

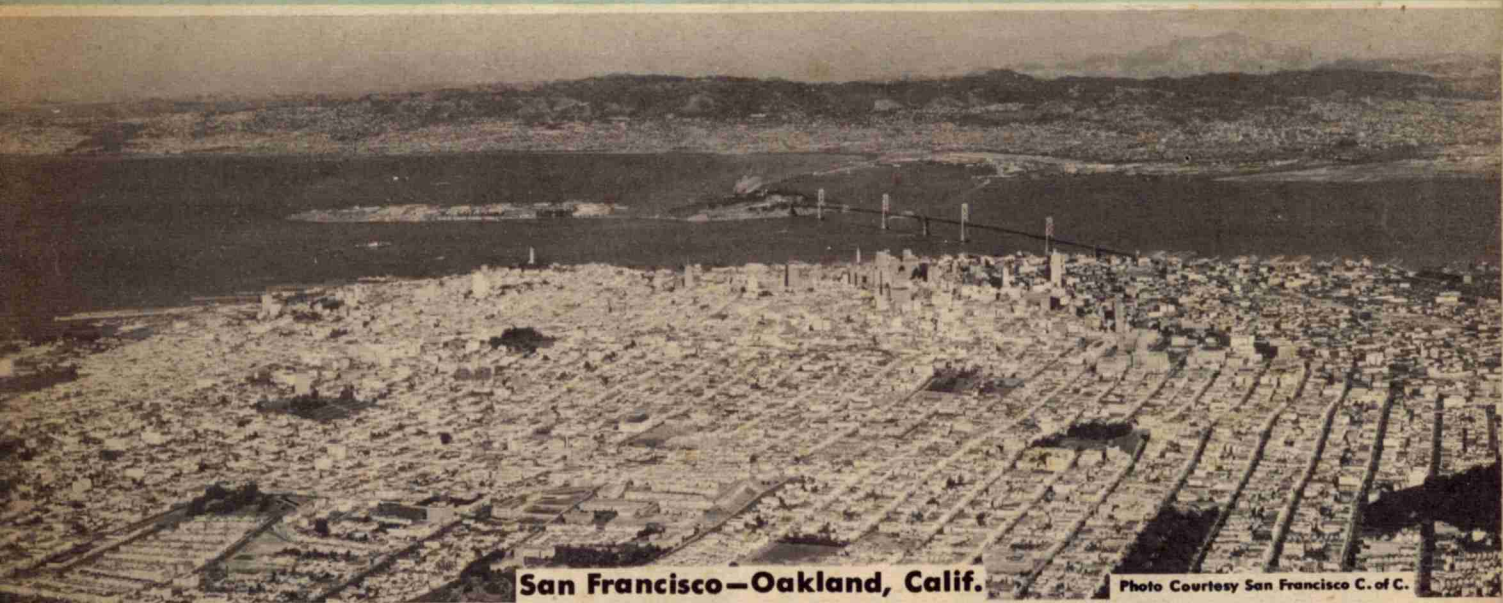
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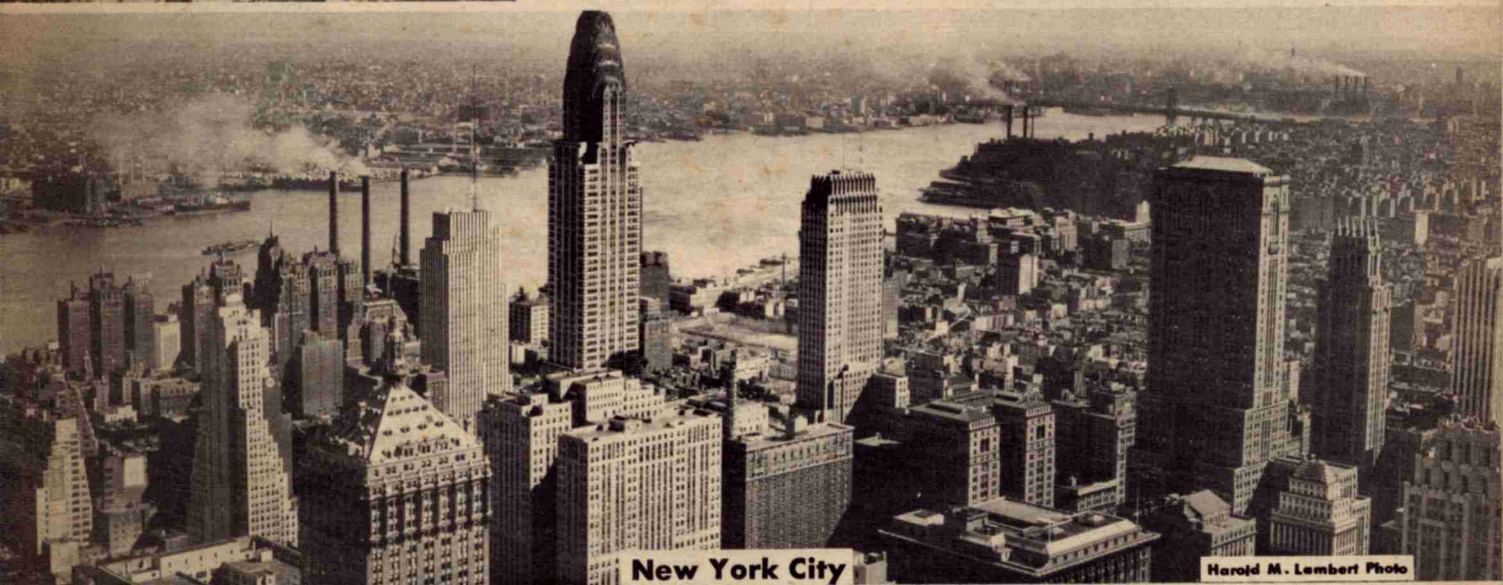
THE VOICE OF THE WORLD-WIDE SALVATION-HEALING REVIVAL

Attend These Two Great TVH Conventions



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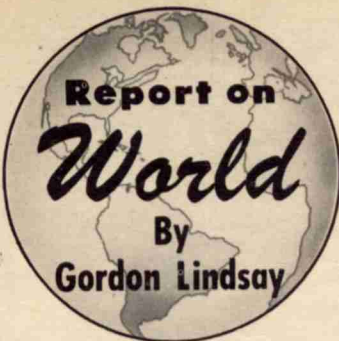


New York City

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Jan. 31 – Feb. 4, 1956
Oakland, California
Municipal Auditorium

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New York City (Manhattan)
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Revival Crusade



World Prayer Band—The Voice of Healing—Missionary Crusades
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As our cover page shows, we are going to have two Coast Conventions—one on the West Coast, January 31st to February 4th, in the Municipal Auditorium in Oakland, California. The other will be on the East Coast in St. Nicholas Arena, New York City, February 28th to March 4th. Many of TVH's outstanding speakers will be speaking.

We trust that these conventions will be as great a blessing to those areas as our last convention was to Dallas, Texas. Perhaps the thing that gave us the greatest satisfaction was the fine spirit that prevailed after the convention. We attended the Ministers' Fellowship a few days later, and there was expressed a unanimous appreciation of the results from the convention. We believe that as fine a spirit exists in Dallas between the churches as in any city in America.

MANY TVH GOSPEL CRUSADES NOW IN FULL SWING

In this issue there is a report of the "Gospel Crusade" in Jamaica. A number of other crusades are under way. Clifton Erickson with Roy Wead, will be in Venezuela in February, and later will go to Brazil, where great campaigns have been planned. Sam Todd and Raymond T. Richey will conduct an "invasion" in a new area of Cuba. Louis Ortiz is in campaigns in South America. David Nunn is going to Mexico City in January. Joseph Degrado has gone to the interior of Jamaica to conduct a campaign this month. Roy Stewart is now in Central America. We have just received word that Richard Jeffery is having great success in his campaigns, also in Central America. Tommy Hicks at the time of writing is in Germany. We ask that our world prayer band pray daily for the success of these campaigns which in total will be reaching many hundreds of thousands of people. World Revival Crusade is giving substantial sums to these crusades, although, of course, much of the finances comes from the evangelists' own meetings.

OUR NEW PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT

The new printing annex at the present is nearing completion. We thank God that He has enabled us to have this new building and equipment. When we install our large new press in March, we shall need the lower part of the new building for storage space. As it is at the present time, every bit of space in the printing plant is jammed full.

The upper part of the new building will be used for two purposes. One, for the storage of printing matter awaiting shipment. The other half will be used for offices, for our associates. Two or three offices have already been occupied or designated.

Most of the visitors to our headquarters express surprise as to the extent of the TVH establishment. There now are a total of 36 rooms, in the various buildings. While many of these are office rooms, yet four of them are large enough to hold from 100 to 300 people. The foundation of a fourth structure has been laid. This building will not be completed however until needed. When all is finished our entire floor space will be approximately 25,000 square feet.

PURPOSE OF THE VOICE OF HEALING

However, mere size is no measurement of value to the kingdom of God. In all our activities we must have only one desire, that is to serve God and bring Christ to suffering humanity. During the past eight years the dominating purpose of the VOICE OF HEALING has been to inspire men in the great work of evangelization of the world, and to seek for the unity and perfection of the Body of Christ.

THE WORLD PRAYER BAND

We know that these things cannot be accomplished except through prayer. God has repeatedly emphasized the need of prayer in the church. Except prayer be continuously emphasized, prosperity may result in serving human pride. While millions of consecrated dollars are needed for the work before us, nevertheless this

ministry must be backed up by continuous prayer, if it is to be fully successful.

In this issue of the magazine, we have printed a message given in the spirit of prophecy which we previously had sent out to our prayer band. On account of the interest in this message, and because of the demand for additional copies, we have reprinted it in this issue.

Because of God's special dealing with us we are placing a new emphasis on the call to world prayer. We are now asking for all who will, to pray one hour a day for world revival, and for the preparation of the church for the Coming of Christ. We believe that a daily hour of prayer by the whole church, will not only bring world revival, but will solve the countless day-to-day problems of Christians. Too many good people just don't pray regularly. Even the faith inspired by the miracles of healing in these great campaigns, could wane, unless the Church follows up the revival with intense intercessory prayer.

All the devil has to do to confuse a Christian is to get him to let down on his prayer life. We find this true of ministers as well as laymen. There is only one way to continuous victory, and that is through continuous prayer. There was a regular hour of prayer established in the Early Church. We must have a regular hour of prayer established in the Church today. We must have a world prayer band praying together, not only for their personal needs, but for the world need. We must pray "Thy Kingdom Come" instead of "Our kingdom come". Turn now to pages 20-21 of this issue, and after reading, please sign the pledge to pray one hour a day. God bless you.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WORLD PRAYER BAND

1. For the Erickson campaigns in Venezuela and Brazil.
2. For the Nunn campaign in Mexico.
3. For the De Grado campaign in Central Jamaica.
4. For the Todd-Richey campaign in Cuba.
5. For the Ortiz meetings in South America.
6. For the Stewart campaign in Central America.
7. For the Hicks campaign in Germany.
9. For the New York VOICE OF HEALING Convention.



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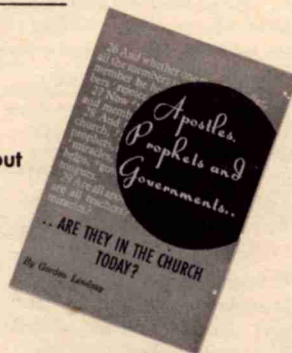
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By Gordon Lindsay

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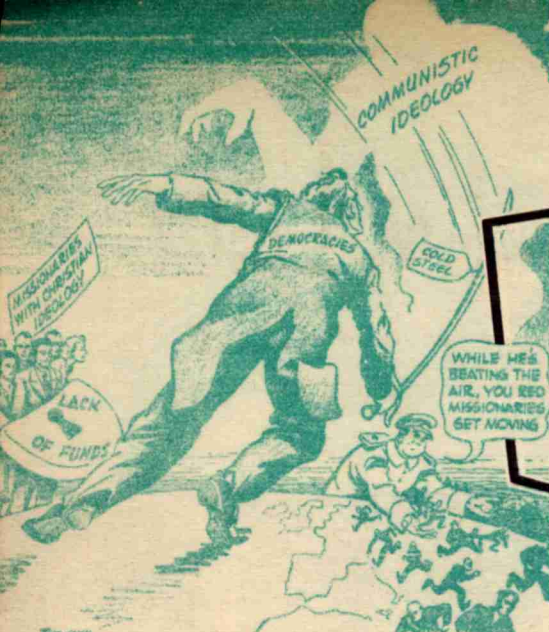


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The Heathen Our Responsibility

Sermon by Rev. N. D. Davidson

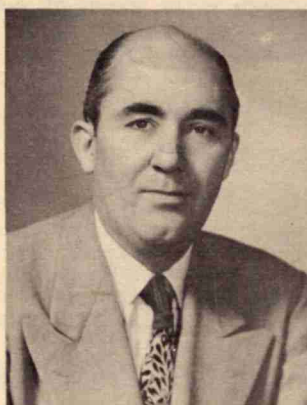
at the TVH Convention —
Dallas, Texas
November 11, 1955

I want to say this to you about the Voice of Healing and their program of evangelism. It was my privilege to sit beside some of the brethren and listen to what they had to say, and their desire to work for God in sending out the gospel to the whole world. You know that we as a church — and I speak of all our churches — have a task before us, and that is to take the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the whole world. The Voice of Healing plans to bring the message of deliverance to needy people everywhere. I think this is a very worthy thing, and God is blessing it. They plan to send men with the message of deliverance to those who live in the valley of the shadow of death across the world. I want to tell you that these men suggested that the evangelists who go into these conventions receive nothing in the way of remuneration, but that the money outside of the expenses of the conventions should go to take the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to needy people who have never heard. I thought that was certainly unselfish and showed that these men desired to do something for God. I believe, friends, that this day is the day of golden opportunity.

I sat and listened to Tommy Hicks last night, over in the Automobile Palace or auditorium, and my heart was thrilled. And I said, "This sounds like a story from the Book of Acts of yesteryear, of how God is moving by His Spirit through all the world." I do not know about the coming generation, I may not be here to enjoy much of that, but I am interested in this, our generation. God does not hold us accountable for the coming generation, but He holds us accountable to take the gospel in this, our generation. I believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ is for those of the whole world.

I think it was Dr. Oswald J. Smith, that great missionary pastor of Toronto, Canada, who said that no man had the right to hear the gospel twice till every man has heard the gospel once. I believe that with all of my heart. May God encourage our hearts and give us a vision such as we have never had before in all of our life.

I would like to give you a text tonight, found in Ezekiel, chapter 3, verses 17 and 19. And this is a translation by this great missionary man, Oswald J. Smith, I shall read to you the way he translated it. "Christian worker, I have made thee a watchman, therefore hear the word of my mouth, and give warning from me. When I say unto the heathen, thou shalt surely die, and thou givest them not warning, nor seekest to warn the heathen, from his heathenish ways to save his life, the same heathen shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at



thine hand. Yet if thou warn the heathen, and he turn not from his heathenism nor from his heathenish ways, he shall die in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul. Christian worker, I have made thee a watchman." And to that extent and in that sense, we are our brother's keeper. Everyone of us has a responsibility.

I was thrilled tonight when I saw this great multitude of people, but my heart went back just a few months ago when I visited a convention in El Salvador. My church sent my wife and me to the mission field, and I would recommend that every church send their pastor to the mission field. I think it is one of the greatest experiences. Recently I received a letter from a woman in our church, and she said, "Brother Davidson, your ministry has been a blessing to my heart, but since you went to the mission fields, you have been different." And I said, "How can anybody go to a mission field, and not be different?" Friends, when you see what God is doing in these far-flung fields of the world, and it doesn't thrill your heart, there is something wrong with you, you must be dead. Today is the golden day of opportunity.

The Bible says in Psalms, chapter two and verse 8, "Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." And again in Matthew 24:14, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness, unto all nations, and then shall the end come." "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." MK. 16:15. "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24:47.

In fifty generations that the church has existed, only 35% of the people of the earth have heard the gospel of Jesus Christ presented. I'll never forget when I was in Mexico City at the shrine of the Virgin Guadalupe. I saw a man and his wife with a baby in her arms, and a little boy about three years old on their knees crawling toward that Shrine. I couldn't help but weep and say, "If only they knew the Christ of Calvary." I could see that Indian man as his face was uplifted in prayer. He wanted peace and satisfaction. He wanted to know God. Those people have a right to hear.

I have been in Pentecost for a quarter of a century, but I am not wanting to go back there. I think we are living in greater days than we have ever lived in before. I believe this is the day of golden opportunity. This is the day of revival and the moving

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Are Children Who Die, Saved or Lost?

Taken from the new book **LIFE AFTER DEATH** or *Where Are the Dead?*

by **Gordon Lindsay**

IN the previous chapter it was shown that children at death, were escorted to paradise. This circumstance appeals to our conscience as both consistent and in harmony with the Christian concept of God's goodness. But is this view supported by the Scriptures? For all doctrine, no matter what our opinions lead us to believe, must be measured by God's word.

Therefore, let us note carefully what God has to say concerning this matter. The proposition is: Do children who die before the age of accountability, go to paradise, or is it otherwise? This is a serious question, and the whole subject of the providence of God, as the Christian understands it, is involved in the answer. For, if children, who die and who have not come to the age of accountability, are allowed to enter the hades that the rich man went to, then we must confess that the nature of God is different than that which the Christian conscience ordinarily understands. We should find it difficult to reconcile that God who is a God of love, should at the same time permit a helpless infant to become an inhabitant of hades, there to be associated with the reprobate characters of all ages.

Nevertheless, this question of whether children go to the abode of the wicked at death, is not an idle one, for there are those who teach that if a child is not baptized into a certain church or according to a particular creed, its soul is forever lost. As an example of this teaching, we quote from the book, **THE SIGHT OF HELL** by the Catholic writer, Rev. J. Furniss: (This is, of course, a most extreme, and almost ridiculous example, but nevertheless, any doctrine of reprobation of children leads toward such a conclusion.)

"Little child, if you go to hell, there will be a devil at your side to strike you. He will go on striking you every minute forever and ever without stopping. The first stroke will make your body as bad as the body of Job, covered from head to foot with sores and ulcers. The second stroke will make your body twice as bad as the body of Job. The third stroke will make your body three times as bad as the body of Job. How then will your body be, after the devil has been striking it every moment for a hundred million years without stopping? Perhaps at this moment, seven o'clock in the evening, a child is just going into hell. Tomorrow evening at seven o'clock, go and knock at the gates of hell, and ask what the child is doing. The devils will go and look. They will come back again and say—"The child is burning." Go in a week and ask what the child is doing. You will get the same an-

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swer—"It is burning." Go in a year and ask. The same answer comes—"It is burning." Go in a million years, and ask the same question. The answer is just the same—"It is burning." So, if you go forever and ever, you will always get the same answer—"It is burning in the fire."

For many reasons we believe that this teaching is contrary to the Scriptures, that there is nothing in the Bible to substantiate such a cruel doctrine, and indeed the evidence compels us to accept the very opposite conclusion. The Bible teaching of reprobation is that wicked men are condemned because of self-will and rebellion. That Christ died for the whole world, and all men would be saved, were it not that many love darkness rather than light. To reprobate innocent children to damnation is to utterly fail to take into account the basic facts of the plan of Divine redemption. It is he that "believeth not" that is damned. A child by nature believes. Unbelief comes as the result of sin indulged and consequent hardening of the heart.

THERE IS A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY

There is a time of course, when the child passes into manhood. He then becomes accountable unto God for the deeds done in the body. His irresponsibility must change to responsibility. As the Apostle Paul says:

"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: But when I became a man, I put away childish things." I Cor. 13:11.

Although the above verse does not refer to one's salvation, it does show the difference between the responsibility de-

manded of the child and that required of a man. Of this moral responsibility that comes as one advances in years, Paul speaks expressly in Romans 7:9:

"For I was alive without the law once; but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died."

Paul was born an Israelite of the tribe of Benjamin. While a child he was spiritually "alive." His sin was not reckoned against him, though like all humans he was born in sin. But when the commandment came, that is when he was old enough for his conscience to fully understand the difference between good and evil, he found that there was a law of sin operating within him, and in yielding to that law of sin he spiritually died. This is the experience of all adult human beings. After they reach the age of accountability, they find that there is a law of sin operating within them, that only Christ can deliver them from. Until that time comes, however, the child is reckoned as spiritually "alive," covered by the blood of Christ.

It is impossible of course, to determine the time that God begins to reckon accountability. The age no doubt differs widely in individuals, and is something that only God can judge.

DAVID AND HIS CHILD

David was spoken of by God as "a man after his own heart" despite the crime that he committed in the matter of Uriah and Bathsheba, and of which he later bitterly repented. We know that David died a saved man. But what about the illegitimate child born of this unlawful union

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The Supernatural Gospel

By William Branham
As preached in Wood River, Illinois

Scripture lesson: Luke 1:5-56

AS most of you people know I was ordained in the Baptist Church. I thought I was a real preacher. You know how every young preacher feels; he sticks his Bible under his arm and thinks he's a preacher. Sometimes I would meet people and they would say, "Are you a preacher?" And I would say, "Yes sir, I'm a preacher," and I would reach down in my pocket and get my fellowship card and show them.

But when I came over here to St. Louis to a tent meeting, I heard a Pentecostal preacher. When I heard that fellow preach, I never said anything about being a preacher again. That fellow would preach until he got red in the face and his knees buckled under him. He would do that all the way to the floor, and come back up for a breath of air, but he was still preaching. You could hear him for a city block away. O my, I couldn't do that!

That reminds me of my boyhood days when we lived out on the farm. My father was quite a rider and he used to break horses. He met my mother at the rodeo out West. They got married and moved to Kentucky and then to Indiana. I used to sit and watch my father ride. Out on this farm where we lived we had an old plow-horse with real big feet. I would plow that fellow all day until he was so tired he could hardly move. Then I would lead him to the watering trough. Then when dad was off in the field I would slip in and get his saddle. I would put a handful of cockleburs under the saddle and then try to ride him. But the old horse was so tired he could hardly get his feet off the ground. But I thought I was a rider.

When I got to be eighteen years of age I thought I was good enough rider to go out West and break horses. I arrived in Phoenix broke. My legs were so short I looked like a bantam chicken. But they let me inside at the rodeo. There were all the cowboys seated along the fence. I climbed up beside them, looked at them and then at myself to see if I looked as good as they did. They brought out a cowboy who said he was going to ride a famous horse. He grabbed the horse and climbed up on him. The horse made about two bucks and a cowboy went one way and the saddle went the other way. The pickups got the horse and the ambulance got the rider. Blood was pouring out of his ears. I knew right then that wasn't my old plow horse. After that a fellow came over and told us that he would give any of us fifty dollars (that was during the depression) if we

could stay on that horse for a minute. At that moment he looked at me and said, "Are you a rider?" I said, "No sir." That's about the way it is about my being a preacher. I was a preacher until I saw a real preacher, and I was a rider until I saw a real rider.

But what I know about the Lord I love to tell to others. He certainly is wonderful. I love to talk of Him and tell of His goodness and mercy. In these times before I preach I usually keep to myself, go in a quiet room, don't eat but pray most of the day, or until I feel His presence. Then when I come to the platform I know He is close.

The Almighty God gave a great ministry to His son Jesus Christ. That ministry He also gave to us. We are to carry it on until He comes. It is just a continuation. We are to keep teaching the same message with the same power. We are to carry it to the ends of the earth.

GOSPEL DIFFICULT TO SOME

Tonight I want to point out something concerning the Gospel. To the educated man and to the scribes and leaders, God has made the Gospel difficult. It seems like something complicated. Jesus taught many times in parables and people were not able to understand him. Sometimes even His disciples couldn't understand, until right at the last they said, "Now thou speakest plainly and not in riddles." Jesus said, "I have hid it from the wise and the prudent and revealed it to babes."

Why is this? Well you have got to be in love with Jesus before you can understand His words. My wife writes me a letter and she says, "Dear Bill: I'm sitting here tonight thinking much of you, etc." I read what she's talking about but in between the lines I read what she means. That's because I love her and know her. That's the way it is in reading the Bible. God hid it from the sharp, shrewd educator, but we that are in love with Him can know what He is talking about when we read His word. It is just like a love affair.

HOW JESUS CAME TO THIS WORLD

Let us trace the birth of Christ a bit. He came into this world, born in a barn. He came by way of a barn door and went out through capital punishment. The very Lord of Hosts was born in a manger. He died on a Cross—the most disgraceful death anybody could die. His body was bruised and mashed. He hung there naked before an audience of people who were standing around. What a shameful price

He paid for our sins. God did this to redeem us; then we spurn His love. After you once get saved, you wonder how you ever kept from being saved a long time ago. I can see that body, bruised, beaten and disgraced in order to take away our sins. What a price to pay!

EVERY TWO THOUSAND YEARS A NEW DISPENSATION

Before any great event, God always forewarns us. In the Ante-diluvian Dispensation, He sent Noah. Before the close of the next dispensation, He sent Jesus. We are now at the end of another 2000 years. Every 2000 years something tremendous happens. The old world order meets its doom and a new one begins. Notice, when God makes these announcements, He usually sends angels to do the announcing.

Some time ago a minister said to me, "Brother Branham, you are always speaking about an angel. You ought to keep that still." I replied, "Brother, don't you want me to tell the truth? I am talking not about the ministry of an angel but the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ with an angel as His servant." He said, "Brother Branham that was only in the Old Testament for the prophets. The Holy Spirit leads the Church in these last days." I said, "That's true brother, but angels ministered in the New Testament." He scoffed at that. I went on. "He revealed things to Mary." He said, "But that was before the Holy Ghost came."

Then I said, "Do you believe Philip had the Holy Ghost?" "Sure, Philip had it," he replied. Then I said, "When Philip was down in Samaria for a great revival, who was it that appeared to him and told him to go out to Gaza? THE ANGEL OF THE LORD! You certainly believe that Peter had the Holy Ghost, but when he was in prison one night (and there was a prayer meeting at John Mark's house) who was it that appeared before him; came in like a light before him? Not the Holy Ghost, but an angel of God. Look at Paul (and you know he had the Holy Ghost). He was out on that ship for fourteen days and nights and saw not moon nor stars, and when he went down into the galley to pray, some one met him! He came back up and said, "Be of good cheer for the angel of God, who's servant I am, stood by me this night and said, 'Fear not, Paul.'"

You remember John the Revelator, when the Book of Revelations was revealed to Him? Jesus said to him, "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to declare these

things." John started to worship the angel. But a true angel will never receive worship. It is not the worship of angels but the ministry of angels! Angels are ministering spirits sent from God.

So God, when any great event is about to happen sends forth an angel to announce it.

God at the time before Christ's birth was looking for a good man. He found such a man in Zacharias. You will remember that he was a man walking in all the light that he had. God will bless any person who will walk in what light he has. Zacharias and his wife were very devout, keeping all the commandments and statutes of the Lord, blameless. Zacharias was an outstanding man in the Jewish religion. Now Zacharias was in the temple one day offering incense before the altar of the Lord while the congregation was outside praying. When he went to look on his right side, he saw Gabriel the archangel standing in his presence. Now God sends minor angels many times, but when you see Gabriel, you can know something major is going to happen. Gabriel announced the First Coming of Christ and he will announce the Second Coming. He will sound the trumpet of God.

Gabriel standing at Zacharias' side said, "Zacharias, you have found favor with God. You have been praying a long time for a child. And your wife Elizabeth is old and past the days of bearing; but when you go home your wife will conceive a child and you will call his name John." Here is an example of a minister, a man of God, but who failed to recognize the word of God. Zacharias said, "How can this be, as I and my wife are both old?" Gabriel then said, "I am Gabriel who stands in the presence of God and my word will be fulfilled in its season. But because you have doubted the word of God, you will be dumb until the baby is born." When Zacharias went out of the temple he couldn't talk to the people. He was dumb until the child was born.

About six months later there was a little maiden who lived in Nazareth who had something to happen to her. Although Nazareth was considered one of the meanest cities in the world she was a godly young woman. No matter how wicked the city is you can still live right. Now just for a little drama, let us imagine that it was Monday, the wash day. Here is Mary. She is a little maiden who has been going with a man by the name of Joseph. This little virgin is going down to the well to get some water. (You can see this fountain if you ever visit Nazareth.) In those days the women would take a crock of water and walk with it on their heads. On her way back something happens. A light flashes! She is startled by the light. The angel speaks to her, "Hail Mary" (or in other words, "Stop Mary and take notice). Blessed art thou among women." Oh! that frightened the little virgin. It would frighten you too, if the angel of God were to stand in front of you. Some folks say, "Brother Branham, why don't you ask the angel his name when he comes to you again?" You try it. You're so scared that you don't know what to say. He does the talking. You listen. So there he was, standing before Mary. Then he informed her about Elizabeth. Elizabeth and Mary were first-cousins. Here was Mary. She didn't know what was going to happen. When the angel told her that she was going to have a child she said,

"How will these things be as I have known no man?"

The angel said, "The Holy Spirit is going to overshadow you. When this child shall be born of you, He shall be called the Son of God." Now here is where our faith lies . . . in the VIRGIN BIRTH!

INCIDENT OF THE SKEPTIC WHO DOUBTED THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Not long ago up in the mountains, a fellow hunter tried to argue with me all day and up in the night. He said, "Brother Branham, you don't believe that the virgin birth is the truth?" "You never looked in the face of any one who believes it more than I do," I answered. He then said, "It's against scientific rules. It just can't be. I'll go along with you that there was some power that made this world, but I just can't believe in the virgin birth. Jesus was a good man but nothing supernatural. Life must come by male and female."

I said, "Well you see, in this case the Holy Spirit overshadowed this little virgin by creating the blood cells. The woman just bore the Child."

And friends I want to say that the Church needs the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost—it needs members who have had a supernatural birth, the New Birth by the power of the Holy Spirit. It won't be long now until spring comes and the birds will be nesting. The mother bird will lay a nest of eggs and if she hasn't been with the male, those eggs will never hatch. She can stay on that nest and turn those eggs over and over, and be so faithful to them that she will get so poor and hungry she can't fly off the nest, but they'll lay there and rot! That's what I think about a lot of these cold formal churches. Just a big nest of rotten eggs. They don't know any more about God than a Hottentot knows about a Christian life. You can baby them around and hover over them and even make deacons out of them but they'll rot. They can't believe in the supernatural because they have never been in contact with Christ. They know nothing about the new birth or how to be born again. You can say, "We have got a lot of members." You have got a lot of rotten eggs unless they believe in the supernatural. You might as well clean out the nest and start over again. Get a preacher that will preach the truth and God will bless you.

This fellow that I had been talking to tried to tell me how we were first a pollywog, and how we became a sponge, and that a planet came off the sun and started whirling around. He said it picked up a little dust.

I said, "Where did the dust come from?"

"And it picked up a little water."

I said, "Where did the water come from?" He couldn't answer that.

Then I said, "You have told me the sun was burning hot, and the germ life came out of all this. How could it live in that heat? Brother, those arguments you have are about as thick as the broth from the shadow of a chicken that starved to death."

They haven't a leg to stand upon, yet they are preaching it in our public schools. It's a shame and a disgrace. No wonder a poll recently showed 801 Protestant preachers who do not believe in the virgin birth of Christ. I said to this fellow, "You will admit Jesus had an earthly

mother, but you will not admit that He had a Heavenly Father?" He replied, "That's right because there is no Heavenly Father."

I then said, "I want to ask you a question. Where did the first man come from? Be he a tadpole or monkey or whatever, according to your arguments he had to have a father and a mother." He hasn't mentioned that subject again to this day!

The Holy Ghost overshadowed Mary and created the life. Jesus was the virgin-born Son of God. "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand." Nations will fail and fall and some day sin will heap up so high the oceans will weep their way into the deserts—but he'll still be Jesus Christ the Son of God. When the kingdoms of this world have failed and are no more, He'll still be the Son of God, the Saviour of humanity.

When the Holy Spirit overshadowed this virgin, she didn't keep quiet about it like Zacharias. Zacharias had plenty of examples to go on because there was Hannah who came to the temple and Eli blessed her and she bore the son Samuel, although she had been barren until that time. There was Abraham and Sarah who had a son in their old age. But never had there been a virgin birth. Instead of trying to figure it out like the priest did, Mary took God at His word. She believed in something that had never happened before. She didn't wait until she felt life. She said, "God said so and that settles it." Oh, if you are sick tonight, God's word says, "By His stripes ye are healed." And that settles it. Take God at His word and start rejoicing about it.

Mary wanted to share the fellowship so she goes up to see her cousin, Elizabeth, who is already six months with child. Mary said, "Elizabeth, I'm so happy, I understand you are going to have a baby." Elizabeth answers, "Yes dear, I'm going to have a child, and it's already six months." Then Mary said, "The reason I know this, is because Gabriel came to me and told me I was going to have a baby without knowing any man, and that I was to call His name Jesus."

As soon as that name Jesus was first spoken by human lips, the child John leaped in his mother's womb. That was the first time the name of Jesus was spoken by mortal lips and it caused an unborn child to leap in its mother's womb. As soon as John was born they began to train him in the things of the Lord. They didn't send him away to some seminary to get a few degrees. (Don't misunderstand me—real true-to-the-Bible schools are doing a good work.) You can get an education at a seminary. You can get theology there. But you get God by kneeling, down on your knees. John went into the wilderness and was alone with God. When he was thirty years old the multitudes turned out to hear him? What was so different about him? What was there about him that startled the regions about Judea and Samaria? It wasn't his clothes. He was clothed in a camel skin. It was because he had the power of God to such an extent that the people were startled. God give us more Baptist preachers that will preach the Baptism of the Holy Ghost like John. That's just what we need.

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God's Compassion for You



Above is a photograph of the great campaign conducted by Evangelist Clifton Erickson in Pueblo, Colorado

Sermon by

Rev. Clifton Erickson

Mark 10:46: And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.

47: And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.

48: And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me.

49: And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called, and they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth for thee.

50: And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.

51: And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.


52: And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

TO THINK THAT GOD, great and omnipotent, will condescend to, and through the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, reveal His tremendous compassion for individuals is a marvelous thing to consider.

The message I want to convey to you is this—regardless of where you came from, who you are, what your back-ground may be, what your need might be, the Lord Jesus is interested in your case.

The Lord loves you and it is His desire that you open your heart and your life to Him, and let Him come in and reveal Himself to you. Jesus Christ, the blessed Son of God, paid a dear price for your deliverance, and stands before you now with out-stretched hands offering to you the

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



Because so many of our friends have asked me to prepare for them a resume of some of our outstanding revivals, both overseas and in the United States, we have compiled a **SPECIAL MISSIONARY EDITION** which we have now made available to anyone who will write to our Headquarters office for it. We believe this will prove a blessing to everyone who reads it.

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benefits of His Kingdom, for which He paid such a dear price.

In the scripture above, a tremendous multitude is following the Lord as He comes out of Jericho on His way to Jerusalem, where He is to be crucified.

We see the Scribes and Pharisees, the religious leaders of that day, the curious, those who do not sense their need, those who are following Him because of their need, the lame, the halt and the blind. We can envision that tremendous multitude of people, from all walks of life, following this man who many say is "The Messiah," the One who was to come, according to prophecy.

We look upon the face of Jesus Christ, as He walks toward Jerusalem, on the dusty Jericho road. Thousands follow and witness His compassion and loving pity for suffering humanity. His countenance is the very expression of love. As we follow, we become conscious of the great need of the multitude about Him. We see a mother, with an afflicted child, as she comes to Him. The Lord commands the multitude to stop and wait while He ministers to that child and a great deliverance is wrought; the mother goes on her way of rejoicing. Others come to Him, and

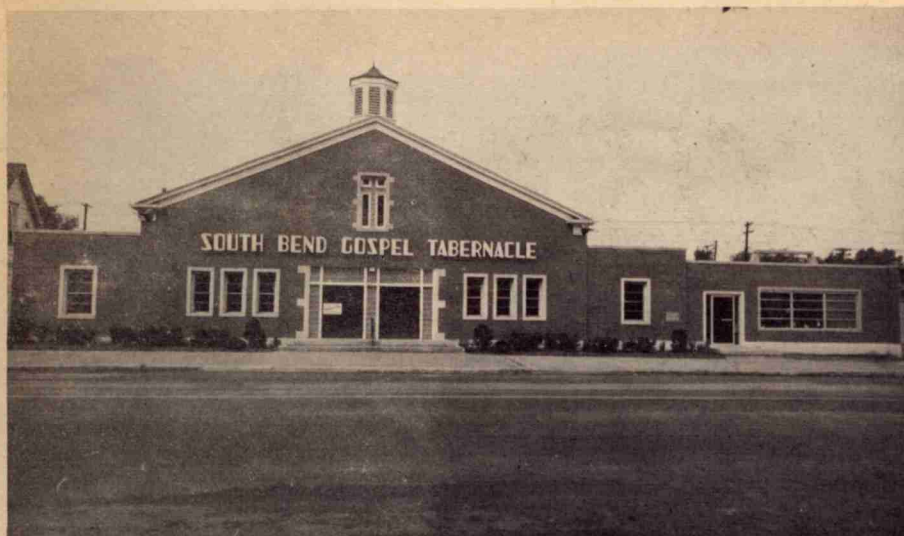
every one who comes to Him is delivered. Though many come, the Lord takes the time to minister to each one for his or her need. They go away shouting, "This is the One we have been awaiting, this is the Son of God, who has come to bring deliverance to humanity and to set the captive free!"

The Word of God tells us that **HE HEALED ALL WHO CAME TO HIM. HE IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS!**

You may know now, Brother or Sister, that this same Jesus who walked the dusty road to Jericho, went to Calvary, and shed His blood for the propitiation of your sin and mine, ascended to the right hand of God, and now has all power in heaven and earth. All things on earth are held together by the Word of His power. That Saviour is now looking upon you with eyes of compassion. He, too, bends low to minister healing to you today. Just as Jesus walked the dusty road to Jerusalem and stopped to minister deliverance to the needy, the Lord is again, in this hour in which we live, walking Jericho's road, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to minister to the suffering in our generation. This same Jesus who demonstrated His love, compassion and power before the disciples, and Who gave Himself on Calvary's cross, has broken the very power of the enemy. He entered the realm of Satan's power, after He was lifted up on the cross to suffer, that His Father's will might be accomplished, in order that we might appropriate the benefits of His great salvation.

We are living in a day when a false christ is lifted up before the people. One who can no longer heal nor save; one who has lost his compassion for the suffering multitudes; a christ who has gone away from this world, who cannot be approached; one who cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities, one who has left us alone to go to hell, bound by the devil's power. Because of the failure of the ministry to present Jesus Christ, as He truly is, to the people of our generation, the people today are wandering and groping in the darkness of unbelief, not knowing how to approach the Lord and receive His blessings.

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South Bend Tabernacle at South Bend, Indiana, whose pastor, Lester Sumrall, speaks of the Great Results from the Healing Ministry.



Rev. and Mrs. Lester Sumrall

Pastor Gives Glowing Report of Erickson Campaign in Pueblo, Colorado

By Rev. R. D. Emerson

Campaign Chairman and Pastor of First Assembly of God Church, Pueblo, Colorado.

"ONE of the greatest revival meetings ever to come to the City of Pueblo, Colo., has just closed." This came to us through Evangelist Clifton Erickson and his party. This is the concerted testimony of old timers — many of whom attended the revivals conducted here in previous years by Billy Sunday and other great evangelists like him.



Rev. R. D. Emerson

For three weeks, we basked in the glorious revival atmosphere and witnessed the supernatural power of God at work through His anointed servant. Each night the interest and results increased, building up to a grand climax on the last Sunday afternoon.

Though Satan and the weather opposed, they never stopped the people from attending and the auditorium was filled to capacity. Though a severe snow storm struck the first week of the meeting and several others came during the three week period, also the Thanksgiving holiday came in the midst of the revival, the attendance was never hindered. This is specially remarkable, in view of the fact that a major portion of the population of Pueblo is Catholic.

Not only were the Catholics in attendance in large numbers, but people from many of the other outstanding denominations attended and also received genuine salvation through Jesus Christ, healing and deliverance for their afflictions. Among these were Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, Church of Christ, and those from all the Full Gospel faiths. Even Spiritualists attended, were delivered, saved and healed.

To me, one of the outstanding characteristics of the meeting was the way people were drawn by the Holy Spirit. One man who was passing by felt a strong urge to go inside and there conviction gripped him and later that night in his room he gave his heart to God.

Healing testimonies were very numerous also. Great and outstanding miracles were performed nightly. One lady was delivered of a growth while sitting in the audience. She was a nurse by profession and is now attending my church.

A man with multiple sclerosis got out of his wheel chair as Brother Erickson prayed for him and was back night after night testifying to his healing. An eight-year-old child who had to wear braces because of polio ran around the platform completely delivered by the power of God. A lady was delivered from her wheel chair. Another lady who was not able to raise her right arm because of a back injury, was completely delivered.

Many from great distances attended the meeting and were saved and delivered. One lady from Tulsa, Okla., was miraculously delivered from heart-trouble. Others from California, Texas and Kansas have written of similar deliverances as they attended the services in Pueblo.

The most marvelous results I believe, however, came to the cooperating, sponsoring pastors and churches. We realize that we have a tremendous job to follow up all who came forward in this united campaign and, of course, it is always true that there are many who receive salvation and healing in such campaigns as these who are never brought into the Full Gospel churches — they return to their own church homes and prove to be great blessings there. The impact of the revival, therefore, on the city as a whole, will help the Pentecostal testimony in the City of Pueblo, and we know that this revival with Brother Erickson and his party, which has just closed is of great benefit to all and the results will remain for years to come.

Noted South Bend Pastor Lester Sumrall, gives testimony to the power of a healing revival to build the local church.

It is most interesting how God uses certain people to build His work and His Kingdom. Evangelists can build constructively and permanently just as a pastor. This type of ministry has been accomplished in South Bend by Brother Clifton Erickson. His first revival with us was in 1950. Our church grew substantially as a result of this first meeting. Since that time Rev. Erickson has conducted several campaigns for the Tabernacle, the largest being his tent revival last August. This meeting was the largest in the history of our church both in crowds and number of converts.

The increase can be evidenced and appreciated in several different ways. Though our auditorium seats about a thousand, since his revival meeting we have had two worship services on Sunday morning, at 9 o'clock and 11 o'clock and for this we certainly thank God. Our Sunday School likewise grew from the revival. This current month we averaged almost 300 more than a year ago. Also there has been a substantial increase in the church offerings.

We feel that one of the major reasons for this wonderful growth is that we try to give the people the same type of blessing that they received during the special meetings. We still pray for the sick several times a week and we conduct inspiring evangelistic services of the same type as during the campaign.

A healing campaign is difficult to follow up and keep the results unless the pastor and congregation keeps producing the same thing that was enjoyed during the revival.

In South Bend, Indiana and in Manila, Philippines we have seen God raise up two great churches and both of these grew quickly and powerfully through the deliverance ministry. We believe that this is the need of the hour, for the world, and for the local church.

PENTECOST

at the Turn of the Century and Now

By Dr. A. G. Canada

Last month Dr. Canada told of the strong belief of the Pentecostal pioneers. However at the close of the century divisions, bickerings and organizations began to divide the Holiness people resulting in much back sliding.

Then a small group at Topeka, Kansas, under the leadership of Rev. Charles Parham, discovered that they should seek after and obtain the Baptism with the Holy Ghost according to the Scriptures. At first they started conducting meetings on a small scale then they went to Galena, Kansas, for a meeting. It was there that the revival broke like a flash of lightning. From there they went to Houston and Los Angeles preaching, healing and performing great miracles.

THE THINGS MOST SURELY BELIEVED AMONG US

Up to that time and later there had been only one slight rift in the ranks of what was known then as "The Apostolic Faith Movement". A short time later Rev. Parham left Houston for Los Angeles and upon arriving on the West Coast pronounced himself the projector of the movement, whereupon the preachers on the West Coast refused to go along. This attempt to establish a human head to the movement brought the first split in the movement. Thereafter it became something of an Eastern and Western faction, but it quickly settled down and the people soon forgot those who attempted to take the headship of the one movement that had but one head and that was Christ, and but one Projector and that was and still is the blessed Holy Ghost.

During all those years no one ever tried to pervert the true doctrine which was "most surely believed among us."

THERE WERE NO-SPECIALISTS IN THOSE DAYS

We went everywhere preaching the Word of God and confirmed it with signs and wonders, not through just a selected few preachers, but through all the ministers of every rank. If there was any one thing that we pressed harder than another it was the Baptism with the Holy Ghost and speaking with tongues. We pressed hard the subject of a sanctified life. Holy living was a "must" among us in those days. The ministers preached the whole Word of God and God did a whole work for the people. Healings were as common as conversions, the sick were prayed for at all time and anywhere. The deaf could hear, the blind could see, the lame could walk and the poor had the Gospel preached to them. Money was of no great importance among us in those days. Up to about 1910 none of the preachers ever took a collection. There were no baskets,

bags, nor plates passed in any of the meetings, and yet none ever went hungry because they did not have something to eat.

GOD VINDICATED HIS WORD AND WORK

God worked with the preachers, evangelists, and teachers, confirming His Word with signs and wonders as He promised that He would do.

I have seen people struck down by the hand of God's judgment right in the services. One man mocked the speaking with tongues by barking like a dog, and right there in the meeting, the judgment of God fell on him and he could never speak again, but gave forth a guttural sound like a dog trying to bark with something stuck in his throat. He lost his mind and in less than one year died in that condition.

In another meeting in the state of Alabama, a man came to the meeting on a bet with some of his friends that he could fool the crowd into believing that he had the Holy Ghost by pretending, but in the midst of his act he was rebuked in the Spirit in another tongue. He was so frightened that he undertook to run away, but he fell dead before he could get from under the tent. His friends were so terrified by what they had seen. They came in and begged forgiveness for what they had done.

A MAN WAS STRUCK BLIND AS THE RESULT OF A WISH

In Pulaskia, Va., a man stood in front of a hall where the meetings were being conducted. The people were speaking in other tongues, shouting and praising God. He was watching all this, then in great anger he turned to those standing by and said, "I hope to God that I will never see another sight like that". The next morning he did not get up and about nine o'clock his wife asked him if he was going to stay in bed all day. He said that he was just waiting for it to get light. Then his wife informed him that it was after nine

o'clock in the morning. He said, "If that is true then I am blind," and so he was, as blind as a bat. Six years later I was holding a meeting at Radford, Va., a blind man came to the meetings and came in the healing line for prayer. He told me the story just as I have told it to you. He was converted but to the last time I saw him he had never recovered his sight.

GOD WAS IN DEAD EARNEST AND VINDICATED HIS CAUSE

There was practically no organization at all, just enough to be legal where it was needed. The preachers went forth by one's two's, and in parties of as many as fifteen and twenty. Wherever they went they stayed until there was a revival. Sometimes it took only days to get a break in the meeting, other times it would take weeks or even months, but the break generally always came. Bible schools were unknown to most of the early preachers in this movement.

Wherever they went they struck terror to the heart of the old church crowds, especially the preachers. They would denounce, condemn, ridicule, and warn their people to stay away. It did no good as they came by the tens of thousands. It could really be said that "these who turn the world upside down, have come hither also". Tens of thousands of souls were saved, and great numbers would receive the Baptism with the Holy Ghost. I do not mean manipulated, massaged, or otherwise humanly worked over but really filled with the Holy Ghost and spake with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

UNTRAINED BUT SPIRIT-FILLED

God called men, women, boys and girls from the farms, the factories, the shops, stores and any other place He could get them to obey. They went forth without money, or human backing, but without fear. Their faith was in God, and God's faith was in them. At times they were a motley crowd, but they were God's harvesters on the move, under the power of God, reaping from any field they could find. They slept in cars, under haystacks, on the benches in churches or school houses, and they could live on less than anyone else in the world. They moved like a mighty army from city to city, from place to place, big or little. They had but one passion and that was to preach the Truth as it is in Christ and win souls for the Lord.

NOTHING COULD STOP THEM

Those early Pentecostal preachers and workers were irresistible; no power could stop them. I took ten preachers and workers into San Antonio, Texas, in March of 1907, rented a tent to preach under and also a house for the party to live in. We never spent one thin dime for advertisement, but we preached on nearly every street corner in the city, beginning on the corner across from the Alamo. We had that large party to take care of but never a collection was asked for, and yet God took care of the whole party and we never missed a meal for lack of food. We marched through the streets of the city singing, testifying, preaching and praying. We turned curb stones into altars and prayed sinners into the Kingdom of God.

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Startling Incidents and Amazing Answers to Prayer

EXPERIENCE FORETOLD IN DREAM

DURING the year 1944, while on active service with the Royal Air Force in Southeast Asia, at a place known as Kumbhugram on the Assam-Burmese border, I was passing through a very trying time of loneliness and sickness, have been afflicted with malaria for about twelve months.

In my desperation, I cried unto God in prayer for deliverance and a safe journey back to my home in England, which seemed impossible as I had yet another twelve months overseas service to fulfill.

That same night, during sleep, I received a dream which depicted to me an ordinary living room in which was a large arm chair; the top of its arms lifted as lids, revealing compartments for books. I had never before seen such an article of furniture, and thought it a strange dream.

However, within three months of this experience, the dream was fulfilled. I was flown home as an invalid, and almost the first experience I had on arrival, was to find myself in the room that I had seen in the dream, with the same arm chair before me.

As soon as I saw it, I was reminded by God of the dream, and remarked to those present of God's providence.

Now I have been brought into the full gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and have received healing for soul and body, and have been filled with the Holy Spirit. I realize it was indeed, God leading, guarding and guiding my life.

Sydney Ball,
Frodingham,
Scunthorpe,
Lincolnshire, England

GOD KEPT MY NEPHEW FROM HARM

GOD answers prayer. I know He does. It happened during World War Two, when so many American boys were sacrificing their life's blood for the cause of freedom. At that time, I had four nephews in the European theater of war. One night I felt they were in great danger, so I spent most of the night praying that God would care for them, and keep them from harm.

God answered my prayer that very night, and in vision showed me my oldest nephew who was in great danger. I saw him as he jumped from one foxhole to another. I saw the flash of brilliant fire, some of which shot close to my nephew's arm. The thought flashed into my mind, "Oh, God, has he been captured or killed?" Then in the vision I saw that he was alive. He rose up and glanced about, and then looked directly toward me with an expression that seemed to say, "I am all right."

Later on I wrote to my nephew and told him of my night of prayer and the vision

HAVE YOU HAD A STARTLING ANSWER TO PRAYER?

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that God sent. His reply was, "While in a foxhole, something seemed to push me, and it kept pushing as though the force wanted me to leave that place. So I did, and dropped into another hole. Just as I did, a soldier took the place I had just left, and at that instant, a shell exploded and he was blown to eternity. I was unharmed, but badly frightened."

Although the four boys were involved in much of the worst fighting, not one of them was wounded in battle. God blessed the boys and returned them safely to their homeland.

Elizabeth Albee,
Salem, Oregon

SAVED BY THE HAND OF GOD

SEVERAL years ago while working here in Michigan City, Indiana, in the local box car factory which builds freight cars for the railroads, my job was to put in and tighten the bolts that held the long stringer in place that the car roof was nailed on to. The job that I had required me to stand on a wooden plank stretched in between the ends of the cars as they were pulled down the track. As each one did his part of the work, the plank that I was standing on was resting on a scaffolding that was erected on both sides of the car at my waist line. While pulling an

open end wrench, the wrench slipped, and I quickly lost my balance and started to fall backwards. I grabbed for the top of the car in front of me, as I had already fallen far enough that just the tips of my fingers of my right hand touched the car top.

There I was, falling backwards some fifteen feet to hit my head on the steel box car or the paved floor, which could no doubt, have killed me. I was not saved, living in sin, and going out to meet God unprepared, to a sinner's grave. But in the next moment, I felt a large right hand placed in the middle of my shoulder to stop my fall. It raised me up so that the second time I grabbed for the car, my hand got a firm hold on the car top in front of me.

I was much frightened, as any one would be, but I knew for a surety that it was the hand of God, for there was no one near me as I worked alone on the job. I give God all the glory for saving my life.

This is the beginning of God's dealing with me. Some time later, He saved me and called me to the ministry.

Rev. R. C. McKinney
608 Emily Street
Michigan City, Indiana

MAN APPARENTLY DEAD RESTORED TO LIFE IN ANSWER TO PRAYER

I Rev. Wilbur E. Sherburne, worked as an operator at the Bridgeport Molded Products as a part time operator. All who worked in the shop knew that I was a minister, and respected me as such. Praise God.

One night as I went to my machine and began to work, my son came to me saying, "Dad, come quickly, they want you in the front of the shop!" There I found many of the employees gathered, Jews, Catholics, and Protestants. I looked upon the floor, and there laid one of the police guards (Al Scholz of 201 Arctic St., Bridgeport, Conn.). His eyes were rolled back in his head, and his mouth was pulled all out of shape. Instantly I tried to see if there was any life in his body. Not finding any, God spoke to me and gave me faith to pray. I knew not what to pray, but I obeyed God. Falling on my knees before those around me, I put my face close to the victim and cried to my God in the name of Jesus Christ, to raise this man up, restore him to life that he might be given a chance to repent and be saved.

In a matter of seconds, the man sat up and began to talk. The ambulance came, and took him to the hospital. There they marveled that he was alive.

In about three weeks' time he returned to work. I did not say anything to

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View of the crowds assembled at Kingston, Jamaica. T

The Voice of Healing

"INVASION OF JAMAICA" MEETS OVERWHELMING RESPONSE

C.B.S. Reporter Writes of
First Meeting of Montego Bay

By Henry Portin

THE Island of Jamaica has made enormous progress during the past years. The city of Montego Bay is beautiful, the population about 10 to 14 thousand.

This was about all Velmer Gardner knew about this tropical resort when he arrived. Three churches had gone together, rented a public address system and installed it in an open area near the market section.

The first night there was a crowd of three thousand. They came to stand or sit on the lawn as Rev. Gardner spoke. A sea of friendly faces he thought, until he stood up to preach. Several local men filled with wickedness and inspired by the devil stood right in front of the Evangelist, and while he ministered made threats of "I'll kill you." Other disturbing remarks were made harrasing the Lord's servant. He went right on preaching, though he was an easy target. God gave him strength and assurance to go on. An altar call was given—a great number responded. The city police were placed around the speaking platform for protection and to keep order. During the one week of meetings 1,750 came forward for salvation. The assembly of God Sunday School multiplied three times. At the last meeting on Sunday afternoon there were 450 kneeling for salvation on the ground. I know, I counted them myself. They were broken before the Lord. The Spirit of God was present.

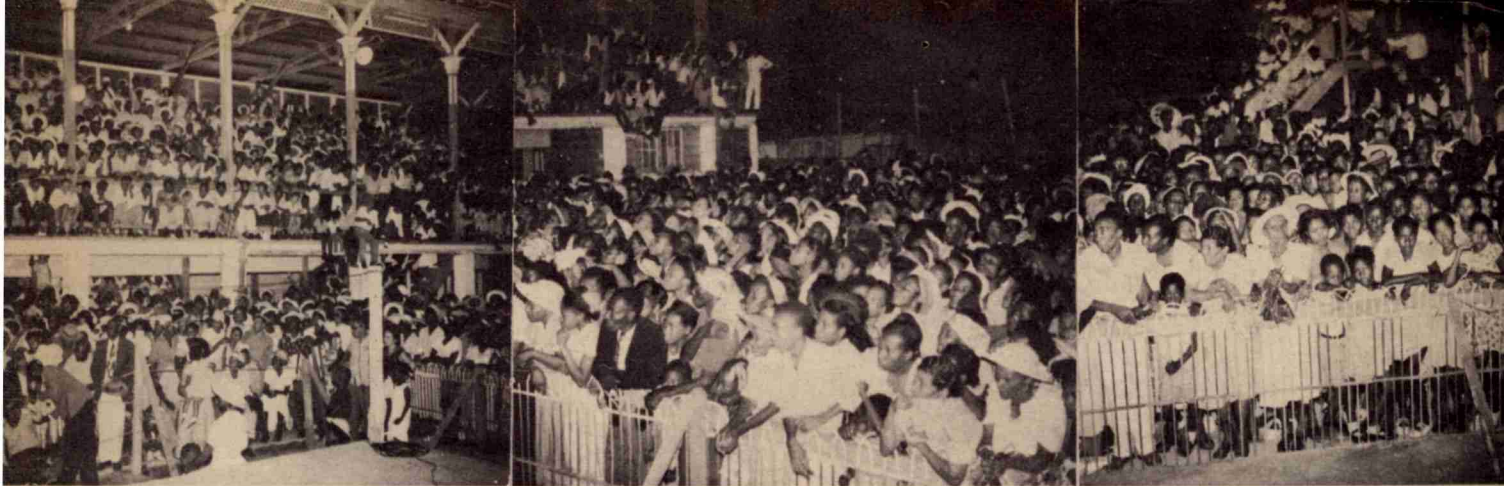
From the first night crowd of three thousand the meetings grew to 7 or 8 thousand. Word spread through the hills. They came on foot, barefoot, on mule back. There were donkeys. There were trucks.

There was the healing line. The miracles. God healed several deaf so they could hear a watch tick. A goiter disappeared. A man with an injured spine dragged himself before Rev. Gardner. He laid hands on the man. The healing power straightened him out. His bones cracked. The sound was heard by the woman next in line. Also by the soloist, Rev. J. E. Wilson. Another similar instance was a woman with a left shoulder paralyzed. Her bones cracked so many heard it, and she straightened up. Several on crutches were healed. A Policeman member of the Church of the Open Bible, suffering of severe case of stomach ulcers, was instantly healed. An old woman about 72, healed of arthritis so she could walk around town without her cane. On Sunday afternoon there were at least 1,500 in the healing line. Too many for a single minister to pray for, but with the help of all the pastors all 1500 were prayer for. A crowd of about 7000 stood in the hot tropical sun all afternoon and were there for the night meeting. Montego Bay has a population of 12-14 thousand. Between these two meetings at six o'clock there were services in the three cooperating churches. The Assembly of

Highlights of the
Voice of Healing Invasion



- LARGEST CROWDS IN HISTORY OF THE ISLAND
- 7,000 CAME TO BE PRAYED FOR IN ONE NIGHT
- 50,000 TVH MAGAZINES AND 20,000 BOOKS GIVEN AWAY
- MORNING MEETINGS FOR MINISTERS, NATIVE EVANGELISTS
- J. E. WILSON'S SINGING WAS GREAT BLESSING
- WARREN LITZMAN'S MINISTRY RESULTED IN HUNDREDS RECEIVING THE HOLY GHOST
- THOUSANDS ANSWER SALVATION ALTAR CALLS
- GREAT MIRACLES — BLIND, DEAF AND PARALYZED HEALED BY SCORES



was in a circle and photo shows only half of the audience.

VELMER GARDNER AND PARTY MINISTER TO THOUSANDS.



First night crowd in Kingston. Thousands turned away. The next night service was moved to race course.

God, Church of God and the Church of the Open Bible. All three were packed out.

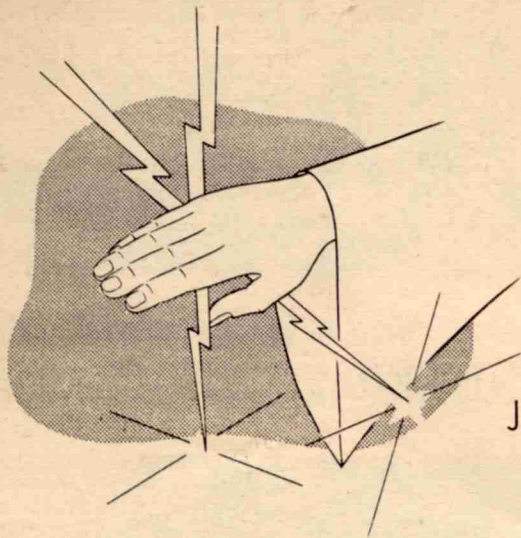
There were morning meetings conducted by Rev. Warren Litzman. He directed a service of instructions, consecration and praying for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Over 250 people received this experience during the week.

The soloist with Velmer Gardner was Rev. J. E. Wilson. His songs were enthusiastically received. Everyone in town knew who he was. Even as he would be served his evening meals the waiters would give him extra desserts because of his songs. They would applaud as he arrived for the meeting. "Peace in the Valley" was their favorite song.

As I looked on the thousands of faces

during this week, I saw a hunger for God. Empty vessels, waiting to be filled. As the tropical waters around Jamaica warmed the Island, so the waves of God's mercy rolled over this crowd. They were warmed by His love. They were given living water. God blessed these meetings. Worn and scarred hands that were raised toward heaven will be there, and they will find their peace for eternity.

GOD'S HAND



The
"Life Story"
of

J. W. Higginbotham



Rev. Higginbotham

I was born of humble, God-fearing parents in Newark, Ohio on October 23, 1910. I was next to the youngest of four children and had the benefit of early Christian training. Mother and father believed in church and Sunday school, and as a young child I was taken to the house of God regularly. My father, a factory laborer, worked untiringly to support the family, but he and mother did not neglect training us children to appreciate the importance of church. The influence of this early teaching proved to be a major factor in my coming to Christ years later.

As I grew older, I failed to build upon the foundation of godliness. Church attendance alone never brought me into a real knowledge of the Lord, and my waywardness attested to the fact that I was not "born again". Like most young boys I was mischievous and did things which were questionable and improper. At ten years of age I sold newspapers on the city street corners and was exposed to the many evils that exist in our cities. This environment in which I found myself was largely responsible for the turning of my mind from God. I cannot say that there was any one great iniquity in my life, but the stain of sin was there! Yet it was at this time in my life that God's infinite love began to manifest itself. I could not detect it at the time, but now I realize what it was. As I observed humanity upon the busy streets, I seemed to be concerned in a most unexplainable fashion. I particularly remember how my heart was overwhelmed with sympathy and compassion for those who were deformed or diseased. It was His gentle hand touching and making my being tenderly sensitive to the need of mankind!

At about thirteen years of age I became acquainted with the suffering of physical infirmity and with the terrible blackness of the shadows lurking in the valley of death. While playing in school, I was knocked off the horizontal bars in such a fashion that I fell directly upon my head. I received a severe concussion and my arm was fractured in two places.

After treatment it did not appear as though there would be any serious consequences. However, a year or so later a condition began to develop which proved to be an outgrowth of this accident. My eyes crossed and a clot of blood entered my brain. For days I lay in a state of semi-consciousness while the doctor did all possible to save my life. My dear mother ministered faithfully to me during these dark days waiting, watching, and praying day and night. Finally after two weeks the crisis passed and God mercifully spared my life. His hand had restrained the relentless power of death!

During the next few years I concluded that I should strive to "make something of myself". My thoughts regarding this matter resulted in a desire to learn to tap dance. After taking lessons, I made one appearance on a local stage. I planned to make dancing my life's work, but God had other plans! I was about eighteen years of age when the factory where I was working was shut down. I, of course, lost my job and had to make other plans. I decided to go to West Virginia to seek employment. It was there in Fairmount that I met Lucille who became my beloved wife in the year 1930. My mother-in-law had a short time before accepted Christ and her desire to serve the Lord in a greater manner led to the establishment of an assembly of worshippers in her home. A minister was called in to pastor this small work. In one of the services my wife and I met the Lord Jesus Christ! A door was opened, a door was shut — and His hand was upon the bolt!

My experience of salvation was most precious and wonderful! I had a positive knowledge of the very moment that Christ entered my heart. When the Holy Spirit came in, the things of heaven began to be made gloriously real! God immediately opened the Word of God to my mind, and He started to deal with me about the ministry. In a prayer meeting, the call which God was making clear to me in Scripture and in my own heart was positively attested in a most remarkable fashion. The

Lord spoke through me in the Italian language, and another interpreted confirming the fact that God wanted me to preach the Gospel and minister to the needy!

This country was going through great economic difficulty when I first began to minister and to be of assistance in the local churches. It was necessary for me to work, and I became employed in a glass factory. The two-fold activity engaged my services day and night, and the pace was exceedingly strenuous. Nevertheless, the need was always present and I felt that I must serve the Lord to the greatest possible extent. I was continually answering calls to pray for sick bodies and hungry souls. I frequently found myself in a state of physical exhaustion, but the Lord was sweet to my soul and the joy in seeing souls brought to Jesus more than compensated for the energy I expended! God was also manifesting His mighty healing power, and many, many testimonies verified the fact that His hand responded to the cry of faith and struck a crushing blow to disease and sickness!

It was not long until our home was blessed with the arrival of two fine children — first a boy, and then a girl. Naturally, our material needs were increased. The time in which we lived was critical, and unemployment was not uncommon. Perhaps these things contributed to a situation wherein I found it increasingly difficult to "step out" into the full time ministry. Nevertheless, I knew that God was patiently pursuing! I knew too, that my hesitancy did not stem from a lack of desire to do His will. I came to understand that my faith needed to be increased. Important experiences were ahead — experiences which would cause me to fully appreciate the meaning of the persistent push of the hand that also led!

In 1940 a grave illness struck with sudden ferocity. One evening upon arriving home from work, I was seized with an intense pain in my chest. It was necessary for me to lie down and it was very hard for me to move. We immediately

called the minister who prayed and later the doctor who diagnosed the seizure as neuritis around the heart. The doctors were unable to do anything, and for nine days I lay seriously stricken, unable to rise from my bed or to resume any activity whatsoever. I realized that my only hope was in God. The minister was called upon to pray for me again as he had been throughout the entire period of time that had elapsed. I desired to believe in God in a very special and concentrated fashion! I knew that in this hour there were Christian loved ones holding on to God for my deliverance. I looked up toward heaven and said, "Lord, you must help me! My strength is gone from me, and I need help from you!" In that moment, praise God, healing came! The pain left at once and later the soreness gradually lessened until I was perfectly well!

Various circumstances led to the decision to move to Cleveland, Ohio where I settled permanently with my family. In Cleveland, during the tragic years of World War II, I went to work in the bomber plant. During the months that ensued God continued to speak and I felt that I must seek the Lord as never before! While attending a district camp meeting, I heard God's voice once more. He told me that the Holy Spirit would teach me. Once more in a local church service, God said, "Set your house in order." My reluctance to obey continued and my uneasiness and dissatisfaction increased accordingly. I paced the floors in distress. I remember how my wife's concern over my condition resulted in her questioning me late one night. I replied that I was dissatisfied, that I must quit my work and proclaim the message of Calvary to lost men and women! Finally I made the decision! I remember so well. While I was working at the punch press at the plant, God spoke yet again in a very clear and definite way. I was now convinced that it did not pay to resist the call of God, and I yielded and became determined to obey fully! I felt not only the security of being in the Hand out of which no man could pluck me, but also the divine peace and assurance in being in the Hand which was soon to place me in the place of service—divinely selected!

I immediately stepped out accepting all invitations to preach. God opened doors after door. The healing power of God continued to be manifested as in the past, and the Lord made Himself more and more real as I spent long periods of time in prayer and study of the Bible. Having held a license to preach for many years, I became an ordained minister. Not long after in a small church where I was conducting services, while in prayer, God made the message of deliverance meaningful to my heart in a very special manner. From that day the healing message became a more prominent part of my ministry, and God has since wrought miracle after miracle! How wonderful and compassionate is our mighty Saviour!

I am especially thankful for one particular door of opportunity that God has opened to me. It is found in my association with the Voice of Healing! Increased fellowship with the children of God everywhere is blessed, but what is more important, I realize that I am a part of a

great instrument that God is using to reach lost souls throughout the world! To be working together with men dedicated to the proposition that the message of deliverance must be proclaimed is a wonderful satisfaction to me. As a result of this relationship, I have related, for the glory of God alone, various episodes and events in the story of my life. But these things about which I have spoken in written word are only significant to both myself and the reader, as one great fact is comprehended. It is the one fact responsible for the true success and meaningful progress of any man in his journey through life. That fact is being able to know, accept, and do God's will! We may say "Lord, I cannot", or even possibly "Lord, I will not," but as we behold the timeless Cross of Calvary we learn the significance of Divine strength—GOD'S HAND!

PENTECOST AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY AND NOW

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Then at night we had service in the rented tent. In less than two weeks the fire fell and the Glory of God broke over the city like a tidal wave. The first person to receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost was a great preacher whom many of my readers will remember. His name was L. C. Hall. That night God healed seven people of old chronic diseases instantly. It was like a flash of lightening or a clap of thunder. We could literally say "When this was noised abroad the multitude came together."

IT SWEEPED THE CITY LIKE A FIRE

God wrought miracles among the people along all lines. The altars were filled with sinners getting saved and others crying to God to sanctify them, while hundreds were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The Devil got mad and stirred some of the old church crowds, to try to drive us out of town, but it did not work. They threw rocks at the tent until it was torn to pieces. I have seen rocks falling in the tent like a hail storm, while the altar was packed with seekers. No one was ever struck by a rock. One night I saw one hundred and twenty-five people baptized with the Holy Ghost while rocks were falling all over the place. In seven weeks San Antonio was stirred as it had never been stirred before, toward God. We finished the meeting, never took an offering, and yet all the bills were paid, and each worker got a portion sufficient for their needs.

WE MOVED INTO DALLAS

Later in that year we moved with our large party, including my wife and three children, and seven workers including preachers, musicians and singers.

We were there two months and could never get a building to hold the meetings in, but we preached on about every street corner in Dallas. I saw as many as twenty-five persons kneel at the curb on the street and get saved, young people walked up and down the streets of that great city and preached, sang, shouted, testified, and talked in other tongues until the streets

would be blocked by the crowds. Seven weeks we preached on the streets and in front of the court house until we literally broke up the streets and sowed the Word of God. No wonder Dallas is one of the leading Pentecostal cities in America today. We sowed the seed of God's Word all over the place. I know for I was there, and remember, these were the very first Pentecostal meetings ever held in those cities.

MEN AND WOMEN OF WHOM THE WORLD WAS NOT WORTHY

There were no powder puffs in our ranks, and if they got in they did not last long. It took men and women with rugged constitutions and deep, rugged, convictions to stand in those days. The church people as a rule hated them, the world laughed for a while, then took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus. They wandered over the world preaching the Gospel, and God worked with them with both signs and wonders. He healed the sick, and in a number of cases, He raised the dead. They did not covet men's gold, they set no price on their labors for Him for as a matter of fact freely they had received and they were freely giving themselves to His blessed service. They had but one desire and that was to render a full measure of devotion to Him who had done so very, very much for them.

The world was not worthy of them. No wonder that in a short 15 years they led millions to Christ. There had never been a revival like it in the history of the world.

This is only a limited description of the Pentecostal Movement as it was at its beginning. Most of the great leaders of that by-gone day have finished their earthly sojourn. The world is a better place by their having lived in it. The earth in whose bosom their bodies rest is richer by reason thereof. The Church is more wonderful as a result of their labors of love while here, and heaven is a happier place by reason of their spirits which have reached the portals of that blessed world from whence none ever return to weep.

But they will return with Him whose Second Coming was their blessed hope during their years of service for Him on this earth. His soon coming will be more glorious by reason of their presence with Him.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.

STARTLING INCIDENTS

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him about the matter, nor did I witness to him, until one night when he came to me and asked me to have a talk with him. He was gloriously saved.

I call this a miracle of God in these days of signs and wonders. Praise the Lord Jesus Christ for His resurrecting power.

Wilbur E. Sherburne,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Grant's Faith Clinic

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Evangelist W. V. Grant



"... He shall have whatsoever he saith."—Mark 11:23

TRUST IN GOD

YOU SAY, "I CAN'T TRUST GOD."
GOD SAYS FOR YOU TO TRUST IN HIM WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND LEAN NOT TO YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING (Prov. 3:5).

God will not ask you to do anything you cannot do. A sinner will not ask his baby to do the impossible. God is better than a sinner.

A sinner can say he cannot trust God while you are trying to help him get saved. You should be better than a sinner. If a sinner can trust God with his soul which is worth a million dollars, you should be able to trust God with your ninety-eight cent body.

What would people think, and how would your wife feel, if you were to tell everybody that you meet that you had a wife but could not trust her? How does God feel when you tell sinners you cannot trust Him? How does the sinner feel?

Your child trusts you; he does not worry all day for fear you are going to drop him.

God trusts you with a billion dollar sal-

vation and you dare not trust Him with your ninety-eight cent body!

You trust the condition of your car. Hundreds of things may go wrong with your car; but nothing can go wrong with God. One wrong move of the driver can kill you. Go makes no wrong move. You trust a highway map and road signs; why not trust Psalms 34:19? You trust a thirteen-year-old colored girl to operate an elevator. She may let you fall; God will not. Everytime you accept a dollar bill you are trusting Uncle Sam. He can go broke; God can never! You trust your chair or bed to hold you up. They may break down; God will never. Whoever thought of someone who would trust doctors, drug stores, and nurses more than the Almighty! God never gives the wrong prescription! Trust James 5:14.

The sparrows do not lose sleep for lack of trust in God.

The middle verse in the Bible is, "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man" (Ps. 118:8).

YOU SAY YOU BELIEVE IN WAITING UNTIL DOCTORS FAIL.

GOD SAYS, "BUT SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU (Matt. 6:33).

Jesus healed ALL without telling even one to wait. God delivers us from ALL our afflictions, regardless of size (Ps. 34:19).

Seek God before your condition gets bad. An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure. He even wants to keep you from sickness (Ps. 105:35; 91:10).

Why not wait until the Lord fails and then go to the doctor! Many doctors will not admit failure until after you are dead. Their methods are continually changing; God never changes.

You should always go to the best physician you can find; use the best remedies. Jesus is the best Physician; He offers the best remedy (James 5:14).

YOU SAY YOU MIGHT GET TURNED OUT OF THE CHURCH.

GOD SAYS IT IS BETTER TO OBEY GOD THAN MAN (Acts 5:29).

I do not want to be in a church that Jesus cannot get into. A blind man was turned out of the church after he was healed (John 9). Like many today, the parents dared not acknowledge that Jesus did it, afraid they would be turned out too. Many think more of public opinion and their church than they do of Jesus. That same spirit crucified Jesus because He made people well.

Get healed and go back to your church and set it on fire. If they will not receive your testimony, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them (Matt. 10:14; II Tim. 3:5). There are many churches that believe in the full gospel. God holds you responsible for supporting a church that denies the power of God.

Donald Gee Column



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PENTECOSTAL "PIRATES"

BISHOP Berggrav of Scandinavia has recently complained that among the problems he is facing in those Northern Lands is that of "The Pentecostal and Christian PIRATES of the century, first among them the Pentecost-talists. This sect," he says, "is now the strongest sect in our Scandinavian countries—they catch the imagination of the common man." I think this is the first time in my life I have been called a "pirate". I must look out for a new, and appropriate, badge for the lapel of my jacket! I wonder whether my great Scandinavian friend, Dr. Lewi Pethrus, will wear it too!

Such an exciting designation has made me look up the definition of a pirate in my dictionaries. I find it "one that by open

violence takes the property of another on the high seas." Perhaps the learned bishop had in mind literary pirates—those who infringe the law of copyright. But in any case the calm assumption behind this complaint is that the State Church (in this instance, Lutheran) has the ownership and copyright of Christian truth and church membership. Therefore any other preachers of the Gospel, and any other forms of organized Christian fellowship, must be regarded as illegal. I protest. My Free Church blood rises to the challenge. I shall plead guilty to such permissible piracy.

Bishop Berggrav at least admits that the Pentecostalists are now the strongest sect in Scandinavia, and he adduces the correct reason—they have "caught the imagination of the common man". Exactly

so. And why? Simply because their message is forthright concerning the sinfulness and need of man, and that the love of God has provided a Saviour who meets that need. The essential simplicity and sincerity of the Pentecostal Revival in Scandinavia, coupled with its freedom from sacerdotalism, gives it its power. When a religious movement "catches the imagination of the common man" we have a phenomena that demands attention from all church leaders. Popularity is not, in itself, a guarantee of truth. Indeed the good bishop mentions, after the Pentecostalists, two other sects that we would be slow to endorse. But when more orthodox churches and creeds are failing to grip the multitudes there is urgent need for a Revival. And the Pentecostal Movement is a REVIVAL. It is not new, it is something very very old. It is the glory of the Gospel of the grace of God that it satisfies the longing soul. "He that cometh to Me," said Jesus, "shall never hunger; and he that believeth in Me shall never thirst." Our ability, as Pentecostalists, to bring men to that Divine Fountain of Life is the final test of our legitimacy. If the State Churches in Scandinavia are failing to meet the spiritual need of the common man, and if the so-called "pirates" are doing so, then it may well be that the pirates have "got something."

One notorious weakness, however, among pirates (if my somewhat scanty information concerning them has been correct) is their tendency to quarrel

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among themselves about dividing the spoils. The free-and-easy ethics of a pirate's occupation must make it difficult to refrain from robbing their own comrades. Rights of ownership are settled only by strength or subtlety. The crew can only hold together under a tyrannical captain who will be ruthless in discipline. Can we, by indulgence, discern a lesson here? Full Gospel churches have shown a disconcerting tendency to steal far too freely from one another. Some unethical practices between church and church, pastor and pastor, evangelist and evangelist, missionary and missionary have come far nearer then they ought to deserving the epithet of piracy.

To preach Christ, and the healing and baptism in the Holy Spirit He bestows is one thing. To launch out in sectarian proselytizing over such matters as a particular idea of church government, or adherence to a doubtful item of non-essential doctrine, or mere loyalty to a personality, is quite another thing. To draw away disciples after ourselves is always wrong.

Are there, then, any Pentecostal "pirates" that need ruling with a rod of iron? If so, where shall it be found? Not in the attractive authoritarianism of some cast-iron denomination or organization that outdoes the Papacy itself. Never that! The only bondage which truly Pentecostal hearts will suffer is the bond-service of Calvary Love. We gladly owe allegiance to a Master Who is the most exacting of despots. He allows no quarter to self-love in any of His followers. But His authority is in that He had given them an example to follow in His steps. Under the banner of His Cross we claim the freedom of the whole universe to win men from Christ, and under that banner we equally pledge ourselves to die daily to self.

DAVIDSON SERMON
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of the Spirit of God. I thrill to that song, "God is moving by His spirit, moving through all the earth." And certainly that is true in the day in which we live.

We sang for many years, "Hold the fort for I am coming." I don't like that song. God never said in His Word for you to hold any fort. He said to storm the fortresses of Hell. Too many of us have held the fort too long!

For those in our Full Gospel movement, we can give praise to God for men who have gone to the uttermost parts of the world. We speak of the Full Gospel Movement as a whole, and I think we can very well forget denominations. What I belong to is none of your affair. I am Pentecostal. Hallelujah! What you belong to, I am not concerned about. I can fellowship men and women who meet on the common ground of the blood of Jesus Christ and a full Pentecostal testimony. I was raised a Campbellite, but I'm a Pentecostal now. You know how far I came.

We can thank God tonight for those of our Full Gospel movement who have heard the command to go, and have gone to the uttermost parts of the world. And I speak of the Full Gospel movement as a whole. Thank God for everyone of them. May I

tell you this, whether you are Church of God, Pentecostal Church of God, Four-square, Assembly of God, or what you are, all of us put together, are a mere drop in the bucket in comparison to the great task that lies before us. I thrilled last night when they introduced a Pentecostal Presbyterian. I said, "We need them, too." Praise God! We need everyone we can enlist in this great move for God in this our day.

Reports have come from across the world of the mighty works of God. Around the world God is moving by His spirit. And in many places where the seed has been sown for years by our faithful missionaries of all our full gospel denominations, where they have sown in tears, they are now reaping with joy. Hallelujah! God said there would come a harvest time. God blesses and rewards the sower and the reaper all alike. Hallelujah! I am glad for that.

Not too long ago we had our first united campaign in the city of Portland, a beautiful city of 350,000 people. We had 10,000 people who came to hear the man of God preach. Never before in the history of that city had we even got together. You know the devil knows that if he can keep us people separated, we won't get very far. It is like a fellow that visited an insane asylum. He saw the keeper there with a lot of people around him. He was a great big fellow over six feet tall and weighed over 200 pounds. He said to him, "Aren't you afraid that these folk are liable to over power you, maybe take your life? If they ever got together they could kill you." He answered, "That's it. They are crazy. They won't get together." I don't have to apply that, do I? You figure it out. Pentecostal people together and moving can become the greatest movement in all this world.

I told you that we were in Central America. God has been moving in those lands. We visited the City of Guatemala. It is one of the most beautiful cities of all of Central America to my mind. It is a large city of two or three hundred thousand. Then came the revival one of the Voice of Healing Evangelists. Something happened that had never happened in the City of Guatemala. The missionaries had done their best, God love their hearts. Don't ever sell our missionaries short, because I will take you to task. I found the finest group of missionaries and the finest group of men and women I have ever met, and I take my hat off to them.

But when I was down there and I saw what God was doing. We preached in one of their churches down there, and on that Sunday they had over 500 in Sunday School, and they have had up to a thousand. They had one of the finest crowds you would want to preach to, responsive and filled with the spirit of God. But in that City of Guatemala because of that campaign two years ago, instead of two churches, there are fourteen churches there today, preaching the full gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. You say, does missionary evangelism pay? Of course, it pays!

Our missionaries have sacrificed. You drive over the dusty roads down there, bouncing around. I stayed in a hotel down in Salvador that for anyone to call a hotel, he would have to be the president of the International Optimists Associa-

tion. I looked at that thing and then I went to take a bath. I said, "How do you turn the water on?" The missionary answered, "Do you see that wash pan?" Well I hadn't used one of those since I left Texas when I was a boy. He said, "Just use that wash pan and pour a little water over you." I don't know how clean I got. But that is the kind of hotels they have. Our men and women missionaries have to live this way.

We had a missionary in our church who told the story of the revival that Brother Erickson had. He is one of the Voice of Healing evangelists. This revival was held in Chile. This man is a very staid individual, and he doesn't cry very often, but he cried as he told us of what God had done in the land of Chile. "We prayed down there that God would give us a revival. When we would have a street meeting, the Chileans would walk by us and never give us a glance. They wouldn't even stop to listen to us. After Brother Erickson came, God began to move. The missionaries had sowed for years, in Santiago, Chile, and the people began to come. The newspapers said that the President ought to hire this man Erickson to be his publicity man, because he could get more publicity than the president was getting." A Pentecostal preacher getting more publicity than the president! Doesn't that thrill you?

But that isn't all, That is just a part of the story. He stood in our church (I know this lad well, I know his family. He is a man who is truthful). He said that the greatest thrill came on the last night of the Erickson campaign in Santiago when between 50 and 70 thousand people, I didn't say 5,000, I didn't say 7,000, I said between 50 and 70 thousand people, came to the great stadium of Santiago. Brother Erickson preached a message and God anointed it. Our missionary friend, who spoke Spanish well, had the job of giving the invitation. Brother Erickson was through. My friend stood to give the invitation. In Spanish he invited them to accept Christ as their Saviour. He said, "You that would like to have the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, lift your hand." He told us, "Folk, I couldn't believe it. Ten thousand hands were lifted that night, and said that they wanted Christ as their Saviour." He told the people to put down their hands, saying "You didn't understand. You couldn't have understood." Then he told them what it meant, that they would have to sacrifice. He told them it might mean separation from their families. It meant persecution. Again he asked, "How many will lift your hands?" I'll never forget this as long as I live, for he said that again, 10,000 hands were lifted.

Your Voice of Healing evangelists are going with this message. Brother Erickson is going to South America in the very near future. Some of the other brethren are going down into Jamaica to take the gospel of Christ there. Missionary plans are for others to go who have this message.

I was down in a little town in Eastern El Salvador, a country where 51% of all the babies die in infancy. A country where 85% of the people have never been legitimately married. A country that has 140 people to every square mile of area, a tremendously thickly populated country.

A people of abject poverty such as I never dreamed that any could live like that. I went into their little humble churches and saw how they loved God. How it thrilled my heart. When we were in this little town, one of the Voice of Healing evangelists, Brother Jeffery, was there. He isn't so well known to the most of you. I had him for a meeting just recently. I have never met a finer man of God. This town is small, perhaps it has about 4,000 people. It was a joy to me to see that that man preached to from 1500 to 2000 people. Seven years ago my church invested \$250.00 in a P. A. system and gave it to a missionary. At that time I didn't know that I would be in El Salvador and I would need a P. A. system to give my word of encouragement to the people there. But on that night of February, I had the privilege of standing on the platform in this town, out in the open with the ox carts parked around, and speak over that same P. A. system that our church had invested \$250.00 in seven years before.

The thrill of my life was to listen that night to a man who was interpreting. He had been saved only 6 weeks before. He was interpreting for Brother Jeffery, and believe me he was doing a good job. He was very demonstrative, and he preached the gospel to them as I have never heard an interpreter preach. He is quite a wealthy man for he makes \$10,000.00 American dollars a year. Do you know what that boy is doing today? He said to Brother Jeffery one day, "Sometimes I laugh, and sometimes I cry. I'm so happy that I am a Christian". And do you know why he is a Christian? His little boy who sat on the platform with us was deaf, he couldn't hear a word at all. In the meeting Brother Jeffery prayed for that little boy and he was delivered by the power of God. His father saw that and said that if this is true he would better go investigate. He became a Christian and endured great persecution that I can't tell you about. Tonight that man is preaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, because one of your Voice of Healing evangelists went to El Salvador. He is going back again soon.

God has given to us this message and we would be responsible if we don't take it to the whole world. I believe through the meetings of The Voice of Healing and its associates and all you wonderful people who help to make it up, we can help every full gospel movement in their missionary program to carry this gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Voice of Healing doesn't plan to or intend to take the place of the missionary, but to send men who have the message of deliverance to these lands that many miracles may happen such as did in Santiago and Guatemala City and the Philippine Islands and over in Java, and across the world down in Africa. God is moving by His Spirit! Let us not be out of the move of God, but let us be in the move of God in this day in which we live. It is true, dear friend, that we as Christians have cared, but have we cared enough? We have prayed, but have we prayed enough?

ARE CHILDREN WHO DIE, SAVED OR LOST?

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with Bathsheba? When it died, was it

condemned to the abode of the lost? Was there no hope of David ever seeing it again?

David does not leave us in doubt as to this matter. He realized the grievousness of his sin, and that only the infinite grace of God made pardon possible. But he also knew that the child that he had wrongfully begotten, was not a lost soul. It would not be cast down to the "lowest sheol" from whence God had saved him. Psalms 86:13. The child would not return to him, but he would go to it. As David testified, "I shall go to 'im but he shall not return to me." II Samuel 12:23.

ANGELS WATCH OVER THE LITTLE ONES

Jesus in revealing God's interest in and His love of little children, said when his disciples sought to prevent their coming to him, "Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 19:14. Jesus carried the parallel further than this. He said that those who would enter the kingdom of heaven must become as little children! "Except ye become converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 18:3.

Then he made another statement that leaves no room for doubt at all about the Heavenly Father's supreme interest in the child. And indeed we should hardly believe otherwise of God, when we remember that Jesus also said that not a sparrow fell to the ground without the Heavenly Father taking notice. For how much more is a person worth than a sparrow! Now this is what Christ said when He was talking about the children. First He warned against men doing anything that should cause a child to stumble. Rather than offend the least of these little ones, it were better that a millstone were hung about the offender's neck and he be cast into the depth of the sea. Jesus then said that angels who stand in the presence of God, are appointed as their guardians. "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 18:10.

WHAT ABOUT CHILDREN OF WICKED PARENTS

Now some may inquire whether the above Scriptures might not refer only to children of believers. No doubt there is a difference between believers' children and those of unbelievers, and we shall take note of the difference, but certainly this difference does not mean that an unbeliever's children are damned. I Kings 14 relates the case of Jeroboam, one of the most wicked kings of Israel. He was the one who introduced the golden calves for the people to worship, and for his act judgment came on his kingdom. Yet God perceived that in the family of this wicked king, there was a child that would serve Him if he but had a chance. With this in mind God permitted the lad to fall sick even unto death. When the mother came to inquire about the recovery of the child, the prophet told her that it would surely die:

"Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house, and when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die. And all Israel shall mourn for him: for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him there is

found some good thing toward the Lord God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam." I Kings 14:12, 13.

Here is absolute proof that children of wicked parents are not lost simply because their parents are wicked. God deals with every person on the merits of his own individual case. The context makes it evident that the son of Jeroboam did not at death go to the abode of the wicked. God does not judge a child by the wrong doing of the parent.

"The soul that sinneth it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him." Ezek. 18:20.

THE SLAUGHTER OF THE CANAANITES

There has been much questioning by skeptics as to why God permitted the slaughter of the Canaanites. The reason is not difficult to understand. The people had become so wicked that children born of that generation would grow up in an atmosphere and environment that could corrupt them. It was an act of mercy that God ordered their extermination.

In complete agreement with the consciences of men, is this truth that God knows and cares for the innocent. That none is lost save those who spurn the way of life offered through the death and mediatorship of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CHILDREN OF SAVED AND UNSAVED PARENTS

Nevertheless there is a difference between the children of unsaved and saved parents. Inexorably the sins of the fathers are visited upon the children even to the third and fourth generation. Exodus 20:5. Nor is it difficult to see why this is true. Any physician will tell you that children have been born blind because of the sins of their parents. Who does not know that the drunkard's child pays for the sins of his father? This law, by the nature of the case is inexorably operative. A parent may either be a blessing to his child or a curse to it. Only a Christian parent has the right to claim the soul of his child. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house." Acts 16:31. Blood on the door of the Israelite's house meant that the destroying angel would not stop at that home.

Even if but one parent is a believer there are reckoned certain important blessings on the child that have a far-reaching effect on its welfare. Paul leaves us to infer that the faith of one parent, even though the other is an unbeliever, sanctifies the child.

"For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean."—I Cor. 7:14.

Summed up we may say that the Scriptures clearly teach that God has his hand upon all children. And that in the providence of God, if a child departs this world, it is not without full knowledge of a Heavenly Father Who has made ample provision for it.

GOD'S COMPASSION FOR YOU (Continued from Page 8)

The only hope for our generation is for God-anointed ministers to lift up Jesus Christ—to present Jesus Christ—"the same yesterday, today, and forever!"—Who has not forgotten us, but Who loves us with an ever-lasting love, Who still ministers to us as He did in that day when He walked the dusty road to Jerusalem. **HE IS STILL THE SAME TODAY! HE HAS THE SAME POWER!** If you will but lift your hands and, by faith, accept what He offers us today, you can have His deliverance now! *He is Jesus Christ — "the same yesterday, today and forever!"* He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. He has never changed. He will never change. He is the great, all conquering Christ, and He loves you now! *He is interested in YOUR CASE!*

As we continue to follow Jesus down the Jericho Road, we hear someone crying — "*Jesus, Thou son of David, have mercy on me!*"

We listen, and again we hear the cry, "*Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me!*" As we draw closer, we see a blind beggar who is stretching forth his hands toward Jesus. He is crying, from the highway side, for mercy. We find, in reading God's Word that, as this poor blind beggar cried from the highway side, the followers of Jesus tried to turn him aside. They said, "Bartimaeus, you are just a beggar. Who are you to be disturbing the people as you are? Bartimaeus, don't you know that you are not in a position to be crying after deliverance. You're just an old blind beggar — be quiet!" They tried to turn him away.

You know this presents to us quite a picture, friends. I have often tried to understand why the followers of the Lord attempted to turn the man away. They were not seeking to heal the suffering. They could follow Christ wherever they desired. They could bask in the sunlight of His marvelous ministry; yet, when this poor beggar cried out, that he, too, might receive deliverance, they said, "Who are you to disturb the people?" That same attitude is often expressed by the pious religionists of our day who say, "deliverance is not for us, though it was for past generations." They do not offer the deliverance of the gospel — for body and soul.

There are some religionists who are content to serve the Lord in a mediocre way for themselves, but who turn away those who come to them for help, telling them deliverance is not for them now. Listen friend, this is not the truth. Jesus Christ does love you today! He still has compassion for us, and He will have compassion on you.

Let us consider the account of this blind man again for just a moment. Let us put ourselves in his place. Here is a soul crying out for deliverance, that he may enjoy life as others. This man's condition had caused him to be separated from society. He was just a blind beggar. He could not live as others lived. He had to sit in darkness, with a lonely heart. He had to sit by the wayside begging for the portions usually handed to the blind. At night, he had to find his way back home and prepare a meal for himself as best he could. The next day, he would have to do the same thing again — just sit by the roadside and beg.

I can see the people dodging around him, the religionists drawing in their cloaks as they passed him by, ostentatiously flipping in a nickel or a penny. They didn't care about him personally. He was just a blind beggar to them.

I want you to know though, that man had a precious soul that was crying out for deliverance. I can picture his position. He had heard that this Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah who *healed the blind*, was passing by — and, as Jesus came near him, he could feel the presence of a power greater than He had ever known; therefore, he cried out, "*Jesus of Nazareth, have mercy on me!*" I can hear him as he said to the Saviour, "Have mercy on me, I know I am not worthy — I am just a poor blind beggar, but Jesus, *please don't pass me by!* I need deliverance!" Jesus, our Saviour, will never reject such a plea as that. My friends, if Jesus had passed him by, He would not have been the Messiah. Jesus could not pass him by. His compassion held Him there. The Word of God tells us that *Jesus stood still. He stopped and waited! He was concerned about this man!* He did not reject Bartimaeus because of his back-ground. The Lord saw only that precious soul crying out for deliverance. Jesus had as much respect for that blind beggar as He had for the rich who came before Him. He heard that cry, "*Jesus, have mercy on me.*" He turned and looked upon him.

What did Jesus do next? The Word of God tells us that He turned toward His followers and gave a command. He told them to bring the blind man to him.

Listen to this! As He commanded, they called the blind man and said, "*Jesus of Nazareth calleth for thee.*" Jesus did not go to him — He stood and waited. What did Bartimaeus do? *Now the responsibility was his!* If he had remained by the highway side, he would not have been healed — though Jesus waited! Bartimaeus must act by faith. Bartimaeus had been given the message, "*He (the Master) calleth for thee.*" The Word of God tells us that "he arose to his feet — he took his beggar's robe off his shoulders, and cast it to one side, leaped to his feet and stood before the Master." (History tells us that the robe the beggars wore signified that they were blind.) The robe represented his past life. By faith, he said — "I won't need this any more." He left his past there — to enter into a new future with Christ! He revealed his faith by casting his "blind robe" aside, because he knew in his heart that he would never need it any more! Hallelujah! *This was the act of faith that brought his healing!*

Some say to me, "Brother Erickson, if there is such tremendous provision for us now, if Jesus Christ will heal us from our sin and sickness today, why is there so much sin and sickness?" I'll tell you why. YOU, as well as others, *must take that step to Him.* Jesus Christ will not force anyone to come. He is waiting — you must come to Him! Now is the time! Act! His provision for your need is available now!

The Lord Jesus wants you to take that "beggar's robe" off! He will open your eyes! He will heal your cancer, heart trouble, arthritis, etc. He (Bartimaeus) stood before the Lord and Jesus said, "*What wouldest thou that I should do for you?*" He said, "*Lord, that I might receive my sight.*" Then the Lord ministered to him — He commanded the blindness to leave — and *immediately* the scales fell

from his blind eyes! The miracle took place, and he was on longer blind. The Bible tells us that he did not go back and put on his "blind-man's robe," nor return to his humble cottage. He followed Jesus in the way, proclaiming His power!

You may not be a blind beggar like Bartimaeus, begging on the highway side, but all of us stand in need of the power of Christ.

There is only one way to have peace and joy and happiness in your life. That is to follow Jesus Christ every day of your life. Many spend their lives separated from the joy of Christ and all that is good, simply because they will not throw away their beggar's garment and surrender to Christ.

Jesus is standing before you now, beckoning to you. Put your past life behind you. Come before Him. Let Him place His hand upon you and set you free! He wants to! He is waiting — He is standing with the benefits of His Kingdom to give to you — NOW! — if you will but come to Him!

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GOD'S PEOPLE ESTABLISHED BY TRIAL RATHER THAN BY MIRACLES

"PREPARE yourselves for the strengthening of the brethren, that you may be able to strengthen the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. For there are of my people like Israel of old, that in the very midst of the glory of the Lord, they desire to return unto Egypt. They desire to look back to the things which they have left behind. *They desire to lean upon the arm of flesh. They cannot reconcile the moving of the Spirit even in the time of their bitterness. They cannot see that the Lord will sweeten the bitter waters for them. And I have proved my people by the waters, saith God. I have proved my people by difficulties. I have proved them by miracles. They have never stood upon miracles. But they have stood under difficulty. I have brought them back into consecration through strain and through toil. But when I gave unto them my blessings and my spiritual outpourings, they often have repeatedly turned their backs on me and started to worship other gods. They fell in love with themselves and with their blessings.*

GOD CHOSE HIS PEOPLE NOT FOR THEIR INTELLECT BUT BECAUSE OF HIS LOVE

"But I the Lord God am a jealous God and have determined that I shall lead a people who shall settle down in me as their rest. They shall have in me their Canaan. *They shall have in me all the operations of the spirituals. For I have in my hand the key that opens the door and closes the same. Yea, have I not said through my servant John that I have set an open door before the Philadelphia Church? Therefore shall my people know that my love strengthened them and delivered them. That it is because thy Lord God hath so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Therefore thou shalt know it is my love. And it is not intellect that has brought them into this wonderful way. It is not their intelligence, nor their morals, nor their good works, nor rituals, nor ceremonies saith the Lord that hath brought them to this. But is it because the Lord God hath brought them.*

GOD HAS PATIENTLY WAITED FOR HIS PEOPLE TO MOVE

"Yea I have drawn them out of the wilderness, out of Egypt, even out of the land, saith God. *Have I not settled down with them in the places they have settled,*

for a time, and have I not been patient and long-suffering waiting for them to move forth? And have I not delayed the moving of the cloud, so that my people would be ready to move when the cloud moved? For had I moved on during this declension, then there would be many of my people who would have remained behind and would have been swallowed up of despondency.

"But even now have I waited saith the Lord, as I did in the days of Noah when he built the ark. Yea, and as I spoke through my servant James, that I the husbandman waited with long patience, yea with long-suffering for the precious fruit of the earth, till the former and the latter rain should come down to develop the fruit and to bring it forth. So have I the Lord waited in a long-suffering way till I can pour out of my Spirit now to develop and mature the fruits of the Spirit in my people.

SOME ARE CHOOSING OTHER LEADERS THAN MY ORDAINED ONES

"For now have they chosen unto themselves other gods and other ministers besides my ordained ones, besides my anointed ones. And they shall continue for a short time only. For now have I come forth with the fire that shall devour, that shall destroy the stubble. Yea and my fan is in my hand saith God, and I will truly purge my floor and I will gather my wheat into my barns and I will burn up the chaff that hath hindered the wheat from coming into its fullness.

THE CHURCH TO ENTER CANAAN — BUT THERE TO MEET A CONFLICT

"And now hath the time come saith God, that I will set my face toward the wilderness. And I will draw out them that are settled there and I will bring them into the kingdom of my glory and my Canaan. *Even in that place they shall also find conflict. For therein shall they contact the powers of darkness. Because in this place Satan seeketh to destroy; he seeketh the worship of the inter-heavenlies. He seeketh the praise and the applause that he may crown many with his glorious incarnation and with his glorious transformation. But the Lord God will only give him one incarnation, which will come of the beast of the earth, even into the Antichrist program. But the Lord will allow him to transform ministers today into his likeness, those who wish to walk after the flesh. They who are fleshly minded shall also reap fleshly rewards. But those who strive unto the Spirit and seek after Him*

and will associate with me, saith the Lord Jesus, in crucifixion and deterioration of self, then at that very time the Lord will come with regeneration and will bring forth his glorious transformation.

THE LORD WILL RAPTURE HIS CHOSEN ONES

"And in His incarnation He will allow them to enter. *In the time appointed He shall draw His people out and bring them into the heavenlies, even by the power of the rapture, saith God. He will then take them into the beloved and into the secret chamber of the marriage supper where there He will show them His glory and will reveal unto them the process through which they have gone, and which hath made them partakers of the heavenly calling in Christ Jesus — the calling of the bride, the calling of the Bridegroom, the calling of the Church to the marriage supper of the lamb. Yea the Lord will show them there, and not until then and there, will He show them the whys and the wherefores. For there He will show them as they are known and they will know Him as they are known. Yea they will know Him as altogether lovely, and glorious and mighty. They will know Him as the One in virgin birth and as the One Who was brought forth in a manger. They will know Him as the One who walked on Galilee. They will know Him from time immemorial. Yea and when as yet the members of His Body were not known, even there they were written, saith God. And the members of His body even His Church, were written there with Him. And so will they dwell with Him and dine with Him, and feed on the Heavenly manna that He hath reserved for them. And the glorious ecstasies that shall be showered on them. Yea that can be manifested only through redeemed ones.*

THEREFORE THIS GUIDANCE HAS COME TO THEE TO STRENGTHEN THE WEAK HANDS

"Therefore this guidance has come to thee that thou shalt know why I said unto thee, strengthen the weak hands and confirm the feeble knees. So they shall be able to stand in this day and reach out hands and minister to others, and who shall receive through the ministry and the mediatorship of the hands of ministers, the very works of the Lord that He hath promised they shall do.

PEOPLE OF GOD TO BE BROUGHT INTO UNITY AS GREATER WORKS ARE AHEAD

"Yea great works are being done saith God, but now a greater work is being done and is ahead. *And He shall glorify His name in His people, and bring them into one unit, and into one glorious unit. For His name shall be magnified. Yea His word shall be glorified. For His word is above His name and His name is in His word, and He shall send it forth to the nations. That they may revel in the glories of the beloved, even the beloved Redeemer. That they may know that the Lord hath brought them forth and hath partaken of their sufferings on Calvary. That He hath delivered them from their sufferings through Calvary. And because of Calvary He shall give unto them the gifts of the Spirit, which they have not known hitherto. And which they had not sought after. But the Lord giveth gifts to them and to the rebellious who dwelt in a dry land.*

WE ARE TO MANIFEST GOD'S LOVE TO THE HEATHEN

"So now therefore go thy way rejoicing and manifesting the mercies of God, and the love of the Lord Jesus. *That you may lift up those who are in quicksand and hastily bring them into the Rock that is waiting for them, saith the Lord. For many heathen people have sought my face in these last four years. And there are many who have sought me unreservedly. Yea they have sought me with all their heart. But there are many who also cling to idols and cling to me as they did in the days of Joshua. And therefore I would have you to cleanse my sanctuary by faith and by prayer.* That the word of the Lord that you shall send forth shall bring them out of their idolatry and show them the plain written word of God. And that they may recognize the scars in His hand as they see Him in vision. And that they may know that He is the only true God. And they shall not have the idols they once had that give them no power, that give them no peace. But they shall destroy those idols, saith the Lord and worship only the true God in His son Jesus, saith God.

TO SPONSOR THOSE WHO GO FORTH

"Therefore thou wilt know that I have spoken with you this day to move onward and forward without fear saith the Lord. To prevent the powers of darkness from settling over my people. And to go farther and promote the word of the Lord.

PLEDGE TO PRAY

1. I will daily pray for all members of the prayer band.

2. I will pray that God will send forth laborers into His harvest to accomplish world evangelization so that Jesus can come back to the world. (Matt. 24:14)

3. I will pray daily for evangelists who are preaching the message of deliverance.

4. I will pray daily for my own church which I attend that it may enjoy a deliverance revival.

5. I will pray that the gifts of the Spirit be returned in full power to the church.

6. I will pray daily that the church may become one, and thus fulfill the prayer of Christ when He prayed "That they all may be one; as thou Father art in me and I in thee; that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Jn. 17:21.

7. I will pray daily that my will shall be consecrated to the absolute will of God.

GOD'S CALL FOR A WORLD PRAYER BAND

THIS is what the Lord said when He spoke to me, "Thou shalt pray that I will bring people all agreeing together. Thou needest to intercede and to pray with supplications and intercessions. And the angels of the Lord shall be camped around thee to protect thee against the violence of Satan. And the Spirit within thee shall teach thee how to pray. For a regular hour was established in the temple of the Lord, and so it shall be established in Israel.

"For my people are like scattered sheep. The people of my body have not come together even yet. As one people they are not united fully. For they shall know that my Spirit shall cause them to pray day and night. For I shall have a world-wide prayer band. And they shall pray alone, and pray together, and there shall be ones, and twos and threes, and there shall be thousands that pray daily.

and to sponsor those who have the anointing of the Spirit. And the anointed ministry shall go forth, and perpetuate from one to another, and one generation to another, even one nation to another. And family after family shall be reunited and the glory of the Lord shall return.

MINISTRY OF ELIJAH TO RETURN

"When the power of Elijah shall turn

the hearts of the fathers back to the children and the children to the fathers, with God. For is not the ministry of Elijah active in the earth today? For soon thou shalt see the glory of the Lord in the same way that He showed it to Elijah by cloud and by fire. And the glory of the Lord shall prevail against the industries of the world that are creating now by fabulous means and ways to destroy the spiritual worship. Yea it is in the guise and form of religion saith the Lord. But it shall fall and fail and crumble. It shall go down as all the predecessors have gone down. It shall go down as Hitler went down. It shall go down as all the determined ones were determined to destroy Israel have gone down and sunk in the mire.

"But the Lord shall raise up His people that they shall go forth under the flag of liberty, under the flag of glory. Then it shall come to pass that they shall say, we shall set up our banners in the name of Our God. For some have trusted in horses, and some in chariots, but we will remember the name of our God. So shall we be saved from our enemies, and so shall we be strong and do exploits, even as the Lord hath said we shall do.

GOD'S MOVING IN THE LAST DAYS TO BE THE GREATEST YET

"Even as I came upon Joshua with great power and anointing, that he was the suc-

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The Apostles Had an Established Hour In the Temple to Pray

Acts 3:1: Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

Acts 6:4: But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

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(1118 Coronado Terrace, Los Angeles 26, Calif.)

MEDFORD, OREGON, February 5 (3 weeks), Area Wide Meeting, First Assembly of God. Rev. Wildon Colbaugh, Phone 2-5328.

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, April 1, Area Wide Meeting.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 6, Area Wide Meeting.

JAMES R. DUNN

(417 S. Washington St., St. Albans, W. Va.)

DALLAS, TEXAS, February 5, Dallas Revival Center, Corinth and Illinois Streets. Rev. Jack Coe.

CLIFTON ERICKSON

(P. O. Box 518, Denver 8, Colorado)

OVERSEAS, First half of year.

VELMER J. GARDNER

(Box 2253, National Station, Springfield, Mo.)

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, January 31-February 4, City Auditorium.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, February 28-March 4, St. Nicholas Arena.

BISMARCK, N. DAKOTA, April 15-22, City Auditorium. Rev. K. E. Olson, Chairman, 1818 Avenue "D," Phone CA 3-3070.

LEON D. HALL

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CLEVELAND, OHIO, February 5-26, Four-square Gospel Church, 2017 East 93rd. Rev. Howard Clark, Phone CE 1-4257.

H. E. HARDT

(467 Pennsylvania Ave., York, Penn.)

DALLAS, TEXAS, January 22-February 5, First Assembly of God, Peak and Garland Streets, Sick prayed for nightly. Rev. Bracy I. Greer.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, March 4-18, Evangelistic Temple, 2000 West 11th Street. Sick prayed for nightly. Rev. Raymond T. Richey.

ALTON L. HAYES

(11699 Denton Drive, Dallas, Texas)

BLACKWELL, OKLAHOMA, January 25-February 1, Sixth and Lincoln Streets.

TUCSON, ARIZONA, February.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, March.

BOB HERALD

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NORTH BEND, OREGON, February.

BRITISH WEST INDIES (OVERSEAS), February.

SOUTH AMERICA, March (approximately).

JOHN W. HIGGINBOTHAM

(3726 West 143rd St., Cleveland 11, Ohio)

VIENNA, VIRGINIA, January 31. Rev. A. W. Philepps, Route 2, Box 36.

ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, February 21, Rev. C. C. Grant, 914 Prospect Avenue.

CORONA, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK, March 13, Corona Full Gospel Church, 35-46 97th Street. Rev. L. N. Hagen.

ROY HILL

(25 Rice Street, Lyons, New York)

JEANNETTE, PENNSYLVANIA, January 10-February 5, Open Bible Church, 513 Gas-kill Avenue. Rev. Wm. Fraley.

LODI, CALIFORNIA, February 7-March 4, Bethel Temple, Locust Street. Rev. Wm. Slipp.

LEWISTON, IDAHO, March 6-April 1, Open Bible Church, Third and Fifth. Rev. Milton Stewart.

R. W. HOLMES

(Route 1, Box 122, Tuskahoma, Okla.)

TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA, February 19, Assembly of God. Rev. Childs, phone 4-5630.

SALIDA, CALIFORNIA, March. Assembly of God, Rev. Dan Robinson.

GAYLE JACKSON

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FERDIE C. JAY

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BREMERTON, WASHINGTON, February 14, Evangel Temple, Ninth Street and Veneta. Rev. Lincoln D. Wyman.

TOPPENISH, WASHINGTON, March 13, Assembly of God, 308 East Toppenish Avenue. Rev. Warren D. Combs.

CLARENCE JOHNSON

(1613 West Griffith Way, Fresno, Calif.)

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, February 16, Baltimore Revival Center, 2239 East Fayette Street. Rev. J. E. Douglas, Phone Atwood 4-8995 or Dickens 2-8842.

REX R. KELLEY

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TONAWANDA, NEW YORK, February 8, Bethesda Revival Temple, Broad at Delaware. R. E. White, Phone LUdlow 2726.

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JOANNA, SOUTH CAROLINA, February 26-March, Union Meeting, Pentecostal Holiness Church. Rev. Ben F. Jones, Box 302.

WARREN L. LITZMAN

(3925 North 22nd Street, Waco, Tex.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 14, Full Gospel Tabernacle, 915 Massachusetts, Area-Wide Campaign, two services daily 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Rev. Hardy Weathers in charge of 2:30 p.m. service.

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK CAM-PAGINS, beginning March 13, Area-Wide. Elizabeth, New Jersey, Newark, New Jersey, and Paterson, New Jersey.

S. K. MABRY

(2203 West 3rd Street, Sedalia, Missouri)

URBANA, ILLINOIS, February 5-19, Church of God.

Faith Center, 708 Park. Rev. K. R. Harra-wood, Phone 7-2590.

STANLEY MACPHERSON

(1412 McCormick, Wichita, 12, Kansas)

EAGLE LAKE, FLORIDA, January 17-29, Assembly of God. Rev. Carnell Bruce.

HAROLD W. MAY

(1258 S. Washington, Saginaw, Michigan)

GIRARD, OHIO, January 31-February 19, Rev. D. A. Ross.

SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, March. Rev. Wm. Dirks, Box 501.

DAVID NUNN

(P.O. Box 8736, Dallas, Texas)

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, February 5.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA, March 11, April 1, Tent Revival, Corner 16th Street and Portland. Rev. V. Ernest Shores, 901 North 11th Street.

WILBUR OGILVIE

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BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, February 17-26, Maranatha Temple, 6th Avenue and 2nd Street. Rev. Clair D. Hutchins, Phone South 8-4203 or Cloverdale 9-5558.

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BENICIA, CALIFORNIA, January 24, Assembly of God, 1239 East 5th Street. Rev. E. L. Klinsky.

FARMERSVILLE, CALIFORNIA, February 12, Assembly of God, East Ash Street. Rev. B. I. Wilkerson.

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CENTRAL AMERICA, January 15.

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HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 22-February 19, Evangelistic Temple, 2000 West 11th Street. Rev. Raymond T. Richey.

GALVESTON, TEXAS, February 21-March 18, Brother James Drush.

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VIDOR, TEXAS, February 8-26, Vidor Assembly of God. Rev. W. A. Petty.

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OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, January 28, Sportatorium, Waymon Rogers, 320 E. 4th Street.

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SOMERTON, ARIZONA, April, Tent Meeting. First two weeks in English and second two weeks in Spanish, Rev. Jones Assembly of God Pastor.

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cessor of Moses. And that he went forward with the glory of the Lord upon him. Even so shall I come upon my people today. Doth it seem incredible that I will restore such power to my people as I gave unto Caleb and Joshua to go and possess the mountains that I gave to them? And to import the lots unto my people by their tribes? Does it seem incredible that I should come now again and restore the New Testament powers? That I shall be in the New Testament Church as I was then? That I should make these last days of my movings in the earth the greatest days of all the times past? Why should not my people desire these things saith the Lord? Why should they be sluggish in this matter?

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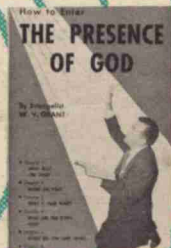


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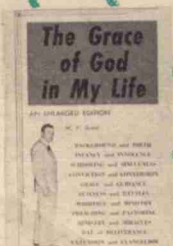
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