside as Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade Day for the fellowship. The day was planned, with executive approval, at a meeting of the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade Committee. It will be the first national day observed by the children's division. Boys and girls under the age of thirteen will be asked to give a special offering for the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade on that day.

The Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, jointly sponsored by the General Council's Sunday School Department and Foreign Missions Department, is devoted to the financing of the missionary literature program of the Assemblies of God.

To take part in the activities of BGMC Day a Sunday School need not be a member of the Crusade. It is suggested that the occasion would well lend itself to the launching of a Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade in Sunday Schools where the children's unit has not been established. An application for membership card can be secured from the Sunday School Department.

Offerings should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, labeled "BGMC-Day Offering." They may be sent with regular church missionary offerings.

Suggested BGMC Sunday School opening service material has been prepared by the Sunday School Department for February 3. The material will be found in the first quarter 1952 issue of The Superintendent's Assistant, and the January issue of Our Sunday School Counselor.

The Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade was introduced during the missionary rally of the National Sunday School Convention in March, 1949, but was not put into operation until after General Council that year. In the two years since the division was organized, more than $25,000 has gone into literature needs of our foreign mission fields from the pennies, nickels, dimes, etc., placed by the children in the individual wooden banks furnished by the Foreign Missions Department and mailed out by the Sunday School Department. Children in 1,117 Sunday Schools of the fellowship now participate in the Boys

BAPTISMAL SERVICE OF UKRAINIAN BRANCH IN LIEGE, BELGIUM

The Ukrainian Branch of the Assembly in Liege, Belgium, holding a baptismal service at the outskirt of Liege.

Left: Candidates, friends and workers.
Center: A short explanatory message being delivered prior to the baptizing.
Right: Following Christ in baptism.

Pictures were supplied by Stanley A. Damon, who is in charge of the Liege Assembly.
Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Harrel recently sailed for Liberia, West Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice F. Petersen, missionaries to Upper Volta, French West Africa, announced the birth of a son, Kenneth Eugene, on November 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cobb, missionaries to Nigeria, arrived in the States for furlough on November 21.

Cyril C. Huckerby, superintendent of our Jamaica work, writes: "Jamaica now has sufficient used Sunday School literature; how these are the things that are weighed in the scales of heaven.

The address of Ethel M. King, who has served for a number of years as a missionary to North India is: 12 Ireland Street, Burwood E. 13, Melbourne, Vic., Australia.

In an article in the October 21 Evangel a church at Pinar del Rio, Cuba, was said to have an attendance of 200. According to a late report, attendance of the church now is between twenty-five and forty. Where it has been possible to erect or rent buildings in Cuba, crowds gained through the Cuban revival have been held; at other places many persons have been lost from the congregation. Pinar del Rio does not have a suitable place of worship. Offerings are needed to erect a church building there.

Throughout the foreign fields one of the great needs is for adequate buildings to serve as churches.

"The scales of God's judgment weigh only that which is done in the spirit of Christ's love. All else is wood, hay, stubble. Selfless love, an eye single to God's glory, a thoughtful concern for the welfare of others—these are the things that are weighed in the scales of heaven."

Send Foreign Missionary offerings to
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434 W. Pacific St, Springfield 1, Mo.
Vera Potter can't very well let you know what she needs now, for she's in a hospital in Anchorage, Alaska. She lost most of her left thumb, and severely lacerated her hand, while sawing wood for her children's home in Aniak. The thumb of her leather mitt caught in the pulley, and whirled her thumb around at least a dozen times, twisting her thumb off at the first joint. Most of the flesh around the bone below the first joint came off, and all the skin from the palm and back of the hand around the thumb.

Skin is being taken from her stomach and grafted onto her hand, and it is not known whether the skin will grow successfully or not. She needs our prayers.

One of our missionaries who is with her informs us that Sister Potter is in need of additional financial assistance to meet the hospital bill and other expenses. Sister Potter has worked hard in the fishing business in order to supplement our offerings for her support and for that of the children in the Kuskokwim Children's Home (founded by her in 1949). But the very fact that she was sawing wood at the time she was injured indicates that there is no surplus in her funds to meet this emergency. (Last year she spent her Home Missions Christmas check to have wood hauled, instead of dog-sledding it in herself. “My Christmas present,” she called it.)

Let's show this courageous missionary we appreciate her sacrificial life by lifting her added financial burden. Let's show her we meant it when we said, “If you need anything, let me know.” She needs our prayers, and she needs our gifts. Don't fail her.

Designate your offering: “Vera Potter Fund,” and send direct to Home Missions Department. (Fred Vogler, Director), 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri.

YOU CAN CONQUER YOUR DOUBTS

(Continued from page four) shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith.” This means that through faith in God you can solve your problems. There is no qualification in this whatsoever. God is waiting to show what He can and will do the moment you stop coddling your doubts and step out in faith.

Again, if you would be rid of your doubts, put yourself in an atmosphere where doubt languishes. Keep away from people who are antagonistic to faith. Some people are always ready to throw cold water on anyone who seems to be warming up to the promises of God. If you must associate with such people, refrain from talking to them about the things that trouble you. Confide only in those who believe God and who can help you to believe.

If you would live in an atmosphere where faith will flourish, then read your Bible. It will always stimulate faith (Romans 10:9) and will deal doubt a deadly blow. Attend a church which sympathizes with your faith. In some places in modern times, even the minister is skeptical concerning the verities of God's Word, so he cannot help you. Associate as much as possible with people who believe.

All evil indulgence must be given up if faith is to grow and doubts are to die. Such things dull spiritual perception, and create a dark, damp atmosphere where the lats of unbelief flourish. Faith is a delicate plant that sin will destroy, while doubt thrives on sinful practices.

The Assembly in Advance is living up to its name! It is advancing in the name of Christ and faith is winning the victory.

It was just a year ago when Floyd R. Highfill went to Advance. They had Sunday School in their living room with 17 present. They did not require a large building for only 17 people, but they had faith that as they worked and prayed God would give the increase. So they began construction of an attractive brick church building, 40 feet by 60, even though they had only a handful of workers. On July 29 they had the dedication service and began a four-week meeting which proved to be a glorious revival. There were 71 conversions and several received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. One lady was miraculously healed of cancer. The new church was filled almost every night. At the close of the revival the roster was opened and 23 joined the church. Sunday School attendance has climbed above the 90-mark and the watchword is still, “Advance!”

No matter how grievous your problems, you can solve them with the Lord’s help. Whether your problems are physical, material, or spiritual, faith will bring victory. If a Goliath of doubt rises up to cast a shadow across your hopes, do not trouble like the Israelites and resign yourself to defeat. Ask God for a promise in the Scriptures that you can make your own. God will give you the courage of David, and provide you with a sling shot with which to conquer the monster.

Paul’s assertion in Phil. 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me,” should be quoted over and over when doubt comes. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Author and Finisher of our faith. He is the One who will slay our Goliaths. He is the Moses who will lead us out of the Egypt of doubt and through the Red Sea of difficulty. He is the Joshua who will lead us into the Canaan land of faith.

Take your problems to Him in prayer. He will not chide nor rebuke you for your doubts. Your smoking flax of faith He will not quench. Your bruised reed of belief He will not break. Let Him be your shepherd. He will keep the wolves of doubt away. “God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”

Are you willing to believe? Are you willing to be rid of your doubt? Are you ready to turn the helm of your life over to Jesus Christ, the never-failing Pilot? The Lord invites you to put Him to the test. He will settle every honest doubt if you really are willing to trust Him and obey Him.

Do you really want to be saved? Are you willing to be saved? Do you want to be filled with the Holy Spirit? Are you really willing to be filled with the Holy Spirit? Do you need healing? Do you really want to be healed? Are you willing to go as far as you can with God? Are you willing to walk in the light He already has given you? Are you
ready to exercise what little faith you already have, in order that He may enable you to have greater faith?

Christ is saying to you, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Pay no attention to your doubts. Doubt your doubts and believe your beliefs. Say to Him, "Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief." He will pardon your doubt and reward your faith. First be sure you are willing to do what He wants you to do; then put your case in His hands, and trust Him to see you through to victory. You can conquer your doubts if you will take them to Jesus.

"COME YE UP OUT OF JORDAN" (Continued from page three)

needs but also to feed thousands of orphans and to clothe and house them. Let us "expect great things from God" and be willing to "attempt great things for God."

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Joshua 1:8. How precious the promise!

Before us lie new untold opportunities in which to loyally honor God with our courage. Our good cheer, our trust, and our conquests! "The path of the just is as a shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Proverbs 4:18.

KANSAS OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

All officers of the Kansas District were re-elected on the nominating ballot at the recent District Council, held in the Full Gospel Taber-

nis, Kansas City, Mo.

A change was made in the sectional divisions of the District. The northern half of the state was not affected but the southern half was divided into four sections, instead of three. Russell Reesrout was chosen to serve as Presbytery of the new section.

There was a glorious atmosphere of spiritual life in the meetings, which inspired each one attending. Among the speakers were G. F. Lewis, W. L. Evans, Fred Vogler, M. E. Collins, District Superintendent V. G. Greisen, and Brother and Sister Harold Jones of Africa.

MANY CONVERTED, MANY HEALED IN UNION MEETINGS

BERKEENRIDGE, TEX.—Evangelist W. V. Grant was with us in a four-week union meeting in the City Auditorium. We had one of the largest crowds ever to assemble in the auditorium. People sat on the floor, on the steps, and others listened from the basement.

We had a prayer meeting each night with people seeking the Lord. We do not know how many were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, but each week we had at least 100. One night 100 were filled in the Pentecostal way.

The newspapers were favorable and published pictures of the services and affidavits of notable healings. Many were healed while listening to the radio broadcasts. Some with totally deaf ears, one with an injured spine, and one who had a paralyzed arm for 25 years, were healed.

About 250 turned in testimonies of healing. Most of these were healed at their seats in the audience. A lady, who stood a thorn in one of her eyes 14 years ago and drained the fluid out, was healed. She is now able to read fine print. A man 31 years old, who was totally blind in one eye, had a thorn removed from his eye by the Holy Ghost, and now sees clearly with his one eye. People who were blind in both eyes can now see. Others were healed of boils, boils on the eyes, boils on the head, boils on the fingers, growths, ruptures, stiff joints, and some were delivered from cigarettes and narcotics. People brought in on stretchers, and they have been healed.

A lady who had never been able to walk, After the prayer meeting, was able to walk.

The Sunday School attendance increased in many of the co-operating churches and the spirit of revival continues.—Pastor W. H. Magee, Chairman.

N.C.B.I. STUDENTS ENJOY WEEK OF REVIVAL

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—On Wednesday, November 16, 1941, God met with the students of Fort Central Bible Institute in a gracious way during the chapel hour. Brother J. Olson, a missionary from Sweden, has been here for some time, and a spirit of brokenness came upon the student body. The meeting continued until noon, when most of the students were dismissed to go to their places of employment for the afternoon. That night they again assembled for prayer, some continuing until midnight.

On the following day the spirit of brokenness and weeping characterized the missionary meeting, which lasted until noon, then it was resumed at night when the students returned from their work.

The time of revival continued all day Fri-
day. On Saturday night we had large meetings. The Lord again blessed His people. We have felt the blessedness and benefit of this season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and desire to walk softly in His sight.

How good it was of God to accommodate Himself to the work program of the school and to meet us so graciously each time we reassembled.—T. J. Jones, Principal, N.C.B.I., 900 Block Elliot Ave., S., Minneapolis, Minn.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

NEW CASTLE, PA.—We had a profitable three-week meeting with Evangelist Boston Turn-
er of the First Assembly, First Baptist, Utica, N. Y. Many were united with the church. Brother Turner's rich ministry stemmed from his many years' experience at a college and a pastorate. We accepted the challenge God gave us at that time, and are now preparing for the next meeting. —B. O. Smith, Pastor, First Assembly.

McKINNEY, TEX.—We had a meeting in November with Mr. J. W. Miller of Fort Worth, Tex. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. We had the largest attendance we ever had. Sister Swen's message and a blessing to the church.—H. E. Boatright, Pastor, Southside Assembly.

STUTTGART, ARK.—Our meeting (Nov. 11-25) with Evangelist and Mrs. Lyle R. Phillips, Fort Worth, Tex. Brother Miller released the spirit of God. Twelve were saved and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We broke all previous Sunday School attendance records.—W. H. Richardson, Pastor.

FLEMINGTON, W. VA.—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist L. K. Dodge of Williamstown, W. Va. Brother Dodge received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and 13 united with the church. Brother Dodge's daily radio broadcast stirred this area.—J. A. West, Pastor.

LAUREL, MISS.—We had a wonderful meeting in September with Evangelist Jonas E. Miller of Saratoga, N. Y. Eight new members into the church, baptized eight in water, and 14 received the infilling of the Holy Ghost. We are located in a college town where there is a great spiritual atmosphere. We were glad to have Brother Miller return in February for a month-long Bible Seminar.—Nolan D. Lee, Pastor, First Assembly.

WAYNOKA, OKLA.—We thank the Lord for the great outpouring of God's Spirit we have re-

ceived. Evangelist Norman Surrett was with us for four weeks, ending November 18. Twenty-three were saved and 15 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. This was one of the greatest meetings we have had since the Pentecostal experience.—E. L. Surrett, Pastor.

CRESCO, PA.—We had a series of special meetings here, all at the First Assembly, First Baptist, Cresco, Pa. Every service was well attended. Brother Miller unfolded it to us. Pastor and congregation alike benefited greatly from the rich ministry of Brother Miller.

The attendance was very good and many visitors were present. We had a record attendance at Sunday School the closing day.—William H. Douglas, Pastor.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—We had a successful three-week meeting at the South Side Assembly. The largest crowds we have ever had were present Sunday night. Over 35 accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour.

The Sunshine Evangelistic Party of Covington, Ky., comprised of Bruce and Ruth Thum and Chas. Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Phil. Their unusual musical talents, ranging from playing music with old paint buckets and worn-out brooms to the most beautiful great concert organs, entertained the meeting and the Sunday School attendance increased. The church was benefited by the presence of these talented people.—Brother M. Myers, Pastor.

(Brother Myers has since resigned the pastorate of the South Side Assembly to become Field Secretary for the National Home Missionary Society Department in Springfield, Mo.)

HOUSTON, TEX.—October 20 marked the end of the second year that O. L. Davidson has pastored the Sunnymead Assembly. We have enjoyed greatly outpourings of the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School has grown and the average for October was 199. The attendance record is 238. We have purchased a large Sunday School bus.

Last January Evangelist M. L. Davidson, our pastor's son, was with us for three weeks. Souls were saved and the church was benefited by his soul-stirring messages.

In Apris Evanglist Hilton Sutton was with us and many were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. His messages were a blessing and inspiration especially to the youth of our church. The Sunday School reached the 200-mark during this meeting.

At the annual election last May, Pastor Davidson was re-elected by a large vote. Seven other officers of the church were returned to office. We thank God for the unity that prevails in our midst.—Claudia B. James, Church Reporter.

FRESNO, CALIF., Nov. 28.—We have just experienced a mighty spiritual awakening in a conference at the Orange Tabernacle, Okla. In all of the history of Fresno and the Central So Joquin Valley there never has been a meeting of this magnitude. From every nook and cranny in the community has been a sea of people seeking the Lord. Certainly earnest prayer of thousands of people for days has answered with wonderful results.

Between 175,000 and 200,000 crowded the bimillennial tent which was erected on the Fresno District Fairgrounds. Over 4,000 responded to the altar calls and hundreds were definitely converted and admitted to the church. The Sunday School reached the 200-mark during this meeting.

Every pastor that I have contacted since the meeting has informed me that his church was blessed by the outpourings of the Holy Spirit and there is a spirit of revival in their midst.

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