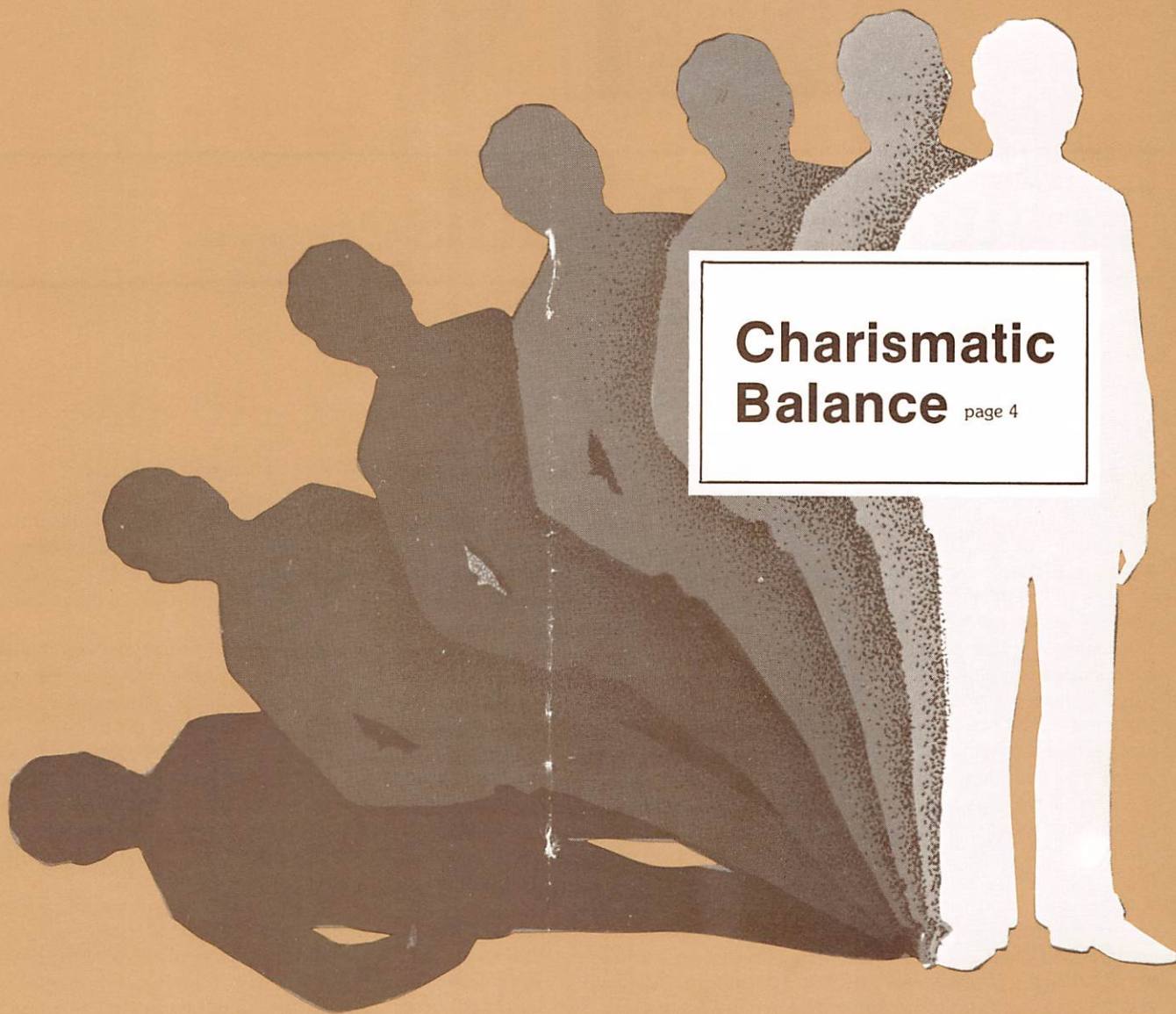


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Trouble in Paradise

by Irvin W. Ellis

Getting away from it all seems to be the secret ambition of every bored business man. He fondly imagines that an escape to some tranquil and enchanted South Sea isle is all that is needed to dissolve all of his problems and difficulties. Just to get away from the crowding walls of his office, and the boring, dull and monotonous routine of his slavery would make him free . . . FREE! Or so he thinks!!

However, it takes more than a panorama of blue-green waters, iridescent hues of tropical foliage, flecks of fleecy clouds nestling on the mountain tops, all bathed in perpetual sunshine to give you release from the conflicts that plague all members of a sinful race. No matter where you are . . . surrounded by the beauty of the Indonesian isle of Bali, or basking in the ideal climate of Hawaii, the Paradise of the Pacific . . . you will be confronted with the same inner tensions and pounding pressures that are part of our so-called "civilized" work-a-day world.

A traveller returning from a visit to Bali wrote an article on the restlessness, uncertainty and deep dissatisfaction prevalent in the island paradise. This proves that is is not necessarily the place we may be in, no matter how ideal it may be, but our heart attitudes that determine whether we shall be happy . . . and no one can be supremely happy whose heart is not in right relationship with God.

The universality of this inner unrest was recognized by the divine commentary, which is secretly seconded by those who know the tragedy of Christless living, "the wicked are like the troubled sea when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace

saith my God to the wicked" (Isaiah 57:20,21).

If you were carried bodily into heaven, just as you are right now, you would undoubtedly be most miserable. You would feel out of place and extremely uncomfortable. Why? Because you would miss almost everything that you are attached to here on earth since most of these things would be missing in heaven.

Yet you would probably answer, if asked, "I would like to go to heaven." Or, "I hope to go to heaven." Only an individual that does most of his thinking between his nose and his chin would ever say, "I want to go to hell."

But unless your heart attitude has been radically changed so that you love the things of God and care little for the things of the world; unless you have been "born again" through the work of the Holy Spirit, you are utterly unprepared to go to heaven, and you would be absolutely miserable if you could go there as you are.

You will find your search for an earthly paradise to be just like a mirage in the desert which will dissolve as you draw near to it, or like the sparkle on the bubble which will snap with the slightest touch. Yet, all is not hopeless, for you can enter into a "personal paradise" through a personal relationship with Christ Who promised, "Behold I make all things new" (Rev. 21:15).

As a member of God's family (John 1:12; 3:3,7), and a new creature (or creation) in Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 5:17), you will then be able to fully appreciate the beauty and wonders of God's creative Hand.



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Charismatic Balance

Catholic Pentecostals! Pentecostal Catholics! Neo-Pentecostals! Charismatics! These and other titles characterize the fastest growing churches of the western world today. I say the fastest growing churches because the charismatic experience has infiltrated the historic churches as well as the evangelical churches, which at one time held anything smacking of Pentecostalism as error and even as "of the devil." What is the story behind this? What is the future of it?

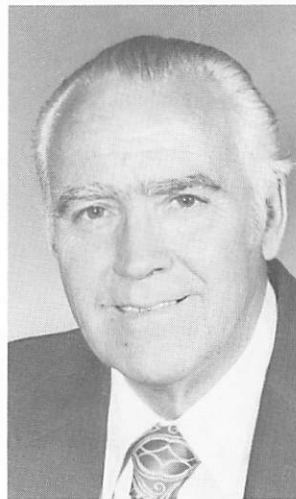
Biblical Experience

The Pentecostal experience and the manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit (the charisma) is not of recent or new appearance. It dates back to the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2) when the Apostles and other disciples obediently waited for "the promise of the Father" (Luke 24:49), that Jesus said would fortify them for His service. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has 'come upon you' were His words of instruction in part (Acts 1:8). The Father was faithful, the Son was honored and the Spirit came in empowering, enabling and inspiring grace upon the waiting 120 souls that glorious day of the activating of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Two Spirit Baptisms

The disciples had already received their baptism **into** the body and Church of Christ on the evening of the first resurrection day. Christ had then, in a closed room, appeared to them and, after quelling their fears, significantly breathed on them and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." who dare believe that they received anything more, less or else then the Holy Spirit as Jesus said? but this event on the Day of Pentecost was the day of outfitting the Church for its holy mission to the world "Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . ." This consisted of the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the outstanding sign of speaking in other tongues. This glo-

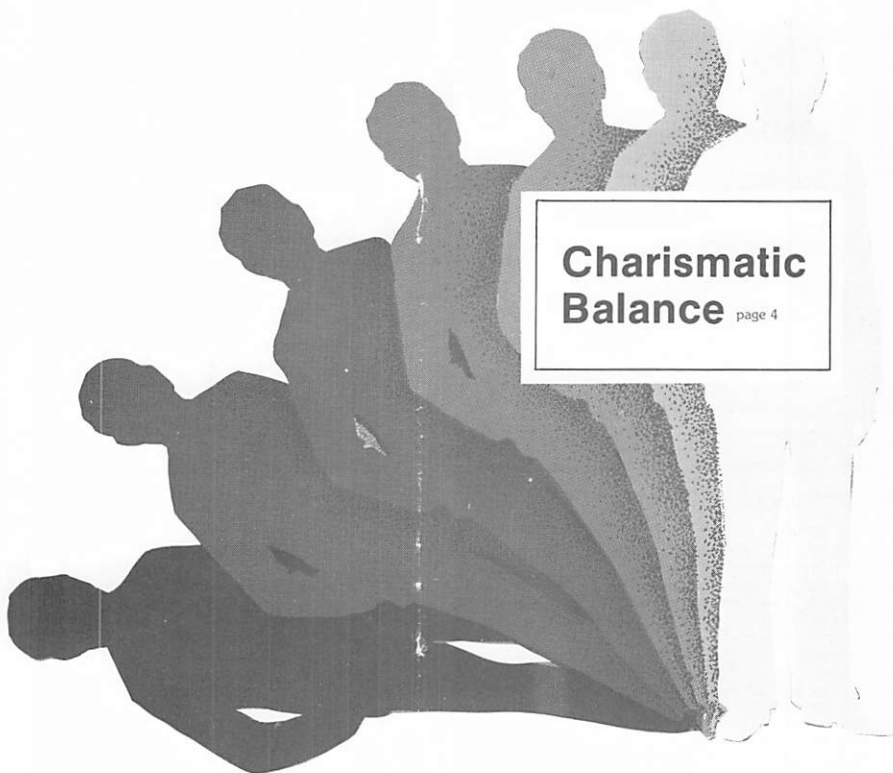
rious event brought forth criticism among many people in attendance at the Feast of Pentecost, drunkenness in the main. But to others the message was plain, they heard the "other tongues" as their own language and heard them speak "the wonderful works of God." No 'gibberish' here, just a paean of praise and recitation of the glory of God in power. Indeed it happened also at the house of Cornelius in Acts 10, where Peter and his friends knew Cornelius and his household had received this same gift of the Holy Ghost because "they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God." Indeed any manifestation of the Holy Ghost is given to magnify God and glorify Jesus Christ. If it falls short of this, human failure has interjected itself and needs the correction that the Bible so gently but firmly prescribes for our instruction.



by A.D. MARSHALL

First Charismatics

This is where the Charismatics got their start. Surely no one would be ashamed to be a Pentecostal or



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Charismatic when you have such names as Paul, Peter and John and the rest of the disciples as the first Charismatics. That's high class company, top soul winners, the greatest missionaries and church planters and the finest teaching teams in the world. Men throughout the 2 millennia of the Christian Church still legitimately seek this endowment of power and still find it. It is well known that Bible scholars have done their utmost, (and we must concede for the most part honestly) to relegate the Pentecostal experience into a "transitional period," that is until the fullness of the Word of God was come and the Canon of Scripture was complete. But no amount of rationalization nor Biblical exegesis can invalidate Peter's answer to the question asked by the people after Peter's sermon subsequent to the phenomena of Pentecost "What shall we do?" He stated the naked, self-evident truth from the Word of God "For the **promise** is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, and to as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39). Certainly that promise met the need of that generation and spanned time to the present generation, for I doubt not that the Lord is still calling people today and will continue to do until Jesus comes for all He has called.

Believer's Possession

This Pentecostal experience and the charisma was and is the possession of the Church of Jesus Christ. If you have a quarrel with this position your quarrel is with God, for He 'set' it all in the Church. As a doctrine it has more attention in the Book of Acts and the Epistles than water baptism. Tongues is mentioned far more than water, and the Apostle Paul is diligent to make correction of any abuses in his day that occurred. History attests the presence of the Pentecostal experience through her unblushing pages, however dim at times. We must confess that Charismatic groups are many times in the history books listed with the radical groups and painted as fanatics. I can't blame the bias of the historian for this altogether for in the main it is largely true. There are excesses that still haunt Pentecostalism and have become a scourge to the true expres-

sion of the charisma as given in the Word of God. Is the Bible not clear on the Corinthian excesses of its day? Where does this error come from today? Has history taught us anything?

Scriptures - Final Authority

Wrapped up in the tenets of true Pentecostalism is the criteria of the Word of God. The principles of the Grace of God and the Power of God are inherent and can never be violated. Jesus said "Thy Word is truth"; Paul said, "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God . . ." and the Psalmist said "Forever O Lord is thy word settled in heaven." Therefore it is the vehicle of all judgment. Every doctrine and every spirit manifestation is judged by the Word of God. Failure to do this will bring about church "mavericks" and groups that

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will not acknowledge the authority of the Word of God nor the government of the assembly. They accepted the "revelations" and "visions" -- and the vocal gifts which include prophecy, tongues and interpretation as their guide apart from the authority of the Bible. This is called "mysticism." While "mysticism" has produced a galaxy of saints in its own right but by reason of its own definition it has produced the "maverick."

The Zwickau Prophets of Luther's time are a robust example here. Luther knew what it was to "speak in tongues" and was not ashamed of it. But in no way would he tolerate these so-called "prophets" who were prophesying what he believed was contrary to the Word of God. He withstood them, ousted them from Wittenberg and later had to witness the "Muenster tragedy" that shook the religious thinking people of Europe. No one would doubt it was the spirit that led the Zwickau Prophets, but no

one doubts what spirit it was that led them. It was not the Spirit of God. For what the Word of God **affirms**, the Spirit of God **confirms**. If there is a contradiction in the two directives it is not the Word of God that is wrong.

Testimony of History

The Irvingites of the nineteenth century were Charismatics. Edward Irving was reputed by many to be Scotland's greatest preacher of his day. Certainly he was the peer of Thomas Chalmers. Both of them were God's choicest men sharing responsibilities in the great Presbyterian Church. For accepting charismatic principles Irving, in all good conscience, had to leave his beloved church, and the Catholic Apostolic Church was born. It was to be a dream church, a replica of a New Testament church replete with gifted men, offices and gifts of the Spirit in operation. Yet by 1910 the last of the 12 'Apostles' had died and the Catholic Apostolic Church as a force was no more.

We have seen the duplicate of this in our own generation to the hurt people of God rather their edification. I have seen two Pentecostal Bible Schools disappear, because of charismatic abuse and lack of correction in the school. However, let me repeat and be equally as clear and positive. While we can cite the obvious abuse of God's choice gifts to His Church, that is no reason for discarding the real thing. I do not neglect to preach salvation because there are some apparent 'mavericks.' The truth of salvation is still Biblical. Just so with the Baptism of the Spirit. It must be preached and practiced. I'm sure Paul, Peter and Barnabas would feel at home in our Pentecostal meetings. If not, we had better look to ourselves under the searchlight of truth.

Tongues Without Christ

What of our Charismatic movement today? If by the Charismatic movement we designate Pentecost in its broader sense, Pentecost will continue to grow and grow as it adheres to revealed truth. If you mean Charismatics in the sense of the Neo-Pentecost, or the Charismatic Catho-

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lic, then the answer is more complex. I have read books of testimonials of men and women who have had the Pentecostal experience. They have spoken in other tongues in a rapturous ecstasy of joy. Some have mentioned a 'born again' experience with its attendant peace and happiness prior to their Pentecostal experience, while others have never mentioned salvation in their life. Jesus Christ does not feature in some lives at all, but 'tongues' do. Under these circumstances there must be the true and false charismatic experience. New converts to this Pentecostal experience remain in their churches in an effort to revive that church and win others. The ecumenical craze is rampant and where rallies are held they are usually very large and well attended. In Kansas City over 50,000 attended and reports were nothing short of phenomenal. The unity of the Spirit again was uppermost, and this brought unity of people. Where will this road lead to? Where can it lead to in the light of a so-called infallible Head and an infallible Church. The Mass, as such, remains the greatest insult to the finished work of Christ. The Roman Church can retract nothing or the very fabric of its make-up will collapse. How can unity be obtained under such circumstances?

The Spirit of Truth

Since Vatican II, the Ecumenical Council called by Pope John XXIII in 1963, Rome has wanted to welcome back the 'separated brethren.' It is possible that Rome will try to use this to further her own aggrandizement? Should this be so every Child of God will have to come out and separate themselves from her. 'Semper Idem' remains the motto of the Church, and the hierarchy of that same august body readily reminds the world that they cannot and will not change. Outwardly there may be semblances of a move in this direction but the 'small print' remains the same. It is like Menachin Begin of Israel and

Anwar Sadat of Egypt who, at the time of this writing, appear like an immovable object meeting an irresistible force. The truth must and will move on. The Spirit of God will not do less than finish the work of Jesus Christ in the Church that is called by His name, which is His Body composed of every believer in Him Whose name is Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. But the Spirit of God is the Spirit of Truth and as such flows with truth not in error.

The Third Force

The Charismatic movement apart from the established Pentecostal testimony of the past 70 years, could be the instrument of spending much of the energy of the "Third Force" as Henry Van Dusen called the supernatural growth of the Pentecostal Church in this century. Let us not be negligent to thank God for all the pluses we have received in the flood of the Neo-Charismatic Movement. There has been a genuine move godward. Souls have been moved heavenward, Catholic souls as well as Protestant souls. They have sought and found God in a real and wonderful way and found Him to be all they wanted in a vibrant life sufficient for living day by day. The Acts of the Holy Spirit are precious in their practice of life, not just a precept of their theology. They have reached the lost in their zeal by every means at their disposal.

Beware of Extremes

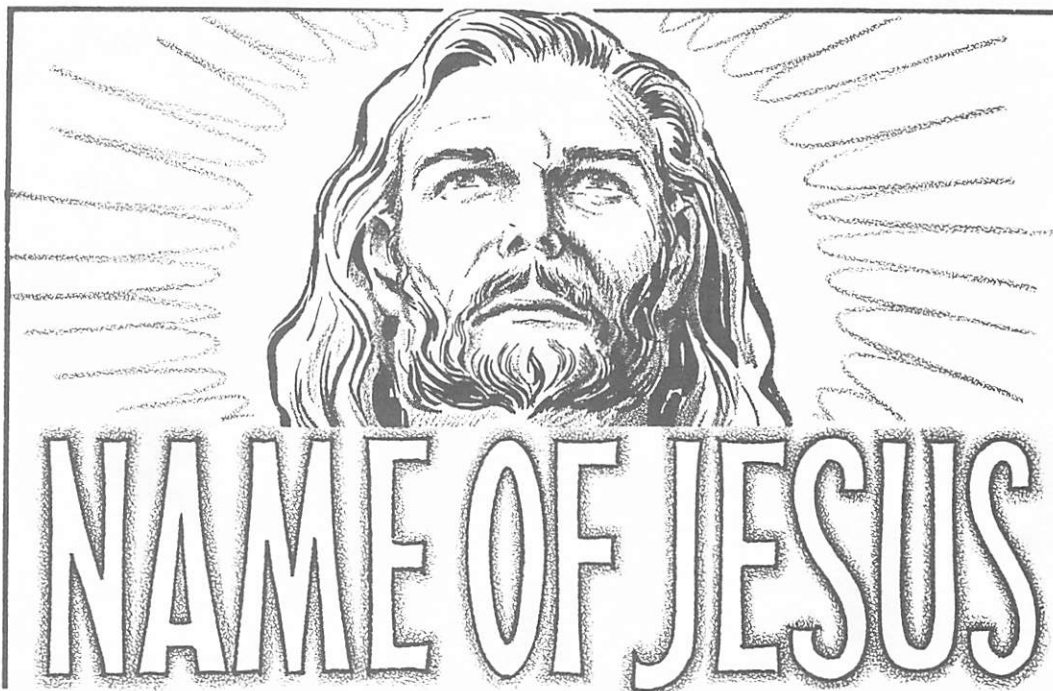
But with all this enviable zeal for what they sincerely believe, there is the constant danger of over-emphasis

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of one principle of the Word of God to the neglect of another equally as important. This can lead to a 'spending' of the "Third Force." I speak of the vaunted boast of Charismatics to gaining ground in the cause of the so-called "unity of the Church." The boast of unity because of the Spirit is one thing and a good thing admittedly. But true unity is only admissible on the grounds of established truth. There are many who claim that this is the difference between the 'head' and the 'heart.' If we can only get the heart flowing together (the Spirit) then we will get the head (doctrine) in place later. It was Jesus Who was responsible for these words so meaningful and pointing the way to our problem here: "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life" (John 6:63). I do not expect the fullness of the flow of the Spirit no matter what the circumstances may be unless there is the standard of truth in Christ Jesus. Where truth is being preached and upheld in its fullness there can be sensed the moving of the Spirit of God. Under such preaching the Spirit of God is unfettered and unhindered and can do His mighty works to the glory and praise of Jesus Christ. Without question Paul said, "and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty" (II Cor. 3:17).

Contend for Truth

While we recognize there have been extravagances precipitated by fleshly desires, and ignorance of the Word of God, we must never desert the Gospel nor abdicate our position on the power of God, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and His gifts to gifted men which He sets in the Church. "And God hath set some in the Church. . ." (I Cor. 12:18,28). Happy is the church that recognizes these gifted men and their gifts. What power! What zeal! What edification, comfort and exhortation! What joy to have the Spirit of God moving freely in your midst! That church is alive for the Spirit of God is a living Spirit, the Personal Director of all true charisma to His people. To "desire earnestly the best gifts" exercised through the eminently excellent way of love is intensely Biblical and will bring to the practicing church every evidence of the power of God in her midst.†



"God has highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name." Phil. 2:9.

by **ROBERT S. McIVOR**

When God revealed Himself to Moses in the burning bush, He revealed His Name YHWH or Jehovah. Exodus 3:14, "I am that I am" or "I will be what I will be." There is no evidence that the name had been in existence before Moses' time, but its full significance was not understood. Unlike other names which were based on His works, this is His plain, His proper name. In its revelation to Moses and Israel, it speaks of God's eternity, His presence, and His Covenant faithfulness to Israel.

In the Decalogue of Exodus 20, it is warned that "thou shalt not take the name of Jehovah thy God in vain for Jehovah will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain." The N.E.B. clarifies that expression "take in vain" when it translates "You shall not make wrong use of the name of Jehovah your God; Jehovah will not leave unpunished the man who misuses his name." The abuse or misuse of the name Jehovah was answerable by divine punishment.

In fact, in Deut. 28:58, that name is called this glorious and fearful name. The N.E.B. translates it "dreaded" and the R.S.V. as "awful."

In Leviticus 24, the name of Jehovah is used wrongfully and Moses orders that death is the penalty for such misuse of the divine name. In that chapter, please look up verses 11 and 16. In the K.J.V. it shows "the name of the Lord" but note carefully that "of the Lord" are in italics and form no part of the original Hebrew. Consult the R.S.V. where it is translated without addition as simply "the name." In verse 11, it relates "the Israelite woman's son blasphemed the Name, and cursed." In verse 16, "the sojourner as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death."

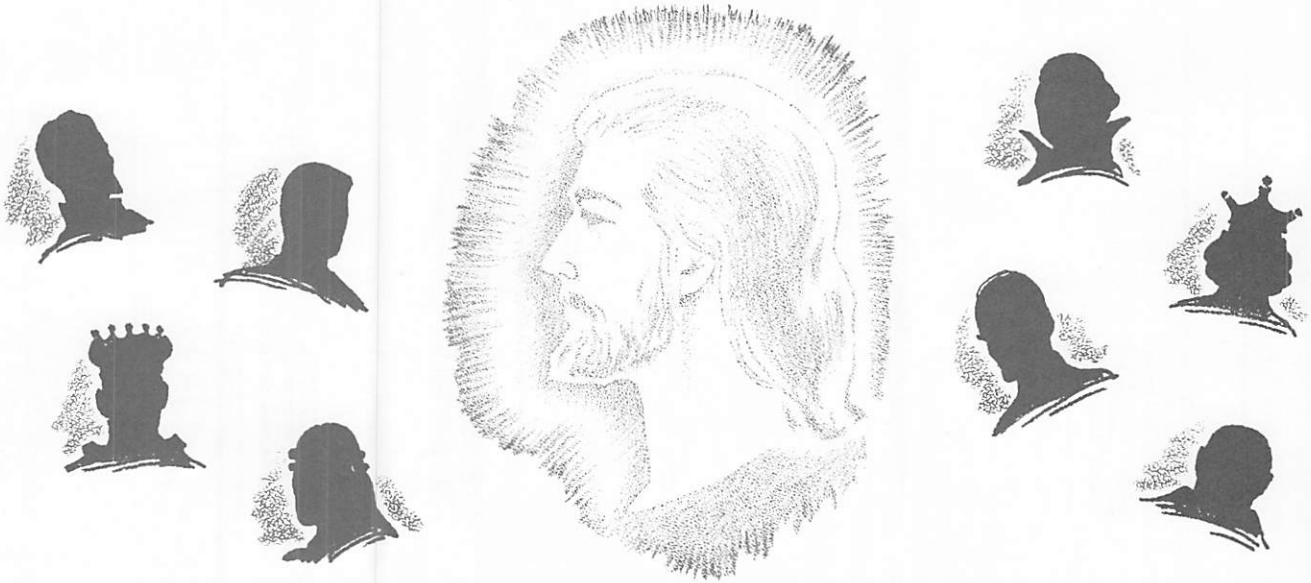
The name Jehovah is found 6,823 times in the Old Testament, but such dread was attached to the Name that other Hebrew words were substituted for it, such as Adonai, Elohim, etc. This was done to avoid the possibility of misusing the Name, or using it wrongfully. It was clearly considered to be God's Name par excellence. Isaiah 42:8 "I am Jehovah, that is my name..." Psalm 83:18 "whose name alone is Jehovah." Isaiah 43:10 "...before me there was no god formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am Jehovah; and beside me there is no saviour."

Nathan J. Stone, a Hebrew Christian, in his book "Names of God" in page 19 says "So holy and sacred was that name (Jehovah) to them that they feared to pronounce it. Perhaps that fear was based on Moses injunction that they should not profane that name Jehovah (Lev. 24:16); but to this day the name Jehovah is never read in the synagogue nor uttered by this people, the word Adonai being substituted for it and by many simply a word

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HOME AT LAST - Rev. T.S. Austring, pioneer preacher of former years went home to glory on Monday, April 10. He was 91 years old. His funeral was held in the Full Gospel Church in Swift Current on Friday.

Beware of False Messiahs



A Pentecostal Teacher and Theologian Outlines Criteria for Discerning Between the True Messiah and False Teachers and Prophets

by R.O. CORVIN

The term messiah is derived from the Greek word "Christos" and means the "one anointed," or the one appointed and empowered by God through His Spirit to become the Savior of His people

On Tuesday of passion week, Jesus, at the close of his very busy day, led His disciples away from the temple across the Kidron Valley and up the western slope of the Mount of Olives. He stopped quite near the place where He formerly taught his disciples to pray, "Our Father who art in heaven," and responded on this occasion to the questions put to Him by His inquisitive disciples. His answers to their questions are recorded in Matthew, chapters 24 and 25.

One of the sharp warnings that Jesus gave to His disciples was related to a severe danger of their being deceived by two prominent and sensational classes of religious leaders, the false prophets and the false messiahs.

The terms had various shades of

meaning from the time of Moses to Jesus. Moses became a messiah of Israel from Egyptian bondage. The early prophets, Elijah and Elisha, were also deliverers. Elijah saved his people from Baalism, and Elisha protected Israel from the armies of Syria.

The cord of messianic hope ran through most books of the Old Testament, through the post-exilic period, through the Hasmonean age, through the Sibylline literature, through the Enoch literature, through the Book of Jubilees and the Psalms of Solomon.

When Christ finally came, the rabbis were looking for a political messiah who would break the yoke of Rome. The Samaritans were expecting a wisdom messiah who would tell them all things. The Pharisees were anticipating a king messiah who would prove his messiahship by unusual signs and wonders.

When the preexistent Christ came in the flesh, Gabriel said, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt.

1:21). When He was born, the angels assembled and glorified God (Luke 2:13). When wise men came, they looked upon Him as the King of the Jews (Matt. 2:2). When Simeon saw him, he confessed that his eyes had seen the Lord's salvation (Luke 2:30). Nathanael confessed him as a king of Israel and as Son of God (John 1:49). And Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16).

Christ called for men to follow Him, to be like Him, to imitate Him by doing what He did and obeying what He taught. One is to magnify Christ in word, in thought, and in deed. Paul believed that He was crucified with Christ, yet Christ was alive within him.

The line of demarcation between Christ and the antichrist, between the true Messiah and the pseudomessiah is so thin that it cannot be easily or quickly distinguished. The goal is often the same, and the methods of attaining it are similar. Both make use of spiritual dynamics. Both operate

within the realm of the metaphysical. Both claim the authority of divine power. Both perform signs, wonders, and miracles. Both appeal to the masses and both create sensational excitement. This is why it is so difficult to distinguish between the true and the false, the real and the spurious.

Jesus recognized the difficulty of distinguishing between the two when he gave His message on the Mount of Olives. He said, "If any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; *believe it not*. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold he is in the desert; go not forth: behold he is in the secret chambers; *believe it not*" (Matt. 24:23-26).

Jesus warned the elect, the true believers, not to be deceived. Twice He advised them to "believe it not." This admonition to "believe it not" (Matt. 24:23-26) was given for the benefit of the elect as a warning against the pseudochrists and the false prophets who engage in performing great signs and wonders.

For the elect to reject the claims of the pseudomessiah and expose as false his signs and wonders and believe them not, it is necessary for them to have a discerning scale of value judgements.

To assist the true and honest believer in his retaining the good and rejecting the evil, the following criteria of evaluation are submitted:

Criteria for Detecting the True Messiah

1. He is ETERNAL. Christ the true Messiah has been, is now, and ever shall be eternally existing. There has never been a point before time, in the beginning of time, or after the beginning of time that He had a beginning. There was not when He was not. He has always been.
2. He was CREATOR. Before the beginning and in the beginning Christ was. By Him were all things made that were made, and without Him was not anything made that was made.
3. He was PREEXISTENT. He appeared between creation and His carnation. To Moses He said, "I am that I am." To the Jews He said, "Before Abraham was, I am." He appeared to Moses in the burning bush, to the Hebrews as

the Passover angel, to Joshua as the captain of the Lord's host, and to the Hebrew children in the fiery furnace as the fourth man.

4. He was INCARNATE. In the fullness of time God gave His Son, whose coming was announced by prophets and angels. He was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. God became man and Spirit united with flesh. The Son of God with all divine prerogatives became the Son of man with all human characteristics. Infinity became finite, yet remained infinite. Omnipotence became mighty, yet remained almighty. Omnipresence became centralized while filling all the universe. Omniscience in Christ held all wisdom, while Jesus grew and increased in wisdom. Eternity without beginning or ending came to begin, yet had no ending because He filled eternity eternally. There was when Jesus was not, but there was not when Christ was not. Christ became Jesus the incarnate Messiah.
5. He is the SAVIOR. Gabriel said to Mary, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." He is the one and only mediator between God and man. All men are lost through Adam's fall and their own transgressions. Potentially, all men may be saved through His death and their faith in His atonement. Through whatever source God reveals His grace, whether by the heavens, by human conscience, by the processes of nature, by moral law or by the revealed, the recorded, the spoken or the unspoken Word of God, regardless of one's race, or culture, or religion; if that revelation makes known to man the saving power of God, then that grace is the revelation of Jesus Christ the only Savior and Messiah. It is a revelation of His name which is the only name given whereby men may be saved. Jesus is the name because He is the Christ. His name is His person, His spirit, His word, His truth, His sufferings, His forgiveness, His death, His blood, His resurrection, His ascension, His atonement, and His second return. He is the Savior, and there is no other.
6. He is LORD. His name is above every other name and at His name every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is the Christ to the glory of God. There is one faith and one Lord. The honor of Lordship is His by right of His divine person and work in creation, by right of His humanity as the second Adam and Son of David, and by right of His redemptive grace as the Lamb of God and victor over sin and death. Thomas said, "My Lord," and John hailed Him as Lord of lords. Saul asked, "Who art thou, Lord," and finding out, he submitted to His orders forever.

7. He is the REVELATION OF GOD. What Jesus is like is what God is like. He who knows and loves Jesus, knows and loves God. What Jesus said and did is what the Father says and does. The heavens reveal God as infinite and glorious. The laws of nature reveal God as accurate and powerful. The human conscience reveals God as moral and just. Jesus reveals God in all aspects of His divine prerogatives. Look at Jesus and see the essence of the Father. Jesus reveals God as the Father of compassion, love, and justice. The Father reveals Jesus as the Messiah, Savior, and Son.
8. He is the WORD OF GOD. In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh to make God's life and light clear to man.
9. He is the WORK OF GOD. By Him all things were made. Without Him nothing was created that was created. He upholds the universe and sustains all the laws of nature by His Word of power. He makes peace between offensive man and offended God. He established the church, walks amid its members, and will present them transparently clean before the Father. He combats evil, and through His redemption, all wickedness will be crushed beneath His feet.
10. He is the MASTER. Storms of the night submit to His word. the law of gravity does not pull His feet beneath the water. At his command, Legion departs from the demoniac, leprosy looses its hold on the living dead, incurable diseases vanish, and life returns to the deceased. And He teaches with authority and not as the scribes and Pharisees.
11. He is the RESURRECTION. He laid down His life. He took it up again. He restored to life the daughter of Jairus, the widow's son at Nain, and Lazarus of Bethany who had been dead four days. But these were still mortal. Each died again. Jesus was crucified, dead, and buried. On the third day He arose again in a resurrected and glorified body. He projected His death and resurrection as ultimate and absolute proof that His authority and claims were true. If he did not arise, then He is a false messiah. In such a case, He would have been guilty of blasphemy and worthy of death. But, thank God, he arose, and His claims are true. His authority is established and He is the true Messiah.
12. He honors the WILL OF GOD as supreme in all of His decision making. The life of Jesus was consumed with a passion to do His Father's will. In His supreme test He cried, "Father, if it by thy will, let this cup pass from me, nevertheless not my will, but, thine be done."

Criteria For Detecting The Pseudomessiah

1. The pseudomessiah is egocentric where-

as the true believer is Christ-centric. The pseudomessiah spends his time and energies promoting himself and cultivating his spiritual pride. He so pre-sents his message that one sees him more clearly than one sees Christ. The pseudomessiah holds first position, and Jesus Christ becomes subservient and secondary.

2. The pseudomessiah lives under a delusion of grandeur. He is a megalomaniac. His mental condition does not allow for the little and ordinary things of life. He has to be the first in competition and the greatest in accomplishments.
3. The pseudomessiah has a delusion of persecution. When his grandiose plans fail, he never feels personally responsible for his own failure. There is always in his mind someone who is against him and who opposes him.
4. The pseudomessiah has a god complex. He assumes the role of a god by claiming that he hears the voice of God. He places himself beyond reason or Scripture. He disregards the judgment and rights of others and wins all arguments by hiding behind the claim, "God told me," even though the voice of God that he claims to hear is often contradictory and unscriptural.
5. The pseudomessiah surrounds himself with inferior persons who become "yes men" for the sake of security. They lose their identity in his fame and become submissive defenders of his decisions.
6. The pseudomessiah always projects and supports a credible cause that is

acceptable to his supporting constituency even though his personal motive is carefully concealed and completely diverse. Here he plays the double role of a "wolf in sheep's clothing," a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. He turns his pleasant and compassionate personality toward the wealthy naive, the physically sick, and the emotionally starved. He shows unusual interest in the lonely rich and gives special help to elderly women in the field of financial investments.

7. He engages in the sensational by claiming in God's name to perform signs, wonders, and miracles. Jesus spoke of these in His Sermon on the Mount. "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). The next two verses are from the Phillips translation: "In 'that day' many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord didn't we preach in your name, and do many great things in your name? Then I shall tell them plainly: I have never known you. Go away from me; you have worked on the side of evil'" (Matt. 7:22,23).
8. The pseudomessiah always engages in great schemes for fund-raising, which are usually tax-free, within the realm of the law, but beyond the scrutiny of the church or any other authority than himself. He hugs mammon closely to his bosom and revels in his inordinate love for gain. The antichrist will become the greatest pseudomessiah with the greatest commer-

cial program ever to be known.

9. The pseudomessiah discredits the church and minimizes its influence, diligently pointing out its weaknesses, its loss of prestige, and its loss of power (unless it is to his benefit to do otherwise), while he elevates himself and projects his own spiritual superiority.
10. The pseudomessiah is subject to quick and drastic changes in his course of action without regard to principle, the teachings of Scripture, or responsibility to those who support his cause. He is answerable only to his own superego, which he carefully projects to the public as the voice of God.
11. The pseudomessiah often attempts and accomplishes great things, but often produces great havoc in the church and the kingdom of God.
12. By his persuasive personality and his financial abilities, he gains popular acclaim from the nonreligious, from the pseudoreligious, and sometimes from the very elect.

There are political messiahs, Jewish messiahs, Roman Catholic messiahs, Historic Protestant messiahs and Pentecostal messiahs. And they may be men or women. Blessed is the man who distinguishes between the true Messiah and the pseudomessiah and follows Jesus Christ. This is what Saul of Tarsus did.†

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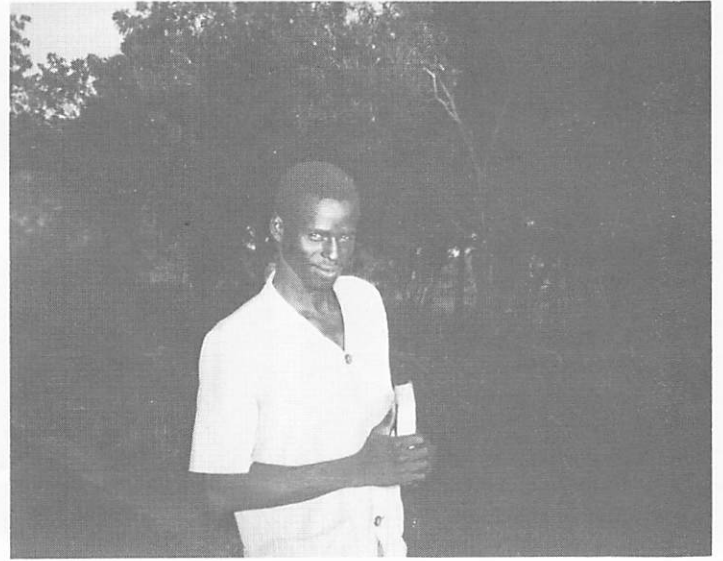
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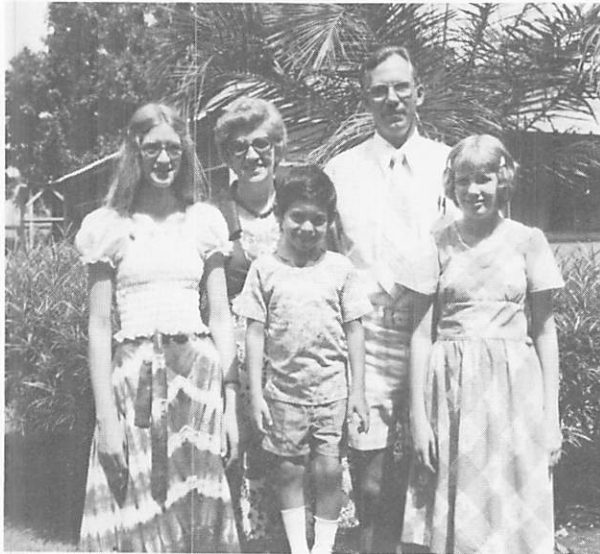
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The Eatons have been on the field this term since Dec. 15, 1974, were due home for furlough this past Dec., but asked for an extension because of the School year. They are due for furlough in July and will be making their home in Calgary, Alberta.

Travelling in Upper Volta

by DAVE EATON

*"The Lord addeth to the Church
daily such as should be saved"*

(Acts 2:47).

In my recent trips into some of our far flung villages, we are very mindful of this verse. Some of these villages are just too far away, over terrible roads, and we wonder, Lord, why do we have to go so far away when there are dozens of other villages closer? Well, the Lord moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform, so who are we, insignificant man, to question God's doings.

I would like to give you an idea of

the distance, and time involved to arrive at a village where we were recently. We leave Leo here at about 10:30 a.m. and travel mostly on the main road (which doesn't mean all that much out here). About 59 kilometers later we arrive at the pastors in time for dinner. After a good meal of rice, a hot red pepper sauce and chicken, we visit and plan the afternoon and evenings strategy. At about 3 p.m. the bicyclists leave, then about one-half an hour later we leave on two motorbikes. We travel another 10

kilometers, arriving at 5:30 p.m. After going through a form of greetings and salutations of shaking dozens of grimy hands, it is dark (about 6:30) and time to start the service. We had a very good meeting as the new Christians were strengthened and encouraged from God's word. In retracing my steps I finally arrived back home here at about 3 a.m. Needless to say I was tired in body, but I felt good in spirit knowing that God was moving by His spirit and I felt grateful to have a part in it.

25th Annual Conference of the Apostolic Church of Pentecost

by J.R. LAPKA

1978 marks a memorable year in the growth and advancement of the Apostolic message in Central Africa.

In this year, we will have completed 25 years as a Missionary Conference, and enter the 30th year since it all began.

The Conference which was held near Johannesburg, in the Republic of South Africa, and attended by all missionaries present on the field, was permeated with thoughts and lingering essence of those dear "Warriors of God," who traversed these bygone years with intrepid visions, dreams, and fulfillments,

that only they could relate.

And yet a newer, and fresh vision was impressed upon our lives as we turned our thoughts to the unknown future, for we are on the threshold of the coming of Jesus.

The Chairman of the Conference, Rev. L.E. Scheutz, challenged us in retrospect, and then behooved us to look into the future and thrust ourselves into the work as we have never done before.

The challenge was accepted with full commitment of every missionary; let's go forward, and expand the Kingdom for God, with God, and in His name.†

Blessing in Taiwan

The excitement of the long awaited visit by Brother and Sister Kosick did not end when they were welcomed at the Taipei airport by Brother and Sister Joseph Matson. This spirit of expectancy remained throughout their three week visit. It was our delight to have Mrs. Kosick accompany her husband abroad. The wonderful warm hospitality of the Chinese believers quickly assured the Kosicks that they were welcome.

Much prayer had gone before and truly the heavy anointing rested upon Brother Kosick throughout the three weeks in every service. Even though the message had to be channeled through two interpreters the anointing remained and rested upon everyone.

The highlight of the visit was the 20th anniversary meeting and the following three night services. After the anniversary service a full Chinese feast was served to the 175 present seated at one time, this was

served by the Assembly sisters at the Bible School grounds. This anniversary service will never be forgotten by one of our young men that has served in the work for seven years after Bible school graduation. Brother Chang was ordained into the full ministry. The second week was a "Bible Teaching-in-Depth" seminar for the near forty pastors that attended. The results of these stirring and anointed teaching sessions, for the church leaders, will have a long lasting and fruitful result.

During the third week Brother Kosick gave special attention to our many small country churches. The greatly persecuted stalwart believers greatly appreciated Brother Kosick's ministry and concern for their spiritual welfare. All of us on this island of 17 millions that were effected by this World Wide Evangelism will ever be grateful for this ministry.†

by J. MATSON

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CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Christian, give God a chance to give back to you. His admonition is, "... prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." The Revenue Dept. of our Federal Government allows Canadians to deduct 20% of their taxable income for charitable donations. If every Christian gave the 20% equivalent so as to be able to claim this deduction, or even gave the basic Old Testament 10% tithe, there would be "... meat in mine house ...", no "Levites" would have to take a secular job so as to do the work of God, and God's people would prosper financially.

Let's be finished with the unscriptural idea of giving God our "spare change." That won't support God's work and it won't bring prosperity to us personally. Rather, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Lk. 6:38).

"Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts ..."

"And all nations shall call you blessed: for you shall be a delightful-some land, saith the Lord of hosts" (Mal. 3:11,12).†



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"Pillar of Fire" Over Japan

by FRANK J. KOSICK



It was my privilege to minister in the churches of various denominations in Japan from March 4th to April 4th, 1978. It was exactly 22 years ago that I first visited this nation that was suffering from the aftermath of World War 2. Today, Japan is among the leading industrial nations in the world.

I shall never forget a prophecy that was given in Yokohama City during my first visit at a Bible convention. A Spirit-filled Japanese sister saw in a vision a "Pillar of Fire", rolling across this nation. Today one can sense and see that something supernatural has taken place in the hearts of the Japanese Christians. Through the incoming of Spirit-filled ministries, recently moved by revival Spirit, they brought with them a message of love and unity among the believers, and has brought them into a new dimension of worship and body ministry. In many places the denominational walls have crumbled as the total church of Jesus Christ is preparing to launch out into a final evangelistic crusade to captivate the 113 millions for Jesus Christ. There are many barriers and difficulties yet to overcome but Christ is "building a New Testament indigenous church in Japan! . . ."

Wherever I ministered from Kyushu to Nagoya, to Yokohama City to regions of Osaka and Tokyo, one could sense that this is a "preparation for a final triumph of Christ" over heathenism in Japan and across Asia. I literally felt as if I walked in the anointing of the Spirit while ministering the word of God. In many places we sensed the piercing conviction of the Spirit against sin and a glorious atmosphere of deep worship ascending from hearts touched by God.

The labors of those who were here and now gone, were not in vain. As Spurgeon said, "God buries his servants, but His work goes on." "Moses is dead," but God is alive! God always had a man to stand in the "gap" and give spiritual leadership to the people of that generation. Joshua was raised up to lead God's people into the land of promise. By saying all this, we are not saying that revival is here. However, we are positively declaring that the "Pillar of Fire" is here and beginning to move across this nation. Therefore, this is the time for us to unite our Christian hearts, and stop building denominational fortifications for the preservation of our traditions only, but let us together, as the total Body of Christ stop majoring on minors and emphasize the majors of the gospel. Our fellowship is in the evangelistic message of the Cross. Pentecost is for total nation of Japan 'till Jesus comes.

As we take a hind-sight we can see many mistakes of the past. But let us not mourn the failures of yesterday, nor let

us not just talk about some successes, but let us enter into the new day that is before us, and finish the unfinished task of evangelism. Fresh breezes of revival are blowing across the whole world. The church must mobilize its strength to "launch out into the deep" for a final latter day supernatural visitation as introduced in the Book of Acts.

While the "Temple of God" is being built in the midst of heathenism, the religious temples are daily flooded with millions of sincere people seeking for peace and release from fears of today and tomorrow. Multitudes continue to march to a Christless eternity, and we are responsible to give them life through Jesus Christ. In the natural, even to the most giant missionaries, this seems impossible. But with God "all things are possible." The Lord revealed the secret to Hudson Taylor when he was burdened for the evangelization of China. God said, "Walk with Me and I will evangelize China through you." "Not by power, nor by might but by my Spirit, saith the Lord" (Zech. 4:6).

As much as we recognize a real spirit of worship in many local churches, we believe that revival will come through the "preaching of the Evangelistic message of the Cross." This is the message that brings deliverance to the whole man (1 Thess. 5:23). "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness: but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:23). We need Bible Preachers that will move in the realm of the Holy Spirit and present the gospel of Christ.

The cross is the message of evangelism (1 Cor. 1:18,23). The cross is the motivating power of evangelism. The cross is the inspiration of evangelism. The cross is the price of evangelism. The cross is the ultimate power of evangelism. The cross is the drawing power of evangelism. . .

The strength of evangelism lies within the indigeneous New Testament church, where the Missionary has established a "Pauline Order," (self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating churches). We, together with them, will reach the unreached for Christ.

Let me thank all those who made our visit possible and to be a blessing to this nation. We salute our missionaries, the Bettschens, and Sis. Wallace. A very special thanks to Brethren Marv Fast and Mizuno for preparing a working itinerary to many areas of this nation, linking our ministry with various Spirit-filled fellowships, where we presented the evangelistic burden of our hearts. It is difficult to calculate all that God has done.

Thanks to God for the invisible works of the Holy Spirit in many hearts. The "Pillar of Fire" is beginning to move over Japan!†

you were asking

by ART & GRETA SHEPPARD



"Can you help us? We're making our will over again and my husband and I seem to have different ideas as to which of the children should get major portion of our estate. Our one son has stayed on the farm with us and will eventually take it over. The other children have all left and are making their own way in the world. I feel that seeing as they have left, they are not entitled to as much as the son who stayed home to help. What do you think?"

Cut the pie even!!! Don't leave this earth, and leave your children with problems between them. Too

many families have been torn apart by the last will of parents, who thought they were doing wisely but failed to take the long look.

Don't forget the children who left, probably had to push out into the world to make their living, to make room for the one who stayed. All cannot stay and they made a sacrifice, which should not be forgotten, and no doubt are struggling more than you think. I think it's a good idea to consider sharing some of your estate, especially cash, with the children now. Have the joy of seeing it help them, while you are alive and help them to get things together so that you will also know that your

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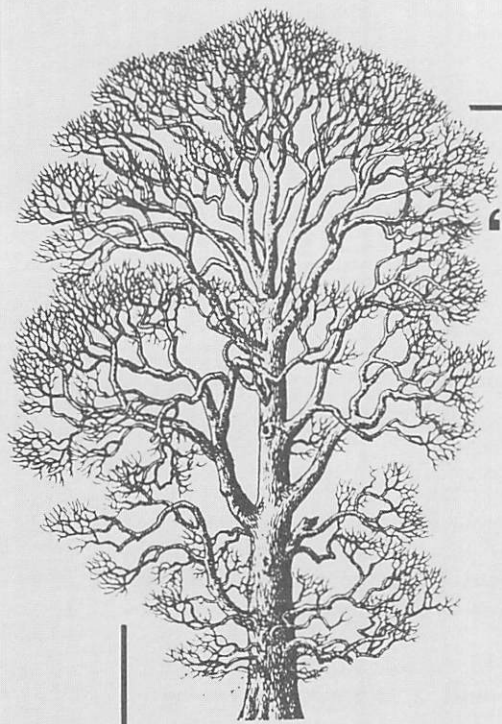
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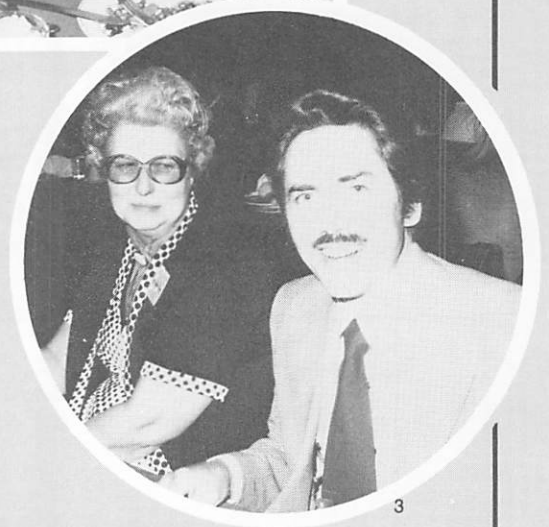
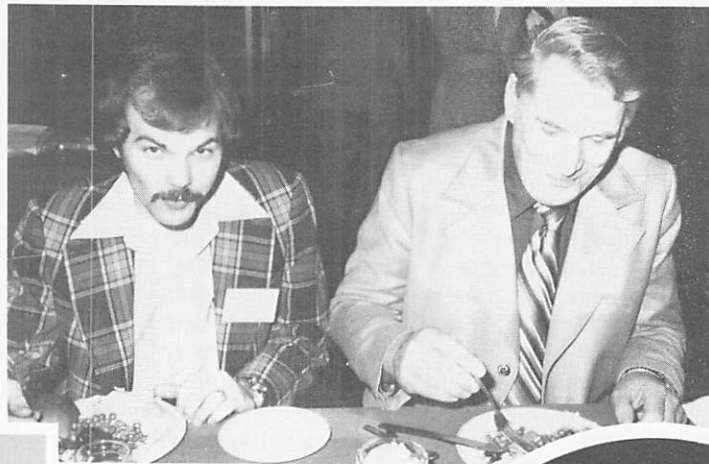
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by STAN POWERS



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ARE WE ROBBING GOD?

by R. GARTH KNAPP



R. GARTH KNAPP is a graduate of the Full Gospel Bible Institute. He spent over 5 years serving as assistant pastor in the Forest Lawn Full Gospel Church. He assumed pastoral duties in Banff's Full Gospel Church in January, 1977.

I'm afraid many of God's children relegate God and His work to the role of the perpetual beggar, always wanting a hand-out. No, God won't confront the penny-pinching Christian and ask for "spare change." Rather, He'd probably speak to such a person as He did to Israel through the prophet Malachi, "... ye have robbed me. . . in tithes and offerings" (Mal. 3:8).

SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLES

God has established principles in scripture whereby His work may progress unimpeded by financial shortage. Cheerfully following these principles not only furthers His work, but brings an attendant blessing on the giver. Someone has well said, "God is no man's debtor." Neither will He beg. Our Heavenly Father owns the cattle on the thousand hills - and he owns the thousand hills the cattle are on.

The main method by which God advances His work and blesses His people is by means of tithes and offerings. Mal. 3:10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room to receive it."

Some may contend that tithing is strictly an Old Testament concept, but in our day of Grace we are to give offerings. True, however, planning our giving around the 10% tithe concept of the Old Testament is an ideal way to give on a consistent basis. If the word "tithe" bothers us, we can easily substitute the word "giving" for

it, but we must make sure that our "gift" is a reasonable and specific portion of our wages or first fruits, for God holds us accountable for it.

THIEVES IN GOD'S HOUSE

Notice - in verse 8 of Malachi 3, God had declared that He had been robbed of tithes (God's share, our rent, so to speak) and offerings (extra portions). Then in verse 10, the exhortation is to "Bring all the **tithes** into the storehouse." No mention is made of offerings. Why? First of all, I believe that God was stressing the "storehouse" concept of giving. A storehouse was comparable to the granaries on our grain farms. Much of the Old Testament tithe was paid in grain and produce rather than by means of currency as it is today in our society.

Now, to follow this concept through to our day, God's plan was, and is, that the tithe, the portion that belonged to God, should be brought into the **local assembly**. Nothing in this passage, or in any other that I've been able to find, intimates that tithes should be sent to another assembly or to another minister at another location. The results of bringing tithes to the storehouse is simply "... that there may be meat in mine house ...". If this concept is followed, then the local pastor won't have to out to work at a secular job as the Levites had to do in Nehemiah's day when the tithes and offerings were held back. "And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled everyone to his field" (Neh. 13:10).

OFFERINGS EXTRA

What about the "offerings" that were mentioned in Mal. 3:8 but were not mentioned in verse 10? Let's bear in mind that "offering" speaks of extra portions over and above the tithe, and was particularly known as the offering of first-fruits to God of gifts of His provision, and were also a means of further maintaining the priests and Levites. If the tithe in our day is to be brought into the "storehouse" (local assembly), could it not be reasoned

that the offerings are to be given to other sources and ministries as God directs? Possibly the need of a particular missionary may be brought to our attention. We can thus be open to allow the Holy Spirit to direct us to send them an offering. The giving of "free-will offerings" appears to be a New Testament practice, for in Acts 11:29, and again in II Cor. 8 we have record of believers joyfully sending offerings to other saints in need, even though they themselves were in poverty. Paul called such giving "... fellowship of the ministry to the saints" Christian, God loves a cheerful giver, and when support is given to His work cheerfully, then and only then can it be called a "free-will offering."

GOD'S COLLECTION AGENCIES

We must also be aware of the fact that, according to scripture if God's children don't present their tithes to Him, then He has other ways of collecting them. Joel 1:4 speaks of the palmerworm, locust, cankerworm and caterpillar, each in turn taking the fruit of the field and vine. Haggai 1:6 also speaks of sowing much and harvesting little, eating and drinking but not having sufficient to eat and drink, being clothed but remaining cold, earning wages and putting them into bags containing holes - all because God wasn't being honored by being given His share. To apply this to the present day, God still has ways and means of "collecting." He may use unexpected car repair bills, unforeseen medical or dental expenses and a host of other ways to collect the tithe from the reluctant believer.

However, to look on the positive side, God also has ways and means of turning these "collection agencies" around when His children begin to honor Him in their giving. Tithing and giving of offerings is by no means a negative practice that God has instituted to simply subtract from our material wealth. Mal. 3:11 tells us that if, and when, the tithes are brought into the storehouse, "... I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord."

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Bearing the promise of this verse in mind, I recently had a young man give personal testimony to this very thing. He had made a covenant with the Lord at the New year to commence tithing. However, he failed to follow through on his pledge and in a matter of days lost his job. He tried very hard to find another one, but to no avail. Then the pastor ministered concerning giving God the first fruits (first of all taking God's share out of our wages or out of money received from the sale of grain, livestock, etc.) rather than the last fruits (if there is anything left) and God would rebuke the devourer for our sakes. The young man in question then felt convicted in his heart about the evident slackness on his part so he placed the few remaining dollars he had in the offering, as he reasoned that was not his money anyway, but God's. He also renewed his pledge to be faithful in his giving from then on. Not long after he got a job and has been employed ever since. These results proved to this young fellow that the principles that God has placed in His Word concerning giving really do work. God had "... rebuked the devourer ...".

We may never look upon tithing and giving of offerings as simply a duty to be performed. Common duties can become very dull and frustrating. How much easier the task becomes when it's done cheerfully and "... as unto the Lord!"

Many Christians live on the "poverty-line" because they're not "rich toward God." The principles God has established to govern tithing and giving have never become a part of their lives. Like the rich man of Lk. 12, they set their affection on earthly things, not realizing possibly that, again like the rich man, they'll have to leave it all behind someday. God calls these people foolish, and further declares, "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God" (Lk. 12:21). Under inspiration of the Holy Ghost the wise man, Solomon, declared in Prov. 3:9,10, "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." continued on page 13

SOUND SELECTIONS

by Dave Black



It used to be that when you bought a record for your children, it was either stories or music to accommodate the toddlers, but not anymore. In almost any Christian supply house, you will find a large variety of children's albums.

THE 'MUSIC MACHINE'

One of my favorites is "The Music Machine." This is one of the most unique of all children's music today. It is a "musical adventure teaching the fruits of the Spirit to all ages." Inside the cover is a booklet with the words to every song and amusing cartoons to illustrate the song.

As mentioned already, the record was designed to specifically teach about the fruits of the Spirit through an ingenious invention - the Music Machine. You see, whatever you put into it, the machine gives back a song. Your children will thrill as they listen about slow Herbie the snail, in an effort to teach us patience, or self-control, or love, or kindness and all the others.

The album is recorded by Candle, who also do all the writing of the songs and music, and the art work. The Music Machine is fast becoming a classic in the children's section.

BILL GAITHER TRIO

When it comes to relating to children, who does it better than Bill Gaither? In his two albums - the Bill Gaither Trio - "Especially for Children" and "I'm a Promise," is a delightful abundance of songs that kids enjoy. Songs like "I Have the Joy," "The Happy Day Express," "This Little Light of Mine," "God Can," "Jesus, I Heard You Had a Big House," "This Is the Day," "God Loves to Talk to Boys (while they're fishin')" and many others will keep your children singing (and out of trouble) and they will learn to appreciate some good, solid gospel music besides. What a delightful way to spend a rainy day!

One final word to all you parents - don't be afraid to buy children's musicals such as "Get on Board," "It's Cool in the Furnace" and others. Your children will appreciate the message as well as the music and you'll have these on hand, for when company comes (with their children) or just to listen to them by yourself when the kids are at school.†

NAME OF JESUS

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meaning "the Name." Thus the original pronunciation of that name we call Jehovah, regarded as too sacred to be uttered, has been lost to this day."

Consider the promises of God which were in "the Name":

- (a) PRESENCE...in Jerusalem Deut. 12:5; 1 Kings 9:3 and especially the Temple where the Name was said to dwell 1 Kings 11:36; 2 Sam. 7:13.
- (b) PARDON...in the Name Ps. 25:11; 79:9.
- (c) POWER...in the Name Isa. 30:27; Ps. 124:8; Prov. 18:10.
- (d) PRAYER...in the Name Ps. 54:1; 113:3.
- (e) POSSESSION...for the Name Ps. 106:8; Isa. 43:7.

It is significant to keep this background in mind when we approach the New Testament. It should be noted that when God reveals Himself in covenant relationships, great importance should be attached to the Name He reveals Himself through. To mankind He comes as Creator "Elohim: to Abraham as "El Shaddai" God Almighty; to Israel as "Jehovah" the Name. In the New Covenant God reveals Himself through the name Jesus, which means Jehovah-Saviour.

In that connection I refer you to three New Testament texts. In each of them the K.J.V. should be corrected by the Revised Version which reflects the Greek text, especially as it relates in these verses to the definite article ('the'). In Acts 5:41 the early disciples were glad to be counted worthy to suffer for "The Name." The context is unambiguous that the Name in question is Jesus. In Philippians 2:9, it is said that God has given him The Name above every name that at The Name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is

Lord. In 3 John 7, the early missionaries went forth for The Name. It is interesting to note that J.B. Phillips, in his translation of 3 John 7, puts "The Name" in quotation marks. "The Name" is clearly the name of God and it is also clear that the New Testament texts quoted are in reference to the name Jesus. The same God who revealed Himself to Israel in covenant in "The Name" Jehovah, has now revealed Himself in the New Covenant in "The Name" Jehovah-Saviour, Jesus.

The same promises available to Israel in the Name, Jehovah, are available to all in the Name, Jesus:

- (a) PRESENCE...Matt. 18:20, "where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst." Is this promise restricted to any special holy place? No! If two or three are gathered in His Name, He is there . . . anywhere!
- (b) PARDON...Luke 24:47, "remission of sins in His Name."
- (c) POWER...Matt. 28:18, "All power is given unto Me. . ." Acts 3:16 "And His Name through faith in his name has made this man strong . . ."
- (d) PRAYER...John 14:14, "If ye shall ask anything in My Name I will do it." Acts 7:59 "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
- (e) POSSESSION...Romans 10:9, Jesus is Lord. Phil. 2:11. Ye are Christ's Gal. 3:29. That is why baptism in The Name (Matt. 28:19) is always in The Name of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38; 8:16; 19:5). Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus does not lock us into a particular denomination, but it identifies us with Him, and particularly, His Death.

All the promises of God in Him are yea and in Him amen (2 Cor. 1:20).

I love the NAME of JESUS!†

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by R. A. LARDEN

“I Love You”

Peter said “I love you” to the Lord Jesus Christ as it is recorded in John 21:17.

Charles Spurgeon quoted a Doctor Owen as summing up the effects of true love in two words, adherence and assimilation — the one knitting the heart to Jesus, and the other conforming us to His image.

So, love’s early expression to Christ is one’s personal commitment to Him, with the readiness to walk close to Him. This commitment is not a one time and place experience, but it is a daily response of the heart. Paul spoke of the love of Christ constraining him. It affected his entire life so that in fact he did things he would not otherwise have done and visa versa he did not do things that were of selfish interest or for self gratification because of his love for Christ.

True love will seek to avoid that which is offensive or displeasing to the one loved. A dedicated follower of Jesus Christ will be very sensitive. He will be cautious to avoid evil and guard against sin. To walk circumspectly is to have regard for circumstances and the consequences — thus to avoid so much as is in our power that which will effect our lives and our relationship with our Lord. A heedless spirit is a curse to the soul. Careful walking and talking is the best security for a happy relationship. It has been aptly stated that love of Christ and love of sin are elements too hostile to reign in the same heart.

If we dearly love our Redeemer we shall want to be conformed to His image. The natural heart aspires to be more like the one loved. To develop similar tastes, common interests. If these are not tended to, and in fact pursued the opposite results — lives drift apart and become estranged even though they may dwell at the same address.

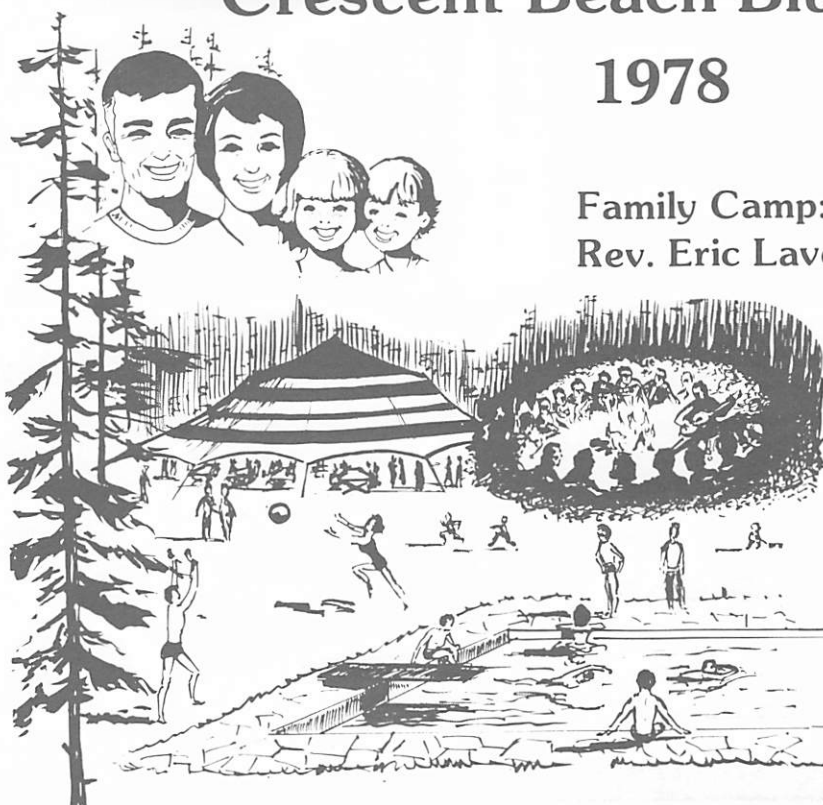
The Hymnist T.O. Chisholm expressed what I am trying to say in a most beautiful way — “Oh to be like Thee! blessed Redeemer, This is my constant longing and prayer; Gladly I’ll forfeit all of the earth’s treasures, Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear — Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fulness; Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.”

This has to be the ultimate in the expression of true love. It is love in its purest form. Jesus expressed it toward us first. “Forasmuch as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same . . .” (Heb. 2:14). Then in the end all who have put their faith and trust in Jesus and declare their love for Him “shall be like Him” — I John 3:2.

What is perfected in that Spirit inspired relationship of love to Jesus Christ is in fact the qualities of true love on the human plane also. The points we have developed in consideration of the believers’ love to Christ can be pondered in regard to our relationships on earth one to another. Husband and wife, son or daughter to father and mother. Friend to friend in Christ. The quality, although limited by our human frailty, is never annulled. †

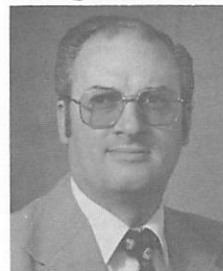
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