

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



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THY TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELLORS



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A Sevenfold Bit of Advice

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LABAN said, "I have learned by experience." Gen. 30:27. Experience is a great teacher. I have lived quite a while. I have given a full half century to the Christian ministry. About half of that time I was a Methodist minister, and the other half a Pentecostal preacher. I have preached in schoolhouses and in churches; in the country, in the village, and in the city. I have attended conferences and conventions; I have served on committees innumerable; I have helped to frame constitutions and bylaws; I have heard many of the great preachers of America during the past fifty years. Perhaps you will concede that I ought to be able to give young people a bit of advice. Speaking out of my experience, I shall advise you to do only what I myself, during the years of my ministerial career, have endeavored, by the help of God, to do.

My first bit of advice is that you recognize your dependence upon God and seek His aid. The tendency of human nature is to feel sufficient apart from God. We have been having a conference in San Francisco that is likely to go down in history as one of the greatest of all gatherings. It had been well had God been recognized, and His aid sought. Had God been given His rightful place, or had He even been asked for help, real results might have been looked for on the part of people who believe in God. But the conference was not opened with prayer. A radio commentator told us there were two reasons why it was not so opened. In the first place, there were people there of various faiths, and of no faith; and, in the second place, if the conference had been opened with prayer, the impression might have gone out that the problems were so great that they could not be solved without divine help. It would be a terrible thing, some people seem to think, to have the impression made that we are such weak creatures that we need the help of God.

It would have been well had our govern-

ment had a great motto back of the platform in large letters that all the delegates could have read, and in all the languages that were spoken, saying, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." America had a wonderful opportunity, but she missed her opportunity. The delegates that came from the various nations were our guests, and we had a



SEVEN ABOMINATIONS

"These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto Him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren." Prov. 6:16-19.

right to say that the conference should be opened with prayer.

It is essential to your success in life that you recognize your dependence upon God, and that you seek His aid. Read the pages of the Word of God, and the pages of secular history, and you will see that again and again God has interposed on behalf of His people when in the natural there was no hope; and you will see, too, that whenever people have felt self-sufficient, and have tried to get along without God, the result has been disaster. Mark the contrast between the "they" and "we" of Psalm 20:7, 8: "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God. They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright."

In the second place, I advise you to guard your thoughts. Thoughts are creatures of the mind; they are born there. Satan can get to our hearts only through our minds. The eyes and the ears are avenues that lead to the mind. So, be careful what you fix your gaze upon, and be careful what you hear. The best way to keep evil thoughts out of our minds is to keep them so full of good thoughts that there will be room for nothing else. Paul gave to the Philippians excellent advice: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Phil. 4:8.

Next, I advise you to make good use, the best use, of your time. Time is an important factor in the development of character, and in the rendering of service. Time is just a small fraction of eternity, and every moment of it is important. It should be improved. Milton says that hours have wings, and that they are continually flying away from us up to the Author of life.

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How to be Transformed

SMITH
WIGGLESWORTH

JACOB was on his way to the land of his fathers, but he was very troubled at the thought of meeting his brother Esau. Years before, Jacob and his mother had formed a plan to secure the blessing that Isaac was going to give Esau. How inglorious was the fulfilling of this carnal plan! It resulted in Esau's hating Jacob and saying in his heart, "When my father is dead, then will I slay my brother Jacob." Our own plans lead us frequently into disaster.

Jacob had to flee from the land, but how good the Lord was to the fleeing fugitive. He gave him a vision of a ladder, and angels ascending and descending. How gracious is our God! He refused to have His plans of grace frustrated by the carnal workings of Jacob's mind, and that night He revealed Himself to Jacob saying, "I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of." Gen. 28:15. It is the goodness of the Lord that leads to repentance. I believe that Jacob really did some repenting that night as he was made conscious of his own meanness.

Many things may happen in our lives to show us how depraved we are by nature, but when the veil is lifted we see how merciful and tender God is. His tender compassion is over us all the time.

Since the time when Jacob had had the revelation of the ladder and the angels, he had had twenty-one years of testing and trial. But God had been faithful to His promise all through these years. Jacob could say to his wives, "Your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me." Gen. 31:7. He said to his father-in-law, "Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labor of my hands." Gen. 31:42.

Now that Jacob was returning to the land of his birth, his heart was filled with fear. If he ever needed the Lord, it was just at this time. And he wanted to be alone with God. His wives, his children, his sheep, his kine, his camels, and his asses, gone on, "And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a Man with him until the breaking of the day." The Lord saw Jacob's need, and came down to meet him. It was He who wrestled with the supplanter, breaking him, changing him, transforming him.

Jacob knew that his brother Esau had power to take away all that he had, and to execute vengeance upon him. He knew that no one could deliver him but God. And there alone, lean in soul and impoverished in spirit, he met with God. Oh, how we need to get alone with God, to be broken, to be changed, to be transformed! And when we do meet with Him, He interposes, and all care and strife is at an end. Get alone with God and receive the revelation of His infinite grace, and of His wonderful purposes and plans for your life.

This picture of Jacob left alone is so real to me, I can imagine his thoughts that night. He would think about the ladder and the angels. I somehow think that as he would begin to pray, his tongue would cleave to the roof of his mouth. He knew he had to get rid of a lot of things. In days gone by, it had all been Jacob! Jacob! When you get alone with God, what a place of revelation it is. What a revelation of self we receive. And then what a revelation of the provision made for us at Calvary. It is here that we get a revelation of a life crucified with Christ, buried with Him, raised with Him, transformed by Christ and empowered by the Spirit.

Hour after hour passed. Oh, that we might spend all nights alone with God! We are occupied too much with the things of time and sense. We need to spend time alone in the presence of God. We need to give God much time in order to receive new revelations from

RULES FOR A HOLY LIFE

John Fletcher's Daily Questions

Did I awake spiritual, and was I watchful in keeping my mind from wandering this morning when I was rising?

Have I this day got nearer to God in times of prayer, or have I given way to a lazy, idle spirit?

Has my faith been weakened by unwatchfulness or quickened by diligence this day?

Him. We need to get past all the thoughts of earthly matters that crowd in so rapidly. It takes God time to deal with us. If He would only deal with us as He dealt with Jacob, then we should have power with Him, and prevail.

Jacob was not dry-eyed that night. Hosea tells us, "He wept, and made supplication." Hosea 12:4. He knew that he had been a disappointment to the Lord, that he had been a groveler, but in the revelation he received that night he saw the possibility of being transformed from a supplanter to a prince with God. The testing hour came when, at the break of day, the Angel, who was none other than the Lord and Master, said, "Let Me go, for the day breaketh." This is where we so often fail. Jacob knew that if God went without blessing him, Esau could not be met. You cannot meet the terrible things that await you in the world unless you secure the blessing of God.

You must never let go. Whatever you are seeking—a fresh revelation, light on the path, some particular thing—*never let go*. Victory is yours if you are earnest enough. If you are in darkness, if you need a fresh revelation, if your mind needs relief, if there are problems you cannot solve, lay hold of God and declare, "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me."

In wrestling, the strength is in the neck, the breast, and the thigh, but the greatest strength

is in the thigh. The Lord touched Jacob's thigh. With his human strength gone, surely defeat was certain. What did Jacob do? He hung on. God means to have people who are broken. The divine power can only come when there is an end of our own self-sufficiency. But when we are broken, we must hold fast. If we let go, then we shall fall short.

Jacob cried, "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me." And God blessed him, saying, "Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel; for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed." Now a new order begins. The old supplanter has passed away, there is a new creation: Jacob the supplanter has been transformed into Israel the prince.

When God comes into your life, you will find Him enough. As Israel came forth, the sun rose upon him, and he had power over all the things of the world, and power over Esau. Esau met him, but there was no fight now; there was reconciliation. They kissed each other. How true it is, "When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Prov. 16:7. Esau inquired, "What about all these cattle, Jacob?" "Oh, that's a present." "Oh, I have plenty; I don't want your cattle. What a joy to see your face again!" What a wonderful change! The material things did not count for much after the night of revelation. Who wrought this change? God.

Can you hold on to God as did Jacob? You certainly can if you are sincere, if you are dependent, if you are broken, if you are weak. It is when you are weak that you are strong. 2 Cor. 12:10. But if you are self-righteous, if you are proud, if you are highminded, if you are puffed up in your own imagination, you can receive nothing from Him. If you become lukewarm instead of being at white heat, you can become a disappointment to God. And He says, "I will spue thee out of My mouth." Rev. 3:16.

But there is a place of holiness, a place of meekness, a place of faith, where you can cry to God, "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me." And in response He will bless you exceeding abundantly above all you ask or think.

Sometimes we are tempted to think that He has left us. Oh, no. He has promised never to leave us, nor forsake us. He had promised not to leave Jacob, and He did not break His promise. He has promised not to leave us, and He will not fail. Jacob held on until the blessing came. We can do the same.

If God does not help us, we are no good for this world's need; we are no longer salt, we lose our savor. But as we spend time alone with God, and cry to Him to bless us, He re-salts us; He re-empowers us; but He brings us to brokenness and moves us into the orbit of His own perfect will.

The next morning as the sun rose, Jacob halted upon his thigh. Verse 31. You may ask, "What is the use of a lame man?" It is those who have seen the face of God and have been

broken by Him, that can meet the forces of the enemy and break down the bulwarks of Satan's kingdom. The Word declares, "The lame take the prey." Isa. 33:23. On that day Jacob was brought to a place of dependence upon God.

Oh, the blessedness of being brought into a life of dependence upon the power of the Holy Spirit. Henceforth we know that we are nothing without Him; we are absolutely depend-

ent upon Him. I am absolutely nothing without the power and unction of the Holy Ghost. Oh, for a life of absolute dependence! It is through a life of dependence there is a life of power. If you are not there, get alone with God. If need be, spend a whole night alone with God, and let Him change and transform you. Never let Him go until He blesses you, until He makes you an Israel, a prince with God.

to testify on our behalf. There are so many things to do, and so little time in which to do them. Someone wrote a book a few years ago entitled "How to Live on Twenty-four Hours a Day." Each of us has twenty-four hours each day. Others may have more wealth, more wisdom, more beauty, better health, greater opportunity, or a higher degree of learning; but no one can have more than twenty-four hours a day. I shall never forget hearing a man say, when I was very young, "You tell me that you cannot do it, for you do not have time. You have all the time there is! How could anybody have more than that?"

Many people kill time, and it is crime against humanity and against God. As I was riding on a train one day, and engrossed in the reading of a volume of immortal verse, Tennyson's *In Memoriam*, across the aisle sat a young man dressed in army uniform. I thought I ought to engage him in conversation and try to help him. So I inquired, in order to open the way for the introduction of a more important subject, "Do you like poetry?" He replied, "Yes, but I do not have time to read it." And he sat there, and looked out of the window, and looked around, and did absolutely nothing, while I read that volume of verse all the way through from beginning to end; and some sections of it I read three or four times, and meditated upon. He liked poetry, but did not have time to read it! I have observed that people usually find time to do what they want to do. "Where there is a will there is a way." Improve your hours. In the garret of old Heck Hall in Evanston somebody scribbled on the wall: "Lost yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, set with sixty diamonds. No reward is offered for their return; they are gone forever."

In the fourth place, see that you walk circumspectly. This advice is scriptural. It is found in Eph. 5:15. To be circumspect, we are told, is to "look on all sides of; to examine; to scrutinize." As we pass through life we meet difficulties, obstacles, problems. Suggestions are made for our approval, and programs are presented for our adoption. Too many among us reach hasty conclusions. We do not look on all sides of the suggestions, the problems, the programs; we do not scrutinize them. Many people say "Yes" when, if they would carefully consider the matter, look on all sides of it with a scrutinizing eye, they would say "No."

In considering a problem or a program, you should take into consideration everything that is connected with it, not only present advantage, but also possible future disadvantage. There might be a present advantage in adopting a certain course that would be wholly outweighed by a future disadvantage. Ask yourself the question, "What is the ultimate outcome likely to be?" There was Moses. He had a real problem. Should he remain in the family of the king, enjoy royal favor, and finally sit upon the throne of Egypt; or should he refuse to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, cast in his lot with the despised race of slaves, and become the emancipator of an oppressed people, filling the place in the divine program that God desired that he should fill? He had to weigh present disadvantage against future advantage. And he decided wisely; he "had respect unto the recompense of the reward."

Pentecostal Power Still Available

FAITH touches the unseen. Faith is that by which power is conveyed to the individual. The soul of the saint is God's receiving set. The divine wave comes through the medium of faith. The great need is to be attuned to the heavenly broadcasting station, to receive the Word going forth from the Throne.

There are strong receiving sets and weak receiving sets. The great broadcasting system of heaven can reach any radio; and it is necessary to have a wide compass, for there is every variety of message. Some catch the whisper, the inner thought, and they also receive the great volume of the mighty discharge.

To the prophet Elijah had been demonstrated the power of the earthquake, the wind and the fire, and he also heard the still small voice. He could pray down divine power which burned up the altar, the water, and the sacrifice; and a wicked and gainsaying nation was convinced that God lived. Then he declared, "I have done all these things at Thy word." 1 Kings 18:36. He heard the word first, believed it, and then it was a very simple process to pray the power down. He was so attuned to God that he could hear the still small voice, after the destruction by the earthquake, when the rocks were rent by the wind, and the supernatural fire had played around him. 1 Kings 19:11, 12.

God can do the same today. Philip was taken on the wings of the wind to a distant city. Paul was delivered from many things by the supernatural power of God. He was in a shipwreck, and yet the crew was saved. The world is waiting to see the supernatural in the children of God, and God is waiting to do the supernatural.

Christ declared, "Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?" John 11:40. Believing brings working. If you believe for the supernatural, you will have the supernatural. The God of Elijah lives. The God of Paul lives. Christ said, "These signs shall follow them that believe; in My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:17, 18. Every realm of the natural world is covered in that passage, and the realm of the supernatural is invaded. Satan's kingdom itself is invaded by the believer.

"These signs shall follow them that believe." How many of them have followed you? How many have followed the church? In that list of signs, each item represents a field by itself. For instance, the speaking in tongues covers most of that which is set forth in the 14th chapter of 1 Corinthians. The laying of hands on the sick covers the whole range of divine health and life. This is symbolic of the big range covered by Christ's ministry. It means that the believer is to be a dispenser of divine healing and health.

The great thing is to believe; not merely to believe for the healing itself, but to believe in Him unto whom all power has been given in heaven and in earth. *Faith in Him brings Him on the scene.* It is written of those to whom this message was given, "And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following."

Christ continued His ministry through human instrumentality. It had been written of Him aforetime, "A body hast Thou prepared for me." Heb. 10:5. Christ had a physical body through which He did the will of God, but in Ephes. 1:22, 23, the church is spoken of as His body. Through a prepared body of believing saints, the glorified Savior founded the early church. His promise still holds good, and His power is still available. He wants to do the same thing today that He did in the first days of the church. Meet His conditions. "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23.

A SEVENFOLD BIT OF ADVICE

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time, and that all our prayers cannot delay one of them in its flight, or bring one of them back to us after its departure. They all go up to the throne of God, and they stay there, and will be there when we shall stand before the judgment bar, to bear witness against us or

He shall baptize
you with the Holy
Ghost and with fire.
Matt 3:11

On the other hand, look at Esau, who decided unwisely and sold his birthright for a mess of pottage.

I advise you, in the next place, not to seek your own glory, but the glory of Him who has called you and equipped you for service. Never brag about yourself. Do not be a boaster. You have nothing to boast of. All you have and all you are, you owe to God. If you are enabled to achieve anything worth while in life, it will be because God has worked through you. God says, "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom; neither let the mighty man glory in his might; let not the rich man glory in his riches, but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me." And Paul said, "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

Read good books, particularly great books, the books of the masters. Samuel Johnson said, "Read anything five hours a day, and you will soon be a learned man." But I advise no person to "read anything." There is much literature these days that ought not to be read by those who want to keep their minds clean, and there is much that is light and trifling; it should never have been printed. The fact that there is a demand for it is evidence of the character and mental caliber of the age. Many of the books of a generation ago, or three or four generations ago, are masterpieces. The books that are being turned out nowadays are not to be compared with these works of the masters. Where are the great poets like Dante, Milton, Wordsworth and Tennyson? Where are the great essayists like Macaulay and Carlyle? Where are the great preachers like Isaac Barrow, Thomas Chalmers, Robert Hall and Frederick W. Robertson? Some one saw in my library a two-volume set of the sermons of Ralph Erskine, and wanted to know what I had to say about that preacher. I replied, "When he gets through with a text there is nothing left for anybody else to say." I like the books that feed my mind as well as my soul, and there are many of them.

Finally, be careful always to tell the truth. If you do this, you will make no promises you will not keep; you will incur no debts you will not pay; you will assume no obligations you will not meet; you will enter into no contracts you will not regard as sacred. A man is no better than his word. In Rev. 19:11 Christ is called "Faithful and True." You should be faithful and true.

Ruskin in his *Seven Lamps of Architecture* tells us that "there is, perhaps, nothing that is so flatly opposite the character of God as is the sin of lying." He would have us all tell the truth until it becomes habitual for us to do so.

I once asked my students if a lie is ever justifiable. And some thought there were circumstances under which it would be right to lie. I inquired, "Under what circumstances?" A young lady replied, "If your life were in danger, and I could save it by telling a lie, I think it would be right for me to lie." I replied, "Which would be the better, for you to tell a lie, and possibly save my life by so doing, and lose your soul, or tell the truth and save your soul, even though the result might be, which

is scarcely likely, the loss of my life?" And she looked at me with a puzzled expression on her face. Always tell the truth. Read Robert Speer's book, *The Mark of a Man*, particularly the first chapter, entitled "Truth." It is one of the strongest indictments of falsehood and pleas for truth I have ever read.

Our lives, I say in conclusion, are not a play that is being staged or a drama that is being enacted; we are engaged in a great warfare; we are running a race that has been set before us. Let us "fight the good fight of faith," and "run with patience the race that is set before us." Let us be true to our Captain, the Lord Jesus, unreservedly yielding ourselves to His masterhand, that the plan He has planned, the program He has inaugurated, may be carried out in His way and for His glory.

When I was scarcely more than a boy I often listened to the matchless eloquence of that prince of preachers, Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, who for a number of years before his death was the pastor of Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, made famous by the ministrations of Henry Ward Beecher. One day I bought one of his

volumes, *The Investment of Influence*, and presented it to a friend. On the fly-leaf I wrote,

"I used to hear this preacher preach,
When I was just a lad,
And often said, 'Would I could reach
His place! 'twould make me glad';
But now he's dead, and I'm alive!
Lord, help me to fulfill
My mission here, and ever strive
To do my Master's will!"

My prayer for you is that you may fulfill your mission, with an eye single to the glory of God, and that, to this end, each of you will strive to do your Master's will. Then, when the last round of the race shall have been run, when the last battle of the warfare shall have been fought, the last obstacle surmounted, the last service rendered, and the last victory won, you shall be able to mount upon the wings of the morning to stand in the divine Presence at the bar of the great Judge, and hear His welcome words, "Enter into the joy of thy Lord!"

Divine Deliverances We Have Experienced

GLADYS BOYD, YUNNAN, CHINA

*"He shall call upon Me and I will deliver him:
I will be with him in trouble;
I will deliver and honor him."*

—Psalm 91:15.

A FAMILY by the name of Ching had turned to God from idols and desired to hold meetings in their home. They knew this was the best method of ridding the whole house of evil influences, the result of deep superstition and idolatry. So they cleansed the house of every false thing, and had bright, clean evangelistic posters pasted up instead, to instruct all who entered the house in the Way of Life through Christ Jesus. When all was ready they invited the missionaries to lead the service.

The place was packed with people, mostly women who had come to witness Mrs. Ching's brave stand for the Lord and His gospel. "Surely some evil will befall her now for taking the ancestral tablets down," thought they. We all enjoyed the free and joyous service; the believers prayed earnestly for God's blessing and presence to fill the home. They rebuked every evil power and by faith applied the efficacy of the precious blood of Christ to each member of the family. Evil powers are a grim reality out here in China.

On the edge of the crowd that gathered to watch the proceedings—for all could not be accommodated in the house—we noticed a few young men who did not seem to care much for what was going on. Mr. Boyd later approached them but found them definitely antagonistic, and rejecting God's offer of mercy. We left some literature with them and returned home.

That night one of the young men, a leader of

a notorious band of outlaws, entered the home of Mrs. Ching. He was her nephew. He threatened her life and the capture of her youngest daughter if she did not recant and renounce all dealings with the foreigner. Up to the time of their conversion the Chings had always received the loot of this band under cover of darkness until they could get it safely away, and his trade was now affected by this new "craze" of theirs. Lifting his hatchet up as if to strike, he vowed to waylay the missionary with that very hatchet unless the Ching family recanted.

Mrs. Ching, unable to read the Bible, knew very little of its doctrines, but knew that God heard and answered prayer. Raising her hands to heaven, she lifted up her voice in a heart-wrung cry to God for His help under the avenger's hand and hatchet! The louder he threatened the more she cried to God in prayer, until he flung himself out through the door vowing to kill the missionary.

But that week the missionary, Mr. Boyd, was laid very low with typhus fever. Every day Mrs. Ching came to inquire how he was progressing. Instead of being grieved at his critical condition, on each occasion she seemed to go away relieved at knowing he was still confined to bed. We were greatly puzzled by her behavior, until one day she came all excited to tell us of how the Lord had delivered us and her family from the strong enemy.

It was then she told us the whole story of the robber nephew's entrance into her home and of his vows of vengeance, and she said that on that very day government soldiers had had

proof of his being the long-wanted criminal in connection with several murders of officials in that area. They took him outside the north gate where he was decapitated. "He that hateth the righteous shall be desolate and the evil doer shall be cut off." In many cases under our observation swift retributive justice has followed the evil doer, especially when the intended evil has been directed against God's servants.

In the meantime, Mr. Boyd's condition was grave and a change for the worse had taken place; all hope of his recovery was almost gone. There was nothing to do but to call in our fellow missionary, and together, behind locked doors, we rebuked death of its prey. While we did so the patient collapsed. He afterwards told us how he had felt cold waves of weakness pass over him, and how he seemed to be drifting away. We committed him into the hands of our Heavenly Physician, who had never failed us and was always in residence, and left the room.

He fell into a deep sleep, when the invisible world was more real than the visible. The Heavenly Physician Himself came to the bedside. This time He appeared as a doctor, as one in sympathy with the case, yet bright and cheerful. However, He carried no medical bag! He laid His own strong arms under the patient's shoulders and seemed to lift him higher on the pillow, and said distinctly, twice over, "THOU ART HEALED; THOU ART HEALED." From that hour he rallied. The next morning a clear laugh rang out through the house, the first laugh during all that long period of raging fever and helplessness. For the weakness was such that often he could not bear the weight of his own finger nails on his hands.

"What are you laughing at?" we inquired.

"I am laughing at the Word of the Lord which has just sprung up in my heart," he replied. "THE EGYPTAINS THAT THOU HAST SEEN TODAY THOU SHALT SEE NO MORE FOR EVER."

One time when Mr. Boyd and the evangelists were returning from a preaching tour, they were told that the whole of our city was in mourning, stricken with a plague that carried off hundreds both young and old. No letters had reached him while they were constantly moving about the tribal country, with no postal system except for rummers every ten days or so. It was with some anxiety they made their way home, to find us all worn out with attending to wounded soldiers and to those stricken with the plague.

The Christians naturally brought their children to the "Happy Sound Hall" to be prayed for, and most of these recovered. The heathen parents, seeing the Christians were delivered, brought their children also for prayer and advice; but when these recovered sufficiently the heathen women took them to the temples to return thanks to their favorite deities, and in the majority of cases these died on their way back from the temples. Several hundreds were delivered of the plague during those days, but many more died in their heathenism and darkness—as many as four and five in one household.

Just as we were about to relax and breathe freely again, our own dear boy David Pat went down with the dreaded disease. There were so many coming to the house with the

What Our Servicemen Want Most

When thousands of men in the armed forces learned that on February 11 the people in hundreds of Assemblies of God churches had prayed for them, it touched a spot down deep in many a heart. Soon hundreds of letters were speeding back to the Servicemen's Department as unsaved men and Christians alike tried to express just what those prayers meant.

Thousands of letters reach the depart-

① PRAY for the protection, spiritual preservation, and speedy return of our Assemblies of God servicemen and women.

② PRAY for the great spiritual need of the twelve millions in the armed services.

③ PRAY for the widespread ministry of the Servicemen's Department—through REVEILLE, service centers, chaplains, field evangelists, and monthly correspondence with 65,000 men.

④ PRAY especially at this time of the department's financial crisis that funds may be supplied to continue its ministry.

ment, as varied as the men who write, but there is one request which never varies—it appears in some form in almost every letter—"Pray for us..."

That is why we are setting aside Sunday, July 15, as another day of prayer for our men in the armed forces. It is suggested that each church devote at least a half hour during the services of the day to definite and earnest prayer.

sick ones during those days, that it was impossible to isolate the children. Pat was the darling of the people, loved by both rich and poor for his happy winsome ways and charming Chinese manners. He spoke the language with a perfect idiom, to the delight of all who heard him, and in his own quaint native way won many a soul to the Lord who is with us today.

For days the child hovered between life and death and we felt as if a dark cloud enveloped the whole church. This sickness of Pat had thrown many Christians into a fearful apprehension. With all the prayers and renewal of consecration, he grew worse instead of better. All eyes were now focused on the missionary's home.

"If Pat dies, then there is no difference between their God and ours," said the heathen.

"There is no power in their message any more, if this child dies," declared the Buddhist priests.

All these reports were spread before the Lord in prayer. When all hope was gone, we believed against hope; when there were no stars in our sky we still did cast anchors of more prayer; more perseverance, more faith, and more praise in the very face of death itself. "Looking not on things seen"—that was face and wasted frame—but unto Jesus Himself!

The next morning the Bible woman, walking softly into the room, began to praise the Lord for His deliverance. She could see a real change for the better when we could not. Pat opened his eyes, smiled at her one of his rare sweet smiles, and beckoned her to his side. Kneeling down beside his bed he told us of how he had seen the Lord. Jesus Himself drew near to the dying child while Daddy's head was bowed in prayer; the children's radiant Savior came up quite close to him, calling him by his Chinese name, and just loved him! Pat smiled and felt the touch of His hand on his fevered brow. The result of this gracious visit was that when the Savior departed, He took with Him every symptom of the disease, every bit of cough and every pain. The child fell into a sweet sleep.

The touch of Him who is the Resurrection and the Life had withered up every germ.

The news soon spread around and the people marveled, so that many more turned to the Lord and confessed their faith in Him. One of the greatest sermons ever delivered to the heathen is the planting of a missionary family in their midst as signs and ensigns. We are their Bibles, as well as their pattern of what a joyful Christian life should be in the midst of a perverse and crooked generation.

THE SPIRIT'S POWER

"If we use the power which He has bestowed upon us," said Dr. Wilbur Chapman, "we must go back again and receive a fresh supply."

"I came into a special spiritual blessing on October 16th, 1892. It was under the direction of Dr. F. B. Meyer. One sentence in his address changed my life, but I had my spiritual difficulties after that."

"I met Dr. Meyer once at Northfield and told him about them as we stood together just outside of Mr. Moody's house, and he said to me, 'Have you ever tried to breathe out three times without breathing in once?' and I thought it a new breathing exercise, and told him, 'No,' and he said, 'Try it,' and I tried it and found that I could breathe out once only, then I would have to breathe in, and my friend told me that that was my difficulty. Said he, 'You must always remember that you must breathe in before you breathe out, and that you make your effort to breathe in, and make none to breathe out, and that your breathing out is in proportion to your breathing in,' and he said, 'You must breathe in always more of the Spirit than you breathe out, and keep constantly breathing in, and this is the secret of spiritual power.'"

"No Christian today has the right to poke fun at the narrowness of our forefathers," says Dr. John S. Bonnell. "Our boasted breadth has come to us at the expense of depth. We are broad and shallow; they were narrow and deep."

OUR



MISSIONARY ADVANCE

Christ's Ambassadors in Central America

T. E. Hollingsworth

ALL over the earth the youth are playing a dramatic part in the drama of world events. Guatemala is no exception. On the 20th day of October, 1944, a group of young men from all walks of life—merchants, doctors, lawyers, tailors, students, laborers, peasants—decided that they had lived long enough under the tyrannical rule of a dictator. In one great, united effort they revolted, throwing off all opposition in less than a week. As a result, men are more free in Guatemala today than they have ever been before.

One of the most impressive aspects of the new government is that the youth of the nation are represented in an overwhelming majority. The president-elect is comparatively young, and in most all important offices one will find young men. Guatemala is being honored these days by the presence of an ever-growing diplomatic corps. Men from all over the world are beginning to recognize this little country as one possessing vast possibilities. The new government is receiving and sending Ambassadors, who are recognized by all of the great powers.

But there is now a diplomatic corps in Guatemala that has been sent by a greater power than either the United States or Great Britain. This royal diplomatic body is composed of the "Embajadores de Cristo"—the Christ's Ambassadors! Until recently our churches did not feel the need of special help for the young people, but in recent months we have felt an upsurge of spiritual strength among the youth that has made us all rejoice. During a recent conference, 18 received the precious Baptism in the Holy Spirit, a large number of whom were young people. We have noted also that among those who are saved in the meetings, the majority are youth. This is, indeed, a blessing, for it is upon their shoulders that the burden of the work will rest in the days to come.

There are people from every walk of life within our ranks. Many of them are very poor, and we praise the Lord for every one of them. Numbered among the "Embajadores de Cristo" of our church is a young man named Miguel de Paz. Born in poverty among his native Indian tribe, Miguel did not learn Spanish until he was of school age. At that time his parents, wishing to give him a good education, came to the capital city to ply their trade and to put their boy in a good school. A short time later

they heard the gospel story and Miguel became an earnest Christian. Today he is Sunday School Superintendent and the president of the "Embajadores de Cristo." He is earnestly seeking the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and his ministry is beautified by a fine musical talent.

In a very few weeks Miguel will graduate from one of the national colleges, where he is attending on a scholarship attained by special scholastic ability. After his training is over, he will join the staff of teachers who are appointed to schools of the various countries, but wherever he goes he will be a testimony to God's saving grace among the young men with whom he works.

There are similar stories of the lives of several of our young men. One will soon command a good position as a registered accountant, another also attending college will receive his teacher's certificate. These boys are not wealthy in this world's goods, but they are more than rich in spiritual possessions.

While the youth of almost every nation on the face of the earth are fighting to retain their liberty, God is raising up youth in Guatemala to fight the good fight of Faith. Not a political warfare this, but a fight that will forever bring peace to their eternal souls, as well as to those to whom they bring the Good News.

Pray for God's continued blessing upon the lives of these fine young men and women, that they may be used to bring spiritual blessing to all Guatemala.

Missionary Infant-ry

Name: Richard Wilson Stalter

Date of Birth: June 19, 1945

Weight: 7 lbs. 3 oz.

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Stalter, home on furlough from Sao Paulo, Brazil. Present address: 222 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, Delaware. Congratulations!

A Memorial Offering

IT was the request of Charles R. Jones of St. Louis, Missouri, a veteran minister of the Assemblies of God, who died on April 24, that instead of floral offerings at his funeral, the

money be sent to missions. In keeping with this request, the sum of \$76.30 has been forwarded to the Missions Department as a memorial offering, a portion of which was designated for the orphanage in Assiout, Egypt, and another portion for the Speed-the-Light Fund. This is a splendid memorial for our departed brother.

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS

May, 1945

Congo	\$ 6,603.42	Argentina	1,335.65
Egypt	5,532.00	Brazil	3,426.90
Gold Coast	6,735.48	Chile	2,361.90
Ivory Coast	4,221.89	Colombia	909.00
Liberia	4,733.68	Paraguay	185.50
Nigeria	3,288.00	Peru	13,289.13
Nyasaland	178.51	Venezuela	1,509.50
Sierra Leone	849.34	British West Indies	3,789.80
Tanganyika	561.00	Fiji Islands	220.71
Transvaal	2,193.33	Hawaiian Islands	240.00
China	5,433.70	Philippine Islands	8,134.28
Ceylon	757.66	Retired Missionaries	1,183.56
India	19,818.24	Non-Council Missionaries	4,602.36
Palestine and Near East	3,669.24	Miscellaneous	
Europe	835.00	Fields	1,791.91
West Indies	6,683.96		
Mexican Work	4,026.86		
Central America	7,617.04		

Total Disbursements \$126,709.55
Credited to Designated Accounts 6,372.58

\$133,082.13

Paid from Reserve Funds 27,430.58

Total Receipts for May \$105,651.55

A. WORD OF WARNING

MANY letters are being received by members of our fellowship from literate people in Nigeria, West Africa, asking for Bibles, books and other things. Our missionaries tell us that unscrupulous natives sell the names of prospective benefactors on the market to the highest bidder. These names and addresses are taken from the *Pentecostal Evangel* and other publications. It is also reported that Bibles and books which are received as a result of these solicitations are sold in the market places. We would therefore advise that all Bibles and literature for the Nigerian work be sent in care of our missionary, Clarence D. Goudie, Box 41, Aba, Nigeria, West Africa, who is taking care of the business end of the work and who will be glad to distribute these to worthy students and workers.—Missions Dept.

Send all contributions to Noel Perkin, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

The PASSING and the PERMANENT

TROUBLE IN ARGENTINA

The police authorities in some provinces in Argentina recently banned the Salvation Army and forced at least one Protestant Church to close.

AN INTERNATIONAL UNION

The powerful new international labor federation set up in London recently is the official voice of some 60 million organized workers. The cry of the bolsheviks, "Workers of the world, unite!" is becoming an actuality!

SIX HUNDRED MISSIONARIES

According to *The Student Foreign Mission Fellowship News*, more than 600 missionaries are awaiting passage to India. Some are hoping a steamer may be chartered to send them. Oh, that all of these were evangelical missionaries!

FOUR-YEAR BIBLE PLAN

The American Bible Society plans to give away ten million volumes of Scripture in the next four years, and needs three million dollars for this work. Included in this figure are 4,400,000 volumes for liberated war areas, in forty tongues; and 350,000 New Testaments for servicemen in Europe to replace copies lost or damaged since D-Day.

PENTECOST IN FRANCE

Captain Frank W. Smith, one of our Assemblies of God chaplains in the army, writes from France: "I had a most pleasant experience yesterday. I visited the French Pentecostal Church at Marseilles; they say they represent the Assemblies of God in France. I was surprised to learn that out of more than one million Protestants over here, some three hundred thousand are Pentecostal." This estimate would seem to us to be too high, but we do thank God for the way in which He has poured out His Spirit in France. Signs and wonders have been done in the name of Jesus, and famished hearts have been opened to receive the Word of Life.

THE ROMAN EMPIRE

In a much-discussed article by Wm. C. Bullitt, former ambassador to France and Russia, which appeared in *Life* some time ago, the thought was presented that the Vatican fears Russia and thinks that Britain is not strong enough by herself to keep that nation from dominating all continental Europe. That being so, it was suggested that the U. S. A. should line up with Britain "and other democratic states of western Europe" in accord with the Vatican, to present a strong front. The author says: "From the blood and horror of the present war the Romans see emerging a unity which in its geographic boundaries may, to a curious degree, resemble the Roman Empire." We wonder if Mr. Bullitt realizes how closely his predictions resemble the plan of the end-time as revealed in the Bible, Revelation 17:3.

THE WEALTHIEST NATION

The wealthiest nation on earth is the U. S. A. Slightly over twenty-six billion dollars jingle in the pockets of American citizens (about \$183.00 for each man, woman, and child) which is more than twice as much as six years ago. Surely God will hold this nation more responsible than any other for financing His work in the earth.

FLIGHT IN THE FUTURE

H. M. Hibbard, chief engineer of Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, says that in the next war "the aggressor's aim will be total destruction of his victim in the first 24 hours." He forecast that within a decade jet-powered helicopters using cheap kerosene as fuel will be the "safest, simplest and most convenient form of travel ever devised" and said transport planes in 1955 will fly 1,500 miles an hour 100 miles above the earth.

OWNED BY THE GOVERNMENT

"The R. F. C., through the Defense Plant Corporation, has a seven billion dollar investment in industry," says *Revelation*. "There are enough war plants owned by this government agency to dominate completely the synthetic rubber, magnesium and aircraft industries and it can almost dominate the aluminum industry. It owns almost twenty-five per cent of the steel industry, a great stake in the oil industry, especially in the facilities for making high octane gas, and it owns five pipe lines, including the Big Inch and the Little Inch."

The idea of an economy completely controlled by the government, so that no man may buy or sell without collaborating therewith, as the Bible prophesies, no longer seems fantastic.

PESSIMISTIC PROPHECIES

General Patton, recently returned from victory in Germany, told a group of school children in California they will be the fighters in the next war. Apparently he is not a believer in permanent peace!

A report from Washington, D. C. says: "Thinking statesmen say they have reason to believe we are so exhausted with this trillion-dollar war that we cannot wage another one for some ten years." Evidently they do not believe in permanent peace either!

And yet some criticize us when we warn people not to put their hopes in the peace-planners. They tell us we should expect the best and have faith in other governments; in other words, we should not believe the Bible when it says there shall be wars and rumors of wars right up to the time Christ's return! A friend writes: "I love optimism, but how I hate it when it is at the expense of truth. No book is so pessimistic as the Bible; no book so optimistic. Its lights and shadows are midnight and noonday glare. Vast opposites—heaven and hell, God and Satan, life and death, are the never-ending theme. Nothing is so pathetic and so tragic as our modern unwillingness to face facts."

AN INTERNATIONAL EMBLEM

Geoffrey Mander, Member of Parliament in Britain, has sponsored the idea of adopting a flag or emblem as an outward sign of international unity. He thinks the traditions of Greece may supply a suitable symbol. Would it please him to adopt "666" over "a leopard with four wings of a fowl and four heads" (see Daniel 7:6), or a "he-goat with four horns" (8:8), or would he prefer a "scarlet-colored beast, like a leopard, with ten horns" (see Rev. 13:1, 2)?

THE HOPE OF THE EARLY CHURCH

The able and saintly Alford wrote: "That the Lord will come in person to this our earth: that His risen elect will reign here with Him and judge: that during that blessed reign the power of evil will be bound, and the glorious prophecies of peace and truth on earth find their accomplishment—this is my firm persuasion, and not mine alone, but that of multitudes of Christ's waiting people, as it was that of His primitive apostolic Church, before controversy blinded the eyes of the fathers to the light of prophecy."

PRAY FOR ALL IN AUTHORITY

It is said that another meeting of "The Big Three" is at hand. We should pray for President Truman and all concerned, that God's will shall be done at this meeting. We were grieved by reports that all prayers were carefully excluded from the San Francisco conference. It is good to know, however, that at least two special prayer meetings were held each day in that city on behalf of the conference. One was a public noonday service in the downtown district. The other was a 24-hour round-the-clock prayer service. With so much at stake in the lives of our servicemen and the future of missionary work, we should not cease to pray for our diplomatic, military and civil leaders in all parts of the Government. A definite command is given in God's Word that "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." 1 Tim. 2:1, 2.

"GLORY! OUR CROPS ARE SAVED"

According to the *Associated Press*, June 12 was a day of community-wide prayer in Metter, Ga., called by the Mayor. They had not had a drop of rain since May 13, and the crops were about ruined, so all stores and shops in the town of 2,500 were closed to let the people gather for prayer. About 600 gathered, some of whom had been fasting for several days.

The minister read from Joel: "He will cause to come down for you the rain." In asking a favor of God, as we are doing, we must give something in return," he said. "Repent." The people prayed, "Revive our crops and grasses and trees and gardens." And God heard and answered. A few thunderheads gathered while they were praying. Then as the people left the church the sun was shining again. But within two hours the clouds became more ominous. Then a roll of distant thunder. Then a few drops of rain, and soon it was a hard shower. It lasted for almost an hour. One overalled farmer fell to his knees and shouted, "Glory be to God. Our crops are saved."