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# Talking Things Over



## WHERE ARE THE MISSIONARIES?

In a recent issue of *The Exhorter*, Alex Wilson points out that missionary work (of premillennial churches of Christ) is on the decline. Any half-awake observer must agree that it is so. Any half-caring observer must ask why it is so, and what can be done about it? The answers to these questions may not come easily, but *they must be found*. "Where there is no vision the people perish;" the church that has no outreach will shrivel and die. Surely there are brethren who are concerned about this situation. I would suggest that they come together as often and as long as necessary to seek direction from the Lord.

## MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES

*Who sends?* "Missionary" (from Latin for "apostle") means *one sent*. We read that Paul and Barnabas (Acts 13) were sent out by the Holy Spirit and by the congregation of believers at Antioch. It is clear that the "missionary call" came to the church and not to Paul and Barnabas alone. No missionaries going out? Don't look at individuals; examine the spiritual life of the local assembly.

*The field.* I have heard brethren criticized for "leaving the missionary field." Yet Paul stayed longer at Antioch (his "home church") than at many of his "mission churches." Evidently his location was not determined by geography. For Paul, "mission work" was not limited to evangelism in unevangelized areas; it included strengthening established churches. A person can be a missionary without crossing an ocean or learning a foreign language. The starting point for a missionary is the field where he is.

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Where does the missionary process begin? I believe with obedience to the Lord's command to LOOK on the harvest fields. "The love of Christ constraineth us," said Paul, and this love goes out to the perishing multitudes both near at hand and in the regions beyond.

"PRAY the Lord of harvest that he send forth laborers into his

harvest," again commanded the Lord Jesus. Notice that the Lord acts in response to our concerned prayers.

"GO ye into all the world..." Who is to go? Those who are sent, and no others. In the Old Testament, God castigates some who "prophesy, and I did not send them." No one takes this honor upon himself. It is the Holy Spirit who endows us with differing gifts and places each one in the Body as it pleases Him.

Blessed are those who share in the great world-wide missionary project of making known the Lord Jesus Christ. There is a place in it for each one of us.

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# PROPHECY

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## Fear

Winston N. Allen

"And there shall be signs in sun moon and stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, in perplexity for the roaring of the sea and the billows; men fainting for fear, and for expectation of the things which are coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens shall be shaken."

Luke 21:25, 26

One of the signs of the times in which we live is fear, widespread and growing fear. This painful emotion, marked by dread and alarm, is taking a heavy toll. Medical men describe our generation as "the anxious age." We are told that twenty million Americans suffer from psychic tensions which they are unable to handle alone. In a futile attempt to escape, an increasing number are turning to alcohol and to drugs. Every other bed in all the hospitals in our country is occupied by a mental patient. People are afraid of one another, of themselves, of the future, of death and judgment. For millions the pressure is too great. But evidence all about us and many prophecies in Scripture should forewarn us that the pressures will increase, not diminish (Matt. 24:7, 12, 21, 37; 2 Tim. 3:1-5). War and the threat of war, accelerating crime, inflation and unemployment, abnormal weather, earthquakes and famines, plagues and pestilences, signs in the heavens, advancing Communism; the presence of these or the dark shadows cast by their approach instill fear in the hearts of millions.

Thinking people, whether Christians or not, realize that a colossal crisis of world-wide proportions is near. In 1969 U Thant, Secretary

General of the United Nations, said: "The members of the United Nations have perhaps ten years left" in which to solve their problems. Philip Noel-Baker, British authority on world disarmament, said: "I believe that within ten years we will all be dead and the earth will be an incinerated relic." Dr. Paul Erlich, professor of biology at Stanford University, is predicting that this decade may be the last unless the growing problems of pollution are solved. Other leaders have said: "There is no exit from the human delimita." "Never before in history have so many hundreds of millions teetered at the edge of a precipice." "The human race has reached the point of no return." "I am afraid because of what I see ahead."

Very briefly let us look at the character, cause, course and cure of fear.

### The Character of Fear

There are many kinds of fear; some are good and useful; others are sinful and destructive. Solomon said, "The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom." Many individuals have turned from sin to the Savior because they feared the wrath of God. "The fear of man bringeth a snare" (Proverbs 29:25). Numbers 13 & 14 give a graphic example of the terrible cost of being controlled by the fear of man rather than by faith in God. Daniel 5 describes the fear and tragic end of a man who rebelled against God and against truth. We read in verses 6 and 30: "Then the king's countenance was changed in him, and his thoughts troubled him, and the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another. . . . In that night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was slain." For this man fear was the overwhelming feeling that danger and punishment were near.

### The Cause of Fear

A famous British psychiatrist said that 95% of his patients were suffering from an unresolved sense of guilt. As recorded in Genesis 3, after Adam had disobeyed God he tried to hide because, as he said, "I was afraid." A guilty conscience is the basic cause of fear. Solomon said, "The wicked flee when no man pursueth, but the righteous are bold as a lion" (Prov. 28:1). Very closely related to guilt is unbelief (Heb. 3:12). Dr. H. L. Donahue, former head of the Department of Mental Health of the State of Oklahoma, asserted that one of the principal contributing factors to the alarming increase of mental illness today is the lack of faith in God. Fear soon follows when a person renounces or makes shipwreck of "the faith." Inevitably there comes a feeling of personal inadequacy to deal with problems of the past, present, and future. Jesus said, "Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find the faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8). Paul wrote, "But the Spirit saith expressly, that in later times some shall fall away

from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons" (1 Tim. 4:1). Lack-of-faith and fear go together.

### The Course of Fear

Living in a constant state of fear or tension has a destructive effect on the body, soul, and spirit. The book, *None of These Diseases* by Dr. McMillen, deals at length with this matter and gives case histories. Fear, if not overcome by the proper attitude and action, usually leads to defeat and failure. Scared soldiers and fearful Christians are not very effective. In the parable of the talents recorded in Matthew 25 notice the explanation the one-talent man gave for his failure, and the Lord's judgment on the man. It is a sobering thought to realize that in Rev. 21:8 sinful fear is classed with the worst of sins and can finally lead to eternal torment.

### The Cure of Fear

It is necessary to face the thing we fear and to deal with it in God's way; then the death of that fear is near. The cure for guilt is to trust and obey Christ as Savior and as Lord. Only God can forgive sins and cleanse the conscience because Christ paid the penalty for our sins (John 3, Acts 2, 1 John 1). Faith is the cure for fear. "Fear and faith are mutually exclusive and cannot exist in the same heart," said J. Oswald Sanders. As Jesus said to His disciples when they were overcome by fear during a storm on the Sea of Galilee, "Why are ye fearful? Have ye not yet faith?" (Mark 4:35-41).

Again and again Jesus says to His own, "fear not;" "be not afraid;" "Let not your heart be troubled." And we read in 2 Tim. 1:7, "For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness, but of power and love and discipline."

Fear in many dangerous and difficult situations is dispelled by the presence with us of an individual whom we trust, an individual who can handle the problem and who genuinely loves us; see 1 John 4:18. At the close of His Great Commission Jesus said, "I am with you always, even unto the consummation of the age" (Matt. 28:20b). David said in the twenty-third psalm, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me." And in Psalm 56:3,4 he wrote, "What time I am afraid, I will put my trust in thee... In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid; what can flesh do unto me?"

Yes, the choice is faith or fear. The world lives in a state of fear, and for good reason. But the Christian is told, "fear not their fear, neither be troubled" (1 Peter 3:14b), and "Fear not, little

flock, for it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). The Lord has promised to keep His own "from the hour of trial, that hour which is to come upon the whole world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Rev. 3:10).

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right had of my righteousness" (Isa. 41:10).

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee" (Isa. 26:3).

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## Questions Asked Of Us

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Have you ever heard of a person being led to Christ by a person who sins with him to win him?

God can use even the unregenerate in the salvation of souls when it suits His purpose to do so. It is very probable that some unregenerate preachers (whether deceived or hypocrites) have been instruments in the salvation of souls. This occurs, however, not because of the lack of regeneration but in spite of it. It is the *gospel* that is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16), not the messenger by which that gospel comes. Paul even rejoiced in the proclamation of Christ by those who were motivated by insincerity and faction (Phil. 1:15-18), and men sometimes preach Christ after a fashion who do not know Him truly.

In the much more common use of Christians to reach the lost, God still has the problem of making use of imperfect human vessels. Thank God once again that it is the gospel which brings salvation and that evangelism is not a matter of God using only perfect Christians. The most devout and sincere of God's children seem to manage a lot of "goofing." One of the glories of Christ and His gospel is the fact that men are reached in spite of the frailty and stupidity of the instruments He uses.

The message is the important thing. It has to be conceded, however, that the reception of the gospel may often be affected by those who bear the gospel. They may speak an imperfect message (even another gospel), hide it behind human learning, misrepresent

it and hinder it with their lives, and such like. That God can work in spite of the imperfection of the human messengers does not mean the messenger is exempt from responsibility for his handling of it, nor that he never has any effect on the hearer. We should be concerned about our part in God's great work of saving men. And "our part" is delivering the message without contaminating, diluting, or misrepresenting it. It is not allowed that we water it down to the point where the sinner can go on in sin and will not find any offense in the cross.

So, what God *can* do is one thing; what He wants to do through His people *may* be another. If we could find an example of one who was won to Christ by a companion in sin—and we might—this would be no proof that God wants us following such a course nor that such is even psychologically the best course to follow. I can find no support in the word of God for the doing of sin that good may come! We betray a defective sense of sin and a misconception of the holiness of God when we suppose the word might so speak. Advocating such a course is but to say that we should pay allegiance to the devil in order to serve God. It is to say that it is sometimes right to do wrong, that it is sometimes right to do that which is abhorrent to God! When Paul said that he became all things to all men in order to win them (1 Cor. 9:20-23), he was not speaking of those things involving sin. Repentance of sin does not allow for the adoption of sin, even for some supposed noble purpose. There is too much demand in the word for putting on the new man and walking in holiness for us to suppose any sin could ever be right. Moreover, notice the direct admonition in 1 Pet. 3:1-6 to wives of unsaved husbands. The Lord does not say, "Go along with him in sin and maybe you'll win him," but indicates the importance of purity, chastity, subjection—the holy life. This principle applies to all human relationships and the effort to win people to the Lord—light, not darkness, is what wins men to the Light.

Of course we should not needlessly antagonize the sinner by refusing to grant such concessions as we can in righteousness. We must not pose as being more than we are ourselves, sinners saved by the grace of God. Hypocrisy and inconsistency are the things to be feared, however, not holiness held in humility. The church must ever remember that she does not attract the world by being like the world but by being different from the world! One of the great mistakes of our day has been the confusing of religion for Christianity and the winning of people to church membership for conversion to Christ. Lukewarm religion is attractive to half-hearted "converts," but Christ asks for all of a man and not just for his membership in a club of religious unregenerates.

That person who justifies sin on the grounds of reaching others is more often than not looking for an excuse to sin, or at least an excuse that will allow for an easier life. Too often it is not the other but self who is the chief concern. But if there be those who mistakenly suppose they can win men to the One who is holy, pure, and clean by unrighteousness, impurity and uncleanness, let them re-think the inconsistency of it all.

Our Lord wants us going among sinners with the words of life, but He would never have us sinning so as to impress our hearers that Christianity is not so radical after all. Follow the example of that One who did *no* sin (1 Pet. 2:22).

**Will not the Lord accept the sincere person who has only been sprinkled?**

A similar question might well be asked about other matters also connected with salvation. The truth is that we do not *know* what God will do except as He has bound Himself by His word

We may suppose, on the basis of human thinking, that God will do such-and such, but we must remember that our thoughts are not God's thoughts (Isa. 55:8, 9). We may even draw on principles in God's word without reaching a proper conclusion, having put them together wrongly. We may suppose that the very character of God requires a certain course of action when it does not. (Consider, for example, the old question offered by some: How could a good God send anyone to hell?) One must never be content to measure God by human feelings or opinions or to base his obedience on what God *might* do. Our final appeal must be to His word.

Concerning proper baptism there need be no doubt. The Greek word signifies the act of dipping, plunging under, immersion. No solid Greek scholarship offers justification for any other basic to pursue a given course! Any other answer really gets into the area of human opinion.

Moreover, one can take an English Bible and from the several references to baptism determine that it is in much water, into the water, a burial in water, etc. (John 3:23; Acts 8:38; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; etc.). There can be no question about the acceptance of immersion as the proper action. God has taught us to be immersed, and He will surely honor that. (We are assuming that faith and repentance are of the right sort and speak here only of the action involved in the act.) He who teaches or practices otherwise should realize that he does so on human authority.

Now, we realize, of course, that there is a practical side to this matter apart from one's own salvation, and that even those



who may not seek to justify sprinkling for themselves may wonder if the Lord will accept it from others. There are loved ones who have died. There is the question of fellowship with some sprinkled people who seem to demonstrate a great love for the Lord and for righteousness. And, just how urgent is it that we try to persuade the sprinkled to be immersed?

Human examples do not really help much in trying to solve the question. For example, one likely could find some sprinkled people who show more evidence of fruit-bearing than do some immersed people. But one can go further and find some unsprinkled and unregenerated people who seem to show much love for the Lord, more than some who have gone into the water. One can find unsaved but moral people whose lives appear better than some professing Christians. These cases do not prove that God accepts mere human morality apart from Christ, or sprinkling instead of immersion. We must draw the line somewhere, and it is safest to draw it where the word of God most clearly indicates it should be, apart from human examples and "problem" cases.

It is possible to hold firmly to immersion while we *withhold judgment* concerning any lesser act of obedience and leave the matter with God. This is especially applicable to those cases where we cannot effect a change. A deceased loved one was only sprinkled? We do not have to consign them to hell. Our God is a God of great mercy who wants to save, not destroy. He does look on the heart. He knows how to count the thought of the heart as an act of obedience, even when the external is incomplete (e.g., Abraham "slaying" Isaac, Gen. 22:1ff; Heb. 11:17-19). We say simply, He knows how, not necessarily that He will. Just how complete or perfect must faith be before God accepts it? He alone has the final answer on that! Where there is not a specific self-imposed limitation, God *may* go beyond what He has seemed to indicate, and about many things I do not know what God may accept. But I can know what He has clearly indicated in His word as acceptable. That is sure ground! I should not be content, in teaching or in practice, with anything less and should do what I can to lead men to this kind of obedience.

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Make me an Intercessor,  
"Till, pleading at Thy Throne,  
The sins and sorrows of other lives  
Become my very own.

—Ezek. 4: 5, 6.

# Jezebel, The Wife Of Ahab

Mrs. Paul J. Knecht

The Bible has no good thing to say of Jezebel, but rather, much of evil. We first hear of her in 1 Kings 16:31 where it is said of Ahab, King of Israel: "And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went out and served Baal, and worshipped him."

The story of Ahab follows in the next few chapters, ending with his death on the battlefield in chapter 22. The last we hear of Jezebel is in 2 Kings 9. It has been said that when a woman goes wrong she is extremely evil. But Jezebel seems to have been born wrong. The daughter of an idol worshiper, she introduced the worship of Baal at the court of Ahab. Jezebel and a few others, some of whom will be considered later, seem not to have had even a spark of good about them.

Ahab was easily led by his wife. One good Bible teacher and preacher used to say, "Jezebel ran the roost—and the rooster." That aptly expresses their relationship. But according to God the man is the head of his wife. Therefore their basic relationship was wrong. Some good people in the world have worked out a fair relationship for this life by reversing God's order in marriage. The comert of a man who with his wife was celebrating their fiftieth or sixtieth wedding anniversary, expressed this thought: "The way to have success in marriage is just to let the 'little woman' run everything her own way." The reason is obvious. Two heads are often better than one when it comes to counsel, but one is better than two (if they differ) in the place of authority, *whichever* one has the will to lead. But to have "*good success*" in marriage or in anything else, God's way must be followed, and His wisdom and grace sought through prayer.

But Jezebel had no thought for prayer nor for the God who answers prayer. For that matter, apparently, neither did her husband for he had evidently accepted the Baal worship. And Ahab was weak, like a chicken with the limberneck (a disease which chicken raisers know and dread). How easy then for Jezebel to step in and be the neck, turning the head whichever way she wanted it to go. This only increased her guilt concerning Naboth's vineyard and perhaps many other things the details of which are not given (1 Kings 21:25-26). She may have coveted the vineyard first; if not, she readily fell in with his desire for it. Then, to show her superior wisdom—rather "cunning" is the word—she devised a plan whereby he could obtain it. She it was who had the temerity of an indomitable will to override all obstacles without regard to the

evil necessary to that ruthless go-ahead policy. *She* would give Naboth's vineyard to Ahab; therefore, Naboth was killed by due process of law. It is ironic that Naboth, because of his integrity toward the law (Lev. 25:23; Num. 36:7-9; 1 Kings 21:3) was judged sentenced and executed by the law. All it took was two false witnesses to make the dastardly deed legal.

Ahab's heart was evil and Jezebel's was not only evil but also bold and aggressive. Evil as he was, she outstripped him in wickedness. Ahab repented (1 Kings 21:27-29) and humbled himself before God. His repentance was evidently genuine for God accepted it and "God is not mocked." Moreover, he showed moral courage in turning back to God. (It may be there are other men who need to stiffen their limber necks.) For according to Unger's Bible Dictionary (see Jezebel, p. 590) Jezebel survived him by 14 years. There was no repentance on her part (God judged her severely in the end—2 Kings 9:30-37); therefore, and for other reasons, it is easy to suppose that Ahab repented without her being the neck and turning him that way and perhaps in the face of her opposition and, it may be, even ridicule and scorn. Many women today are rebelling openly and flagrantly against God seemingly with impunity who perhaps to their surprise will have to face judgment after a while.

Jezebel became a symbol of that which is evil. In the Revelation 2:18 the evil woman who corrupted the church is called "Jezebel." Whether it was her real name (names in the Bible were often given for their prophetic significance), or was used to liken her to the Jezebel, wife of Ahab who stirred him up to do evil, we are not told. But the likeness is true. Jezebel, wife of Ahab, stirred him up to do evil and to worship idols. Jezebel in the church in Thyatira seduced God's servants to commit fornication and to sacrifice to idols. Neither Jezebel repented, though God gave them time to repent (Rev. 2:21; and spared Ahab's wife for fourteen years after his death). They *willed* not to repent. There may be some today who are either blind to their need and misuse the time granted, or, like these two Jezebels, they *will* not to repent.

Incidentally the church in Thyatira, the only church commended for its love, had let the carnal element be introduced and fostered by the wicked woman teacher (?) or preacher (?) until it downgraded the character of the whole church in God's sight.

What a pitiable life was the life of Jezebel, wife of Ahab; spent in idolatry and domination, or perhaps only manipulation, of her husband! How tragic, yet fitting, her end—trodden under the horse's hooves of a ruthless man, whom she could not influence (2 Kings 9:30), who had been chosen of God for judgment on the house of Ahab!

# Jesus Christ and Morality

John R. W. Stott

These verses disclose Jesus' Christ's view of morality, of a man's duty before his God, and of how to deal with temptations to forsake the path of righteousness and go our own way. We shall examine Christ's words clause by clause, beginning with the last.

## I YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD

This quotation from the book of Deuteronomy is Christ's answer to the devil's temptation. The reason why He refused to fall down and worship Satan is that as man He accepted the obligation to worship God alone. God had expressed His will in this matter.

*God's will is authoritative.* The very words 'you shall' are authoritative. They are still valid in their application to us today. But such language, and the attitudes which it expresses, are totally at variance with the mood of the modern world. 'Authority' is a prohibited word. Our society is commonly known as a 'permissive' society. Although it is recognized that laws are necessary in a civilized community, mainly for the protection of society, yet it is supposed that in private morality every man is a law unto himself. In questions of honesty, sobriety, sex and religion every man is his own legislator. He decrees what is right and decides for himself the path of duty. He is not prepared to accept an authority outside or above himself. No. He regards himself as an autonomous being, self-determining and self-governing.

Jesus Christ, on the other hand, heeded the external authority of God's will which said to Him 'thou shalt'; He humbled Himself and obeyed.

*God's will is both positive and negative.* Jesus quoted three verses of Scripture. One was positive 'shall worship the Lord your God'. Another was negative 'you shall not tempt the Lord your God'. The third was both positive and negative 'man shall not live by bread alone but by every word which proceeds out of the mouth of God'. This means that Jesus drew no distinction between commandments and prohibitions. Whether God's will was expressed positively or negatively, He obeyed.

But in the modern world, if men hate authority, they reserve a special hatred for *negative* authority. In the permissive society the only thing prohibited is prohibitions! Further, some students and writers in psychology have encouraged this tendency. When the depths of the subconscious mind first began to be explored, and the havoc wrought by early repressions and inhibitions began to be understood, it was often said that every child must be allowed to do what he likes, that on no account should a parent check, cor-

rect or control him, but that he must be left free to express himself. Now it is certainly possible to be too negative in the upbringing of children, and to bombard them with a barrage of interminable don'ts. But some prohibitions are essential for our protection. It is for our good that a pedestrian sign says 'Do not cross' and a chemist's label on a bottle of poison warns 'Do not drink'. So God has, for our spiritual and moral good, marked certain things as prohibited. These are safety prohibitions; we disregard them at our peril and the peril of society.

*God's will is comprehensive.* By this I mean that the expressed will of God includes our duty to Him as well as to our neighbor. It is significant that, although the temptations of Jesus were complex, and concerned His ministry to men in the world, yet He understood them as essentially challenging His duty to God. His replies to them make this plain. He understood from Scripture His duty to *worship*, to *trust* and not tempt, and to *obey* the Lord His God.

It is often said today that, even if man's duty to man be laid down, his attitude to God is entirely his own affair and cannot possibly be made obligatory. This is not so. It is an obligation laid upon man to worship the Lord his God. For every man is a creature, made by and dependent upon God. Of course he cannot be compelled to do his duty. He has been left free to refuse, but a refusal is an abuse of his freedom. It is still his duty. The essence of sin is man's unwillingness to acknowledge his own humanity, his refusal to be man and to let God be God, his arrogant ambition to cease to be man and to become like God.

All this shows how little sympathy Jesus Christ has with modern, man-centered fashions. Modern man is in revolt against the will of God. But Jesus Christ, the perfect man, submitted to God's authority as something outside and above Himself. And every follower of Jesus must follow Him in this and not the world.

## 2 FOR IT STANDS WRITTEN

Three times Jesus countered the evil suggestions of the devil with the words 'it is written' or 'Scripture says' (NEB). So Jesus did not just submit to the authority of God; He submitted to it *as He found it in Scripture*.

Notice the conjunction 'for': 'Begone, Satan, *for* it stands written....' The reason why Jesus dismissed the devil and refused to listen to him was that Scripture commanded the contrary. This settled the issue for Christ—and settled it instantly and finally. Jesus did not stop to listen, still less to argue. The thoughts which the devil tried to insinuate into His mind were simply not open for discussion. Each point had been decided before it was raised. Jesus was under the authority of God and of Scripture. He lived by the Word of God.

What God had said on any question was for Him enough. There was no need for any further word.

A secret of holiness is revealed here which is as vitally important as it is commonly neglected, namely the need for prompt, immediate and unquestioning obedience without argument. Let me spell this out a little. If we are Christians, we have said 'Jesus is Lord'. We live under the lordship of Christ. Further, we know the will of our Lord from Scripture. The more we read, the clearer we become about God's will. We develop what might be called 'Christian instincts'.

Then, when the devil tempts us, in nine cases out of ten we know at once what God's will is, as Jesus did. At this point we do not listen any more or argue. We reject it instantly and without discussion: 'Begone, Satan, *because it stands written....*'

Many examples could be given of this. I will begin with the subject of sex. I would prefer not to, because everybody seems to be most unhealthily preoccupied with sex today. Nevertheless, because of this it seems necessary to say something Christian about it. For example, a Christian is tempted to marry a non-Christian. If he stops to think about it, he can no doubt muster a hundred and one arguments why it is permissible. Instead, he should immediately say 'Begone, Satan, because it stands written "Be not unequally yoked together with an unbeliever".' Again, a man is tempted to indulge in sexual intercourse before marriage, or a married man with a third party. He could easily attempt to justify himself. Instead, the devil should be immediately dismissed with 'For it is written "shun fornication" and "You shall not commit adultery".' Again a man (or woman) who has homosexual tendencies is tempted to indulge them. Many are rationalizing indulgence today. Instead he should resolutely resist the devil saying: 'Begone, Satan, because it stands written "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination".' So we could go on with every other sin—lying, stealing, cheating, gossip, slander, jealousy, malice or revenge. Human beings are simply adept at inventing excuses, at making sin appear permissible and even commendable. We have to learn not to listen, not to argue, not to rationalize, but immediately to obey.

### 3 BEGONE SATAN!

These are the words with which the RSV and NEB render the Authorized Version 'Get thee hence'. J. B. Phillips has 'Away with you' and the Jerusalem Bible 'Be off'. Thus Jesus rounded on the devil, rebuked him personally and directly, and sent him packing. As a result, we read that 'the devil left him'. True, according to Luke, this was only 'until an opportune time'. That is, the devil came back. We must not imagine that we shall ever get rid of him for good. But the devil did go. He left Christ alone for the time being. He had been routed; he had to concede defeat.

What is described of Christ is promised to us. Peter likens the devil to a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour, and tells his readers to 'resist him' (1 Peter 5:9). James adds the promise: 'Resist the devil, and he will flee from you' (4:7). We must, however, add this caution. You and I are not Jesus Christ. We cannot therefore resist the devil in our own strength or rebuke him with our own authority. It is extremely foolish to attempt to do so. We can only stand up to him in the name of Jesus Christ, who decisively overthrew him at the cross. We need to learn in temptation not to cry to God for deliverance, but to resist the devil, and in the name of Jesus Christ to command him to depart. And he will.

We conclude with these two points:

First, *thank God for the obedience of the Lord Jesus Christ.* There seems to be a deliberate contrast in the Bible between the Garden of Eden and the desert of Judea, between the temptation of the first Adam and the temptation of the second. Adam listened to the devil and disobeyed God; Jesus refused to listen to the devil and obeyed God. As Paul put it 'As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous' (Romans 5:19). Adam's disobedience plunged his posterity into sin, death and ruin, while the salvation of the world depended on the obedience of Christ. He obeyed. Thank God He did so. We owe our salvation today to His obedience.

Secondly, *we must learn to follow Christ's example.* Submission to the authority of God is a proper and essential part of the Christian life. Every Christian is under the lordship of God and of His Christ. This lordship is expressed in the commands and prohibitions of Scripture. What Scripture says God says, and what God says should settle every matter for us. Therefore, whenever Satan tempts us to do something contrary to the known will of God, we must not listen, discuss, consider or argue. We must round on him as savagely as he is assaulting us and say: 'In the name of Jesus Christ, begone Satan, because it stands written...', and he will flee from us.

## MY WORLD AND THE GREAT COMMISSION

It is of more than passing interest to note that Jesus' commission in Matthew 28:19-20 has only one imperative in the original Greek, and that is to "make disciples." The supposed imperative, "Go ye," is actually a participle and should be translated "As you go."

People of course cannot make disciples of all nations without going. But the emphasis is on the making of disciples, not on the going.

The implication for the follower of Christ is that he should be engaged in the business of making disciples wherever he is. As he goes to the office, to the factory, to the store or the classroom or the Kiwanis meeting, he should make disciples.

Too often we are prone to discharge our missionary responsibility with a pledge card at missionary convention time and maybe a cursory "Bless-all-the-missionaries" during bedtime devotions. Giving and prayer are essential to the missionary work. But they do not void our responsibility to make disciples where we are.

"As you go, make disciples," Jesus said. His true follower will take this command to heart.  
—In *Alliance Witness*



## Courage

J. H. McCaleb

I watched him pitch. Every motion was fluid and well-timed. He was doing a masterful job. Back of him, however, the players were making a lot of mistakes that caused one crisis after another. It was enough to cause one to lose heart. Under all of that tension and frustration that pitcher never let his courage waver. He kept on doing his best. My own heart went out to him in admiration and respect.

In the twelfth century we have the example of Richard, Coeur de Lion. He was not called "The Lion-hearted" without reason. As leader of the Third Crusade his feats of valor were known to all. History has many heroes to present. Each one has been a person of great courage with the strength of heart to keep on going in the face of adversity.

Likewise, there have been many heroes in the army of God. Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, David, Peter, Stephen and Paul, among many others, strode resolutely toward their difficulties, to conquer them.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the greatest of all, we too, can be more than conquerors. Too often we bring reproach upon the people of God because we do not exhibit the evidences of even a strictly human type of courage. We do not seem to realize that we have within us, and at our disposal, the very power that was used to raise Jesus from the dead. As we pass along the road of this life our hearts are lifted up in encouragement when we see the man who has the faith to say: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"



# Precious Reprints

## How To Treat A "Sectarian"

R. H. Boll, 1909

The sectarian is like unto myself a man—a man, too, for whom the Lord died. He is plainly wrong in his course. So was I once, before God called me out of darkness into his marvelous light. He is mistaken in many points. So am I—not in matters as vital, perhaps, yet I find every little while that I have been mistaken in this thing and that, and that God is yet lovingly and patiently leading me out of my misapprehensions. I may not condemn the sectarians; it is neither my right nor my place. I may not sit in judgment on his motives and his honesty; One only knows the heart. I must not strive with him, but be gentle, in meekness correcting him when he opposes himself, that peradventure God may give him repentance unto the knowledge of the truth (2 Tim. 2:24, 25.)

Since he has shown a disposition to accept the name of Jesus and to serve Him, however misguided his effort, he deserves special regard on that ground. I must not talk down to him from stilts or from the superior height of a pedestal; men cannot be won that way. I must not take it all out in criticizing; but let me in humble love, in secret places, plead for him before the throne of grace. This would be something like the right attitude toward the sectarian.

My brethren, hold the truth whatever betide; but hold not the truth of our Lord Jesus Christ in bitterness and vindictiveness of spirit, but, speaking it in love, make it a blessing unto all men.

—In *Truth and Grace*.

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We have a strange illusion that mere time cancels sin. I have heard others and I have heard myself, recounting cruelties and falsehoods committed in boyhood as if they were no concern of the present speaker's, and even with laughter. But mere time does nothing either to the fact or to the guilt of a sin. The guilt is washed out not by time but by repentance and the blood of Christ.

I would pay any price to be able to say truthfully 'All will be saved'. But my reason retorts, 'Without their will, or with it? If I say 'Without their will' I at once perceive a contradiction; how can the supreme voluntary act of self-surrender be involuntary? If I say 'With their will', my reason replies 'How if they will not give in?'

—C. S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

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## Why I am a High School Bible Club Counselor

Ruth Wilson

"Why do you continue in this high school work? It is hard and discouraging, and what do you get for it? Nothing but a hoarse voice, an aching head, and tired feet." It was *not* a friend of mine who said those words to me, but my worst enemy. And I knew that to resist the temptation to agree with him and call it quits, I would have to have help from my best Friend.

And He spoke to me and reminded me of Erlinda, who would have drifted on in unconcern about her spiritual condition but who, instead, entered Bible school after graduation; of Sonia, shy and quiet, who, because of ISCF (Inter School Christian Fellowship), had a real witness to her friends; of Myrna, who might never have gone into active witnessing on the college campus if she hadn't been directed to it by ISCF; of inquisitive, searching Nemesio who found the answers in God's Word, learned to love it, and best of all, met the Saviour.

That best Friend of mine reminded me also of the many students who had memorized John 3:16 for the first time in their lives. (Most seemed to have never even *heard* it before.) I remembered, too, of how they loved to sing, "If you want joy, real joy, wonderful joy, let Jesus come into your heart," and "Everybody ought to know who Jesus is." And there were those who worked so hard to earn their own pocket testaments, and were so proud finally to own them.

Of course, I couldn't reminisce without thinking of the sadness: of Bienvenido, who seemed to believe the truth but wouldn't act on it; of Aurelio, who did act, but then fell away and couldn't be reached again; of Zenaida, who seemed ashamed of her faith. But then I knew that my time with them was not wasted; I had tried—they must answer before God.

So, why am I in high school Bible club work? And why do I keep on when the Adversary advises me to quit? For the Erlindas and the Sonias, the Nemesios and the Aurelios—and many, many more. Let me assure you that if you go into high school work, these students will become a very part of your life; they'll "get in your bloodstream," and you'll find yourself thinking of them often. And you'll *rejoice* that, despite a few headaches, you know you are reaching young souls that need you—because they need the Saviour whom you bring to their high school campus.

# Viper in Technicolor

Joseph Bayly

One PSYCHOLOGIST says that the average child today, who follows the typical American viewing pattern, will by age 65 have spent nine years of 24-hour days sitting in front of a TV set. (If he goes to Sunday school every Sunday during those years, he will have spent about four months studying God's Word.)

Even if TV were morally neutral, it would have serious effects on Christian life and thought. You don't spend nine years of life watching *anything* without being affected by it.

"It's so cute the way our little boy can sing all the commercials." I've heard that statement several times; so have you. But even if it's cute, is it worthwhile? Is such mental conditioning, perhaps, in the long view dangerous?

What view of life do people get from TV? Secular, materialistic, man-shall-live-by-bread-alone. What view of family life? Fragmented, strong mother, feeble father. What view of human life? Cheap, meaningless, here-and-now, hedonistic. What view of reading?—what's a book? What view of God? Who's He, apart from a Billy Graham special?

Do Christian people ever think of what Dean Martin, Tiny and Vicki Tim, Johnny Carson do to them and their children? Is this the sort of guest we want to invite into our living rooms every week?

What about family Bible reading? Prayer? If these are missing and Dean Martin, or Rowan and Martin are welcomed, aren't we shouting something to our children and ourselves, something about the real values of life now and hereafter? No Sunday School, or later a Christian college, can replace that value system.

Has the church yielded its role of moral guidance, along with other roles, to secular society in our time?

But TV is not morally neutral. It was a secular writer in the *Detroit News* (Kathy Sodomier, a 26-year-old newspaperwoman), who screamed loudly about TV advertising—"You dirty old ad men make me sick."

After giving examples of sexually arousing pictures and dialog in TV advertising, Mrs. Sodomier concludes: "If you think this generation represents the New Morality, then look out for the next one, Granddad. You'll have kids turned into the most over-sexed, over-sated monsters since the fall of the Roman Empire."

In my opinion, this represents a switch on George Orwell's 1984: It is not Big Brother observing human life by TV cameras who thereby controls life; Big Brother performs on TV and thereby determines life.

If our Lord Christ returns during the '70s, will he find faith in the United States?

—In *The Christain Reader*

## Satan's Newest Psychological Warfare

by A. W. Tozer

That the second World War radically altered the international picture and upset long established national patterns is well known to everyone. Some ideals died in the great struggle; others were born into abounding life. Moral attitudes shifted. In the long bloody seesaw from 1939 to 1945, and in the reconstruction that followed, certain nations fell and others rose to places of new importance. Primitive races got their first taste of power and used it against those who had long been their overlords. People long dominated by the white man have risen and demanded liberty. This has quite naturally greatly affected the foreign missions picture. With the anti-Christian Communists riding high and mighty over vast areas of the world the outlook for missions is in many places becoming dim.

This critical situation we have tried to meet by the most direct method; we have simply pointed to conditions and called for immediate stepped-up activity on the foreign mission fields to finish the work while we are still permitted to operate. From various fields we hear the report, "We have but little time. Let us put everything possible into foreign missions while the doors are still open . . . We have but three years, or five years, or ten years at the very most . . . It is later than you think." These are not the words of irresponsible men nor of opportunists with some private enterprise to promote. They are rather, in some instances, the serious words of honored men who by sacrifice and long patient toil on the field have earned their right to be heard. And they may be right about the shortness of the time.

But at this point Satan enters. That there is a critical emergency he does not try to deny. He admits that the advance of Communism may soon bring to a dead stop the work of missions on certain fields. And he does not attempt to silence the cry, "We have but three years" or "We have but five years." It suits his purpose better to let the alarm go out.

The notion that the work of missions is to be one big push and then the closed door is having a paralyzing effect upon the work. Many young men and women who want to give their lives to foreign missions are prevented from doing so by the belief that there is no use to begin at this date. "The doors are closing," they reason, "and it will require several years to get ready to serve on the foreign field. By that time it will all be over. So what's the use?"

That is probably the most serious effect this new psychology of futility is having upon the work. But it is not the only one. Some experienced missionaries who have served for years on the field are not planning to return after their next furlough. The specter of advancing Communism is taking the heart out of them. A deep unspoken fear is upon many hearts, or at best a chilling sense of hopelessness. The idea that we must hurry because we have but a short time has definitely backfired. Satan has proved himself a master strategist once more by tricking us into retarding the very work we are trying to advance.

Where have our mistakes been made? and what can we do to remedy them? One mistake has been the naive belief that we are able to predict the political future of Asia or Europe or the islands of the sea. For our belief that we have but three or five years or ten years to work is based solely upon our own private judgment. Newscasters, the public press, honest but unfounded expectations among Christians concerning Russia or Indo-China or the Philippines: these have been the grounds of our predictions. And a smart devil has used the whole thing to confuse young people and discourage efforts generally.

The situation can be cleared up by our coming to ourselves and listening again to the voice of God instead of to the newscaster. Our commission to preach the gospel to every creature is still in force, and obviously is to remain in force till "the end of the world." No political developments anywhere on earth can nullify Christ's imperative command. It is not our business to sit back and try to guess the outcome of this or that revolution or political maneuver. Our business is to obey our Lord, to go and keep on going, till He sweeps down to call His workers home.

Besides, who knows for certain what effect any war or revolution will have upon Christian missions? In 1944 which one of us would have foreseen that in 1948 American evangelists would be on their way to Germany to preach the saving gospel? Who in early 1945 could have known that a year or so later General MacArthur would have been calling for thousands of missionaries to preach Christ to a wide-open Japan? The same war or election that closes one door may work indirectly to lift another off its hinges. The old rule that if we are persecuted in one city we should flee unto another should govern our thinking about foreign missions.

We are in danger of forgetting that God still rules in the affairs of men. He has His way in the whirlwind and the storm, and the clouds of war may be but the dust of His feet. He can still force a Darius or a Nebuchadnezzar to do His bidding, and He can still say to a Pharaoh, "Let my people go."

# 1971 FELLOWSHIP WEEK

Theme: "GOD, OUR MIGHTY FORTRESS vs THE ANCIENT FOE"

August 16 thru August 20

## MONDAY, August 16

7:30 - 8:00 Singing  
8:00 - **Mighty Fortress — Jehovah God** Hall C. Crowder

## TUESDAY, August 17: His Wonder-Working Power

9:15 - 9:30 Prayer Time  
9:30 - 10:10 **In The Blood** Doug Broyles  
10:10 - 10:50 **In The Word** Harry Coultas  
11:05 - 11:50 **Highlights from Daniel on the Theme** Earl C. Mullins, Sr.  
12:00 - 1:15 Lunch and Free Time  
1:15 - 1:55 **Of The Spirit** J. L. Addams  
1:55 - 2:35 **Of The Resurrection** Howard T. Marsh  
2:45 - 3:30 **The Ancient Foe In Today's World** Antoine Valdetero  
7:30 - 8:00 Singing  
8:00 - **The Purifying Power — His Coming** David Tapp

## WEDNESDAY, August 18: Soldiers of Christ Arise

9:15 - 9:30 Prayer Time  
9:30 - 10:10 **The Call for Men** Richard Ramsey  
10:10 - 10:50 **The Cost of Serving** Curtis Shepherd  
11:05 - 11:50 **Highlights from Daniel on the Theme** Earl C. Mullins, Sr.  
12:00 - 1:15 Lunch and Free Time  
1:15 - 1:55 **The Church — Pillar and Ground of the Truth** Leroy Yowell  
1:55 - 2:35 **The Church Prevailing** Odus Ford  
2:45 - 3:30 **The Ancient Foe In Today's World** Antoine Valdetero  
7:30 - 8:00 Singing  
8:00 - **On The Alert** Dennis Allen

## THURSDAY, August 19: Weapons of Our Warfare

9:15 - 9:30 Prayer Time  
9:30 - 10:10 **The Foolishness of Preaching** T. Y. Clark  
10:10 - 10:50 **With All Prayer and Supplication** C. V. Wilson  
11:05 - 11:50 **Highlights from Daniel on the Theme** Earl C. Mullins, Sr.  
12:00 - 1:15 Lunch and Free Time  
1:15 - 1:55 **Faith Abounding** C. L. Wiley  
1:55 - 2:35 **Readiness unto Every Good Work** Eugene Graham  
2:45 - 3:30 **The Ancient Foe In Today's World** Antoine Valdetero  
7:30 - 8:00 Singing  
8:00 - **The Greatest: Love** A. J. Istre

## FRIDAY, August 20: More Than Conquerors

9:15 - 9:30 Prayer Time  
9:30 - 10:10 **If God Is For Us** Robert Gill  
10:10 - 10:50 **Grace Upon Grace** Carl Kitzmiller  
11:05 - 11:50 **Highlights from Daniel on the Theme** Earl C. Mullins, Sr.  
12:00 - 1:15 Lunch and Free Time  
1:15 - 1:55 **If These Things Are Yours** H. C. Winnett  
1:55 - 2:35 **Author and Finisher of Our Faith** Jerry Samples  
2:45 - 3:30 **The Ancient Foe In Today's World** Antoine Valdetero  
7:30 - 8:00 Singing  
8:00 - **To Him That Overcometh** Robert B. Boyd

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# Reviewing The News

Ernest E. Lyon

AN INDIANA reader has asked me to comment on "Jesus Christ Superstar" and several of the hymns now being played on radio stations. I am sorry that I do not listen to radio and television enough to comment on the others, but I have read some of the words of "Jesus Christ Superstar" and can thoroughly agree with the reviewer who said it is blasphemous, sacrilegious, irreverent, profane, desecrating, apostate and anti-Christian. That whole rock opera is so contrary to the Bible that I am amazed that some have taken it seriously as spiritually worthwhile. I would not want to make a wholesale judgment of the "rock" hymns and rock arrangements of old hymns without hearing them individually, but the whole spirit of rock music is contrary to my conception of what is pleasing to God as worship.

AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY a team of British scientists under Wm. Paton, professor of pharmacology, has been studying marijuana. Their preliminary report says that smoking marijuana can lead to an accumulation of harmful substances in the body and may cause miscarriages and liver damage. Tests carried on in two places in this country and in British West Indies confirm this report, according to an article in HUMAN EVENTS for April 3, 1971.

AN EASTERN READER has written to me a discussion of two of the controversial preachers of our day, Dr. Carl McIntyre and Dr. Billy James Hargis, both of whom have spent a great deal of time fighting communism and its American counterpart, political "liberalism." I have reported

in this column a good many things done by or to these men, mostly without comment because I very much approve of some of the things they do, disapprove of other things they do, and disapprove of the spirit of most of their enterprises. I am sure that Dr. McIntyre has been a nuisance to educational authorities in New Jersey, but I am also sure that the charges on which that state removed accreditation from his college are trumped up. I know that Dr. Hargis is one of the most hated men to the communists, so he is obviously hurting them with his work and I know that many of his publications are very useful to anyone wanting to keep up on what is going on in the world. I do not sit in judgment on either of these men. They are the Lord's servants, not mine (Romans 14). From what I read I consider both to be very sincere even though they give the impression of being very egotistical. I welcome any information or opinions you have on any public figures.

USE OF PORNOGRAPHIC material in the medical school curriculum to help prepare future physicians to be effectively "nonjudgmental" in their approach to the sexuality of patients was recommended recently by John Money, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Medical Psychology and Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University in a speech at the 61st annual meeting of the American Psychopathological Association. Dr. Money, to my way of thinking, proved himself a good candidate for an insane asylum when he said that pornography, especially photographic pornography, can be put to good use in the sex edu-

cation of children and adults who have birth deformities or other disabilities of the sex organs. Almost as if to confirm my opinion, he also went on to say that pornographic material can be also useful in the sex education of normal children. I wonder what is "normal" to him.

**TWO WOMEN** members of Maryland's House of Delegates have proposed a bill which would make marriage a three-year contract with option for renewal! Marriage contracts would include an agreement on alimony, property settlement, and legal fees in case one of the parties does not wish to renew the contract. One of the women is a lawyer, the other a law student and divorcee. This may be a good place to point out that the highway fatality average is 25 per 100,000 population, but divorced men's average is 122 per 100,000 and divorced women 32 per 100,000.

**MORE UNBORN** babies were killed last year in New York than the total of all American soldiers killed in all the years of the no-win war in Vietnam. The rapid rate of degeneration in this country is shown by the fact that as late as 1963 the Planned Parenthood Organization was stating in a pamphlet: "An abortion requires an operation. It kills the life of the baby after it has begun!" "Abortion on demand" laws have brought on after them the following problems in every country that it has been adopted: moral degradation, health problems, suicide, labor shortages, increased prostitution, venereal disease and economic hazards. Every argument for legalizing abortion is easily answered.

**DAVID NOEBEL**, one of the workers with Dr. Hargis in Christian Crusade (which I still believe would be better called "Freedom Crusade") was greatly attacked when he wrote *The Beatles: A Study in Drugs, Sex and Revolution*. Now, unnoticed by the general public, some of the Beatles themselves have begun writing in "underground" papers of their continual life of drugs, sex, etc., when they were touring. John Lennon wrote two such articles, for example, in the underground newspaper, "Rolling Stone," in the issues January 7 and February 14. I do not expect to see any apologies to Mr. Noebel in the public press.

**REMEMBER** the trouble stirred up in the Episcopal Church when that church allocated \$200,000 in 1969 for the Black Economic Development Conference? The use of some of that money is now showing up. \$100,000 was given to the Black Star Press in Detroit, which has published its first book: *The Political Thought of James Forman*. One statement in the book, I read, is "armed struggle and the seizure of state power. . . (by) a revolutionary black vanguard party" is an "absolute necessity."

**MAYBE** you would like to know how Nikita Khrushchev looked at the war in Vietnam: "There is more at stake in this way than just the future of the Vietnamese people. The Vietnamese are shedding their blood and laying down their lives for the sake of the World Communist movement." —From *Khrushchev Remembers*, page 487.

**WITCHCRAFT**, the Church of Satan, Bahai, and any other anti-Christian worldly religion can get a good play in the press now. The author of a book on witchcraft (published already in paperback) had over a third of a page of favorable review with picture of herself in a newspaper recently sent to me.

**ACCORDING TO** The National Layman's Digest of May 1, 1971, Robert F. Williams is now at the University of Michigan Center for Chinese Studies, which is financed, as are so many revolutionary activities, by the Ford Foundation. Williams, you should remember, is the revolutionary who went to Cuba, then to Red China, and tried to stir up black people in this country by radio broadcasts and revolutionary papers sent into this country. He should be in prison, of course. Is it comforting to know that your purchase of Ford products finances such activities?

**A NEW BIBLE CHAIR** building has recently been built at Pan American University in Huntsville, Texas. 460 students are enrolled in the courses this spring.

**THE INCREASE** in missionary activities of Churches of Christ is shown by an expectation of 200 to attend a lectureship for missionaries near Athens, Greece. Seems unbelievable, but



we should all rejoice that such an increase is taking place.

IF YOU WERE A POSTMAN, to whom would you have delivered the post card that was addressed to "The 148 Thieving Rats, Lansing, Michigan"? It was promptly delivered to the legislature, maybe because it was a complaint against the way the state has been spending the taxpayers' money!

IT HAS HAPPENED HERE. A representative in the United States Congress has proposed a bill and has forty-co-sponsors joining with him in trying to abolish all privately-owned parks of more than fifty acres and all recreational areas or grounds of more than 150 acres "that are used by fewer than 150 persons per day, averaged over a week." That would eliminate most golf courses and country clubs. I am not sure how it would affect such a place as Bernheim Forest, but I shudder to think of the pol-

itical mentality of those forty-one men in our House of Representatives.

GOOD NEWS is not entirely absent these days (as you can see from two of the paragraphs above), so we are glad to report that the South African Scientific Advisory Council announced recently that the thirty-year battle against the tsetse fly has been won. The eradication of the insect which kills cattle and infects man with sleeping sickness has been so successful, according to researchers, that vast new areas in Rhodesia, South Africa, and Mozambique can now be opened for ranching and settlement.

Remember that the views of this column are strictly personal, are subject to your correction any time you find them false, and are possible partially because you continue to send your news and questions to

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O what is JEHOVAH EL SHADDAI to me?

My Lord, God, and Saviour, Immanuel, He;

My Prophet, Priest, Sacrifice, Altar, and Lamb,  
Judge, Advocate, Surety, and Witness, I am;

My Peace and my Light, my Life, Truth, and Way,  
My Leader, my Teacher, my Hope, and my Stay;

Redeemer and Ransom, Atonement and Friend,  
He's Alpha, Omega, Beginning, and End.

Yea, more is JEHOVAH EL SHADDAI beside—  
Avenger and Shepherd, my Keeper and Guide;

My Horn of salvation, my Captain in war,  
My Dayspring, my Sun, and my Bright Morning Star;

My wonderful Counsellor, Wisdom and Might,  
My Shade through the day, and my Beacon by night;

Pearl, Ornament, Diadem, Treasure untold,  
My strength and my shield, in Him I behold.

All this is JEHOVAH EL SHADDAI and more—  
My Bread and my Water, my Dwelling, my Door;

My Branch and my Vine, my Lily and Rose,  
Rock, Hiding Place, Refuge, Shield, Covert, Repose;

My sure Resurrection, Intercessor above,  
The Man in the Glory, my Bridegroom, my Love;

My All and in all in Christ Jesus I see,  
For God hath made Him to be all things to me.

## Poem: Maran-atha

Christians in olden times would greet  
Each other with the word so sweet,  
Which cheered them as they would repeat—  
    Maran-atha.

And we today need it as well:  
Oh, may we to each other tell  
The joyous news like silvery bell—  
    Maran-atha.

The days are darkening, chill and drear,  
'Twill calm our hearts and dry each tear,  
And give to us good hope and cheer—  
    Maran-atha.

'Twill lend new vigor to our life,  
And quicken us amid the strife,  
Make us with faith and courage rife—  
    Maran-atha.

Behold, He cometh! Soon we'll hear  
The trumpet call so loud and clear,  
And we shall see our Saviour dear,  
    Our blessed Lord.

We'll rise to meet Hm in the air,  
Like Him, we'll be so wondrous fair,  
And with Him, too, forever there—  
    So saith His Word.

Oh! glorious hope, Oh! watchword grand,  
Our coming Lord is now at hand!  
He'll gather all the ransomed band  
    For whom He died,

And place them where, in garments white,  
They'll shine in glory pure and bright,  
For evermore in heavenly light,  
    Close by His side.

Behold, He cometh! Every day  
Let us walk softly, watch and pray,  
Our hearts upon His promise stay—  
    Maran-atha.

'Then if the days should darker grow,  
We will not fear, but onward go,  
Rejoicing, for we surely know—  
    Maran-atha.

—A. E. R.

# WITCHCRAFT ON OUR DOORSTEP

by Don Milam

Young people today have an intense desire for the supernatural. They are aware that there is more to life than what they physically see and feel and audibly hear. In their search for the real dynamics of God, they are often side-tracked by Satan's counterfeits. Even some Christians are ignorant of the wiles of the enemy and continue to consider witches, demons, warlocks, and mediums as something of the imagination.

Before Israel entered the promised land, God warned them explicitly against the "abominations" of their predecessors. The following were forbidden: human sacrifice, divination (fortune telling), witches, wizards (psychics), charmers (magicians), necromancers (mediums), enchanters (hypnotists) and the like (Deut. 18:9-12).

What I have learned on this subject has not come from a book or lectures but from hard experience during my work with Teen Challenge of Greater Philadelphia for the past two years.

One night a young girl came to the "Hidden Manna," a Teen Challenge coffee shop. Gypsy was born in Ireland and from an early age she had psychic powers—she could "see" a stranger's past. Unwanted by her family, she finally found herself with a hip crowd in New York City. She quickly picked up the crowd's bad habits and began to "shoot speed." She drifted to Philadelphia where she met a covey of witches. Of course, they recognized her extra sensory powers and wanted her to join them, but Gypsy was fearfully hesitant.

While she was contemplating this one night, she fell into a deep sleep. Satan appeared to her and reassured her that she should join the group to become a white witch, that is, possess powers for good. (There are also black witches who practice evil and gray witches who are capable of good and evil.)

We reasoned with Gypsy, telling her of God's condemnation of such practices and that He calls them "abominations." She refused to listen, for the devil had his hold on her; she is still on the streets to this day.

Jerry had a different story but the same basic "hang-up." He had a brilliant mind and rich parents; everything was going for him. At 15 he attended Dr. Timothy Leary's lectures on LSD. He turned against the establishment and left high school a month before graduation to join Dr. Leary's group, The League of Spiritual Deliverance, in Arizona.

After "tripping" on "acid" for several months, a disillusioned Jerry found himself in New York City. He started "shooting speed"

and involved himself in a form of demon worship. After much studying, Jerry reached the office of high priest. Often he practiced the magic circle—a summoning of demons for a person's own interests. I counseled Jerry for some time and led him to Christ.

We must continually remind ourselves that for everything good that God has for man, the devil has a counterfeit. He substitutes lust for love, pleasure for joy, and demonic power for divine power. He desires to possess the hearts of men as God does.

Utmost in illustration of this counterfeit is Anthony LaVey and his satanic church in California. They are a group of people totally given over to Satan. Dressed in black, they worship and sing to their king, Lucifer.

These are outstanding cases, of course. But we can bring it down to our level by looking upon our society infiltrated by the devil's gimmicks: fortune telling, handwriting analysis, ouija boards, horoscopes, etc. Innocent young people play with these "games," not realizing what power lies behind them.

One young lady, Clara, who stayed at the Teen Challenge center, is a classic example. She accompanied her addict husband who was going through the rehabilitation program. It wasn't long before we realized the wife had serious problems, too. Clara always had the terrifying feeling that something was in the room with her and several times she saw a form in the mirror. She was sure she was losing her mind and tried to commit suicide.

After my parents, my wife, and I counseled with her, we realized it all stemmed back to contacts with spirits through a ouija board. Clara had opened herself to the spirit world. Although she kept reassuring us that she did not believe in the ouija board, she had nonetheless opened the door to the enemy through this contact. It is by our will and volition that we open the door to Satan. Be assured that he will enter.

We have considered the forces of Satan. Now we will turn our attention to the omnipotent power of God. Prophecy indicates clearly that in the last days many will "give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils," but prophecy also indicates that God will pour out His Spirit on all flesh. The prophet Joel proclaimed that there would be a renewal of the supernatural manifested in visions and prophecy and a great moving of the Spirit of God in the last days.

In Philadelphia I saw the changes that God brought in lives which had been twisted and tormented by drug addiction and demonic possession. The only protective power against the powers of darkness is the fulness of the Holy Spirit and the touch of God on our lives.

The person whose life is controlled by the supernatural power which is from the Throne of God will leave an impact upon this world.

“Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”—Ephesians 6:11-12.

“Behold, I give unto you power . . . over all the power of the enemy . . .”—Luke 10:19

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# Missionary Messenger

*“Greater things for God”*

Michio Suzuki

Ibaraki-Ken, Japan

February 14.

This home, “Children’s Home”, began as an orphanage twenty-four years ago, supported by O. D. Bixler, Mr. Dean Bixler’s father. About two hundred have gone through the home and out into the world, now working for the good of fellow-men. At present time there are sixty children in the home, ranging from two to eighteen years of age. They lead a happy life with God’s love and blessing and your love. I’ll use your gift for children’s “Happiness.”

They are: school children, 25; Junior high school, 20; High school, 2; and infants, 13. Although deserted by their parents, they are growing and healthy. They study about God, attend Sunday school, Bible classes and services. Even the infants are able to sing hymns quite well. We guide them to become nice people.

Elaine Brittell

Livingstone, Zambia

April 7.

Titus had had malaria Monday and was in the hospital overnight. After three injections, he is home again and feeling well. Today he, Timothy, Danny and BaAllie are digging our peanuts. The Lord has bountifully blessed the crop so there will be bags to share with others. The Lord just now sent several hard rains, so the ground is very soft for digging.

Keep praying for the coming Vacation Bible Schools. We teachers need to be filled with the spirit of Jesus so as to speak the words needed to touch the hearts of the students to know God and seek to do His will.

David and Dora Brown

Salisbury, Rhodesia

April 5.

We had wonderful meetings here yesterday. At Waterfalls Bro. and Sis. Mengel were immersed. You met them the night you were at Waterfalls. Their stand and expression of faith in Christ brought great joy to our hearts, and the Lord's presence was very evident in our gathering. Remember to pray for them that they may grow in the Lord whom they love, and that Satan will not be able to trip them up at all.

My mother and father will soon be returning to Rhodesia. They only have a little over a week left now, I believe. It's nice for them to visit over there, and I hope you have been able to have a good visit with them.

George Galanis

Athens, Greece

April 11.

Praise the Lord our missionary activities have the seal of the blessings of God. This is the testimony of many believers that watch our labors. The Church that the Lord used us to start six years ago is growing steadily. I am still the pastor there until the Lord will raise up somebody else to replace me.

Our new Bible Hall is wonderful. The Lord is bringing more and more new souls to hear the good tidings of His grace. Now our audience has surpassed the demarcation line of one hundred. Sometimes we have around 150 precious souls on Thursday evening. Please pray for me to preach the gospel with the power of the Holy Spirit.

We have deposited in the bank here the amount of \$2,133 for the car. Praise the Lord we are getting close to the amount needed to purchase it!

Thomas W. Hartle

Cape Town, South Africa

April 12.

We rejoice that on the morning of March 21 many here witnessed a Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Beastley being baptized into Christ. How few husbands and wives in this world of ours would consider and have the courage to pledge allegiance to Christ and decide to walk hand in hand, not only in the flesh but now in Christ, praise the Lord.

These two souls have been the result of filmstrip classes conducted in their home by our Bro. Manuel and our Bro. Nockie. This is but one of the many homes where this medium of film strip lessons is being extensively carried out here in the Peninsula. With patience we look forward to many more results as these. Our cottage meeting scheduled list is almost filled up for the months of April, May, and June 1971, most of them being new homes, among which are the homes of patients who have been discharged from the chest hospital, where I have been conducting services for the last five years this coming May.

Our second series of gospel meetings for 1971 has been scheduled from the 3rd to the 9th of May, with a guest speaker on the theme, "Man's Response to Christ," with a different topic each night.

Our attendances on Lord's day mornings are commendable, when we consider that many of the members are aged and afflicted, and the distance they have to travel by buses and trains. The Lord has blessed their zeal and their love for Him.

## NEWS AND NOTES

"They rehearsed all that God had done with them . . ."

**Highview Church:** Rally Day fell on Easter Sunday this year. We went over our goal of 200 with a total of 230. 251 turned out for the worship service. The Highview chorus sang the cantata, "Were You There?" Six came forward to rededicate their lives to Christ and two were buried with Him in baptism—Janet Borden and Mrs. Wilma Noller. The chorus was invited to Buechel on Sunday night to sing the same message.

On April 18 Mrs. Jean Collins placed her membership with us and Mrs. Dorothy Stout made the good confession and was baptized. On April 25 four more placed membership with us—Mr. Jim Cook, Miss Janet Higgs, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edds. Mrs. Betty Simpson was also buried with her Lord in baptism. We thank God for these blessings on His work in this place.

The date for Vacation Bible School is June 21-July 2.

Highview's offering for April 11 was sent to the Tafara Mission Building Fund in Salisbury, Rhodesia . . . the SCC Chorus sang at Highview on May 16 on their return from their spring tour through the South.

**Buechel Church:** Mrs. Ann McPherson was baptized at the church on Wednesday afternoon, February 17.

The young adult class (married couples through age 35) began a new series of discussions on March 14. The Bible-related topics are "Around Contemporary Issues." Some of the topics discussed are therapeutic abortion, the ecumenical movement, modesty, and church music. This is not a lecture type class, but it is completely class discussions.

A class for the smaller children began Wednesday night, March 10. Betty Anne Sanders teaches the class. Parents, you are encouraged to bring your children, ages 4-9. Many will be the blessings for your children if you will encourage them to participate.

Bro. Harding McCaleb spoke for the Sunday morning worship recently. Bro. McCaleb is the brother of Mrs. John Glenn and it is always a treat for us when he comes to Louisville for a visit.

A short retreat is being planned for the entire family at Woodland Bible Camp in Dugger, Indiana. It will begin at the noon meal on May 13, and end with the noon meal on May 15. Work and expenses will be shared by all. Go prepared to discuss "Our Responsibility to Israel." The program will not be planned in detail. The purpose is to allow the Holy Spirit to direct the time.

**Rangeland Church:** Mr. and Mrs. Marty Coughlin and Jenny Wiese became children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, having been baptized into Christ.

Tommy Bradshaw became a child of God April 18.

Our "new" larger bus is on the premises, and is being repaired and will be in service soon, Lord willing. People are showing appropriate interest in donations and in offering to help work on the bus. Thanks to some of our friends elsewhere who made contributions!

**Kentucky Ave Church:** March was a good month for the Kentucky Ave. church. There were two baptisms

and three rededications. Our attendance at all meetings was encouraging and many seem to be growing in enthusiasm for the Lord. On March 21 we began our Bible School Attendance Campaign to have 200 present for six Sundays. We haven't made it yet but we are working and hoping and praying for a great harvest here.

**Jeffersontown Church:** Elizabeth L. Settles became a child of God by faith in Jesus Christ last Sunday, being buried with Christ in baptism at the close of the morning services. We rejoice in this one's being born anew into the family of God.

**Brandon Church:** Our fellowship dinner which is usually held on the first Sunday of the month was postponed until the second Sunday, May 9. We were honored and pleased to be visited by the Southeastern Christian College choir on that day.

Bro. Brown spoke at the evening service recently... The Greers received a letter from the Forcades in California in which they stated they are in fairly good health. They will soon be leaving for Wichita Falls, Texas for a meeting.

**Gallatin Church:** We rejoice at the decisions of Bonnie Geraldine and James C. Johnson to accept Christ. These young people, children of the Mack Johnsons, were immersed into Christ.

Those who were present at the service Sunday morning, Feb. 21, were aware of the three new additions to our congregational family as they came forward for presentation of their baptismal certificates and copies of the Bible. For those who were not able to be present we take this opportunity to introduce them to you. Persie Kuykendall (Perky) accepted the Lord on Wednesday and was baptized late Wednesday night. Sam and Pat O'Koon were immersed into Christ on Friday night of last week. They and their two little ones have been with us now for several weeks and they have demonstrated a sincere interest in the Christian faith and a real desire to have a Christian home. This conversion to Christ is a particularly big step for Sam because of his Jewish upbringing and training. As we told the congregation, we rejoice that, as Paul says, "The Lord has called from both Jews and Gentiles those who will heed His Word

and has made from them just Christians."

Brother Kim Sei Bok informs us that another person accepted Christ and was baptized into Him last Sunday. She is Mrs. Charles Byrne. We are happy to see this additional fruit.

Friday, March 5, we were hosts to the annual community World Day of Prayer Service in our auditorium. Sister Mae Broaddus, wife of Brother Victor Broaddus, was the guest speaker.

The dates for our Youth Camp at Southeastern Christian College will be as follows: Junior Week beginning July 4 and Senior Week beginning July 11.

#### **Ketcherside at Highland Church**

W. Carl Ketcherside, editor of *Mission Messenger*, will be at Highland Church of Christ in Louisville June 7-11. The theme of his addresses is "Changed Lives in a Changing World." In addition to speaking each evening (at 7:30), he will conduct an open forum each morning at 10 o'clock (June 8-11).

**Eugene Pound**, of Linton, Ind., is scheduled for a series of meetings at Southside Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas. Dates: June 6-13.

**Portland Avenue Church:** One was baptized at Portland recently and two, a mother and son, came for membership.

The PCHS baccalaureate sermon is to be preached May 30 at Portland. Graduation exercises will follow on June 4.

First graders with Miss Joyce Overman in charge, had their exercises on Tuesday, May 11. The same evening at an earlier hour the men had their regular monthly business meeting and the ladies had theirs. Both of these adult meetings had been postponed a week. Sister Irene Allen from Anchorage spoke to the ladies and gave an inspiring message from the word of God. Afterward she answered questions about their isolated work in Alaska.

**Lexington, Ky.:** Billy Ray Lewter, present minister at Cramer & Hanover, preached at the Antioch church from April 12-21. One child responded for the new birth and interest was good. He is to hold a meeting at Ebenezer from August 1 to August 8.