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The heart cry of men everywhere reveals the need for a cleansing fountain. King David gave expression to the need for such a fountain when he cried, “Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin” (Psalms 51:2). The Apostle Paul was struggling with the old hurt of the human race when he exclaimed, “O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?” (Romans 7:24.) Then his vision of the cleansing fountain made him shout exultantly, “I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 7:25).

Charles Wesley implored,

   My dying Saviour and my God,  
   Fountain for guilt and sin,  
   Sprinkle me ever with Thy blood,  
   And cleanse and keep me clean.

Toplady voiced the universal cry of the human heart when he wrote:

   Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
   Let me hide myself in Thee.  
   Let the water and the blood,  
   From Thy wounded side which flowed.  
   Be of sin the double cure,  
   Save from wrath and make me pure.

The character of God, man’s relation to God, and God’s plan for man in the future, all unite to demand a cleansing fountain. Thank God, there is such a fountain! Zechariah declared: “In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness” (Zechariah 13:1). The Apostle John saw that fountain opened when the Roman spear pierced the side of the Saviour, “and forthwith came there out blood and water” (John 19:34). In later years John declared, “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

This cleansing fountain is open today. It springs from Calvary’s mountain. It is deep and wide. Like a mighty stream it flows nearby. Sin-blighted millions have come and plunged into the crimson stream and gone away whiter than snow.

Perhaps the leopard cannot change his spots or the Ethiopian change his skin, but Calvary’s healing, cleansing fountain can heal the deepest wounds, remove the darkest stains, and make the vilest sinner clean.
Rev. H. F. Crews writes that after serving as pastor in Denison, Texas, for fifteen and one-half years he has resigned to enter the field of full-time evangelism.

Rev. J. E. Hamlan, pastor of First Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas, was elected president of the Garland County United Community Council of Social Agencies (there are sixteen agencies in all), for the year 1957. He was elected president of the Hot Springs Ministerial Alliance and served for two of the six years he has been pastor in Hot Springs.

WHAT ARE WE SELLING?
By PAUL PUSEY
Pastor, Ridge Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Cary, Ohio.

I was quite disturbed when I discovered a man at my door who said he was taking subscriptions for a magazine which he held in his hands. Being somewhat acquainted with his doctrine (Russellism) and the periodical (Watch Tower) he was selling, I thought immediately: Here is a man who is selling his gospel and yet denies the bodily resurrection of Christ. A man who was following the teaching that has no Biblical foundation! A teaching that denies the deity of Christ! A teaching that set up for itself a religious foundation! A teaching that denies Jesus Christ was man instead of preaching salvation in this age!

The immediate question that came to my mind was: How much of the true gospel are we selling? We who believe in the divine inspiration of the Scriptures, the resurrection of Christ, the deity of Christ, that the only chance for salvation is now—not after death—what are we doing about our product? The world in general is hungry for the true Biblical gospel of Jesus Christ. If we are holiness people are going to meet the challenge of today, we too must sell our gospel—the true Word of God.

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Gleanings from the Office Editor's Desk

"Sure do like the Herald of Holiness and read every one as soon as it comes, and especially like all the beautiful poems also the Question Box." Indiana.

"We have been enjoying the Herald of Holiness in our home for nearly twenty years. We are sold on its messages that we have recently had it sent to a friend in another city who is seeking more of the fullness of God." Texas.

"I thank God for the Herald of Holiness. It is a great blessing to me; I do not want to be without the paper . . . from it I have taught many lessons in my class." Indiana.

"I have just been reading the last issue of the Herald of Holiness and the contents have flooded my soul with such warmth and blessedness that I want to send you a note of thanks. Brother Clay's . . . Strang's . . . and the other materials are wonderful this week." A Pastor in Indiana.

"I enjoy the Herald of Holiness very much, especially the Question Box. It certainly gives clear answers to perplexing problems. Truly, your Herald is a light shining in the darkness. Also, I thoroughly enjoyed the article on music by Ovella S. Shafer . . ." New York.

"We want to give our testimony to the blessings received from the splendid spiritual food in the Herald of Holiness." Ohio.

". . . what I especially like about the Herald of Holiness is that it keeps me well informed as to all phases of the church in all parts of the world. It gives one a bird's-eye view of the Church of the Nazarene in action throughout the world." A Pastor in Manitoba.

MENTAL FOOD
By MARION B. SHOEN

When I am fasting, I always find
Thoughts everlasting
To fill up my mind.

If I feel weary
I find in me
Thoughts that are cheery,
Faith's alchemy.
I. THE BROKEN ROCK

SIMON PETER SPEAKS:

There in that night of darkness
Within Gethsemane.
When warning all would leave Him,
My Lord included me:
"You will disown Me, Peter,
Before the cock crows twice:
So watch against temptation,
For you'll disown Me thrice."
And then a stone's throw farther
He knelt alone in prayer.
Three times He found me sleeping.
I first denied Him there . . .

When Judas came betraying
And kissed Him for a price,
I was a rock of silence
Who now denied Him twice . . .
In carnal strength defending
I swung a sword, but He
Rebuked me, and I fled Him.
Denials now were three . . .
When early in a courtyard
The high priest's maid began
Accusing me, I cried out—
"I do not know the Man!"
I sank to oaths and curses,
And then to my surprise
The cock crowed twice, and Jesus
Looked on me with His eyes.

O Jesus, please forgive me
For promises unkept.
Look on my utter weakness,
On bitter tears I've wept . . .
For when Thou hast restored me
I'll trust in Thee alone.
Baptize me with Thy Spirit, Lord,
And I'll remain Thy stone.

II. THE DOUBTING TWIN

THOMAS SPEAKS:

My name is Didymus,
Thomas, the Twin,
Always the doubter
Questioning Him.
Coldly I followed as
Calvary neared:
"Let us go die with Him!"
(Yet death I feared.)

Questions were haunting me:
"Lord, we don't know
Where You are going.
How can we go?"
He said, "I am the Road
And Truth and Life . . ."

So calm His spirit . . .
Mine full of strife!
I would not listen
Within the room
As they claimed Jesus
Had left His tomb.
"Unless I see the marks
Of nail and spear,
I never will believe
Jesus was here."

But eight days later
Truly He came . . .
Jesus, the risen Christ,
Calling my name!
"Here are My body wounds;
Touch them and see
That it is I myself;"
He spoke to me.

Dead were my fear and doubt,
And (by His grace)
"My Lord and my God!"
Rang in their place.

Continued
Lord, for the world I see
By faith the Way;
I go believing,
Nor can I stay.
Let me for Thee, Lord,
Glady begin
To make of every man
A faithful twin.

III. YOUNG SON OF THUNDER

JOHN THE BELOVED SPEAKS:

When Boanerges He named us—
"Sons of Thunder," James and John—
We considered we might call down from the sky
Fire of fury, but it shamed us,
For we learned our Lord had claimed us
To possess us with His Spirit from on high.

He had set His face for dying
When we made that proud request

For the seats within His kingdom which were best.
When for power we were sighing,
He for humble faith was crying,
Saying, "By your service you are truly blessed."

Soon I stood without my brother
On the hill beside the Cross.
(As He died in saving glory I beheld this world's dross.)
He said, "Son, behold thy mother";
When I took her to my cover
All the world around was dark and filled with loss.

But it was the third day's light
That showed the empty grave,
And at evening He appeared to us and gave
Promise of the Spirit's might,
And at Pentecost the right
To thunder forth the tidings, "He can save!"

Life always has added meaning with . . .

JESUS in the midst

By Reuben R. Welch
Pastor, First Church, Yuma, Arizona

The most persistent reality of the Christian religion is the presence of the living Christ with us. It is God in Christ, manifest through the Holy Spirit, entering fully into the stream of human life. There is a significant Bible phrase which points up this wonderful truth: "Jesus in the midst."

In Luke 2:16 it is recorded that Joseph and Mary found Jesus "in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions." Wherever men are seeking for the truth, there is Jesus Christ. Regardless of our background or our training, no matter what our doubts and uncertainties may be, if we sincerely want the truth we can rely on the presence of the One who said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

In one of the most pathetic stories of the Bible we read again of Jesus in the midst. Luke 4:30 tells us that after the folk of Jesus' home town had marveled at His gracious words, had rebelled at His searching analysis, they tried to throw Him over the cliffs; "but He passing through the midst of them went His way." And we learn that wherever men are in opposition to the truth, there too is Jesus, passing through the midst. What a tragedy that men will turn from the right and turn from the truth and oppose the best when Jesus Christ is so near, so available, and so able! I can think of nothing so terrible as for the Saviour to pass through the midst and go His way without me.

John the Beloved takes us to the awful scene of Calvary and shows us "one on either side, and Jesus in the midst" (John 19:18). As we see our Lord between two thieves, we realize with deep wonder that wherever sin is found, there is Jesus in the midst. There is the suffering Saviour, at one with us on the level of our deepest needs, entering fully into the sin-stained life of guilty men. "Where sin abounded," thank God, "grace did much more abound."

And this same disciple tells us that in the late afternoon of that first Easter day, into a room filled with doubt and fear, "came Jesus and stood in the midst" (John 20:19). Wherever fearful disciples need a strengthening Presence, there is the resurrected Lord in the midst. What hope, what comfort, what peace we know when into the midst of our doubts and fears comes the living presence of our loving Lord!

It is Matthew who has put the phrase into its
There will be something better than harps, and gold, and perpetual rest in

**The Land Beyond**

By GRACE V. WATKINS

“What do you expect to do when you get to heaven?” I asked three people the other day.

The first said, “Twang a golden harp.”

The second told me, “Walk down golden streets and pick up some gold bricks to put in my pocket.”

The third, my neighbor’s cleaning woman, sighed, “Just climb into a good soft bed and rest.”

Hardly fruitful research for the present article!

Well what is heaven going to be like?

When you’ve read the Bible account of the raising of the widow’s son at Nain, have you ever wondered what happened next in that small community? With what questions friends and neighbors showered the young man? What information he was able to give about the “after life”?

Not much, probably. Finite words and finite thinking can’t cope with the realm of the infinite. As Leslie Weatherhead points out in his book *After Death*, if someone were to try to explain the wonders of the world to an unborn child, the infant wouldn’t be able to grasp or understand it. In somewhat the same way, but to a much greater degree, we who are in our finite bodies can’t comprehend the wonders of heaven. Our bodies, our minds, our thinking, our words are equipment for this world. They can’t deal with the ultimates of the spirit. That’s the stumbling block to the many sincere persons who demand “proof” and “explanation” which simply aren’t available in many areas of religious belief. We have to take the great, profound mysteries of Christianity on faith.

We can’t “prove” the spiritual ultimates here and now. And why should we demand or desire to do so? As a philosophy professor friend of mine puts it, “We should never ask that we be admitted to the final mysteries. If we knew everything, we’d be equal with God and there would be no being for us to worship. We couldn’t worship a being if we were equal with Him.”

But even if we can’t know very much about life beyond the grave, there are some things we can be sure of. We’ll remain individuals without the limitations of the flesh, without restrictions of time and space. When we die, we shall come immediately into the presence of Christ and know God in a closer and more direct way than we do now.

Our capacities will be greatly increased; our powers of love, joy, peace, wonder, enormously heightened. And we shall be forever freed from pain, grief, trouble, weariness, discord, all negative emotions; immediately reunited with those we have “loved and lost a while.”

What will life be like in heaven? What will we do there? Will we, as the young man put it, twang golden harps? Will we spend sunshine mornings strolling down golden streets? Or shall we sit drowsily beside murmuring little streams? Though these colorful earthly pictures have been dreamed up many a time, few of us would find such occupations very appealing, even large doses of rest. Since fatigue is a purely-this-world thing, we won’t need rest in heaven. And as streets of gold and similar reminders of dollars-and-cents prosperity would be out of character in a purely spiritual existence, picking up golden bricks wouldn’t interest us.

What will we do, then? It seems probable that we’ll be given assignments for the kingdom of God far more glorious and challenging than our present minds can imagine or grasp, and that we’ll be able to undertake them, freed from present limitations. Magnificent tasks await us in heaven.

The big point of life right now is—this very day, this very hour—we’re getting ready for the wonderful things God has prepared for us in heaven. Never doubt it— as Christ told us—there’s a place for each of us in the land beyond, each one who has entered the bright company of the Galilean. As life on this earth is growth, refining, development, so it must be in heaven, but with vastly greater possibilities.

And what does this mean for us today? It means that the earthly life, happy and good as it can be, is a prelude to the life afterward. But let us never conclude that God wants us to put on a strait jacket and forego the pleasures and joys of the beautiful world in which we have been placed. Rather, let us enjoy them in the assurance that He intends us to live life to the full, live it to His glory and honor, as we prepare for eternity.

The new birth in Jesus Christ gives us entry into heaven. The great fulfillment will come when we leave our physical bodies and go into the presence of God in the Land Beyond.

most familiar setting, and has reminded us of the continuing miracle of the Christian fellowship. “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). This is our hope. It is our very life. As we look into the tomorrows which shall ultimately reach through death into eternity, we see our blessed Lord and sense again the wonder of His promise, “Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” We shall never be alone!
There is a reason the Psalmist said the blessed man would be . . .

LIKE A TREE

I. GROWTH AND MATURITY

Nature faces a vital issue in the problems of growth and maturity. So many things grow rapidly but do not mature. This presents a special problem to trees. Most gardeners realize that nitrogen is a cell builder, and consequently fertilizers with a high nitrogen content are sought for plant food. However, there is more to feeding plant life than that, for we want more than lush growth and there must be maturing elements; hence the well-balanced plant food must have other mineral content as well. One of the most vital minerals is potash, for it is potash that toughens, ripens, and encourages maturity in plant cells.

Many amateur arboriculturists have fed trees with fertilizer having a high nitrogen content built up through chemical salts but lacking in a proper balance of potash. This resulted in a quick rush of cellular growth that could not mature before the growing season ended. This left a heavy sheath of unripened wood cells on the tree. When the heavy frosts of winter struck, the green cells split in what are known as frost cracks. These cracks opened the way for even deeper penetration of the elements, and the work of a surgeon was required before the damage could be repaired.

Churches and people are also in danger of growing too fast without proper maturation. When a church grows steadily through personal evangelism, deepened prayer life, and sound preaching of the Word new folk tend to adopt the doctrine, discipline, and spiritual depth of the church folk. But if a large influx of persons is brought about other than through Spirit-anointed revival fire, the church has a tendency to become somewhat of a spiritual “melting pot” and it changes to be more like the world as its standards are modified.

Surely we must not be afraid to grow but we must make certain to keep a proper balance, that we shall mature spiritually. As we go deeper ourselves those who come into our midst will be challenged to become more Christlike. It is the devotional life that measures our depth. The greater our challenge, the more we need to pray. When things are not going forward well in the church we are apt to become so concerned that we pray much for divine help.

There is a terrible and subtle danger that comes to us, however, when God answers prayer and our attendance and finances are up, for we have a tendency to lose our sense of urgent need and ease off in our prayer life. This is a fatal error. When our church is most full we face our greatest need. All those souls needing help, guidance, victory! What an opportunity! What a battleground! Satan will contest every single one of these souls.

As a greater percentage of needy persons are encouraged to come to our churches and outwardly we appear to be eminently successful, we face the great danger of growth without maturity. What good is it for us to fill our churches with people if we do not get them saved, sanctified wholly, and teach them to grow in grace?

Like a tree we have often known periods of rapid growth in a church and rejoiced that all was well, and so were lulled into a false sense of ecclesiastical well-being only to discover with shock that the severe blasts of Satan had opened a spiritual “frost crack” and our church had been divided against itself. Let us make certain that as we grow we mature and become established. God will see to it that our spiritual diet is well balanced if we submit to Him and trust Him that as we grow we will mature. “Like a tree . . . , that bringeth forth his fruit in his season” (Psalms 1:3).
THE EASTER OFFERING
and Our Spanish-speaking Work

By HONORATO REZA, Editor, Spanish Publications

Only a few years ago one of our main problems in the Latin-American fields was how to provide adequate Spanish literature for our Nazarene constituency.

The need was great. Sunday school literature helps were very limited. We had no songbook that we could call our own. With no adequate textbooks for our Bible institutes or Preachers' Course of Study, we were forced to use materials from other houses, which had to be sifted properly for doctrinal reasons.

Eight hundred forty-five thousand pieces of Spanish literature were distributed from our presses in 1956. Textbooks are being provided for now. Reading interest has increased among the Spanish-speaking Nazarenes. Proper discrimination has been stimulated in the choosing of materials. Spiritual growth has resulted from all of this.

In addition, I can think of a group of believers in Mexico who are called Nazarenes today because of the influence of the Spanish Herald. Just last February while in Cuba, I saw people come to the camp meeting at the Nazarene Center representing a newly organized group in Oriente, because someone read our literature. This group is already cooperating financially and otherwise with the general program of our church. Then we also think of the letters which we receive weekly telling how people have been blessed by the ministry of the printed page.

If “value is the estimate one places upon things as compared with others,” then our Spanish Department is of tremendous value to our beloved Zion. It is a channel of blessing to our people. It is the means of salvation to those who would otherwise be lost in sin.

And do we realize that all we have mentioned was made possible because of our missionary giving? To Spanish-speaking Nazarenes the Easter Offering means more than a special occasion of rejoicing. It is this and even more. It means a continued ministry in all areas of missionary activity instead of retrenchment and utter stagnation.

Someone has said that “acts indicate what man is.” Our giving at this Easter season will definitely measure our belief in the living Christ and our depth of spiritual experience and advancement. It will show what we really are.

We must not fail God on April 21!

“Faith in Jesus is the real motivating cause of Christian giving. Doubt is a hindrance to such giving. Doubt will say, ‘I can’t afford to give so much.’ Faith will say, ‘I can’t afford to give less.’” —W. J. Werning in “Investing Your Life.”

Reminding Church Treasurers

The general church fiscal year closes April 30—only nine days after Easter Sunday. It will be much appreciated if you will send the Easter Offering from your church to our General Treasurer in Kansas City not later than the week immediately following April 21. If all treasurers will do this, most of the Easter Offering for world evangelism will be in before the fiscal date. Thanks.—General Stewardship Committee.
Nazarenes differ greatly in some ways and are remarkably alike in others. The variety is shown in choice of occupations, geographical locations, home furnishings, automobiles, etc. The uniformity is seen in insistence upon experiential religion: in a vital concern for the unevangelized, at home and abroad; in a strong sense of unity and church loyalty; in a forceful emphasis upon Christian education; in non-attendance at the theater, the dance, and like places; in avoiding the wearing of make-up, jewelry, and conspicuous or immodest clothing.

Nazarenes are to be found in every Christian occupation, living in every section of the country, on every social and economic level. They have the same kind of jobs, houses, cars, food, furniture as their neighbors. At first glance they wear the same kind of clothes, but a second look shows a difference.

Nazarenes love God and have an intense concern for His kingdom work. The church encourages her people to read and study largely about missions and Christian living. They do not read the same things, sing the same songs, see and hear the same television and radio programs, or go to the same places as some of their neighbors. They go to church twice on Sunday and two or three times during the week perhaps. Their boys and girls go to a church camp each summer and their young people go to a church college. They pay their tithes and give offerings. They do visitation evangelism and hold street and jail meetings. They call on and pray for the sick and ask for prayer and anointing with oil when they themselves are sick. They say, “Amen,” aloud when they like the sermon and pray for the preacher when they don’t.

They are human, so they make mistakes and blunders as often as many other Christians. But they live without sinning, defining sin as a willful transgression of God’s law. They strive to become perfect in love, through the cleansing and filling of the Holy Ghost, knowing they will never be free from temptation and human error as long as they live in the flesh.

They are my people. God bless them!

Remember
WHAT HE SAID!

By ALICE HANSCHE MORTENSON

Our Lord performed great miracles
Before their very eyes
And told them what would come to pass
And yet—with deep surprise
They viewed the empty tomb. One wept
And sought the garden spot.
'Twas Mary. Till He spoke her name,
She saw, but knew Him not.

Disciples ran excitedly
In haste from home to home
To tell the thrilling tidings
Of the news they should have known.

"He is alive. He is alive!
He rose up from the dead!"

A midst their joy, a tinge of shame
For doubting what He’d said.

I wonder if we followers
Of His will be the same
When skies roll back and trumpet call
His coming shall proclaim.
Will He surprise us at our task
With bowed and weary head,
Or will He find us looking up,
Remembering what He said?

Our risen Lord has promised us,
"I will return again."
These words should be a balm for grief
And healing for our pain.
And should this earthly house dissolve
We’ll rise up from the dead
Together. With Him evermore!
Remember what He said.
THE FRUITFUL FIRE

By E. WAYNE STAHL

The fire was swift that went over the meadow,
Consuming dead grasses that in its path lay,
Leaving blackness behind, like a vast maleful shadow,
Which was marring the gold of that early spring day.

In emerald loneliness now is it glowing,
That meadow, with grasses of sumptuous green.
The field which seemed ruined, by flames o'er it going,
Triumphant in beauty this moment is seen.

"I give beauty for ashes," says God and your Father.
To you in whose life "fiery trials" have been.
Oh, dread not the outcome, believer, but rather Remember: the meadow that burned is now green!

Solomon's Wise Conclusion

By E. G. THEUS, Retired Nazarene Elder, Bethany, Oklahoma

Solomon knew life at its best. Royal blood coursed through his veins. He was the son of King David. Added to that, he was the recipient of God's appointment to rule in his father's stead, with wisdom and riches such as no other king ever enjoyed. As a young monarch, his future looked most brilliant.

However, along life's way material things, political aspirations, and evil associations began to sap this great ruler's spiritual strength, till his heart was not perfect toward God and he was found worshiping idols with his heathen wives. He had lost the beautiful fellowship that he had one time enjoyed with his Creator, and now, at the evening walk of life, he saw his grievous mistake and cried out: "All is vanity and vexation of spirit" (Ecclesiastes 1:11). And he went on to say, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments." (Ecclesiastes 12:1.)

So, while he could not retrace the serious blunders of his past life, Solomon gives a solemn warning to those who are yet young, whose lives are still before them, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Ecclesiastes 12:1).

Let us notice the wisdom of the six words that Solomon uses to declare the whole duty of man: "Fear God, and keep his commandments." Jesus simplified the commandments of the Mosaic law, as Solomon knew them, into just two sentences: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, . . . and . . . thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 22:37-39). He then declared that, "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:40).

If man will keep these two simple commandments, they will solve all the basic problems of mankind in the home, in the church, in the nation, and in the world—socially, morally, religiously, politically. William Jennings Bryan said: "Other teachers sought to regulate the lives of their fellows by rule and formula, but Christ's plan was first to purify the heart and then leave love to direct the footsteps." Further he said: "Nearly all of our controversies and combats arise from the fact that we are trying to get something from each other—there will be peace when our aim is to do something for each other."

Then Mr. Bryan added: "When He [Christ] con-
David, a little Cape Veridian from the interior of St. Vincent Island, is a crack marksman with his sling.

His sling is woven from strands of *carrapate*, a fibrous plant that grows in the midst of the rock piles. It is similar to sisal, from which Manila rope is made. One end of the sling is secured to David's finger; the other end is gripped between two other fingers. David places a small stone in the fold of the sling, gives it a 360-degree twirl, and lets the unattached end slip from his fingers. The rock zooms unerringly to its target. He doesn't kill giants: he frightens the crows from his father's cornfield.

The Easter Offering helps us win barefooted country boys like David to Jesus Christ.

It also helps us to win outstanding men like Augusto Miranda, one of St. Vincent's prominent lawyers, who was recently converted and sanctified wholly. Nazarene Miranda is not embarrassed about his religion. He does not let advocacy interfere with his Christian principles. His plea for guilty clients is leniency. His all-out effort to win an acquittal for one he represents tends to convince the judge that righteous Miranda, who has made a close personal study of the case, is convinced of his client's innocence.

For a month or two nearly every year, Miranda serves as substitute judge of all the northern islands.

By EARL MOSTELLER. Cape Verde Islands

densed into one commandment those of the ten which relate to man's duty toward his fellows and enjoined upon us the rule, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.' He presented a plan for the solution of all our problems that now vex society or may hereafter arise. Other remedies may palliate or postpone the day of settlement, but this is all sufficient and the reconciliation which it effects is a permanent one."

Jesus Christ never wrote a book; He never wrote a constitution; He never wrote a rule of "Don'ts and Do's." He simply said that to love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself is the end of the commandment.

How simple and how beautiful is the gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! His yoke is easy, and His burden is light—no strenuous laws to keep, no gallimg yoke to wear—just the delightful job of loving God and our fellow man!

But, let us remember Solomon's wise conclusion: "God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:11). **All must someday stand before the judgment bar of God. The question is, Are we ready?**

DON'T KID YOURSELF, by Roy L. Smith
(ABINGDON, $2.00)

Roy L. Smith is a writer well known to millions across the continent. His style is delightful, brisk, and carries tremendous reader appeal.

In this volume he has chosen a number of the common slang expressions that are heard every day on the street and in the home. In each case he builds the philosophy under which the slang expressions came into being and spiritualizes them. Before he is through he dips each one in a spiritual background and gives it to you—a sermon on a stick.

These are not heavily theological: they are practical and pointed to everyday living. His illustrations pick you up exactly where you are; they are not foreign to everyday life.

There are pleasure and profit in this reading.
—NORMAN R. OKI, Book Editor

Stand behind the Millers and the Holsteads in Formosa with a generous gift on April 21!—R. Rehfeldt.
"ANYWHERE WITH JESUS"

By ELSIE M. BROWNELL

"Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go"—Yes, I sang those words so long ago.
And agreed to go and spread the light
To the heathen lands, where it's forever night.
I'd gladly cross the stormy waters.
And pray the Lord would grant it so.
But there came no sailing orders—
To the mission fields I cannot go.

"Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go."
"To bed, dear Lord, must I go?"
"Surrender your will; lie down and rest."
He said, "I know what's needful and best.
Learn of Me and tarry awhile:
You have a field of service now, My child.
In your illness My plan for your life I'll show,
For you're to witness to all who come and go."

"Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go."
Lying here just now, I love Him so.

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"Impassable and Impossible"

by BERTHA MUNRO

Monday:
"Impassable and impossible"—so friendly Indians warned Captain Fremont when in the winter of 1842 he sought to blaze a trail through Nevada's icy barricades to the Pacific. But there was a "man to match the mountains"; to him warning words were "fighting words." After seventy miles and thirty days of sub-freezing cold and near starvation "two human skeletons wearing Scotch caps" appeared in Sacramento Valley—and a way was opened. Openers of roads for others always have to pass the impassable and do the impossible or the way would have been there before. (Matthew 17:20-21.)

Tuesday:
"Impassable and impossible"? Be behind Pharaoh's heavy hand reaching out to overtake and the rumbling of his iron chariots pursuing in front the Red Sea waters. But the sea opened and a stronger hand led them clear through the impassable and out beyond. Some impossibles take more than man power. (And there is Annie Johnson Flint's reminder for "the Red Sea place in your life," and His strong hand there.) (Exodus 14:21: 15:9-10.)

Wednesday:
"Impassable and impossible"—Nebuchadnezzar's decree and the sevenfold furnace heat: impassable and impossible the law of Medes and Persians and the sealed stone of the lions' den. But not for the spirit of the three young Hebrews or the prayers of Daniel. Impossible, impassable, the obtrude solid front of the pagan Roman Empire: but Paul got to the very heart of Caesar's household with the gospel. "Irresistible force meets immovable object?" Slowly, surely the "immovable" gives way to the force of a resolute man plus God. (Daniel 3:15: 6:17: Acts 28:30-31: Philippians 4:22.)

"Unconquered and Unconquerable"

Thursday:
"Impassable and impossible"? All the forces of hell threw it in the teeth of God and sinful man when the garden tomb was sealed and the Lord of life lay dead and buried. Stupid, ignorant, weak, Satan did not reckon with the power of an endless life. We who have seen and felt the Resurrection power are stupid to forget it. (Matthew 27: 65-68: 28:2-6.)

Friday:
Our cue is to gear our faith to the level of the power "that raised up Jesus from the dead." That power met the worst that evil can ever achieve, and conquered it decisively. We set our sights too low if we aim only to maintain a draw. "Tied'? "Edged out'? "Nicked'? Our right is victory worthy of a King, the King of life, the King of glory. (Romans 8:11; Philippians 3:16.)

Saturday:
"Unconquerable and undefeated, no question about it. "Not somehow, but triumphantly." It is the story of every God-used man or woman. You know the whisper that has always come to you when the battle seemed lost or the problems insolvable: "God is able." And courage came flooding in for a fresh attack. For every discouragement God's inner reinforcements sure. (Romans 8:37; Ephesians 3:16, 20.)

"Conquering and to Conquer"

Sunday:
We still are fighting "the good fight of faith." We see not yet all things put "under his feet." But we do "see Jesus," once in a desperate fight with Satan, but Victor, and now "crowned with glory and honour." For John exiled on Patmos—the "impassable and impossible" certainly—the vision of the "King of kings and Lord of lords." We shall be out of tune for the great "Hallelujah Chorus" if any situation robs us of its spirit or "gets us down." (Revelation 5:9-6:2.)
What We Believe:

9. Justification, Regeneration, and Adoption

"We believe that justification is that gracious and judicial act of God, by which He grants full pardon of all guilt and complete release from the penalty of sins committed, and acceptance as righteous, to all who believe on Jesus Christ and receive Him as Lord and Saviour.

"We believe that regeneration, or the new birth, is that gracious work of God whereby the moral nature of the repentant believer is spiritually quickened and given a distinctly spiritual life, capable of faith, love, and obedience.

"We believe that adoption is that gracious act of God by which the justified and regenerated believer is constituted a son of God.

"We believe that justification, regeneration, and adoption are simultaneous in the experience of seekers after God and are obtained upon the condition of faith, preceded by repentance: and that to this work and state of grace the Holy Spirit bears witness" (1956 Manual, Church of the Nazarene, page 31).

Justification means that one has been freed from the guilt of his actual transgressions, or sins; the black marks which he placed on the book of God because of his sins have been wiped off. Then he is accepted as righteous, and released from the penalty which went with the guilt of his actual sins. How are we justified? By faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Justification, in the strictest sense of the term, doesn't transform the inner man.

Regeneration is re-creation, or a new birth. It is God's work whereby He quickens the nature of the repentant believer into newness of spiritual life, and makes it possible for the regenerate person to live without conscious, deliberate sin.

Adoption, like justification, is a legal act, something done for us by God, or as some say, outside of us. By adoption, a person who has been justified and regenerated is constituted a son of God; that is, he takes on that relationship to God and thus becomes a part of the family of God.

Justification, regeneration, and adoption all happen at the same time. They are different aspects of one and the same crisis experience. This crisis experience, as a totality, is often spoken of as conversion. How are justification, regeneration, and adoption obtained? By faith, which is preceded by repentance; and finally, the Holy Spirit bears witness to this first state and work of grace which we describe as a whole as conversion.

For scriptures in this connection we give you two on justification: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1); and, "We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified" (Galatians 2:15-16).

For regeneration we give you two scriptures also: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12-13); and again, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou heardest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit" (John 3:7-8).

A great passage on adoption is found in Romans 8:14-17: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ: if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."
the Holy Ghost, speaking to the hearts of men and revealing their need.

Some would identify the conscience in man with the work of the Holy Spirit; conscience is nothing more than the Holy Spirit dealing with man. Others would say that the Holy Ghost in convicting people works through the conscience: He impresses them with the difference between right and wrong, and causes them to feel their obligation to do the right and leave undone the wrong, and brings on remorse when they do the wrong instead of the right. Thus the work of the Holy Spirit is attributed directly or indirectly to the Holy Spirit. Conviction is the grace that appears to all men, even in such beginnings as we have been talking about, and it is of God and comes especially under the activity of the Holy Spirit.

Dr. H. Orton Wiley, on page 352 of Volume II of his Christian Theology, gives a summary of this preliminary work of the Holy Spirit in the words of Mr. Watson, one of the great Methodist theologians:

“1. Everything which can be called good in man previous to regeneration is to be attributed to the work of the Spirit of God. Man himself is totally depraved and not capable of either thinking or doing any good thing, as shown by the previous article.

“2. That the state of nature in which man exists previous to regeneration, is in some sense a state of grace—preliminary or prevenient grace.

“3. That in this preliminary period there is a continuity of grace—the Holy Spirit, beginning, advancing and perfecting everything that can be called good in man. The Spirit of God leads the sinner from one step to another, in proportion as He finds response in the heart of the sinner and a disposition to obedience.

“4. That there is a human co-operation with the divine Spirit. the Holy Spirit working with the free will of man, quickening, aiding and directing it in order to secure compliance with the conditions of the covenant by which man may be saved.

“5. That the grace of God is given to all men in order to bring them to salvation through Jesus Christ, but that this grace so given, may be resisted by the free will of man, so as to be rendered ineffectual.”

The work in conscience or through conscience may be direct or indirect: the Holy Spirit may put pressure upon the conscience of man directly, or He may put that pressure upon His conscience by means of a song, a prayer, or a testimony, or the life of someone. He uses many methods in His work. He often works indirectly as well as directly.

Another question that arises in connection with the activity of the Holy Spirit in conviction is the difference between what some thinkers speak of as the general work of the Holy Spirit in conscience and the extraordinary work of the Holy Spirit in conscience. Usually, when we speak of conviction coming upon people, we are thinking more particularly of this extraordinary, or special, work of the Holy Spirit upon or through man’s conscience. A sentence from John Bunyan’s experience says: “There was I struck into a very great trembling insomuch that I could sometimes for days together feel my very body, as was my mind, to shake and totter under the sense of the dreadful judgment of God.” This is an illustration of the extraordinary, or special, activity of the Holy Spirit in conviction. All of us who have been convicted of sin in this sense have had somewhat the same feeling that Bunyan had. God moved in and convicted us of sin and of righteousness and of judgment through the agency of the Holy Spirit. Conviction and awakening are followed by a sense of sin and deep distress over the wrath of God.

When we have come through these stages, then the Holy Spirit brings to us that wonderful invitation which was voiced by Jesus thus: “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). God does not lead us to despair: He does not bring mighty conviction on us just to leave us there; He leads us to that point in order that He may offer us a helping hand. Still, we can reject His offers of mercy and turn Him down flatly, but if we do so we must take the full responsibility for our action.

The Holy Spirit in conviction, both general and special, only opens up the way for the sinner to find God and peace. “Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, . . .)” We can pray people under conviction—conviction by the Third Person in the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, but we cannot force them, by prayer, or faith, or any other means, to repent and believe. All of us are free moral agents. God has provided the way, and more than that, He sees to it that every man gets his call, but He cannot—because He will not—overstep the will of man. Today, do not turn your back on God: fall in line with the convicting activity of the Holy Spirit upon your heart, give God’s mercy a chance, and salvation will be yours.
God's Greatest Creation

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:1-2. (Printed: Genesis 2:4-9, 15-22)

GOLDEN TEXT: The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul (Genesis 2:7).

With this lesson we begin a study of Old Testament history which will continue for two quarters. The Book of Genesis is a part of the Pentateuch, often spoken of as the Five Books of Moses.

Modern critics have questioned the authorship of the Book of Genesis, but the Jews have always attributed the five books of the Pentateuch to Moses, and Christ bore witness to the authorship of Moses, which should satisfy any Christian.

The facts of the creation of necessity were given by direct inspiration from God but this was no more difficult than the giving of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai.

Relative to the history of the people, it was only the span of four men's lives from creation until the going down into Egypt by Israel. Adam, Lamech, Shem, and Jacob lived across this period of time.

Our lesson today gives us the record of the creation of man. Despite all the arguments of the critics and unbelievers, this plain and simple record of man's creation is satisfying to both the mind and the heart of the believer. In fact it is easier to be a believer than an unbeliever. God is a self-evident truth.

"In the beginning God." The individual who believes these few words has been magnificently illumined by the thoughts of this wonderful event recorded by Moses. The reader should study the entire first two chapters of Genesis in connection with this lesson.

Telegram

PHILIPPINE MISSION SENDS GREETINGS FROM THIRD ANNUAL DISTRICT ASSEMBLY WITH APPRECIATION AND PRAYERS.

ADDRESS CORRECTION

Important!

Recently we published an urgent appeal for used clothing for Formosa. The appeal still is urgent, but there is a new address to which the clothing should be sent. Send all used clothing to: Free China Relief Association, c/o Rev. R. R. Miller, P.O. Box 883, Taipei, Taiwan, Free China.

Also: under "Weight Limit" it should read: "Parcels can be of any weight up to forty-four pounds . . ." Size is limited by parcel post regulations.

New Address

Rev. and Mrs. Clifford Church are moving to Manjilzare via Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa, in mid-April.

Furloughing

Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Hillling will arrive in the United States from Japan on furlough, June 9, 1957.

Rev. and Mrs. Cleve James are scheduled to leave India for furlough on April 17. They should arrive in the States about May 23. After two months' rest, these couples expect to be engaged in deputation work.

Miss Frances Vine will be arriving from the Philippine Islands on April 22, for her first furlough.

On the Way "Home"

By FAIRY COCHLIN, AFRICA

Greetings from the Caribbean! I am having a happy and restful trip on my journey back to Africa. There is a Presbyterian couple on board, who are also traveling to Africa, to establish an insurance business. We have had good fellowship together. This morning we had little service in their cabin just space forbids further study of this wonderful event recorded by Moses. The reader should study the entire first two chapters of Genesis in connection with this lesson.

Now Available

"For Our Missionaries," the prayer written by Dr. Young, which appeared in the February Other Sheep, has been reprinted in limited quantity for those who would like to purchase additional copies. It is on good quality white stock, suitable for framing if desired. Prices are as follows: 10 copies to one address—35¢; 25 copies to one address—50¢; 100 copies to one address—$1.75.

Send your orders to: Office Editor, the Other Sheep, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City 10, Missouri.
Christian General Retires

William K. Harrison, Lieutenant General in the U.S. Army, retired from active service March 1 to become executive director of Evangelical Welfare Agency, Chicago. The General, whose army career spans forty years, is noted for his Christian leadership. He has been active in evangelistic work, both by private counseling and by public preaching. His articles have appeared in a number of Christian magazines. He was stationed in Japan following the war and was instrumental in extending many courtesies to Dr. Hardy C. Powers and Dr. John Stockton on their missionary inspection tour of Japan for the Church of the Nazarene in the spring of 1948. Certainly we all wish General Harrison the very best in his new position.

New "Youth for Christ" President

Ted Engstrom of Wheaton, Illinois, has been named president of Y.F.C. He succeeds Robert A. Cook, Dr. Engstrom, executive director of Y.F.C. since 1931, will serve as acting president until his appointment is confirmed at the group's annual convention in Winona Lake, Indiana, in July.

Supreme Court Approves Alcohol Test

Involuntary blood tests taken from unconscious suspects in drunken driving cases do not deprive of liberty without due process of law, the U.S. Supreme Court declared in a historic decision on February 25. This case centered around an accident in which three people were killed in New Mexico. The patrolman investigating the accident found an almost-empty pint whisky bottle in the glove compartment of the truck which was involved. He requested the physician at the hospital to take a blood test, which showed that the truck driver's blood contained 17 per cent alcohol. This evidence later convicted
Can Missionaries Return to Egypt?

The majority of requests to the State Department for permission to re-enter Egypt are still unanswered, according to American mission workers who are trying to resume their work in that country. Many who were evacuated at the height of the crisis are being told by Washington that their return is "not yet in the national interest," an official of the National Council of Churches reported last week. He added, however, that most of those who have been permitted to go back to their posts are medical missionaries and technicians. "Nevertheless it is only a trickle so far," the Reverend Dr. Roland W. Scott said, "when you think that under normal conditions several hundred Americans live and work in mission schools and hospitals in Egypt." In describing the effects of the crisis, Dr. Scott said, "No American church properties were damaged, and there was no loss of life. While the British and French church properties were sequestered by the Egyptian government and their bank accounts frozen, all American mission properties were at least partially manned during the recent conflict."—The Religious Newsweekly.

V. H. LEWIS, Secretary

The Crusade for Souls program is making its impact felt in our church. Various districts are giving emphasis to personal evangelism in zone or area rallies. In the recent tour of the Los Angeles District the party made up of Rev. Shelburne Brown, the district superintendent; Hugh Glass, pastor at Monrovia; J. W. Ellis, pastor at Pasadena First; Elwood Munger, pastor at Los Angeles Glassell Park; and myself, were in eight different churches of the district for zone rallies. In the afternoons the group met at the church for prayer and then, with pastors and laymen who wished to go along, went out into the adjacent area to canvass for the church. There were more than three hundred fifty families located who are vital prospects for these churches and the kingdom of our Lord. What a tremendous display this was of the practical results of personal evangelism!

A number of the people were prayed with as we carried the message of Christ to them. It was a real blessing to those who labored thus on the tour. A large number of pastors and laymen pledged to do their best to personally win a soul to Christ in the next thirty days. What the people there are doing we can all do. We found the doors of America open. The people are out there waiting.

It Pays to Witness for Christ

I was in the home of Rev. Hal Glover, pastor at Altadena, California, and he gave this striking example of the results of personal work:

"Sixteen years ago, while serving in the infantry, I testified to Ed. Our ways separated ... his to northern Canada, mine to a pastorate. January, 1937, found him driving north from southern California. Pausing to aid an elderly man having car trouble, he towed the car into town. The stopping place happened to be a Nazarene parsonage. Upon learning that my pastorate was nearby, he came to see me and we spent Saturday afternoon talking about army days and ... Christ. Sunday morning came. He was at church and prayed through at the altar. That afternoon he went his way back to Canada with victory in his heart and the name and address of his home town Nazarene pastor in his pocket. Say—I believe it pays to tell others about our Saviour."

Once a Week

One layman and his wife set aside every Monday evening for evangelistic calling. Someone asked them: "Do you go every Monday evening?"

"Every Monday," was the reply.

"Suppose someone invites you to dinner or someone calls upon you. What do you do then?"

"We make our proper excuses, as graciously as we can. But we visit for decisions every Monday evening."

And that couple has won over two hundred persons to Christian discipleship.

The Two Who Loved Jesus Most—

There were two followers of Jesus whom I would like to separate from all others and call the two who loved Him most.

John is often spoken of as the beloved disciple. In his writings he calls himself "that disciple whom Jesus loved." All who write of John tell us that he was a quiet, soft-spoken soul. He had an even and calm disposition. He was at the Cross and Jesus spoke to him.

Mary Magdalene, our second choice, followed Jesus from the moment she saw Him. He cast out the devils which possessed her. Although she is believed to have been a woman of prominence and wealth, she gave up all and followed the Lord.

Last at the Cross—

It was during Christ's last moments on the Cross that He turned His mother over to John. John took Mother Mary away from the Cross during those last moments. Mary Magdalene stayed on. She must have seen the hyssop offered Christ; she must have heard the dying thief ask for help; she must have seen those last moments of agony. She must have heard the words: "It is finished."

While it was not proper for the Jewish woman to care for the wrapping of the body of the dead, Mary Magdalene must have watched as the Cross was lowered, as the cruel nails were pulled from the hands and feet of the Lord, and as the cord was untied which bound Him to the rough-tree Cross.

Joseph of Arimathaea, with his servants quickly covered the body of Jesus with clean linen cloths. The time was short for burial preparation. The Sabbath was quickly drawing near. When the last rays of the sun shone upon the earth, the Sabbath would begin. As soon as the body was hastily wrapped, Mary Magdalene followed the men who carried the body of the Lord to the new tomb of Joseph.

The Sepulcher—

The sepulchers in those days were divided into two sections. There was the part where narrow niches were on the side of the wall. This was where the bodies were laid after they had been prepared for burial. There was also the anteroom, perhaps about nine feet square, where the bodies were carefully prepared for burial.

In this anteroom of the new tomb, Niodemus, carrying spices to be used on the body of Jesus, met Joseph. The
two men quickly and dextrously wrapped the legs and the arms of the Lord with strips of linen cloth. The spices were carefully laid in between the strips of linen.

Mary Magdalene could not enter the anteroom, but she stood outside as close as she was allowed, and watched the proceedings. She wept as the body was carefully placed on one of the niches. She wept even more as the large stone was rolled against the door of the sepulcher and then when the smaller stone was pushed up against the large one, thus carefully protecting the entrance to the tomb. She no doubt wept as she slowly followed the men back to the city.

The Sabbath—
What a lonely Sabbath that must have been for Mary Magdalene! It was the Sabbath of the Passover Feast. There should have been a bit of rejoicing at this time, for it was the celebration of the time when God delivered the chil

First to See Jesus—
It was Mary Magdalene to whom Jesus first appeared. As Mary sat grieving, after John and Peter had returned to their homes, Jesus appeared and called her by name.

Mary clung to the feet of Jesus, yet even as she clung, Jesus told her to leave Him and go tell the disciples of His resurrection.

The rest of the story we know only through the writings of John. John says that even before Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene, he himself believed that Christ was risen. As he stood at the sepulcher and looked into it, seeing the garments laid about, he believed. Because of this, when Mary went to the disciples with her message, John rejoiced more than the others.

John and Mary Magdalene—
There are several stories about what happened to Mary Magdalene after Christ’s ascension. I like to believe the one in which she followed after John, ministering unto Him and had followed Him wherever He had gone.

The Sabbath ended for Mary even before the sun came up. She was ready with her spices and ointments much before lightness had returned to the earth.

The Question Box

Conducted by Stephen S. White, Editor

God keeps a man, and not the man himself. God saves a man; he does not save himself. Man is saved by faith, and not by works. Therefore, I do not believe that once a man is saved, he can backslide and be lost, as you claim. Once you are born into the family of God, you can never cease to be a member of it.

You are born into the family of God by choice, and you can get out of it by choice. By being born into the family of God, nothing more is meant than that you get, or enter, into it. Christ is the Door, and we find our way into the Kingdom, or family, of God through Him. Nobody coerces us to make this choice. Likewise, no one forces us to stay in the Kingdom. We can turn around and walk out of it by choosing not to follow God any longer. It is true that we are saved by God through the exercise of faith. It is God, and not the Christian himself, who does the saving. Nevertheless, He will have to do some good works if we keep saved. A man does not keep saved by doing nothing. He keeps saved by doing something about it. Paul emphasized the fact that we are justified by faith, and James points out the truth that we are justified by works. “Faith without works is dead.”

I wonder if you know that the interpretation of the parable of the treasure in the field given by an inquirer in the “Herald of Holiness” for December 19 is almost word for word that of the Scofield Reference Bible. Anyway, you rejected that interpretation; and since you did, I believe that you should give some reasons for your answer in the Question Box. I have always had great respect for the Scofield Reference Bible, and I believe that many preachers, both pastors and evangelists, also trust its explanatory notes.

Here is the interpretation which the questioner gave at that time: “The Lord is the buyer of the field with the awful cost of His blood, and Israel is the hidden treasure, especially Ephraim, the lost tribe, hidden in the field (Exodus 19:5): ‘Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine’; and Psalm 135:4: ‘For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure.’ Israel is scattered all over the world. That’s why they are called the treasure.”

Since receiving your letter and after looking again at the interpretation just quoted, which I ruled out, I have given the matter more attention. I have looked in Adam Clarke’s and Matthew Henry’s commentaries, one Arminian and the other Calvinistic, and neither of them even suggests anything like the Scofield Bible gives. Neither of these commentaries hints at the truth of the interpretation which I turned down in the discussion in the “Herald of Holiness” for December 19. More than that, I have read a number of books on parables and never remember finding one which gives the explanation that Scofield does. Scofield’s Reference Bible has good points, but on the whole its explanations seem to me to be decidedly biased in favor of the theological position which the author holds. Having gone this far, I give the proper interpretation of the parable of the treasure again: The one truth which it is given to emphasize is that the kingdom of Heaven is the supreme value. This is proved by the fact that the man, when he found this treasure hidden in a field, sold all and bought the field. He realized that the Kingdom-treasure is worth all the other values of life put together. Further, he was not sad because he had to give up everything for it; he was happy over it.

Can we be purified, or sanctified wholly, without consecration, or a willingness to surrender absolutely to God? Can entire sanctification be obtained through faith alone? We are justified by faith after confession and repentance. Then isn’t it true that there is something else to be done on our part to be sanctified besides exercising mere faith? I refer to a statement on page 94 in the “Dynamic of Redemption.”

You are right! Consecration must precede faith for entire sanctification. The book to which you refer has many good things in it, and it does teach a second sanctifying crisis. However, it seems to me to be confused at one or two places on the question of consecration.

Do you think that we should tithe earnings other than our regular salary?
Sure! Earnings other than our regular earnings are earnings just as truly as our regular earnings are.

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be shown to those who had not seen. It was so necessary for the people to believe that Christ had risen and lived forever more.

After Jesus was gone there was nothing left for John or for Mary to do except to tell the gospel story. They had nothing to go back to.

How many times they both must have said, "The Lord is risen indeed!"

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**Pastor M. LeRoy Hastie reports from Niles, Ohio:** "First Church had a good Youth Week revival in January with the pastor's brother, Rev. Leo Hastie, and wife as evangelists. The young people were in charge, God met with us, and souls prayed through to victory. The ministry of the workers was much appreciated. In February we had a two-week revival with Evangelists Harry and Esther Carlsen. This was a time of spiritual refreshing, many new people came to the services, the church was well filled each night. God met with us, and souls for whom the church had been praying came and gave their hearts to Christ. The Carlsens were a great blessing in music, singing, and preaching; they were given a call to return in ’39. Coming here in May of ’36 we found a fine group of folks; nine new members have been received, and the church has an average attendance by 25 per cent. There is a fine spirit of cooperation on the part of all auxiliary departments and officers. We will be a ‘10 per cent’ church for missions this year. Recently the congregation voted to sell the present church building, and to build a new church and educational unit. The pastor has been given a unanimous call for three years.

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**Evangelist James A. Hamilton writes:** "Since entering the field January 1, it has been my pleasure to work with some of our finest pastors and their good people. God has blessed and given a number of people bowing at the altar seeking God for old-time victory. I have an open date, May 29 to June 9. I feel it will be good to be at the altar with any church. Write me. 4014 Riverside Drive, Huntington, West Virginia."

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**Evangelist Lowell L. Yatts reports:** "I am enjoying my work and God is blessing me in the field of evangelism to the great number of people who have been with Pastor Bruce at North Manchester; at Riverhaven Church, near Fort Wayne, Indiana, with Rev. C. H. Tempia; to El Paso, Illinois, with Pastor L. G. Young, following which I had a second meeting with Rev. M. W. Mellen at Fourth Street Church. Next I was at Grassmere Heights Church in Fort Wayne with Rev. Thurl Mann, and at Golden Acres Church in Peoria, Illinois, with Rev. E. A. Hamilton; for my third meeting with Pastor Clyde Smith at Ridgeville, and on to Peru, Indiana, with Minister Russell Shalley. God gave us a wonderful meeting here in my home church, with Brother Jack Bierce as singer. At this writing I am at Bloomfield, Iowa, for my third meeting; Rev. John Damon is the pastor. From here I go to Le Mars with Rev. Ray Sprenger. God blessed in all of these meetings and souls were saved and sanctified. We have an open date, April 23 to May 5, also some open time in September and November, and in January and February of 1958. I will go anywhere the Lord may lead for a free will offering. Write me to 325 W. Sixth Street, Peru, Indiana."

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**Highland, Indiana—** Recent revival services at Highland First Church with Evangelist C. T. Corbett were well attended, and a good spirit prevailed throughout the meeting. The evangelist was well received, and more than fifty seekers found victory at the altar of prayer. Finances have not been as great as last year, but the church seems to be going deeper spiritually with good attendance in all services. We are deeply grateful for the fine people here, and give God praise for His blessings.—L. D. Lockwood, Pastor.

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**Grandview, Washington—** Recently we closed our fourth revival with Evangelist Ellis Lewis. We feel this was a time of true visitation from God. Prayers were answered, and about one hundred seekers found victory in God for salvation and holiness. The messages were timely and stirring, and Brother Corbett’s plan of Bible reading by verses was well received. Finances came quite easily and the church was helped in every way. Since our coming here we have seen a marvelous work. We feel this was a time of God’s blessing and that He will bless us in all the services. We are deeply grateful for the fine people here, and give God praise for His blessings.—L. D. Lockwood, Pastor.

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**Carey, Ohio—** Recently the Ridge Chapel Church had an outstanding revival with Evangelist George Anderson. From the beginning there was a good spirit of revival, with seekers at the altar on the second night and each night following to the close of the meeting. Brother Anderson did some wonderful preaching, and God gave some gracious victories at the altar of prayer. The church was greatly encouraged and pressed forward with new determination.—Paul Perry, Pastor.

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**Riverbank, California—** Recently our church enjoyed a very fruitful revival with Evangelist Max F. Peters. At the close of a ten-day meeting, Brother Peters was asked to return for five more days following a five-day meeting at Oceanside. These meetings resulted in a Sunday school attendance of 100—the highest in several years. Counting as they came, 35 people sought God for spiritual help, and a class of 12 was added to the church, 7 on profession of faith. Much of the success of the meeting was due to the faithful group who stood by in prayer. Four morning prayer meetings were held for several months prior to the meeting, with morning prayer meetings each day during the revival. Brother Max Peters did a fine job in preaching the gospel and won the hearts of our young people.—Mervin R. Wright, Pastor.
Christian Service Training School

The first united Christian Service Training school among Nazarenes of the Orlando Zone is history. A very fine beginning has been made along this line, with plans for projecting it as an annual event.

Besides the Orlando (Florida) churches—First, Central, Colonial—and Fern Park, there were representatives from Kissimmee and Lake Mary. A total of 77 credits were issued, out of an enrollment of about 100.

Professor M. E. Redford of Trevecca Nazarene was the special speaker, and lectured, using his text, Rise of the Church of the Nazarene, besides teaching a class in “Essential Christian Beliefs.” His teaching was of the highest order, and a greater appreciation for our church was expressed as a result of the study of Nazarene history and policy.

Other courses and instructors were: “We Are Witnesses,” by Rev. Don Freese; “The Nazarene Sunday School Teacher,” by Rev. Dick Fullerton; “Teaching Children,” by Mrs. J. C. Pickrell. Each of these instructors rendered excellent service, which was most appreciated.

Central Church was host to the school, with the pastor serving as dean. A fine spirit of co-operation is being manifested among the churches of the Orlando area, and this is only one of a number of projects which are being carried out in a united way. Zone President Don Freese is to be congratulated for his excellent leadership.—Ralph Ahlmann, Host Pastor.

Idaho-Oregon District
Sunday School Tour

The Idaho-Oregon District recently closed a six-week Sunday school tour and it was our privilege to be the workers. The careful planning by Rev. Raymond Kratzer, chairman of the church school board, and the unusual aggressiveness and vision of Director Superintendent I. L. Younger made possible the following results, which should do much in the promotion of the Kingdom in the months ahead.

A “Volunteer for Service” form was used and presented at the various rallies. At the close of the tour the tabulation showed that the following number of people pledged to give time each week (under the direction of the pastor) in the places of service as indicated: weekly visitation, 315; Home Department visitation, 221; Cradle Roll visitation, 98; Caravan leadership, 135; regular or substitute teaching, 296; use of automobile to bring others to Sunday school, 226; office work (typing or mimeographing), 10; other places of service, 170. This was a grand total of 1,672.

The co-operation of the pastors and people of the district was united and enthusiastic. While everyone was invited and attended the rallies, a poll indicated that 94% of teachers and officers of the Sunday school were in attendance. The wonderful spirit manifested on the district is a sure indication that even better days are ahead for Idaho-Oregon.—Lyle and Lois Potter, Sunday School Evangelists.

Evangelist Clayton D. Bailey writes: “Because of cancellations I have two open dates. May 7 to 12 and May 22 to June 2. I’ll be glad to slate these dates anywhere in the Midwest. Write me, Box 579, Fort Dodge, Iowa.”

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RECOMMENDATIONS

I can heartily recommend to Nazarenes everywhere, Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Crews, P.O. Box 528, Denison, Texas. Twenty years as a successful pastor speaks well for Brother Crews. As the district church school chairman he has led in church school attendance for our district as well as for the state of Texas for many years. Church membership increase in Denison is also one of the best on the district. The Crewses sing well together and will make a strong evangelistic team, as they can carry the entire program. I am very glad to suggest this fine couple to all pastors who are in need of evangelists. Write them at the above address until May 8. Paul M. Garrett, Superintendent of Dallas District.

Rev. and Viola Kline have resigned as ministers of music at First Church, Little Rock, to enter the evangelistic field. They sing, preach, and Mrs. Kline is an excellent musician. They are now available and may be contacted for our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri.—W. L. French, Superintendent of South Arkansas District.

This is to announce to our people everywhere that Rev. and Mrs. Paul Trissel are available for full-time evangelistic work. Brother Trissel is a good preacher and his wife is a wonderful musician. With their two children they sing quartets, or duets, or solos. They have their house trailer and therefore would be able to entertain themselves. I hope our people keep them busy. Write him, Rt. 3, Box 352, Bradenton, Florida.—John L. Knight, Superintendent of Florida District.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Rebecca Joy Wachtel of Nashville, Tennessee, and Roy Lee Dorris of Bethany, Oklahoma, were united in marriage at the Bethwald Church of the Nazarene, Columbus, on March 16, with Rev. Cecil G. Hoyes, father of the bride, officiating.

Miss Rebecca Joy Wachtel of Nashville, Tennessee, and Roy Lee Dorris of Bethany, Oklahoma, were united in marriage on December 31, 1956, in the Ingleswood Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. D. K. Wachtel, father of the bride, officiating, assisted by Rev. Paul McGrady.

Born—Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bell, Jr., of Sheffield, Alabama, a son, David Lindon, on March 13.

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AKRON—Assembly, May 1 to 3, at First Christian Church, 400 Cleveland Southeast, Canton, Ohio. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to Rev. D. P. Palmer, Box 125, Canton, Ohio. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

CANADA PACIFIC—Assembly, May 2 and 3, at First Church of the Nazarene, 998 East 19th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to the entertaining pastor, Rev. W. R. Robinson, 250 Nigel Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

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WASHINGTON PACIFIC—Assembly, May 15 and 16, at Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene, 3619 Main St., Vancouver, Washington. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to the entertaining pastor, Rev. H. S. Palmquist, 633 West 44th, Vancouver. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—Assembly, May 15 to 17, at Beulah Park (District Center), 100 Beulah Park Drive, Santa Cruz, California. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to the entertaining pastor, Rev. Frank True, 100 Beulah Park Drive, Santa Cruz. Dr. B. I. Vanderpool presiding.


FLORIDA—Assembly, May 21 to 23, at Church of the Nazarene, corner 16th Avenue and 13th Street, Bradenton, Florida. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to the entertaining pastor, Rev. Charles Silver, P.O. Box 3352 (home address), 1305 16th Avenue, Bradenton. Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding.

OREGON PACIFIC—Assembly, May 22 to 24, at Church of the Nazarene, 730 West 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to the entertaining pastor, Rev. Jerald D. Johnson, 659 West 16th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

EVANGELISTS' SLATES

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Allee, G. Franklin. 1137 Skyline Drive, Moses Lake, Wash.

Whitefish, Mont. April 25 to May 5

Sioux Falls, S.D. May 9 to 19

Allen, Jimmie. Sunday School Evangelist, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Mo.

Wichita, Kansas April 24 to May 5

Derby, Kansas May 7 to 12

Anderson, G. R. Box 176, Lindsey, Ohio

Washago, Ohio April 16 to 28

April 30 to May 12

Anderson, Gilbert and Sylvia. Preachers and Singers, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Mo.

Andrews, Texas April 18 to 26

Currit, Neb. May 2 to 12

Asbey, Kenneth and Geneva. Singers and Musicians, 8745 70th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Bailey, Clayton D. Box 579, Fort Dodge, Iowa

Indianapolis, Ind. April 10 to 21

Toldeo, Ohio April 24 to May 2

Baker, Miss Peggy. Song Evangelist, 329 East 5th, Hutchinson, Kansas


Bannning, R. M. Morrow, Ohio

Barkey, Arthur E. and Vada Lee. Preacher and Singers, 305 N.W. Main St., Bethany, Okla.

Ainslie, Neb. April 30 to May 12

Barbe, Robert H. and Belle M. Evangelist and Singers, 1750 Winne Ave., Winchester, Kehoe, Ky. April 7 to 21

Inez (Turkey) April 28 to May 12

Battin, Boudor, 1507 South 7th, Lubbock, Texas

Sherman, Texas April 10 to 21

Texas City, Texas April 24 to May 5

Becker, Miss Wanda L. 819 Central Ave., Newport, Ky.

Beere, P. P. and Marie (Coyer). Preacher and Singer, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Mo.


Mountville, W.Va. April 24 to May 5

Dayton (First), Ohio May 8 to 12


Middletown, Ohio April 17 to 28

Erie, Pa. May 1 to 12

Bierce, Joseph. Evangelist, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Mo.

Middletown, Ohio April 17 to 28

May 1 to 12

Bishop, J. Box 47, Yukon, Okla.

Hobart, Okla. April 17 to 28

Huntsville, N.C. April 24 to May 5

Blair, Earl L. Evangelist, 941 Idledale Ct., Lexington, Ky.

Boggs, W. L. P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Mo.

Santa Cruz (First), Calif. April 17 to 28

Fresno (First), Calif. May 1 to 12

Bouer, Fred. 420 East 12th St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Bowman, Russell, 1841 Belmead Rd., Columbia 23, Ohio

Cross Lanes, W.Va. April 17 to 28

Charleston (Loudendale), W.Va.

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Bracken, A. I. 115 N. Mueller Ave., Bethany, Okla.

Andrews, Texas April 10 to 21

Cline, N.C. April 30 to May 12

Brannon, George. 125 N. Wheeler, Bethany, Okla.

Oklahoma City (Lakeview), Okla.

April 10 to 12

Peoria, Ill. April 24 to May 5

Brannon, J. S. 2209 N. Main St., Point Pleasant, W.Va.

Brannon, Willbur W. 177 Marshall Blvd., Elkhart, Ind.

Longview, Texas April 24 to May 5

Grand Saline, Texas May 8 to 19

Bridgewater, R. F. E. and Dorothy. 116 Wolfe Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Brinkman, George and Flora. 76 Orange St., St. Augustine, Fla.


Brough, C. Weiley, 302 W. Beliveau, Porterville, Calif.

Brixhill, Ind. April 17 to 28

Maryville (First), Tenn. May 5 to 16

Brown, Cion C. 112 Manor Dr., High Point, N.C.

Buck, C. I., Box 693, Los Angeles, Calif.

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Newell, W.Va. April 24 to May 5

Akrum (Springfield Heights), Ohio May 8 to 19

Brown, Marvin L. 1309 N. Main St., Kewanee, Ill.

Brown, Charles H. 1715 North 15th St., Boise, Idaho

Brown, W. Lawson. Evangelist, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Mo.

Canton, Ill. May 9 to 19

Newton, Iowa May 22 to June 2

Burlington, Ralph. Box 707, Denver City, Texas

Burr, E. F. 2711 Danube Dr., Sacramento 21, Calif.

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Burton, C. C. P.O. Box 145, Somerset, Ky.

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Tulsa (Bennett), Okla. April 10 to 21

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Chandler, W. E. (Bill). Evangelist, P.O. Box 583, Shavertown, Okla.

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