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The headlines tell of a bloody revolt in Iraq, civil war in Lebanon, and a tense situation in other Bible lands. The news reminds us that the Middle East is where human government began and it is there it will end when Christ returns.

While Christians everywhere are praying for peace, we know from the Scriptures that there shall not be lasting peace as long as men are sinners. There shall be wars and rumors of wars until the Prince of Peace returns to earth to take the reins of government in His own hands. In fact, before that day comes there shall be more bloodshed in the Middle East than the world has ever seen. The Bible says so. It was in the Middle East that the precious blood of Christ was shed on the Cross. It was there the mob cried, “His blood be on us, and on our children.” It will be there the blood will flow so deep it will reach the horse bridles for a distance of 160 miles (see Revelation 14:20). What a blood bath it will be for the wicked!

Some would classify the crucifixion of Christ merely as the execution of a good man, a martyr for His cause. They would put the killing of Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, on a plane that is only slightly higher than the assassination of King Faisal and Premier Nuri es Said, the rulers of Iraq. In God’s sight there is no comparison between Jesus and any other person. He was divine as well as human. He was born of a virgin, conceived of the Holy Spirit, with no trace of sin in His being. He died as an innocent Lamb to atone for the sins of others. His blood was holy blood; therefore it had power to wash away the sins of the whole world.

The inspired apostle declared that we are redeemed not with corruptible things such as silver and gold “but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:18, 19). It was God’s loving will that Christ should be executed. Had He not shed His pure and precious blood, we would have no hope of entering heaven; but now we may confess our sin to God and obtain His pardon.

Let us never cease to thank God for the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, that cleanses us from all sin. It is the life blood of the One who loved us and sacrificed Himself for us. It is the blood of sprinkling. It is the blood of atonement. It is the blood of the everlasting covenant. That blood will be the theme of our song in heaven, and it should ever be the theme of our songs on earth. “Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood... to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen” (see Revelation 1:5, 6).

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power: Are you washed in the Blood of the Lamb? Are you fully trust in His grace this hour? Are you washed in the Blood of the Lamb?
Where Are the Dead?

Is death a dormitory for slumbering spirits? Does the soul go to purgatory, perdition, or paradise? What did Jesus say about it?

BY RAYMOND L. COX

Men love life. They are doing everything possible through medical and scientific means to prolong their lives, and they are meeting with relative success. The development of wonder drugs especially has lengthened the life expectancy of the average human being.

Nevertheless what Shakespeare said centuries ago still stands true today: “By medicine life may be prolonged, yet death will seize the doctor too!”

Man’s appointment with death is inevitable. The Bible decrees, “It is appointed unto men once to die” (Hebrews 9:27). Since death is inevitable, the question framed by Job still demands attention: “Man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?” (Job 14:10).

Where are the dead?

Many have been the answers to that question. But the most frequently repeated responses are four: the dead are said to be in paradise, perdition, purgatory, or a dormitory—a dormitory for sleeping souls.

DORMITORY

Thousands of religious people are embracing the proposition that at death all there is of man is committed to the grave, there to rest until the resurrection. This “soul sleep” teaching (that might be termed the “Sleeping Beauty” theory) holds that death itself is a dormitory for slumbering spirits. The soul hibernates in the grave until awakened by the kiss of dawn on resurrection morning.

But does the Bible teach this theory? It must be frankly admitted that there are a few isolated verses in the Old Testament which at first sight seem to support “soul sleep.” However, if you ransack the Bible you can find a proof text for almost anything. The Bible even says, “There is no god”; but before the atheist claims scriptural authority for his infidelity he ought to investigate to whom that statement is attributed!

The apostle Peter warned that “no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation” (2 Peter 1:20). This means that Biblical statements must not be isolated from their context nor used to support some theory which is contrary to the common sense of Scripture.

Now the apostle Paul declares decisively that Jesus Christ “hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (2 Timothy 1:10). Here is a most significant revelation. It is not announced that the Saviour brought life and immortality into existence but rather into light. Before Christ and the gospel, then, these spiritual realities were shrouded in mystery. David sang of “the valley of the shadow of death” (Psalm 23:4). Before Christ immortality was believed in but not understood. The existence of a life after death was recognized, but its nature was clouded with uncertainties. But when Jesus came He “brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”

We must look to the New Testament, then, for the full and final divine revelation about the state of the dead.

Does the New Testament designate death as a dormitory for slumbering souls?

Absolutely not! There is not one verse, not one sentence, in the whole New Testament that teaches that theory. Not one statement from the lips of Christ. Not one utterance of His anointed apostles.

On the other hand, there are many passages that refute it!

For example, Jesus told the story of the rich man and Lazarus. Two men died! The rich man awoke in a place of misery, while Lazarus’ destination was a place of bliss. Instead of sleeping in death’s dormitory, the rich man’s soul was conscious. He saw and heard and spoke. He felt the flame. He remembered his family who were still on earth. He called across the chasm separating perdition from the abode of the righteous and asked Abraham to send Lazarus to preach to his brethren. “Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldst send him [Lazarus] to my father’s house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment” (Luke 16:27, 28). Notice that this rich man himself described his environment after death as a “place of torment.”

This doomed soul’s interest in pre-
The Song of Solomon is a beautiful love song with a spiritual meaning. It is unique in that it is the only book in the Bible that draws aside the veil and reveals the holy, intimate communion and fellowship of the heavenly Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, with His Bride, the Church. This indeed is holy ground.

One cannot read the Song of Solomon without being deeply impressed with the thought that only an intense personal love for Christ can make such communion possible. We can pray without it, but communion of this type is more than prayer. It is only possible when our whole being goes out to God in loving devotion and complete surrender. Surely the highest function of a redeemed soul is to worship God in spirit and in truth.

In the Song of Solomon 1:3, the Bride calls to the Bridegroom out of a heart full of fervent love, “Thy Name is as ointment poured forth.”

The Bible teaches that our Lord had many names, all of which are rich in meaning. They express the many excellent qualities in His character and works. Isaiah, moved by the Holy Ghost, tells us “his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6). John the Baptist called Him “The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). But to the Bride “his name is as ointment poured forth.”

In order to understand what the Bride meant, let us consider what ointment is used for. It does two things: it refreshes by its fragrance and it soothes by its healing powers. That is the thought expressed by the poet when he said,

“How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
In a believer’s ear.
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fears.”

There are two kinds of suffering, physical and mental. The Name of Jesus—rightly understood and believed in—heals both. The Apostle tells the sick that if they will call for the elders to pray for them and to anoint them with oil in the Name of the Lord, they will be healed (James 5:14).

Faith in the Name of Jesus not only heals physical sickness; it also heals mental sickness. A certain man was greatly hurt by an unkind remark made by a brother in the Lord. It hurt like a sliver in his heart. A sliver in the finger is easily gotten rid of, but a sliver in the heart is quite another matter. You cannot get at it so easily.

The dear brother felt it so keenly he was unable to sleep that night, but as he tossed to and fro on his pillow he began to whisper the Name of Jesus. He kept repeating that blessed Name softly, and as he did so the mental pain grew less. Finally his trouble disappeared and he fell into a sound sleep. There is power in the Name of Jesus to soothe our sorrows.

Faith in His Name not only soothes our sorrows and heals our sicknesses; it also saves our souls. It is written, “Thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). The Name of Jesus is omnipotent. “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11).

The Bride tells us that His Name is not as ointment in a bottle but as ointment “poured forth.” No matter how excellent the healing qualities of
While my husband was in the service, I began thinking of making peace with God. My heart began calling out for rest, peace, something that would satisfy me. Where could I find it? My husband and I had tried the world—night clubs, dances, movies. But we could find no peace. Thank God, a Christian neighbor was praying for our salvation.

I was more miserable now than ever before. I was under conviction, but did not know it. My thoughts turned to God now more than ever. I wondered if somewhere there could be found a peace and rest for my sick soul. Would I find it?

I remember going by a church one day and seeing a Bible which lay open in the window. Stopping for a moment, I paused to ask myself, "What church is right? Where can I go to find rest for my soul? Is there no hope? What can I do to be saved?"

God looked down. Although He didn't answer just then, I believed He heard my first prayer to Him. Not long after this my husband was discharged from the service, and we moved to Texas. Oh, my heart was bleeding for rest. My soul cried out to God, "Is there no peace for me?" We were still trying to find peace, not knowing that to have peace was to come to Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Before long a Pentecostal preacher came to our community and built a brush arbor. People were praying for the salvation of souls, and God was moving. I was more wretched than ever. I began to wonder about these people who said they were full of the Holy Ghost. I wondered if the shouting and falling under the Spirit were real. I remarked that if my husband or my timid Aunt Bessie were to shout, maybe I would believe there was something to it after all. It wasn't long until Aunt Bessie got saved and was filled with the Holy Spirit. I heard later that she shouted and praised God.

Then Mother came to see us. Having been saved a short time before, she wanted to go to church. Reluctantly, we went along with her.

The first night the preacher spoke on excuses, emphasizing that no one is excused from serving God. Since revival meetings were beginning in the church, we decided to go again. The Spirit began to move; and my, my, how awful I felt—just as if I were going to die. But I still wasn't right with God.

The preacher took his text from Luke 17:24-36: "In that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left." I felt, "O God, have mercy on me, for I surely don't want to be left behind. If there is peace for me, have mercy on me and let me find it." I didn't know how God was to do it, but I wanted to give Him the chance, so I made my way to the altar.

I found God. Oh, what peace and joy flooded my soul. All my sins were gone. It was so real. Why, why had I not sought God sooner?

I did not have to search any longer, for I had found at last the peace that I had been wanting. I only regret the years I wasted in sin; I am sorry I didn't come to Christ sooner.

Thanks be to God, who takes notice of a sincere, hungry, sin-sick heart and saves him. I have been saved ten years now. My husband and I are both ministers of the gospel. We can say that the peace and joy we found years ago is still real today. Thank God that we found peace.

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ENRICHED IN ALL UTTERANCE

When one is filled with the Spirit of God
he is filled with the Spirit of praise and song.
Spirit-filled Christians are anything but silent.

by ROBERT W. CUMMINGS

HOW INSTRUCTIVE ARE THE PARALLEL
passages in Paul’s letters to the Ephesians and Colossians! For example, let us look at Ephesians 5:18-20, “Be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things…”

Notice how like it is Colossians 3:16, 17, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.”

The similarities are very striking; yet through the points of difference in the opening command, the Spirit of God would teach us a very important lesson. “Be filled with the Spirit” is often preached among us and we know experimentally what the writer means. But what many fail to grasp is the equally important admonition to “let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.”

When one is filled with the Spirit of God he is filled with the Spirit of praise and of song and of thanksgiving. The Spirit of God is anything but silent. He asks for expression and utterance. He is often symbolized by fire and by the tongue, an organ of expression. This is what He seeks from us. He Himself is fire burning strong; but He is the fire of divine love, rich and full and wise. Where that fire burns, it desires expression—otherwise it will be smothered. The Holy Spirit found fullest expression in the Word of Christ. And Colossians 3:16, 17 teaches us that the Spirit still seeks expression through the matchless vehicle of the Word of the living God. What rich and varied expressions of praise and worship and love and longing the Word supplies!

Fire must have fuel and oxygen as well as a fireplace in order to burn. God has chosen us to be the fireplace; the fuel is the Word of God and the oxygen from heaven is the Holy Spirit, the breath of the Almighty. Some have mistakenly thought that we were intended to be the fuel. This is only true insofar as the Word has become incarnate in us—according as the Word has had free course in our lives. But too often we have put the useless soggy wood of natural wisdom and natural philosophy on the fire, and have reduced it to smoldering or even smothered it altogether.

The Pentecostal movement commenced when groups of Christians began to believe that God actually offers the experience described in the Acts of the Apostles which we call the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. That part of the Word laid hold of our pioneer leaders. The idea of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit had always been present in the Church. But about the turn of the century God put it into the hearts of certain men that the reality of the experience mentioned in Acts 2:4, 10:45 and 19:5, 6 was undated. He made them to know that this was still “the earnest of our inheritance” with which He would “seal us until the day of redemption.” So our fathers ceased to be interested in the idea alone: they came to God claiming the reality.

God did not disappoint them. The result was untold blessing. Spiritual reality came into the lives of thousands of discouraged and hungry believers who formerly had only been fed the “husk”—that is, merely the outward form and idea.

Now we too have discovered that back of the words of John the Baptist, “He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire,” is not only a great promise but a mighty reality. We have received the reality. Now we can tell hungry souls that come to us, “We know from personal experience and practical possession that God will keep His promise to everyone who believes.”

The Holy Spirit has shown us that there is mighty reality in this promise. We of the Assemblies of God know that this promise is for every believer and we rightly insist that every believer “get the cash” for this check that our Redeemer has made out to “whosoever will.” So God honors His Word and our faith in it, and to everyone who endorses the check and presents it at heaven’s bank and refuses to turn away from the window without its being honored, the mighty Baptizer keeps His promise.

Why is it that we transact business with God in this real way as far as the promise of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is concerned, but merely give assent to even more glorious promises? We sing about them, preach about them, read them as a religious exercise,
and even pray about them, yet often fail to realize that it is infinitely more important that we experience the mighty reality which is presented in these promises. “For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.”

What does this statement of 2 Corinthians 1:20 mean unless it is this:

1. God is saying, “I stand ready to fulfill every promise and I am able to do so.”

2. To every believer who says “Let it be so for me, Lord,” God stands ready to demonstrate and impart the reality behind the idea contained in the words.

3. The glory of God is only realized by those who obtain the reality.

4. God is honored and glorified only by those who take possession of the reality, not by those who only understand the idea and the words which clothe it.

The Holy Spirit came to teach us even the words to use when we are presenting spiritual realities. “We have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth” (1 Corinthians 2:12, 13). Therefore let us take the Spirit of God more seriously as a teacher, and like good students let us study His textbook so that He can lead us into the great realities. It is He alone who can make the Word of Christ mean so much to us that it will dwell in us richly. He alone can teach us to combine spiritual realities with spiritual words.

When we were baptized in the Holy Spirit He gave us utterance in an unknown tongue. But He also gave us wonderful anointed utterance in words of praise and worship from the Word of God. Many of us misunderstood and thought that henceforth the Spirit would always supply the words with which He wanted utterance. So we just “let Him have His way,” as we thought, and waited for Him to supply us with all the words and phrases and thoughts which He might wish to use as the vehicles of expression.

The result with many of us was that we never did learn any new expressions. The same expressions taught to us by the Spirit years ago are the only ones He is able to use, because we are not instructed in the Word of the Kingdom, and it does not dwell in us richly. Jesus intended us all to be like the man He described in Matthew 13:52: “Every scribe which is instructed unto the Kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth out of his treasure things new and old.”

The Spirit and the Word always work together. He who was the incarnate Word of God never preached until He could say, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.” The Spirit never came in fulness until the person and the work of the Word was fully revealed and glorified. Then Pentecost was outpoured. The Spirit finds full expression only through the Word of God. This is why those who know the Word of God best are the ones who express and convey the blessing of the Spirit in the greatest fulness when He manifests His power and glory in the congregation.

So these two parallel passages are complementary. We cannot be filled with the Spirit to the extent that He wished to fill us unless the Word of the Anointed One dwells in us richly in all wisdom. Neither can we know the Word of God nor allow it to dwell in us richly in all wisdom except we allow that Word to be taught and anointed and used by the Spirit in expression of song and praise and service and worship, in teaching and admonishing one another, and in giving thanks always for all things. When we give a proper and balanced emphasis to the commands of Ephesians 5:18 and Colossians 3:16 it will be said of us, as of the New Testament Church, “Ye were enriched by Him in all utterance, and in all knowledge…so that ye come behind in no gift.”

Hardship makes man bitter or better.

Seminary President Urges Revival of Idealism

A prominent Baptist educator, in a baccalaureate address at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, called for more individuals who are willing to “go off the deep end” and take a stand in favor of their ideals and beliefs to bring about a better world.

Dr. Wilbour Eddy Saunders, president of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, told the university audience that the current revival of interest in religion on American campuses is not producing any “knights riding off in shining armor to battle for righteousness.” Instead, today’s campus religion is calculating and respectable, he said. It has absorbed the “cool and casual” attitudes of the modern man, in contrast with the “hot and sharp” ideas of the thirties. “At one time,” he pointed out, “American universities used to produce a certain number of those who were eager to carry the banner of Christ to China, Japan, Africa, or the slum sections of our cities, or in ministry to labor groups.”

Asserting that the world makes little progress through the so-called “well-balanced” individual, he cautioned: “The man who can always see both sides of the question and much good in both of them makes little difference in the world by his living. Long after he has gone six feet under, the world will be looking for those who are going off the deep end, who are not well balanced. If advance is to be made in the world,” he continued, “somebody must howl loudly for it. Men must make commitments, and this means taking chances.”

On August 25, Assemblies of God Sunday School leaders will gather in Springfield, Missouri, for the fifth annual Advanced Christian Training School. Over 30 classes will be offered—each under the guidance of a capable and experienced instructor. A.C.T.S. covers the promotion, program, curriculum, and organization of the Sunday School.
Alaska

ALASKA IS WARNED AGAINST LEGALIZING GAMBLING

Senator Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin sounded a warning in the United States Congress that the new state of Alaska will disappoint many of its supporters if it votes to legalize gambling as a method of balancing its budget. He cited newspaper reports that Alaska may do this. "I earnestly hope this will not prove to be the case," the Senator said. "In my judgment, the history of legalized gambling in this country constitutes a complete indictment of the whole approach."

Senator Wiley recalled his service as a member of the special committee to investigate interstate crime, headed by Senator Estes Kefauver. "Virtually everywhere that legalized gambling has been tried as a so-called revenue-raiser," he said, "it has turned out to be a net loss to society and has been abandoned." For every dollar that a city or state takes in from gambling taxes, "it loses $5 in higher police costs, higher court costs, higher penitentiary costs, and higher relief costs." And he added, "There is no way to reckon the cost of broken homes, of husbands who squander away the family pay checks, of wives who spend time at the slot machines instead of in the family kitchen, and of children who become utterly demoralized."

Mr. Wiley went on to say that "every once in a while somebody proposes that legalizing a sin is the way to eliminate sin. What kind of a sense of morality do proponents of these foolish notions have?" he asked the Senate. "How can one establish greater morality by condoning immorality?"

He warned that the forces of the underworld invariably move into areas where gambling is allowed. "Legalized gambling is not the solution to Alaska's problems," he asserted.

QUAKERS REBUILD ALASKAN VILLAGE

Fifteen young men and women are devoting their summer to a Quaker project to help improve living conditions for about 110 Indians and Eskimos at Beaver, Alaska. The isolated settlement is six miles below the Arctic Circle. The volunteers—from all parts of the United States, and two from abroad—will reconstruct the village away from the Yukon River which has been gradually eroding the present homesites. The American Friends Service Committee is sponsoring the project as a missionary project.

About a dozen modest cabins will be built by the campers. These will be the first dwellings the villagers have had with windows, floors, and wall partitions. While building, the volunteers live in three prefabricated huts. They have improvised water and sanitary facilities. For drinking water they boil or treat the muddy water of the Yukon.

Tools and machinery for the project are being supplied by the Alaska Rural Development Board.

Education

"TEACHER OF THE YEAR" SAYS SPIRITUAL VALUES NEED EMPHASIS

The nation's "Teacher of the Year" told a Chicago group that public schools should "Definitely be encouraged to put more emphasis on teaching moral and spiritual values." Miss Jean Listebarger, who was named "Teacher of the Year" by the U. S. Office of Education, told a group of clergymen, educators, and laymen that this can be done without teaching religious doctrine.

Teachers often are reluctant to talk about religion in the classroom, she said, but added that this fear should be overcome in the teacher-training institutions. "There are areas of religion that
can be mentioned without teaching sectarian doctrine," she declared. She pointed out that if the public school will teach the desirability of moral and religious values, the church school can supply the Christian motivation.

Miss Listebarger is a second-grade teacher in Ames, Iowa.

CHAPLAIN INITIATES A COLLEGE IN ANTARCTICA

A newly-formed educational institution in Antarctica has been named "Little America College" and Navy Chaplain Alfred R. Saeger, Jr., Protestant chaplain of Operation Deepfreeze III, is the Dean. The 34-year-old Lutheran chaplain initiated the college as part of his recreation program for the men who are confined to their quarters most of the time now that winter has set in.

The chaplain has no problem in getting the men to study. With outdoor activity limited by 60-below temperatures and howling winds, the men have been glad of the opportunity to put their enforced leisure time to good advantage. The chaplain's main problem is: he has more professors than he can use. There is an abundance of highly educated scientists, many of whom have doctorates, and all of them are anxious to teach without charge. So far he has set up 25 classes for the 216 men on the base. They range from his own class in Survey of the Bible to courses in meteorology, mathematics, and physics. Even such schools as Harvard and Cambridge would envy the chaplain's enthusiastic student body and talented faculty at "Little America College."

RABBIS BEING POLLED ON ATTITUDE TOWARD RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

For 66 years the Central Conference of American Rabbis has stoutly opposed the giving of religious education in America's public schools. Today there appears to be a serious difference of opinion within the Conference concerning this Church-State separation issue. Five hundred rabbis assembled in Chicago for the Reform group's annual convention were told there appears to be a "ground-swell of feeling that our historic policy should be more resilient and flexible." It was suggested that "the teaching of moral and spiritual values with divine sanction in the public schools" may not be undesirable. The rabbis voted to poll their entire membership to determine what the attitude of their conference should be toward this burning issue.
One of the reasons for organizing the Assemblies of God in 1914, as expressed in the Word and Witness call of December, 1913, was to promote an educational program for training Pentecostal youth.

Today in the U.S.A. there are eight Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges, one liberal arts college, and an academy offering a regular High School course, all of which operate under the supervision of the Department of Education of the Assemblies of God.

These schools have a two-fold objective to fulfill as they serve the members of our constituency: (1) To maintain a high academic standard of training commensurate with the level at which they operate. (2) To maintain a high moral and spiritual standard of life for both faculty and student body, in keeping with the spiritual aims of the Assemblies of God.

Realizing that "school bells will ring again" in just a few more days, we are presenting these schools to you with brief comments about each of them. We trust this information will be helpful in making a choice as to where your son or daughter should attend school.

BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE enjoys a beautiful setting among the giant California redwoods in the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains at Santa Cruz, California. Founded in San Francisco in 1919 by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craig as the Glad Tidings Bible Institute, it is one of the older schools among us. The college was relocated in beautiful Bethany Park in 1950 and renamed in 1954. The college offers both a three-year and a four-year program leading to a diploma or degree in the areas of Bible, Theology, Missions, Christian Education, and Sacred Music. Bethany is currently in the midst of an expansion program to provide a new student lounge, an auxiliary dormitory, and new utility facilities.

CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE was established in 1922 for the training of ministers and missionaries. This college enjoys the privilege of being located in Springfield, Missouri, the city where the national headquarters of the Assemblies of God is situated. Like several others of our Bible Colleges, it offers both a three-year diploma and a four-year B. A. degree in Bible, Missions, Christian Education, and Sacred Music. Beginning with 1957, C.B.I. has had a program granting an M.A. in Religion degree for completed work on a graduate level.

The campus of Central Bible Institute, nestled among towering oaks in the heart of the Ozarks, has recently been improved with the addition of a beautiful new classroom, library, and administration building named W. I. Evans Hall. Fulfilling the commission engraved on its cornerstone, Central Bible Institute has been instrumental in training over four hundred of the present seven hundred and fifty Assemblies of God missionaries on the foreign fields.

EASTERN BIBLE INSTITUTE at Green Lane, Pennsylvania, concentrates on a three-year course in the field of Bible. The objective of this school is to send workers into the harvest field with a burning message, a strong faith and an intimate knowledge of the
Word. Many of the graduates of Eastern Bible Institute, challenged by the vision received in the school, launch into pioneer ministry and establish new churches.

The school is located amid beautiful rolling hills in eastern Pennsylvania, a short distance from the teeming centers of population. Its location gives the students ample opportunity for practical Christian service in the nearby metropolitan areas, as well as throughout rural sections.

**EVANGEL COLLEGE** located in Springfield, Missouri, is America's only Pentecostal four-year Liberal Arts College. The campus covers fifty-nine acres located on U. S. Highway 66 at the northeastern entrance of the city.

Authorized by the 1953 General Council, this school began operating in 1955 and has been granted accreditation and certification for work done by the “Committee on Accredited Schools and Colleges” of the University of Missouri.

Evangel College is dedicated to the task of providing for its students the highest type of academic instruction available in a Liberal Arts College, combined with a Christian environment that is evangelical and Pentecostal.

Evangel College will round out its four-year program by adding a fourth year of work this fall and will graduate its first class in 1959.

**NORTH CENTRAL BIBLE COLLEGE** in Minneapolis, Minnesota, was founded in 1930 by the North Central District Council of the Assemblies of God, now known as the Minnesota District. In 1937 the school was moved from the Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle to the modern five-story building in which it is now located.

After operating for twenty-five years as a three-year Theological School offering diploma courses only, the Board of Directors in February 1955 authorized a change to a four-year program with both diploma and degree courses. The college now offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology, Religious Education, Missions, and a diploma course in music. The annual enrollment exceeds three hundred and fifty students.

Music credits earned at North Central have been accepted by the MacPhail College of Music toward a degree in that field. Similar transfer relations have been established with the Minneapolis College of Music.

**NORTHWEST BIBLE COLLEGE** of Seattle, Washington, on the shores of Puget Sound, offers a four-year training program for ministerial students with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a graduate program offering an M.A. degree. The school also has a Junior College Department for students desiring general education and pre-professional program which leads to an Associate of Arts degree.

This school plans to move its campus from the northeastern part of Seattle to a thirty-five acre tract at Houghton, which is also located in the greater Seattle area. The new campus is a choice well-landscaped property overlooking beautiful Lake Washington. Construction on the new educational buildings will begin soon. It is anticipated that they will be ready for occupancy by September of 1959.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BIBLE COLLEGE** located in tropical Florida in the heart of the citrus belt at Lake-land, offers a program described in the school motto as “Scholarship in a Spiritual Atmosphere.” Founded in 1935, the school was first located at New Brockton, Alabama. It was moved to Atlanta, Georgia, in 1940 and to its present location in 1952.

South-Eastern offers an academic and Bible program conducted at the collegiate level, issuing a diploma for three years of work and a Bachelor of Arts degree on the completion of four years in either Theology, English, Bible, or Christian Education. This year's graduating class was the largest in the history of the school. The missionary vision of the student body was reflected in the missionary offerings which exceeded $8,000 for the school year just closed.

**SOUTHERN EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE** located in tropical Florida in the heart of the citrus belt at Lake-land, offers a program described in the school motto as “Scholarship in a Spiritual Atmosphere.” Founded in 1935, the school was first located at New Brockton, Alabama. It was moved to Atlanta, Georgia, in 1940 and to its present location in 1952.

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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BIBLE COLLEGE** overlooking the Pacific Ocean at Costa Mesa, near the

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**WORLD CONFERENCE of Pentecostal Churches**

**TORONTO, CANADA**

**September 14-21, 1958**

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LAUNCH "CHECKUP COUNTDOWN" in your Sunday School this September! September is Checkup Month!

Redstone, Dart, Hawk, Snark, Jupiter, Atlas, Thor—all are important missiles in maintaining our nation's defenses. "Checkup Countdown" is important in the ministry of your Sunday School! It charts the course for your future Sunday School endeavor.

The stages in "Checkup Countdown" are:

4 September 7 Checkup on Pupils
3 September 14 Checkup on Personnel
2 September 21 Checkup on Facilities and Equipment
1 September 28 Checkup on Sunday School
0 September 28 Mail Checkup Form

National Sunday School Department
434 West Pacific Street,
Springfield 1, Missouri.

August 17, 1958
Four little children were playing happily while their mother waited for their father to return from work. When he arrived home he seemed in the best of spirits, smiling and happy. He asked for a cup of tea and, in the process of receiving it, the tea was spilled. The happy mood ended abruptly and the father went into a rage. He seized a large stick and hit his wife on the head, then seizing another weapon again cruelly attacked her. The oldest boy screamed and was threatened with similar treatment if he didn’t stop.

His wild anger abating, the man came to his senses and, after locking the four children in the house with their dying mother, he gave himself up to the police.

The police found the children crying beside the mother, who succumbed a few minutes later on the way to the hospital. Then the children—Tadrous, age eight; Kanger, six; Toufeek, four; and Mariam, two—were taken to the Assiut Orphanage, where they were received by Lillian Trasher, the “Nile Mother.” They were welcomed into their new home, where they will receive proper care and real Christian love, and they will be taught the things of God.

It was in October 1910 that Lillian Trasher said good-bye to America and set sail for Egypt, the land to which God had called her. In February 1911 she was asked to visit a dying Egyptian mother of a three-month-old baby. When the mother died, the baby was given to Miss Trasher. This was the beginning of her life’s work and the Assiut Orphanage. With the exception of two short furlough periods she has remained at her great task. In the past forty-seven years she has cared for thousands of Egypt’s children in similar
Baptismal service at the orphanage; 41 boys, 58 girls and 16 widows were baptized.

The orphanage has equipped thousands of young men and women to take their place in society, but the "Nile Mother" is never happier than when one of her boys dedicates his life to bring the gospel of salvation to his own people.

In 1942 a poor widow and her family of four children arrived at the Orphanage. The children were accepted and educated and are now living useful lives. In the accompanying photo of the widow and her children the youngest is seen standing in front of the mother. Recently when new students were enrolled in the Port Said Bible School, this youngest member of the family, now a fine young man, entered to prepare for the ministry.

Assiut Orphanage is a faith work. Children received at the Orphanage are as needy as those received forty-seven years ago. There are nearly 1,200 in the Orphanage, the largest number ever cared for at any one time. Gifts of money from churches and friends are the only means by which the Orphanage operates. Your offering will help greatly. Send it to "Assiut Orphanage, Assiut, Egypt, % Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

At the baptismal service of the Hiroshima church on Easter Sunday 1958 there were eleven persons baptized, among them an old grandmother, a former prisoner (a six-time offender), and a crippled boy.

This was the most glorious baptismal service I ever attended. It was pouring rain, as you can see by the pictures, and the water was so cold we could hardly stand it. But the blessing of God was really there.

The service was held at a river near the city. The president of a bus company had been saved recently and he furnished a private bus to take us out to the place of baptism. The bus driver’s wife was one of the candidates for baptism, as was also the wife of the bus conductor. We are praying for the two husbands.

Brother Kitano, the national pastor, has done a wonderful work in Hiroshima. He has been there only two years and has now baptized forty converts. Thirty-seven of that number are still active in the church. For Japan that is a record!
THE FAMILY FORTUNE

BY VICTOR TRIMMER

THE FAMILY CAN BE HAPPY WITHOUT A LARGE INCOME IF CHRIST LIVES IN THE HOME

EVERY FATHER WANTS TO BE ABLE to take care of the physical needs of his family. He has ambitions to give his wife and children the extra things that make life a little more pleasant and enjoyable—the new toy, the new dress, money for school, and many other things.

It gives the father a great deal of satisfaction to be able to provide financial security so that his love and concern for his family will be seen even after he is gone.

This feeling of concern for the physical needs of the family is most commendable. Not all are able to see these desires realized. Many times the family fortune is very meager. Sometimes lack of ability or lack of opportunity have so limited a father's earning power that he has not been able to provide all the necessities, to say nothing of the luxuries. Sickness often has devoured the family fortune, and many pleasures of life have had to be sacrificed. How the heart aches when such circumstances occur, and what great efforts are made to compensate for this lack!

In my travels I have seen families whose fortune was very meager, and yet in my associations with them I discovered they had a fortune that was of more value than the things which finances can provide.

The family that has love, a love that is expressed in compassion and concern, is a happy family. The families where there is singing and merriment, the families which enjoy a very real sense of peace and confidence, where faith in God is real, and trust is not only taught and talked about, but is a part of everyday living—these families have a fortune even more secure than a comfortable bank account. Their security comes from a knowledge of God and His Word. Such security goes beyond the problems and needs of this life; it reaches beyond the valley of death and promises reunion with loved ones in the life to come. Here is a treasure moth and rust cannot corrupt, a fortune that thieves cannot steal. Every family can enjoy it regardless of their station in life.

Where is this fortune found? First of all, the parents must find this fortune for themselves. It has been provided through the unsearchable riches of God Himself, who gave His Son as a ransom, to die on a cross in our place. Jesus paid the full price for sin, and in accepting Him there comes the rich experience of eternal salvation ac-
companied by the treasures of real peace, joy, security, and faith.

You cannot leave or give to your family that which you do not have, however great your desire may be. You must have it yourself first. This family fortune is preserved and increased by making worship and Bible reading as much a part of the family life as eating and playing. A parent cannot leave to the society in which he lives, whether it be government or schools or any other agency, the financial responsibility of taking care of his family; neither can he shift the spiritual responsibility of providing this spiritual family fortune to the church or the Sunday School or the preacher. The parents themselves are responsible to God and to the family to point out by precept and example the source of the true riches.

A CHRISTIAN HOME

The influence of the Christian home is well illustrated by the family of Andrew Murray. Five of his six sons became ministers, and four of his daughters married ministers. Ten grandsons became ministers, and thirteen of them missionaries. These family statistics speak for themselves.

QUIZ FOR JUNIOR READERS

Move These Bible Mountains

In the column at the left are some important events of Bible times. In the column at the right are the mountains on which these events took place. Can you move these Bible mountains so as to match the mountain with the event? Do it by placing the letter of the mountain in front of the number of the event. The first answer is given to help you get started.

EVENT MOUNTAIN
.....1. Ten Commandments a. Ser
.....2. where Noah's ark rested b. Calvary
.....3. the burning bush c. Sinai
.....4. where Moses died d. Carmel
.....5. Solomon's temple e. Ararat
.....6. where Jesus died f. Olives
.....7. where Judas betrayed Jesus g. Mount Gerizim
.....8. where Elijah called Israel to decide between God and Baal h. Mount Horub
.....9. where the Samaritans worshiped (in Jesus' time) i. Gerizim
.....10. dwelling place of Esau j. Nebo

Monday, August 18

Read: Matthew 14:1-13
Learn: "How much more shall the blood of Christ...purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Hebrews 9:14)
For the Parent: Review the ministry of John the Baptist (Matthew 3). Emphasize his fearlessness and the events that led to his death. Show how Herod's conscience was troubled over the whole affair (v. 2). Then discuss the idea of the conscience, showing how it helps us know right and wrong. Emphasize that conscience must be directed by the Word of God.
Question Time: Why was Herod's conscience bothering him? (v. 2) When is conscience a reliable guide? (See above) Discuss John's fearlessness.

Tuesday, August 19

Read: Matthew 14:13-22
Learn: "And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick" (Matthew 14:14).
For the Parent: Jesus is a compassionate Saviour. (Read and discuss Hebrews 4:14-16.) Jesus' compassion extends to physical needs (such as sicknesses and hunger—emphasized in this passage) as well as spiritual. Because He came into this world and became like one of us, Jesus is able to help us—He understands our problems. Let us remember to seek His help in all things.
Question Time: What specific physical needs does this passage record that Jesus met? (vv. 14, 19-21)

Wednesday, August 20

Read: Matthew 14:22-36
Learn: "Then they...worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33).
For the Parent: Review the material studied yesterday. After feeding the 5,000 Jesus sent His disciples ahead while He took time to pray. Emphasize the need of prayer in our lives. If Jesus needed prayer to prepare Himself for His work, how much more do we need it! Have the group discuss the events of the latter part of this chapter, pointing out how many caused men to acknowledge that Jesus was God's Son. Miracles should always point us to Jesus.
Question Time: What significance does v. 23 have in our lives today? (See above)

Thursday, August 21

Read: Nahum 1:1-15
Learn: "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him" (Nahum 1:7).
For the Parent: (Additional material on "Nahum, the Prophet of Vengeance and Mercy" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) From this passage emphasize some of Nahum's teachings about God. He points out that God (1) is a jealous God, v. 2; (2) takes vengeance, v. 2; (3) is slow to anger, v. 3; (4) is great in power, v. 3; (5) has great power in nature, vv. 3-5; (6) is good, v. 7; (7) protects, v. 7; (8) knows His own, v. 7; (9) will destroy the wicked, vv. 8-15.
Question Time: What were some of the things Nahum taught about God?

Friday, August 22

Read: Romans 13:1-7 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)
Learn: "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due: custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour".
For the Parent: The Christian should be a good citizen of his community and his country. Emphasize: (1) we are to be obedient to civil leaders, where their laws do not conflict with God's law; (2) we should have respect for the law of our land; (3) good citizenship involves obedience to all in authority—including the home, school, and church.
Question Time: What does good citizenship involve? Why should we be good citizens?

Saturday, August 23

Read: Job 1:1-12; 23:10-12; 42:10 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)
Learn: "I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee" (Isaiah 41:10).
For the Parent: Have the group review the story of Job. Stress: (1) Job's testimony, 1:1; (2) Satan's desire to cause Job to lose his testimony, 1:6-12 and 2:1-7; (3) the trials that came to Job, 1:13-19 and 2:7; (4) Job's faith in God through these trials, 1:20-22, 2:10, and 23:10-12; (5) the blessings which came to Job as a result of his faithfulness in time of trial have for us? What accusation did Satan bring against Job?
Revivaltime has been a partner in Church Extension by providing many contacts for pioneer pastors

BY STANLEY MICHAEL

The biggest problem facing any new pioneer pastor is how to “break the ice” and to make those important and needed contacts. How can he sell the people in that community on his church?

Since the ministry of Revivaltime began, it has been a means of introducing the Pentecostal message to untold millions every week. Upon making personal contacts, the pastor or other members of his congregation have found an open door because the people they visited were already listeners to Revivaltime. Individuals and whole families have been directed to an Assembly of God as a result of listening to this anointed and convicting broadcast.

Just this week a letter came from a pastor in Ontario, Canada. He said:

“Since I wrote you last, the couple for whom I requested prayer have come back to the Lord. Now they are seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is our first family in our new home mission work. We are thrilled!”

A lady in one of the northern states wrote her testimony to the effect that for ten years she had been backslidden, but while listening to Revivaltime she knelt and renewed her fellowship with the Lord. Living thirty miles from any church became a problem; but the Lord worked it out. They moved and were surprised to find themselves almost next door to an Assembly of God. Now the whole family have been saved and are attending the church regularly.

A pastor’s wife writes from Texas:

“We wanted to share the good news with you and the Revivaltime Prayer Band. When we came here, we had sixteen or eighteen in Sunday School. Now we are having forty to fifty. Four were saved in the last month, and six have joined the church. There were only two C. A’s; we now have 20.”

From Minnesota a pastor writes:

“Words can never express how much the members in our pioneer work enjoy your ministry, Brother Ward, especially Mrs. R., who was saved through the ministry of Revivaltime. This lady has shown marked growth and is now seeking the infilling of the Holy Spirit.”

In Indiana a young evangelist was invited to go into a new town where there had been no Full Gospel church. He soon discovered that Revivaltime had paved the way for a real revival. The people learned that he was a member of the “Revivaltime denomination,” and he had a packed house from then until the end of his revival meeting.

Many Home Mission pastors have expressed their personal appreciation for the broadcast in that it has brought encouragement and blessing to them personally. When the going was hard and the situation seemed discouraging, they would listen to Revivaltime and the Lord would give them new strength for the task.

A pastor in Missouri wrote: “I am the young minister who felt like quitting, but I knew I couldn’t. As you prayed Sunday night, God flooded my soul and I knew that we accomplish ‘not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.’”

And from New Jersey comes this letter: “I want you to know that your sermon was ‘balm in Gilead’ to my wife and me. You reminded us that little is much if God is in it. The enemy of our souls would have us be discouraged and faint-hearted in the work of the Lord, but thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

An Arizona pastor said: “I am grateful for what Revivaltime is doing here for us. It has been on only three Sundays, and we already have had two contacts through this broadcast.”

Also there was this word from Indiana: “We started this work almost a year ago and we don’t have much yet; but we do thank God for each
person who does come. We worship in an old house and it isn't very inviting to many of the business people in town, but with a program like Revivaltime we're proud to ask them to listen in."

A pastor in Florida makes this comment: "I wish to express my personal appreciation for Revivaltime. We have just recently released it over our local station here and it is reaching into homes with such a convincing message that many are being stirred."

Some would minimize the importance of radio in the daily life of most people. But there are more radio sets in America today than ever before and there are more radio stations too. Every week Revivaltime goes into millions of homes, introducing men and women of all walks of life to our church and to the Pentecostal message. The Assemblies of God launched 205 new churches last year.

Pray for this great work of Church Extension. We are glad Revivaltime can assist our Home Missions Department and our pioneer pastors in opening new churches. Radio is paving the way. It is helping pastors to reach their communities for Christ.

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**Peace for the Paiutes**

BY LUTHER CAYTON

**We have been in Nevada for** well over three years, which is many "moons" in the Indian way of speaking. During this time many new Indians have been born into this world, while many others have gone out into eternity. The tragedy is that some of them left this world without God.

Each day that goes by brings eternity just one day nearer to each of us; and therefore the challenge is just that much greater to go, seek, and win. Souls are being saved and some filled with the Holy Spirit. There have been many outstanding healings here among our people. But there are so many yet untouched by the gospel!

There are only four Assemblies of God missionaries in the whole State of Nevada. It is reported that there are now in the United States some 55,000 Indians; and over thirty million in the Western Hemisphere. This gives us a concept of the tremendous task that lies before us. The surface hasn't even been scratched for many, many things have hindered us. Insufficient finances, inadequate equipment, our own lack of physical strength, and miles that have to be traveled are a few of the difficulties that make this field hard to evangelize.

The Indian himself has had a social gospel for fifty years or more, along with his customs, witchcraft, traditions, and Peyote worship. Peyote is a drug derived from a cactus plant, and the Indians use it in connection with a pagan religious ritual. The drug eventually paralyzes its victims and is a slow but sure death to all who use it. It is sometimes used along with marijuana.

In order to reach the Indians with the gospel we first must get their confidence. Sometimes this takes a long time.

Many people have been made to think that all Indians get a sizable check from the Government each month. But this is not the case. A great number of Indian tribes live from hand to mouth. If you want to know more about this, just take a trip across our Western States and you will see the poverty of thousands of Indians. They have been promised many things but these promises have not been fulfilled. They have been assured of food and land where they could raise their own cattle, sheep, and crops. But what did they get? A pile of rocks or land where nothing would grow. They barely exist.

Missionaries of some other denominations have falsely promised the Indians that by joining their church or by doing certain things they can find peace and help. But they never show them that Jesus Christ is their peace and hope and life. These false "shep­herds" do not care whether the Indians know anything about the Bible or how to pray for themselves. When we attempt to give them the true gospel, it is hard for them to understand and they become confused. Only much prayer, patience, and perseverance avail to enlighten their darkened hearts and minds. But, oh, what joy when the light shines through! It is worth every trial, every heartache to see one soul find Christ.

Please keep praying, giving, and remembering the work and your missionaries here in Nevada. To know that we are not forgotten gives us fresh courage and added incentive to labor unceasingly in the place of our calling. May God bless all who have stood by us so faithfully.

Your contribution for the INDIAN MISSIONS FUND should be clearly marked and sent to—

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
434 West Pacific Street
Springfield 1, Missouri

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Bethel Indian Assembly for the Paiutes in Yerington, Nevada

One of the Sunday School classes at Bethel Indian Assembly

One of the peyote churches which dot the Indian reservations throughout the country
FROM ACROSS THE SEAS

From twenty-five radio stations outside the United States, the Revivaltime broadcast is reaching many thousands of people. Many of our missionaries have reported the tremendous effect the broadcast is having in their areas, breaking through the barriers that had been hindering their efforts for the Lord.

Letters and testimonies have come from many countries. Recently a serviceman told how the broadcast encouraged him while he was in a strange land. He began a little work there and today it is a thriving church.

Another man stated that when he was in the service in a foreign land, twenty-five or thirty fellows would gather around their radios to listen to Revivaltime. Not only has the broadcast been a blessing to servicemen away from home, but letters have come from various citizens of foreign countries.

REHABILITATION CENTER, MONA, JAMAICA: "I received your letter and was overjoyed to hear from you. I am very thankful to you for your prayers. I am fully relieved of the cramps that I was having."—N.C.

HONOLULU, HAWAII: "You have answered many of our prayers concerning the Word of God on your broadcast. Three years ago God saved my soul and delivered me from a hopeless alcoholic condition, and now I am a missionary evangelist for God. Every Sunday we go to the jail to give out the Word of God. Your message comes over our car radio as we drive there from home. It gives us such courage and strength to go on."—Mrs. M.

AYLESBURY, BUCKS., ENGLAND: "I praise the Lord every day for men like you. Since I have listened to you, I have been able to understand my Bible better and, as a result, I have been able to live nearer to my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."—R.B.

LANVASSJOEN, BERGEN, NORWAY: "Recently I wrote you, asking you to pray for me so I might be able to hear normally again. Since then I've noticed progress. I believe in prayer."—Mrs. R.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND: "Four weeks ago I listened to you pray for the sick and afflicted. I had had a skin condition for almost five years. You said to come around the radio and I did so, raising my hand for healing. That night the itching stopped. I had had dermatitis in my hair and could not even go into a shop to buy a new hat. That is almost five weeks ago, and the healing still remains."—Mrs. W.

WARWICK EAST, BERMUDA: "I was healed of a sprained back while listening to a sermon you preached. Praise God, He did the work completely."—Mrs. T.

JAMAICA: "I really enjoy your services. They are wonderful, believe me. When your broadcast ends, I feel that I could just keep listening to you—the services are so touching, so inspiring. I have decided to become a member of one of the branches out here. It is far from me; however, it is not too far to go to hear the Word of God."—Mrs. M.

CARLISLE, ENGLAND: "How we look forward to your program every week. We praise the Lord for the faithful preaching of His Word and the messages in song. It does indeed mean a lot to us situated in a country district and thrills our hearts to know that the gospel is going into so many countries."—Miss D.

ST. CROIX, VIRGIN ISLANDS: "Some time ago I wrote to you about getting Revivaltime messages to these Virgin Islands. Well, God has sweetly answered prayer and we are getting them through Puerto Rico. I cannot tell you how happy I am. I just live for that time. It is the only Pentecostal message I hear for the week and you can imagine how very hungry I get."—V.R.

These, and many more, are looking forward every week to the ministry of Revivaltime. There are many living in the areas where Revivaltime is now heard who still need the glorious gospel of our living Saviour. We urgently need you to pray with us for these precious souls. Pray that this broadcast will be used to bring them to Christ. In order that Revivaltime may continue to go to these people, send your letters of help to Revivaltime, Box 70, Springfield, Mo.

School Bells Ring Again

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great metropolis of Los Angeles, is both a Bible College and a Liberal Arts College. It offers four years of study for a Bachelor of Arts degree in the following fields: Theology, English Bible, Christian Education, Missions, Sacred Music, Education, English, Social Science, and Music. It also awards the Bachelor of Theology degree for an additional year of study in Theology.

The college was founded in 1920. Since that time many young men and women have gone from its classrooms into varied types of work, both secular and ministerial.

SOUTHWESTERN BIBLE INSTITUTE is another of our Assemblies of God schools rendering valuable service to the youth of our constituency. It is situated at Waxahachie amid the rolling farm lands of North Texas, about thirty miles south of the great city of Dallas.

In addition to a regular High School course, Southwestern offers a Junior College program in the Liberal Arts field. A four-year Bible College course culminating in a Bachelor of Arts degree is also available for ministerial students and others who are interested in obtaining a Bible education. The school also offers a fifth-year Bible program leading to a Bachelor of Theology degree.

The Pentecostal Evangel
A new library building is being planned for Southwestern which will be named for Dr. Peter Christopher Nelson, who founded the school at Enid, Oklahoma, in 1927.

CANYONVILLE BIBLE ACADEMY located at Canyonville, in southwestern Oregon, between Crater Lake and the Pacific Ocean, offers to the boys and girls of the nation a regular standard High School course as prescribed by the Oregon State Board of Education.

Founded by A. M. Shaffer in 1935 as a Pentecostal High School, it has continued to stress spiritual values along with its academic program from its inception.

We are happy to present this information about the schools of the Assemblies of God so that you may pray for their success. The Lord has greatly enabled us in recent years to upgrade all our schools and today they offer a most acceptable educational program to the young people of our movement.

The primary objective of all these Assemblies of God schools has been to train men and women in the fundamentals of the Word so that they in turn may step out into the churches, missionary fields, schools, offices, factories, and business world and take the reality of Christ and His more abundant life to a needy generation.

Beginning with 1954, the Education Committee of the Assemblies of God, charged with the over-all direction of our educational endeavors, has been setting aside a special day for college recognition. September 21, 1958, will be COLLEGE DAY. Many churches will have teams of students and faculty members from the various schools in their pulpits presenting the needs of their individual colleges.

Your offering in behalf of our school program will be a worthwhile investment in the future of our movement. Offerings received on this day should be sent to the Department of Education at Springfield, Missouri, and may be designated for the particular school of your choice. Whether designated or undesignated, your church will receive denominational credit if the offering is sent to the Department of Education.

Should further information be desired on any of these schools, a communication addressed to the writer of this article, in care of The Department of Education, 434 West Pacific, Springfield, Missouri, will speedily bring an answer to your inquiry.

August 17, 1958

Your Questions

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answered by ernest s. williams

Why do you teach healing as one of the signs that should follow those who believe, and at the same time disapprove of the handling of serpents? (Mark 16:17, 18).

We disapprove of the handling of serpents because Jesus said, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." If by accident a person were bitten, as was the apostle Paul on the island of Melita, he might then look to God for protection. But when people deliberately presume to handle snakes I believe they take themselves out from under divine protection. And some, as you know, have been bitten and have died.

Is it wrong for a person who has received the Holy Spirit to ask God for more Pentecostal fire, when he sees others with more than he has?

One reason why the Bible warns us not to forsake "the assembling of ourselves together" is that we might be an inspiration one to another. We cannot, however, always judge our experience by comparing it with the experiences of others. Our purpose for receiving more from God should be higher than for us to be equal with others. If we measure ourselves by ourselves and commend ourselves among ourselves, we are not wise (2 Corinthians 10:12). If the height of our standard is man, instead of Christ, we are missing the mark; but we may safely seek God for more of His power if our purpose is to glorify God.

James instructs, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed." If we confess our inward ill feelings to others are we not likely to create division, or to open the way for gossip?

If a person has committed a secret sin known only to the Lord, let him confess that sin to the Lord only. If he has sinned against another also, let him confess privately to the person, unless he has injured that person's reputation. I think that secret thoughts might well be settled with just the Lord, unless the Lord clearly leads one to confess openly. If we have sinned against the church, and the facts are known, then confession should be made to the whole church.

When James wrote, he meant that those who are sick ought to examine their hearts. If they know they have done that which is displeasing to the Lord, let them confess this and thus make the way clear for the Lord to move in with healing power.

Does the Bible teach that infants enjoy the fellowship of angels and have the ability to see into the spirit world?

Since the Bible forbids our seeking fellowship with the unseen world, I am sure God would not permit the angels to violate this by taking up fellowship with infants (Deuteronomy 18:10-12). Angels have been seen, and it could be that an angel might appear to a person now. But of this we may be sure—when a person claims frequent communication with the unseen world, whether it be in the form of angels or spirits of dead men, it is the work of deceiving spirits.

What did Jesus mean when He said, "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs" (Matthew 7:6)?

One thought is that those things which are to be offered to God in sacrifice are not to be defiled by unclean relationships. Looking at the verse from this standpoint, the holy communion ought not to be offered to those who are unworthy. See also 1 Corinthians 10:21; 11:27-29; 5:11-13. Perhaps Jesus also meant that if people spurn the saving message they may be left to their contentious hatred.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).
Nahum, the Prophet of Vengeance and Mercy

Sunday School Lesson for August 24, 1958

NAHUM 1:1-15

Jonah preached repentance to Nineveh, and that city’s repentance is a model to all sinners who would receive God’s mercy. But with the passing of the years Nineveh lapsed into horrible and unequalled wickedness, from which she would not turn. Consequently, her doom was settled. Jonah’s message was the averting of judgment. One hundred years later Nahum appeared. His message is the certainty and execution of judgment.

Nahum’s prophecy is a poem in three parts—vivid, colorful, stately, orderly, impressive. When it is read properly there is definite rhythm in it, with words emphasizing again and again the theme that God is a God of justice, who therefore must punish wickedness.

According to Nahum, God is just, severe, longsuffering. Who can withstand His power? Earth, sky, and sea bear witness to His irresistible might. And Nineveh, capital city of Assyria, in spite of its mighty armies, its fortified position, and its riches, must perish because it exalted itself against God. It must be besieged, plundered, and sacked. It would resist in vain. Indescribable bloodshed would take place in the streets. The city would be repaid as it had dealt to others. Its people who had seduced other nations and inflicted upon them unimaginable cruelty, these people who had subjected God’s children to shameful violence and bloodshed, would be utterly destroyed.

When Nahum made these predictions Assyria was at the height of its power. Egypt, Israel, Cyprus, and Babylon had been conquered. But within fifty years the end came. Babylon, under a former Assyrian general, threw off the Assyrian yoke, formed an alliance with other nations, came against Assyria, and shut its armies up in Nineveh; for two years the battle raged. Then, just as Nahum had predicted, a strange event brought the final downfall of Nineveh. The river Tigris in flood tide carried away a large section of the city walls, and the enemy entered. There followed one of the bloodiest massacres in human history. So complete was the destruction of Nineveh that, according to historians, “the very site of Nineveh remained for centuries unknown.” But what message for us today can there be in Nahum’s pronouncement of the doom of ancient Nineveh? Consider:

1. Behold the Severity of God. “God is jealous, and the Lord revengeth; the Lord revengeth, and is furious; the Lord will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.... Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire” (Nahum 1:2,6). Ungodly and unregenerate men—and many of them ministers!—preach a God who is something like a fat, good-natured “Santa Claus,” a God who is so “good” and

“kind” as to wink at sin and fondly bless those who engage in it. God is good and loving and kind. But that is only part of the truth! God is also a holy God, “a consuming fire.” And because He is just and holy He cannot condone sin. God is patient, but He is not weak. Because He does not instantly punish men for sin does not mean that they go unpunished. One of the great truths running all through Nahum’s prophecy is the certainty of God’s judgment upon men and nations that sin. The destruction of Nineveh is an illustration of the certain destruction that awaits the kingdoms of this world, which are built on foundations which are only human; and the ultimate triumph of the kingdom of God, which is built on the foundation of truth and righteousness.

2. Behold the Goodness of God. “The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him” (Nahum 1:7). Like a diamond set in dark background, so is this verse in the prophesying of Nahum. (1) The Kindness of God. God’s kindness is revealed by His works—in creation, in the giving of His Son, by His Word—and experienced by His saints. His severity is not in contrast to His goodness but is a proof of it. Sin ruins man and interferes with God’s plan of redemption; therefore God must deal with it. (2) The Power of God. God is “a strong hold in the day of trouble.” To those who trust Him God offers salvation, security, strength, protection. He is a stronghold which is accessible, impregnable, sufficient. (3) The Knowledge of God. “He knoweth them that trust in him.” He intimately and lovingly regards those who commit themselves and their way unto Him. He knows them collectively, individually, thoroughly. Surely the Lord is good!

—J. Bashford Bishop

IT’S EITHER ONE OR THE OTHER

THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL
Where are the Dead?

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venting his brethren from swelling the population of perdition shows that his plight was experienced immediately after his death, while his family still survived. His brethren lived on earth at the same time he himself was being tormented in the flame.

All Christ's teachings refute the idea that death is a sedative which drugs human beings into sleeping beauties.

Jesus nowhere suggests the grave to be a dormitory for the soul. True, dead bodies slumber in the soil, but the soul is not asleep. The soul continues to be conscious after death.

But where is it? Where is the soul?

Purgatory

Millions imagine that departed spirits are in purgatory. Christians who are not personally perfect at the time of their death supposedly are consigned to that place.

Purgatory is described as a state of conscious suffering inflicted by fire to punish a person for his sins and to purify his soul. The pains of purgatory are said to be intolerable and differ from the agonies of hell only in that there is an ultimate end to punishment in purgatory, while hell's torments are protracted forever. Yet there is no necessary limit to the duration of suffering in purgatory short of the judgment day.

However, there is not a single word about purgatory in the Bible. Search the Scriptures! Read the sacred volume from cover to cover. You will not find a single, solitary statement about purgatory—not even one mention of the word! Although eight verses are advanced as New Testament authority for the teaching of purgatory (Matthew 5:25; 12:32; 1 Corinthians 3:15; Philippians 2:10; 2 Timothy 1:18; 1 John 5:16; Revelation 5:3, 13), this doctrine is neither mentioned nor intimated in any of those verses.

Recall that Paul declared Jesus (Continued on next page)

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Christ to have "brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." If purgatory exists as a factor in immortality, then Christ must have illuminated it with His teachings. But far from illuminating the doctrine, Jesus' second saying on the cross completely disposed of the whole idea. Luke 23:43 records His response to the prayer of the dying thief, "Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

If ever there was a likely candidate for purgatory, the dying thief was that man. If purgatory exists, should not Jesus have declared, "To day shalt thou be in purgatory"? But Christ did not say that. No purgatory was needed, either for the dying thief or for us, because "the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). There is no need for other purifying in the pains of purgatory. For every Christian, Christ's statement, "To day shalt thou be with me in paradise," assures a blessed destiny.

PARADISE
Where are the dead? Not in a dormitory, and not in purgatory. The born-again, Blood-washed souls of deceased saints populate Paradise!

There are those who would interrupt with an observation that Jesus delivered the promise of Luke 23:43 only to the dying thief. But 2 Corinthians 5:8 includes all believers in the same destination. "We are confident, I say, and willing, rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." "With me in paradise" and "present with the Lord" describe the identical bliss of the repentant thief and the "spirits of just men made perfect" in the presence of the Lord. We often refer to it with the term, heaven.

Heaven is a real and wonderful place. Many mock that heaven is but "pie in the sky," an enchanting never-never land. But if the Bible tells the truth, heaven is real. Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:3). And Paul explained that "to be absent from the body" is to be "present with the Lord." The righteous dead are now at home with Jesus, enjoying the raptures of the "land that is fairer than day."

PERDITION
But not everybody is righteous. Not everybody has been born again. Thus not everybody will arrive in paradise. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). Therefore, an alternate destination exists. Those who neglect the salvation of Jesus Christ will populate perdition perpetually.

The same Bible which promises heaven also warns of hell. The same Jesus who pictured Lazarus' blessedness also described the plight of the ungodly rich man. Those who die in their sins will not awake in the presence of the Lord. For them, to be absent from the body is to be present in perdition.

Where are the souls of the dead? Where do they dwell while awaiting resurrection? The righteous are in heaven and the unsaved are in hell. The pangs of perdition are pathetic. No fire-and-brimstone preaching ever exaggerated hell's horrors. Human imagination cannot conjure up an adequate description. On the other hand, the most entranced fancy cannot remotely conceive of the splendors of paradise. Certainly God's handiwork in this world and in the universe furnish but a sample of the grandeur of that eternal glory. Paul pictures the position of persons promoted to paradise as far more desirable than life on earth (Philippians 1:23).

A little girl once walked with her father on a night when heaven's pomp and magnificence were displayed in a glittering parade. The stars sprayed earth with their dazzling firelight. This girl was so captivated by the heavenly spectacle that she almost stumbled.

Her father, as he reached out to steady her, asked, "Honey, what are you thinking about?"

She answered, "I was thinking, Daddy, that if the wrong side of heaven looks so glorious, what must the right side be!"

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