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God's PASSOVER Observed World-Wide

In SEVEN major Festivals here in America, plus others in England, Australia and around the world—a glorious season was observed this year!

by Roderick C. Meredith

“THEREFORE let us KEEP THE FEAST...” (I Cor. 5:8).

In obeying this inspired New Testament COMMAND to Christians, over TEN THOUSAND brethren of God's Church assembled this spring to observe the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread. All reports indicate that there was GREAT JOY in this observance—and that this spring Festival was the most successful ever held in this age.

The Church of God is GROWING. Although we are not yet noticed by the world to any great extent, it would be SHOCKED to realize the unusual *dedication* and LOVE among God's people, the deep *understanding* and POWER of God's ministers, and the tremendous world-wide WORK being carried on by such a comparatively few people!

Perhaps because of this emphasis on CHRIST'S great *sacrifice* and *love*, each year the Passover season seems to point up the deep *warmth*, *love* and DEDICATION of God's people. Nearly all of God's ministers mentioned this fact in their reports on the Festivals, and it is something to *appreciate* and continue to GROW in year by year.

As of old, the children of Israel this year “kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread with JOY: for the Lord had made them *joyful*” (Ezra 6:22).

Thousands Attend at Gladewater and Pasadena

Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong went to Texas to take charge of the eight-day Festival on our own Tabernacle Grounds near Gladewater. Accompanying him were Mr. Les McCullough—recently ordained Preaching Elder in God's Church—and two graduating seniors already being used in Christ's service—Mr. Tom Blackwell, and Mr. Arthur Craig. Mr. Kenneth Swisher of the Gladewater Church acted as the host minister, with Mr. David Antion, Mr. Carl McNair, Mr. Richard Prince and Mr. Roger Foster all coming in during the middle of the week for part of the services during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

A total of 869 converted members of God's Church partook of the symbols of Christ's Passover in a memorable service. And over 2000 brethren were in attendance on the night of the joyful Feast picturing Israel's deliverance from Egypt—and *our* deliverance from this world and from sin. Mr. Ted Armstrong reported that the atmosphere on the night of the Feast was literally *permeated* with *warmth*, *love* and *rejoicing*.

During the eight-day Festival, sermons were brought by all of the ministers present with Mr. Ted Armstrong

and Mr. McCullough taking the lead. Mr. Armstrong spoke on the real NEED to overcome and of the great GOAL that lies ahead of us. The theme of *overcoming* and *putting out sin* dominated throughout the preaching and Bible studies during this Festival—as it did everywhere this Festival was observed by God's Church.

At Headquarters in Pasadena, 794 brethren partook of the Passover with an additional 397 observing this ordinance in nearby Los Angeles. All areas came together for the Feast the following night, with well over 2000 in attendance.

For the first Holy Day, we were privileged to conduct the services in the beautiful Pasadena Civic Auditorium—one of the most beautiful auditoriums of its kind in America. Mr. Roderick C. Meredith, your author, and Mr. Norman Smith were in charge of the services. Over 2000 people were in attendance—as on the previous evening—and were inspired by the messages and by the beautiful singing of the Ambassador College Chorale conducted by Mr. Leon Ettinger.

Although the day before had been almost unbearably hot out-of-doors, God granted almost perfect weather for the
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Letters to the Editor

Surprising interest in the German broadcast was shown in the recent series on the weather. The first program was played on Feb. 18, 1962, *the very day after the worst storm to hit Germany in 100 years.* The program had been done a month in advance at Pasadena. Here are some of the responses translated by our staff:

About the Weather

"Today, in the early morning of the first day of the week, Sunday, I heard your address on the radio with a deeply stirred heart. I am very glad that the Holy Spirit put it into your heart to herald a message about the WEATHER at exactly this time."

Man from Sonnefeld bei Coburg

● He heard this first weather program the morning after the storm.

"Would you please send me also booklets about your message 'God is warning us through weather catastrophes.' The broadcast [she heard this the morning after the storm] was mostly static-free. The reception has probably been affected by the devastating flood catastrophe here on the North Sea and in Hamburg and on the Elbe."

Woman from Scharbeutz

"I am very thankful to you for the religious broadcasts which I hear on the radio, especially for the one on the day of February 18, 1962."

Man from Hollenstadt

"My wife and I listen almost every Sunday to your gospel broadcasts on the radio. Upon your suggestion of your periodical 'Die Reine Wahrheit,' I would like to ask you to send it to me, if possible also two past issues. I was stimulated to make this request as a result of the broadcast of February 18, 1962."

Man from Freimersheim

"Today, Sunday, in the early morning I heard your address, which alarmed me very much. You spoke about weather catastrophes of this time and future times."

Woman from Aschbach über Bamberg

"Please send me your magazine about your theme of last Sunday the 18th—weather prophecies."

Woman from Eisingen über Pforzheim

"I would be very thankful to read something on coming catastrophes in your paper 'Die Reine Wahrheit.'" [This man wrote on Feb. 18, the day he heard the first weather program.]

Man from Wetzlar

"Yesterday, on Sunday, February 18, at 6 o'clock in the morning I heard your prophetic announcement of the time of the end. Wow, what a blow your message was! I would like to know more about this."

Woman from Scheuen

"My wife receives the magazine 'Die Reine Wahrheit' from you. Naturally I read it too. I am glad that you are telling the plain truth, about Christmas for example, to people who are so bound in tradition—in pagan customs."

Man from Mainburg

● Did you notice how many of these letters are from MEN?

"I gratefully acknowledge herewith the receipt of 'Die Reine Wahrheit,' to which I have subscribed.

"I have followed your talks with great interest and am glad to see that you are freeing the truth which is shown in the Bible from the rubbish of adopted pagan practices, which have been accumulated over the course of thousands of years."

Man from Wetter

"This address on Sunday, February 25, 1962, which was sent by your station at 6 o'clock on the weather—the drought and that this is to be only the beginning of bad weather—interested me very, very much."

Woman from Köln-Müngersdorf

Other Subjects Bring Responses, Too!

"Today, Sunday morning at 6 o'clock, I was able to hear your broadcast over Radio Luxemburg on the 208 meter band. Your talk interested me very much. Neither verbally nor in literature have I ever been able to learn so clearly what is actually meant by being born again."

Man from Bremen

"Thank you very much for both of the fine pieces of literature, which you have sent me. They are 'The Plain Truth about Easter' and 'How to Overcome

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ARE YOU WILLING?

Do YOU, as a member of the body of Christ, have a truly WILLING spirit? Do you have that outgoing, yielding, GIVING attitude of which Christ spoke so often? It's time to CHECK UP on ourselves! Read this searching article and find out about YOU!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

SUSPICION! Greed! Jealousy! Mistrust! Hate! THESE are the words that characterize the society in which you live today!

Brethren of God's true Church, *just how much* of the callousness, the suspicion, the jealousy and the hostility of *this world* have you carried over into God's Church WITH you?

What is FIRST with You?

Think for a moment. What *is* truly the BIGGEST thing in your life today? Is it your husband, your wife, or your children? Is it your paycheck, your home or your car?

To the people in the world—*these* are the big things. MOST Americans, when questioned about their problems, and what they thought it would take to solve them, answered, "About one third more INCOME!" They thought about one third more MONEY than they are presently making would SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS!

Most all of us will immediately think of Jesus' command to "Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God and HIS righteousness, and all these *things* [these *material* necessities] shall be added unto you!" (Mat. 6:33.)

Yes—most of us would THINK of this scripture—but *how many* of us actually APPLY it?

IS the KINGDOM OF GOD—the *family* of God—the opportunity to be BORN of God, into His very own family, and to RULE THIS WORLD with a rod of iron really FIRST with us? Is the WORK, which Jesus said *must* be done *before* His kingdom will reign on this earth, an all-consuming, all-important, urgent, driving, powerful PART OF YOUR LIFE?

Is it really? Are you *sure*?

If it is—you will really *know* it is by the time you finish reading this article. And if it is *not*, you should really KNOW it is not.

The WORK of God

If (and this is the biggest "IF" in your life) you are really *converted*, then you are a part of the very BODY of Christ! (I Cor. 12:13.) Jesus is the

HEAD, the Chief, the Leader of that body (Col. 1:18).

When Jesus was on this earth as a *man*, He accomplished the WORK of His Father in His physical body. He said, "I have finished the WORK which thou gavest me to do!" (John 17:4.) But He admitted He could do nothing of Himself—that it was the *Father* who dwelt IN Him that actually *did* the work! (John 14:10.) Jesus certainly *knew* the scripture in Zechariah that says, "Not by might, nor by power, but by MY SPIRIT, saith the Eternal of Hosts" (Zech. 4:6) since *He* had directly inspired it!

But Jesus had merely finished the work which He, personally, through the power of the Spirit of the Father dwelling in Him, had done! He did NOT FINISH ALL THE WORK OF GOD! He *commissioned* His disciples, ordering them to go to *all nations* (Matt. 28:19) and saying He would be continuously WITH them—guiding, leading, directing, *controlling* them (Matt. 28:20).

Earlier, He had prophesied, "And THIS GOSPEL of the KINGDOM shall be preached in *all* the world for a witness unto *all nations*, and THEN shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14).

The preaching of the Gospel was continuing the WORK that He had only begun! He *prepared* His Disciples to CONTINUE THAT WORK! He had said, "If I do *not* the work of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, *though ye believe not me*, BELIEVE THE WORKS, that ye may KNOW and BELIEVE, that the Father is in me, and I in Him!" (John 10:37, 38.)

Jesus pointed to what was being *accomplished*. He pointed to what was being DONE!

That's where YOU ought to look!

You should have really taken the time to PROVE to yourself, once and for all, and beyond the shadow of a doubt—that THIS IS that very BODY OF CHRIST, the ONE, and the ONLY true Church of God on the face of this earth!

Jesus said look to the WORK—find out where His true GOSPEL is being preached.

How to Really GROW!

"I am the vine, YOU are the Branches!" said Christ (John 15:5). He said, unless you ABIDE in Him, you can bear no fruit! But he said, if a man "abide NOT in me, he is *cast forth* as a branch, and is withered, and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned" (John 15:6).

Do you see? Either you ABIDE IN CHRIST—in HIS BODY—HIS CHURCH DOING HIS OWN WORK, or you will be BURNED!

That's why Jesus said the WORK is so important! That's why Mr. Armstrong has emphasized over the years that each member will continue to GROW, and to DEVELOP in spiritual character, *only to the degree* that his WHOLE HEART and BEING are in the WORK of God!

There *is* no middle ground! Either you are IN GOD'S CHURCH, and therefore doing the WORK of that Church or you are NOT a real Christian, NOT really converted—and headed toward a blazing lake of FIRE. Jesus said so!

What is YOUR PART?

The Apostle was inspired to describe the body of Christ in minute detail as to FUNCTION in the 12th chapter of First Corinthians. Notice it! "...there are *differences of administrations* (jobs, duties, functions), but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all [or everything in each one]" (I Cor. 12:5, 6).

Paul then goes on to explain about the different *outward appearances* of each member—that while some *seem* to be less "honorable" or important, they are actually *vitaly necessary*! This wonderful chapter is a real lesson in HUMILITY—in learning to PROPERLY EVALUATE each job of each individual member of God's Church! God tells us, whether we be seemingly helpless, feeble, unable to do anything, that we are really *necessary*, really IMPORTANT, really vital to the body as a *whole*!

"I can't do much!" complain some of

you widows! "What can *I* do?" asks a farmer, clerk, salesman or office worker.

Brethren begin feeling "left out!" They feel *inadequate* somehow—as if they are expendable, unnecessary and really useless to the body as a whole!

But WHY, brethren?

The real reason is only a total lack of understanding, coupled with lack of real living FAITH, and mixed with a lot of SELF-PITY!

It's only when people become embroiled in their *own personal problems* that they feel this way!

How MANY articles, broadcasts, sermons have you heard, showing what YOUR PART is in the work of God? Surely it isn't necessary to REPEAT, word for word, all this teaching here!

YOUR PART is to PRAY. Pray fervently, earnestly, zealously! Pray *particularly*, getting down to DETAIL about it. Pray for the WORK, for different *facets* of the work, for those IN the work, for rulers, for brethren, for the sick, for unconverted ones for whom you need to intervene! There is so MUCH to pray for! Simply giving prayers of THANKS could take *hours* and *hours* when we really *count* our blessings!

YOUR PART is to BE A LIGHT! It's to LIVE such a shining example in your own life, in your own area, that others are AMAZED by it. They will want to KNOW what suddenly made you so HAPPY, so VITAL, so filled with ZEST and real ENTHUSIASM! They'll be *interested* in what makes you this way!

YOUR PART IS TO GIVE! It's to GIVE of your TIME in prayer, in concern for others, in *helping* others directly. It's to GIVE of your SUBSTANCE in helping the poor, the lonely, the widows and orphans, and especially to GIVE *to the very work of God!*

YOUR PART then, is to do exactly what any one part of YOUR BODY does for all other parts! Notice it! "But all these [different jobs, offices and responsibilities] worketh that one and the selfsame spirit, dividing to every man severally as He [God] will. For as the body is ONE, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, *so also is Christ!*" (I Cor. 12:11, 12.)

Since the body of Christ is to be zealously accomplishing the *work of God*, and YOU are, if converted, a member of *that body*—then YOUR WHOLE LIFE IS ABSORBED in the work of God! Every *facet* of it.

It means you are really BEHIND each project, really *enthusiastic* about each new radio station acquired, each new piece of property purchased, each new

minister ordained, each new Church raised up, each new project begun.

How Responsive are YOU?

But ARE you, *really* this responsive to God's work?

Actually, brethren, many of you are not! Without realizing it, some have permitted themselves to harbor the same basic mistrust, jealousies, suspicions and resentments that characterized their natures BEFORE they were baptized.

Brethren! If you really MEANT it when you were plunged into the water, then God says to you, "And you hath he quickened [renewed in Spirit] who *were dead* in trespasses and sins; wherein in *time past* ye walked according to the course of *this world*, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Eph. 2:1,2).

All of us lived in this attitude in *times past!* We were *suspicious*, envious, jealous, attributing WRONG MOTIVES to other people. But read the rest of this scripture! "Among whom also we all had our conversation [conduct] in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were BY NATURE the children of wrath, even as others" (Eph. 2:3).

But NOW, God says, we have been "quickened" by receiving His Spirit—*renewed, changed, made different!* "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ [by grace are ye saved]; and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places [heavenly responsibilities, jobs, offices—duties delegated from heaven] in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:5,6).

The job God has given us to do is *varied*. It is composed of many *different* duties, many *different* areas of endeavor, many *different* programs, fields, projects.

Today, as God gives more and more *real growth* to His work, and as it becomes better and *better organized*, it is expanding into ever-increasing *departments*.

But what about it, brethren—are you *really with, for, behind, responsive toward, enthusiastic about* each PHASE OF GOD'S WORK?

How Some Wither Away!

Frankly, brethren—one of the main purposes of this article is because I have a sizeable stack of cards I don't know what to do with. They were returned by some few of YOU after Mr. Armstrong's letter quite some time ago about PLEDGES *for the building program!*

Some apparently misunderstood. Oth-

ers simply didn't know how to answer. But still others became hostile, suspicious, and utterly UNresponsive. Some sent back cards on which they had scrawled "I DON'T MAKE PLEDGES!"

Think of it! Even *after* God's minister had *called* upon you, in the name of your HEAD and your SAVIOUR, Jesus Christ, some were suspicious, distrustful, and *carnal*. Mr. Armstrong explained thoroughly that we are *constantly* PLEDGING to do this or that. Even when we *say* we will do so and so, we are PLEDGING! Pledging, with all the very lenient CONDITIONS Mr. Armstrong made plain, is NOT MAKING A VOW! But some few, WITH NO REAL FAITH IN THE HEAD OF THIS CHURCH—JESUS CHRIST—*refused* to help. ONLY A FEW! But even *one* would have been too many!

Look at the athlete for a moment. The brain, the nerve center of the body, is much like the physical leaders God has placed in His Church. The arms, legs, hands and feet, the torso and all parts of it might be likened to all the various MEMBERS of God's Church. In the body, they are actually *called* "members."

What does the athlete who is playing a complicated game DO when he needs a burst of speed and agility? What actually happens? Simply defined, there is an instantaneous *communication* from the brain, via the nervous system, to the *muscles* in all the limbs. They *respond*. The legs drive, the arms swing rhythmically, the whole body reacts! In sports, the athlete does these things AUTOMATICALLY! His WHOLE BODY, like one smoothly-functioning, well-oiled machine, simply *reacts automatically!* He doesn't have to slowly ponder, think, and *reason out* each move he makes.

But observe the totally UNcoordinated novice. He might have a real grimace of *determination* on his face! He's trying to play the game. He grips the racquet in his hand, and with a look of fierce concentration, makes a pitiful stab at the ball.

He misses! His legs can't react in time, his arms simply don't DO what he wants them to do—even though he *wants* to play the game with all his heart. His EYE is not really "on" the ball—he simply can't SEE it part of the time. The poor fellow is so UNcoordinated, so UNprofessional-appearing that it's laughable.

What is the difference here?

The *one* responds AUTOMATICALLY! Why? Because he's USED to it. He's *accustomed* to the sport—he's
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Over 2000 brethren assemble in beautiful Pasadena Civic Auditorium — with Ambassador Chorale on stage. This was on first Holy Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

PASSOVER Observed

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noon Feast on this first Holy Day which was held on our own Ambassador College campus grounds.

A spirit of cooperation and joy prevailed throughout the entire Festival, and everyone received real spiritual "meat" in sermons given by Mr. Norman Smith, Mr. Ronald Dart, Dr. Clint Zimmerman and Mr. Allen Manteufel.

The Passover in America's Two Largest Cities

Mr. Albert J. Portune flew back to New York to join Mr. Carlton Smith in conducting the Passover services and an entire eight-day Festival in America's largest city. Although God's Church is still quite new, comparatively speaking, in New York, there were 345 converted brethren who partook of the Passover this year. Over 500 people were in attendance on the night of the Feast—and there were several hundred in

attendance each day throughout the entire Festival.

Mr. Carlton Smith reports: "This was not only the greatest Passover physically, but most important, the greatest spiritually. There was a good variety of spiritual food given in the sermons and sermonettes by Messrs. Portune, McDowell, Engelbart and myself. There were numerous comments from the congregation as to how beneficial the messages had been.

"The highlight of the Festival occurred the afternoon of the last Holy Day. Three persons were ordained. Messrs. Rufus Turner and Charles Nickel were ordained as deacons and Mrs. Rufus Turner became officially a deaconess. These three have served faithfully and diligently in the New York Church in numerous ways since it started some two and one-half years ago. All three were very much surprised and

overwhelmed with emotion when they were called to the platform for the service. I am sure that it was a thrilling experience for the entire congregation and an encouraging one as this was the first ordination service to take place in this relatively new church. I hope that there will be many more to come. We are certainly going to need them as this church is growing so rapidly as the figures above indicate."

In Chicago, America's second largest city, a total of 614 converted brethren partook of the Passover service and around 1000 were in attendance for the Feast. God blessed His people with wonderful halls in which to meet—which are always difficult to locate in Chicago—and a spirit of joy and warmth prevailed throughout the entire Feast in Chicago.

After the Passover and the first Holy Day services in the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, my wife and I flew back to join Mr. Blackwell in conducting the services during the Days of Unleavened Bread in Chicago. There were 935



Outside view of the Civic Auditorium showing brethren and Ambassador students leaving one of the services.

brethren in attendance even on the weekly Sabbath to hear the sermons. Many had come in from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, and other outlying states to attend the entire Festival in Chicago.

The spirit of *dedication* and *service* in the Chicago area is very pronounced—and reflects the character and personality of the pastor in that area, Mr. Dean Blackwell. Besides the sermons by Mr. Blackwell and myself, fine messages on Christian living and overcoming were given by Mr. George Meeker, associate pastor in the Milwaukee Church; Mr. Les McColm, associate pastor in the South Bend Church; Mr. Hal Baird, pastor of the Churches in Saint Louis and

Bloomington; Mr. Harold Jackson, pastor for the Negro brethren in the Chicago area; and Mr. John Bald, associate pastor to Mr. Blackwell for the Chicago-La Grange area.

Services on the final Holy Day in Chicago were highlighted by outstanding musical numbers presented by the Negro Chorale in the morning, and the regular Chicago Church Chorale in the afternoon services. Both groups performed extremely well, and showed real growth and potential.

Full Festivals Also Held in Portland and Denver

Mr. Herman Hoeh—Managing Editor of The PLAIN TRUTH and Dean of Instruction at Ambassador College in

Pasadena—flew to Portland to be in charge of the Festival for the Pacific Northwest area. Mr. Hoeh was assisted by Mr. Dale Hampton, pastor of the Portland church; by Mr. Jimmy Fridde, pastor of the Seattle and Tacoma churches; by Mr. Richard Plache, assistant to Mr. Raymond Cole in the Eugene-Salem area; and by Mr. Carl O'Beirn, assistant to Mr. Hampton in the Portland area.

About 470 brethren partook of the sacred Passover services in the state of Oregon, and almost 800 were in attendance at Portland for the Sabbath. Several hundred were in attendance each day for the entire eight-day Festival. Two inspiring Bible studies were
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What Can I Do on the Sabbath Day?

by Ronald L. Dart

MANY of you brethren have written to us here at headquarters with questions regarding what you may or may not do on the Sabbath. In fact, this is one of the most common questions we receive. In a way, this is surprising, since the Bible gives us many clear *spiritual principles* to go by.

Part of the problem is that, often, too many of us want to escape responsibility. We want the ministers to lay down a list of do's and don't's for us so we can proceed to keep the *letter* of the *minister's* recommendation rather than having to discern and obey the *spirit* of God's law.

Exercise Spiritual Judgment

Christ promised that when the Spirit of truth came to us, it would lead us into all truth (John 16:13). Furthermore, Paul warns us that we are not just to obey the letter of God's law, but the *spirit* (Romans 7:6). Obviously, to obey the spirit of the law we must have the Spirit of God dwelling in us; and if we have that Spirit, we should be learning to apply the spiritual principles of God's law to our everyday life.

If we have not learned this we are in the category of those Paul was writing to in Hebrews 5:12-14: "For when for the time you ought to be teachers, you have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who *by reason of use* have their senses *exercised* to discern both good and evil."

If we are going to be in God's Kingdom, we must begin now to exercise our senses and to use that spirit to apply the principles of God's spiritual law.

Perhaps you feel that you do understand God's law, and that you are able to apply its principles to the Sabbath Day. Now is your chance to find out for sure. Before you read any further, go and get yourself a piece of paper and a pencil. Following are a number of questions which have actually been asked of God's ministers. Read the question and then write down your answer. After you

have written down *your* answer, then proceed to read the answer in this article. You may be surprised.

Common Sabbath Questions

1. Is it permissible to cook on the Sabbath Day?

Did you write down your answer? No doubt many of you wrote "yes" and some wrote "no." *But* how many wrote down a scripture as the answer? If you wrote a simple "yes" or "no" as your answer, you have simply given your *own opinion*. Frankly, *our opinion* as to what may or may not be done on the Sabbath is *worthless*. What counts is what *God* says may be done. The Bible answer to this question is found in the sixteenth chapter of Exodus. In this chapter we have the account of how God very carefully taught the nation of Israel which day the Sabbath was. By a divine miracle, He gave them bread to eat from heaven, and He only gave them enough to eat for each day as it came. They were forbidden to let any of the manna remain until morning (verse 19). However, they were told on the sixth day to gather twice as much bread (verse 22). Then, in verse 23 we have the answer to our question: "And he said unto them, this is that which the Lord hath said, tomorrow is the rest of the holy Sabbath unto the Lord: **BAKE THAT WHICH YE WILL BAKE TO DAY, AND SEETHE THAT YE WILL SEETHE**; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until morning. And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein."

Here we have the vitally important principle of the *preparation day*. Actually, this principle involves much more than just the preparing of food. You should prepare for the Sabbath in any way you can. For example, a farmer can keep the necessary work of feeding and caring for his animals on the Sabbath to a bare minimum by careful preparation on Friday. The housewife, of course, bakes her bread, prepares food ahead, and does her house cleaning on the sixth day. By careful preparation, she can have a clean, neat home on the Sabbath day and have plenty for her family to eat. She can do all this and *still* have

the Sabbath as a day of rest; her only effort will be that of cooking light meals on the Sabbath—*which is permissible*—and warming up a few things and serving the food. Even dishwashing can be reduced by preparation and foresight. What a blessing to have a day when we can rest, relax, and get in plenty of extra prayer and Bible study! But unless you *prepare* for the Sabbath Day, your day will be upset by the temptation to work.

Again, let me warn you not to fall into the trap of just trying to "toe the line" to the letter of the law. Learn to apply the *spirit* of God's law with the help of His holy Spirit which is in you.

Now for the next question. This time, try to write down a *scripture* that you feel would give the answer. Be sure to write it down before you look at the answer.

Working After Sunset on the Sabbath

2. Is it permissible to work just a few minutes on the Sabbath Day in the winter, when the sun sets early, if I will lose my job for not working?

More than one scripture may be right in answering this question, but it is answered clearly enough in the twentieth chapter of Exodus. In verse 8, God said: "Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do *all* thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: **IN IT THOU SHALT NOT DO ANY WORK**, thou . . . thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates." Do you see the answer? God specifically says that *on* the seventh day we are not to do *any* work. He gives us *no exceptions*.

But what if a person does lose his job for failing to work five minutes on the Sabbath Day? The real question is this: To whom do you look for your support? Do you look to your employer, yourself, or to God? If you are trusting in either your employer or yourself to provide you with a living, then you are likely to feel that you should work on the Sabbath Day.

On the other hand, if you are putting your whole trust in God rather than in man, you will *know* that God will provide for all of your needs. In Matthew

19:29, Jesus Christ *specifically promised*: "And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, *shall receive an hundredfold*, and shall inherit everlasting life."

Can we believe Jesus Christ? If we can, we should have no fear of losing a job in order to obey Him. If we suffer the loss of material possessions in obedience to God, we have His promise that we will receive a tremendous blessing.

Now back to Exodus 20. Some are concerned when they read in this chapter that their man servant is not to do any work. They wonder if that refers to such persons as the milkman who delivers milk to your home, or the newsboy, and some even wonder if they should use electricity in their homes on the Sabbath Day since that will cause someone to work at the electric power plant.

Let's notice what God actually says. He says that on the Sabbath you are not to do any work: "Thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates." What this is actually saying is that no one *over whom you exercise control* is to do any work on the Sabbath. Actually, neither the milkman nor the newsboy are your "manservant." You actually have *no control* over whether they work on the Sabbath or not.

The same thing is true of those who work in an electric power plant. They are going to do the same amount of work on the Sabbath Day whether you use your electricity or not, so it is perfectly all right to do so. You should certainly not have a hired hand working for you on the Sabbath. The meaning of this scripture is really quite plain.

Driving to Attend Church

3. How often should I attend Sabbath Services?

This is a question of no small importance to those who have to travel some distance to attend services. Again let's not just give an *opinion*, but let's turn to the Bible to see what God tells us we should do.

Turn to the twenty-third chapter of Leviticus. We are generally more familiar with Leviticus 23 as being the chapter where God lists all the Holy Days, but in verse two God tells Moses to speak to the children of Israel concerning the feasts of the Lord which were to be holy convocations. The very first "feast" listed in verse 3 is the Sabbath Day. "Six days shall work be done: but

the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, an *holy convocation*..." The key here is the word "convocation." It literally means "a commanded assembly." In other words, we are commanded to assemble before God on the Sabbath Day. It does not say that it is a holy convocation only if it is convenient. If God makes it *possible* for you to attend, *you should be there*.

This is clarified in Hebrews 10:25: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and *so much the more* as ye see the day approaching." Paul here gives us a stern warning not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together.

Furthermore, he tells us that we are actually to be even more diligent in attending services as we see the day approaching. Of course, he is referring to the return of Jesus Christ. Do you see that day approaching? If not, then you must be blind. The prophecies of the Bible are being fulfilled with startling rapidity. Surely we who are God's people can plainly see that the return of our Lord Jesus Christ is *very near*.

Since this is the case, we ought to be *all the more eager* to receive all the spiritual food we possibly can. It is necessary for our spiritual growth that we be present in every holy convocation we are physically able to attend. It is true that we have the Correspondence Course, The Plain Truth Magazine, The Good News Magazine, and all the booklets to learn from, but there is no substitute for *preaching*.

It is for *your good* that God commands you to appear before Him. He can actually correct and teach you much better through a minister you can see and hear than He can by means of printed literature. Of course, we have The World Tomorrow Broadcast where we can hear preaching, but Mr. Armstrong cannot preach as plainly over the air as he can in person.

The answer to the question then is that we should attend Sabbath services *as often as God makes it possible*. Of course, if you live a long distance from a local church, then God has not made it possible for you. In some cases, you are able to attend only once or twice a month. As a general rule, this will be determined by your finances. It does cost money to travel.

Whatever you do, be honest with God and yourself. Don't kid yourself that you cannot afford to appear before God on HIS Sabbath Day (and *especially* on the annual Sabbaths) when you can afford it. Ask God to give you wisdom to make a right decision. If you

sincerely *want* to obey Him, He will certainly help you.

Remember, it is not just a matter of what *seems* right to you. With God's Spirit to guide you, you must determine what *God* wants you to do.

Observing the Annual Sabbaths

4. Are the annual Sabbaths any different regarding what we may or may not do on them?

This question is partly answered a little further on in Leviticus 23. In verse 4, God begins to reveal His holy days. In verse 6 He begins to describe the days of unleavened bread. Then in verse 7, concerning the first day of unleavened bread, He says: "Ye shall have an holy convocation: Ye shall do no servile work therein." Now what does He mean by "servile" work? Again, we do not have to just go by our opinion. God makes it very plain in Exodus 12:16. This is where the days of unleavened bread were originally instituted, and in verse 16 God says concerning the first day of unleavened bread: "And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; *no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you*." Here is another example where the Bible interprets the Bible. The servile work mentioned in Leviticus 23 simply means all work except the work necessary for the preparing of the feast. The only thing that is different about the annual holy days is that we may prepare food on them. However, even then we should make preparations for most things before the holiday begins.

Restaurant Meals on the Sabbath?

5. Is it all right to eat in a restaurant on the Sabbath when you are away from home on a trip?

Again, this question may be correctly answered by more than one scripture, but one of the best is found in Matthew 12. In verse one, Matthew describes how Jesus and His disciples were passing through a field of grain on the Sabbath Day and began to pluck the ears of grain and eat them. The Pharisees who saw them rebuked Him, saying that they were breaking the law of the Sabbath Day.

Beginning in verse 3, we have Christ's answer: "But He said unto them, have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him; How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which
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Are YOU HEADED for TROUBLE?

Many of our young men are being faced with needless draft problems. Here is a brief article showing how to avoid them.

by L. Leroy Neff

A FEW months ago, a man from God's Church who was in the military reserves was called back into service. After being assigned to a unit, he found himself in all sorts of trouble as a result of his religious beliefs and practices. This culminated in a severe beating, behind locked doors in the barracks. He had internal injuries, facial bruises and cuts, as well as other head injuries.

Such an account may seem strange in our land of peace and freedom, but Christ prophesied such things would befall some of His *true disciples*.

It Could Happen to You

Another young man, who was a second year student at Ambassador College, was called back into active service. He had no idea or advance notice that he might be called. One day he received a telegram instructing him to return to active duty. He thought his military days were over.

He was mistaken.

A third young man, the father of two children, first heard of God's Church a little over a year ago. He became interested and in due time was baptized. About three weeks later he received back copies of the Good News Magazine and while reading them came across the article, "Should a Christian Fight?" This was the first time he knew about God's instruction concerning warfare and fighting.

A few days later he received his notice to report for induction into the Army. What would you do in such a case if you know God's instruction that you could not enter military service?

These are just three examples of the problems that some men in God's Church have faced and that some of you may face.

We know that, in this climax at the close of the present age, there are going to be ever-increasing wars and rumors of wars. We never know when a new day will bring another "police action" such as the one in Korea. When it comes, the draft will be stepped up and more of our young men will find themselves with problems concerning mili-

tary service and the draft.

Just how can you, if you are a young man of draft age, avoid trouble?

There are three things that will help. First, seek God's help and wisdom; secondly, seek wise counsel; and thirdly, ACT!

Let me explain these things in more detail. God is ruler over all and He does intervene for His servants *when they trust Him in faith and do their part*.

Counseling Service Available

God has made it possible to have a department here at the headquarters church to counsel and advise men with military and draft problems. The men working in this department are mostly men who are now past the draft age. Prior to knowing God's right ways they were all in military service. They have personally experienced military life and know what it involves.

These men have now learned God's laws and commands concerning military service. They have also learned the procedures and laws of the Selective Service System, and the regulations concerning men in military service. Two men in the department recently made a special trip to Washington, D. C., to confer with top men in the Selective Service System, and with men who deal constantly with the draft and military officials on behalf of men who have become conscientious objectors to military service.

One man in the department is a lawyer, licensed to practice law in California and Illinois.

The services of these men are available to you, completely free of charge, so that you might have proper counsel in your own particular problem.

Some of you have not known of these facilities, and therefore, you have been trying to work these problems out alone. As a result, you may get yourself into serious difficulties.

There are others of you who do know of this service and who have written to us and then did not follow the advice. There are also some who do not even answer our letters. We have noticed

that those who have not followed our advice are quick to write in when they find themselves in trouble! Sometimes that is too late.

We need to have copies of *all correspondence* between a registrant or serviceman and his draft board or military officials. Without this information in our files we are not able to wisely advise anyone.

Each young man should have his own personal file with *three* copies of every letter he has *written* to his draft board, or military superiors. He should also have copies of every letter he has *received* from his board or military superiors. In addition, he needs to have a copy of all the answers he has given on the Selective Service System questionnaires. If he does not have this information he should go to his draft board and request to see his own personal file and then copy down this information.

In addition, we need to have a duplicate file of these very same things. Here is where many of the men who have written to us have fallen down on the job. *They have not kept us posted about all of these things!*

Be Sure to Follow Printed Instructions

Another problem is that some do not read carefully and thoroughly the forms and letters of Selective Service and do not read our instructions and printed information *carefully*.

One very important point that is plainly marked on the Selective Service Forms concerns the matter of *time*. The forms *must* be returned promptly, within the time limit specified. Usually this is ten days from the date of mailing. If this time limit is not observed the board has no legal requirement to accept the form.

Any correspondence from the draft board must be handled immediately!

There are others who never write to us until trouble comes. Then it may be too late to do anything about it, or it may be extremely difficult, or costly in attorneys' fees, to correct the situation.

A registrant will probably find him-

self in court if he fails to comply with the regulations, or fails to be inducted into military service, or fails to comply with work orders under alternative service. The first court trial may cost all the way from five hundred to a thousand dollars. If he is found guilty he may be imprisoned up to five years or fined up to \$10,000. If he decides to appeal the case to a higher court, it may cost from one thousand to fifteen hundred dollars. This is in addition to the cost of the first time in court.

I hope that this statement of penalties and costs will encourage you to act on the advice of God's Church so that you may avoid such tremendous costs or penalties!

Advice for Men Under Draft Age

If you are a young man of about 17 years and you do want to obey God, please send us your name, age, and address so that we can begin to send you important information concerning the draft, and the Bible teaching concerning warfare.

If you believe that God has commanded you to refuse military service, tell a few of your friends about this at an appropriate time. This may strengthen your case later.

The laws of the United States require that you register at age 18, or within five days of your eighteenth birthday. This does not conflict with the laws of God, therefore God also commands you to register. You are also required by law to carry your registration and classification cards with you at all times.

One important requirement that some men have neglected to fulfill is to notify the board of any changes that might affect their classification. This includes such things as marital status change, birth of children if married, and change of religious belief to that of a "conscientious objector." This should be done as long as you are within the ages of liability (ages 18 to 26, or if in a deferred classification to age 35).

We should be thankful that in the United States men who prove their sincerity as "conscientious objectors" may work for two years in certain assigned jobs instead of induction into the Armed Forces. In that way a Christian may serve God, and be obedient to his country at the same time.

Instructions for Servicemen

Other men come into God's Church who are already in military service. They also need to seek wise counsel from God's Church, before they request

a discharge or action from their military superiors. Much trouble may be avoided by following this instruction.

If all the young men in God's Church will follow these instructions there will be less trouble for them, and we will have fewer serious cases to deal with here at the Headquarters Church. There are going to be problems that cannot be avoided, but there are some problems that we can avoid. Let's do what is right and avoid all of the problems we can.

As a result of God's intervention, and help and counsel from the office here,

the two men who were called back into service have now been completely discharged. They are happy civilians again! The young man who was given a notice of induction has now been reclassified and was not inducted.

It is important that you too, if you are of draft age, obey God, be close to Him in prayer, Bible study, and have faith. You must obey men's laws when they do not conflict with God's laws. You should seek wise counsel. Then ACT on that advice. You'll be glad you did!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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your Fears.' No piece of literature other than the Bible interests me so much as your valuable writings. Every piece of literature from you is a godsend to me. These are truths one has to know. The more one reads your literature, the more interested he becomes in the word of God for he understands everything much better. Everything is so true and clear."

Woman from Schopfheim

"I am thankful to have received your fine magazine 'Die Reine Wahrheit.' While reading I have compared your magazine with the Luther Bible and have found out that your stand is the pure truth."

Man from Bremen

"Your broadcast was so splendid, clear, understandable and stirring that even a total unbeliever would have to be set to thinking and be brought to believe in the existence of God."

Woman from Berlin

"First I would like to thank you for 'Die Reine Wahrheit.' Your astonishing observations have interested me very much. I now see much in the Bible with totally different eyes."

Woman from Mönchengladbach

"The first time I heard your discourse on the radio I pricked up my ears right away. I saw that this was something different. I took in the broadcasts full of curiosity. It was like undergoing punishment whenever the noises in the radio made it impossible to hear. For a long time I had been searching for the right explanation of the Bible. There was much which I did not understand in the Bible, but which I can now understand very well with your explanation."

Woman from Hohenacker

"Thank you for sending 'Die Reine Wahrheit.' I wait every month for this magazine. The article in one of the first issues, 'Tithing,' caused a deep inward change in me. Yes, before I had always given a small percentage of my pension—I am now 72 years old—but your explanation that we should give the whole tithe has brought forth an inner adjustment in me, and I can now give the whole 10th to the Lord. So far I have had only joy; the Lord has richly blessed me for this. Also the other articles in your magazine have moved me deeply."

Man from Lahm in Jtzgrund

● Some of these German names—like Jtzgrund—look like real tongue twisters, until you remember a "J" is pronounced in German like an English "Y."

"Your magazine 'Die Reine Wahrheit' is in actuality the pure truth, for everything agrees so exactly with the Bible. Even the churches and Christian denominations don't understand the Bible as well as you."

Woman from Marburg

"The first broadcast, which we accidentally heard from you one Wednesday, 'What is the true Gospel?' showed us right away, that you search very clearly and deeply into the scriptures, the Bible, in a way such as we had never heard God's Word presented. Consequently we were very eager to be able to hear your following messages—perhaps in a few days—and so we got out of bed early every morning and thus finally discovered that you bring the good news also on Sunday morning."

Occupants of a youth home in Enzheim, Oberhessen

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PASSOVER Observed

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held. Much spiritual "meat" was given by all the ministers and especially Mr. Hoeh in his inimitable style.

Mr. Hampton reports that God gave beautiful weather for that season of the year, and that there was great joy and rejoicing throughout the entire Festival.

In Denver, the Passover was conducted by Mr. Leroy Neff and Mr. Burk McNair. Mr. Neff and his family drove back from Pasadena to assist Mr. McNair, the local pastor in that area, and Mr. Frank McCrady came over during the Days of Unleavened Bread from Wichita to assist in the preaching and counseling.

Mr. McNair reports that 272 converted brethren partook of the Passover and that there were nearly 500 in attendance on the first Holy Day of the

Feast. The attendance held up well during the entire eight-day Festival with a few hundred in attendance each day—more coming, of course, for the evening services.

Mr. McNair reports: "We of the Church of God who gathered in Colorado were given manifold blessings during the Passover season. Our thanks should be multiplied toward God for His mercy and help which He has so mercifully given us as He has willed.

"The first blessing was that of being privileged to partake of the very Passover service instituted by Jesus Christ expressing our renewal of faith toward His sacrifice for us. This most solemn service had 272 participants. At the conclusion we all departed quietly to our homes to study more of the final

words of Christ and think on them.

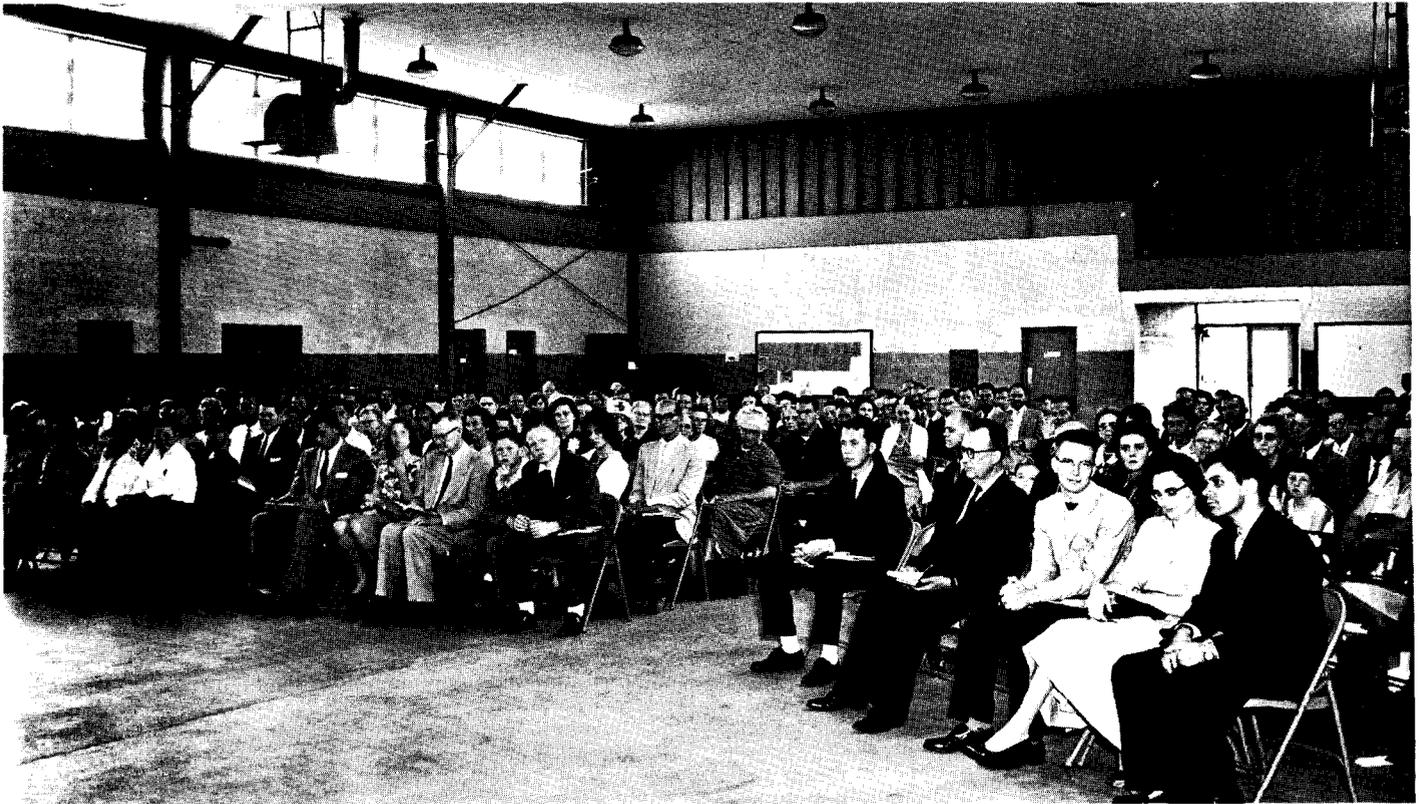
"As we commemorated the great Night to be Remembered—Mr. Neff gave a brief reminder as to the REASON of the night. After the explanation, we all enjoyed a most tasty and complete feast—fellowship included.

"The greater portion of the Feast was contained in the *spiritual food* given during the entire seven days by the ministers, deacons and assistants. The subjects included: the purpose of the Feast, why sin is bad for us, how Jesus Christ leads His Church through government, true faith and how to have it, changing of the Holy Days by the Roman Empire, Christ's coming and what happens before, Tribulation and how to escape it, why we must have trials, learn to avoid boasting of sin and how to recognize it and put it out, and our calling and job of overcoming—how to accomplish it through Christ.

"We were blessed with splendid cooperation from all deacons, deaconesses,



The delicious feast on the "Night to be Remembered" was enjoyed on the tennis courts of Ambassador College in Pasadena.



View of the National Guard Armory in Opp, Alabama, where some 250 brethren assembled during Days of Unleavened Bread.

servers and from the people! The Holy Spirit was certainly present to inspire such a marvelous attitude throughout the Feast. The thanks go to God for helping us all. There was little illness, and magnificent weather prevailed dur-

ing the whole Feast."

Full Festival in New Southeastern Area

Mr. Raymond Cole—pastor over the churches in the Pacific Northwest—

journeyed to Opp, Alabama, where the Festival for the southeastern United States was held there in the National Guard Armory. Mr. Cole had especially requested to take the services at Opp which, although smaller in number, presented a special challenge as this is a completely NEW area for local churches. He joined Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, pastor over the churches in that area, and Mr. Carn Catherwood, who assists him in that area.

Both men report that there was a wonderful Feast with great JOY among the people—many of whom had never attended Holy Day services. There were 143 converted brethren who partook of the Passover, and over 200 in attendance throughout most of the eight-day Feast.

Mr. Waterhouse reports: "We had a wonderful Festival and God gave us favor with the whole community plus manifold blessings throughout the entire time as well as unusually fine weather.

"The National Guard Armory worked out splendidly. It was just like owning our own Tabernacle for the eight days. We had absolute privacy, use of the entire building, and were not disturbed by one intruder during the entire time. They say such is unusual in a commu-



The brethren meeting in Opp enjoy one of their meals during the Feast.

nity where religious interest is so keen."

Mr. Cole also reports that there were a number of outstanding HEALINGS which God granted during this Festival. Often, as many of us in the ministry have observed, God intervenes *quickly* and *spectacularly* for people in a new area to show them His POWER in an area where new churches are being raised up or where the Gospel has not been preached much before. At any rate, such was the case in Alabama this spring—and many were *healed by God* through the prayers of His servants in an unusual way.

Passover Observances in Other Local Areas in America

Beside the eight-day Festivals mentioned above, hundreds of other brethren observed the Passover and perhaps the first and last Days of Unleavened Bread, the Holy Days, in other local areas. In Akron, Ohio, Mr. Bob Hoops conducted Passover services in this area with 129 partaking of the sacred emblems of Christ's broken body and shed blood. The Corpus Christi and San Antonio Churches met together in Beeville, Texas, with 123 brethren in attendance at the Passover and 235 for the Feast. Mr. Roger Foster, pastor of both churches, was in charge.

The Kansas City and Springfield, Missouri, brethren met together at Clinton, Missouri, in services conducted by Mr. Bryce Clark, local pastor. There were 290 in attendance for the Passover, and 500 for the Feast. In Houston, Texas, 157 converted brethren partook of the Passover with around 275 in attendance at the Feast conducted by Mr. Richard Prince.

In Little Rock, Arkansas, Mr. Carl McNair presided over services in that area with 197 partaking of the Passover and 225 in attendance at the Feast.

In Oakland, California, Mr. Ron Kelly was joined by Mr. Charles Dorothy in conducting Passover services for 222 brethren with 490 in attendance at the Feast. Mr. Jon Hill conducted services in Phoenix, Arizona, for 88 at the Passover and 160 for the Feast.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, saw a large turnout in this growing area with 295 converted brethren partaking of the Passover and *over 700* in attendance at the Feast. Mr. Bill McDowell presided, assisted by Mr. Hoops. In Saint Louis, Missouri, Mr. Hal Baird presided in services for 221 at the Passover and 390 at the Feast.

In another large area, Seattle, Washington, Mr. Jim Friddle presided over services for 268 converted brethren par-

taking of the Passover and 485 in attendance at the Feast.

The South Bend, Indiana, Church is still new, but there were 194 converted brethren who partook of the Passover services there, plus 380 in attendance at the Feast. Services were conducted on the first and last Holy Days by Mr. Les McColm, and many of the brethren journeyed with Mr. McColm over to Chicago for the all-day meetings during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

Mr. David Antion conducted services for the Oklahoma Churches with 215 partaking of the Passover and 377 in attendance on the first Holy Day of the Feast.

Special Services for Our Colored Brethren

And a *special* Passover service was conducted for our Negro brethren in the Southeast by Mr. Harold Jackson, our Negro minister, who journeyed to Meridian, Mississippi, to take charge of the services there. Although a local Bible study just commenced in that area a few weeks ago and many of the brethren have not yet started attending, there were 28 converted brethren who partook of the Passover and around 50 were in attendance for the Feast. Mr. Jackson reports that the brethren there were *extremely happy* and *zealous* for God's truth and REJOICING over the fact that they can now meet together in regular worship services. We should all join them in this rejoicing, Brethren, and PRAY that God will add more to the attendance in this area and bless our Colored brethren and guide them

through the trials and tests they face in this area.

Over-all, there was absolutely nothing but unmitigated JOY reported as the prevailing atmosphere at every place where God's people assembled in the United States—and overseas as well. This is something which the world does not and cannot fully understand and grasp—something for which we should be extremely *thankful* in this period before severe persecution sets in upon God's people. Let's *make use* of this time to really GROW and SERVE in God's work as we should.

The Passover in England and Australia

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong are now in England for the spring term of the college there. So he was in charge of the Passover on our own college grounds near London where 166 converted brethren partook of the Passover and over 210 were in attendance for the spring Festival. Mr. Armstrong reported there was beautiful weather and an equally beautiful *spirit* or *attitude* manifested by the brethren during the Days of Unleavened Bread. Mr. Armstrong expressed special appreciation for the fine spirit shown by our British brethren in giving so liberally and generously according to their means in the offerings taken up during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

In Birmingham, England, Dr. Benjamin Rea—Principal of Ambassador College in England—conducted Passover services for 58 converted brethren in the church there. In Manchester, Eng-



Notice the festive atmosphere in the Unleavened Bread service of our brethren in the West Indies.

land, Mr. Ernest Martin conducted the Passover services for 51 converted brethren in that area. And, for the first time, the brethren in Northern Ireland were privileged to have their own Passover services as Mr. James Wells and Mr. Robin Jones, both advanced and dedicated theological students in Ambassador College, journeyed with their wives to Belfast, North Ireland, to conduct Passover services for 22 brethren there. Although the number was small, there was a large amount of joy and *spiritual rejoicing* in everyone's heart during this first Passover service in North Ireland.

Mr. Wayne Cole—pastor in charge of God's work in Australia—reports from Sydney, Australia: "The Festival of Unleavened Bread recently observed in Sydney, N.S.W., Australia, revealed continual growth in the work of God on this continent. This growth was not only evident in the number of persons called and chosen by the Almighty God but also in the attitudes and spiritual development of God's flock here.

"In Sydney, we had 94 members gathered together to partake of the emblems typifying the solemn sacrifice of our 'Passover' Jesus Christ. This number did not represent a great increase over the number who gathered last year in this city for the Passover when 89 were present. However, last year there was no church in Melbourne and quite a number who attended the Passover and Feast services in Melbourne this year were present in Sydney for the Festival in 1961. Several new members who had recently been baptized came in from areas several hundred miles distant from Sydney. A few came from considerably more than 1000 miles away!

"The attendance on the 'Night to be Much Observed' was a total of 143 and the average attendance each day during the entire Festival was 140. We had meetings on each of the seven Days of Unleavened Bread except Friday, 20 April.

"From every point of view we had a fine, encouraging and profitable Feast of Unleavened Bread and the challenge to all of us is to make sure we can complete that which we have done in type in observing this Holy Day season."

Now we will quote the report from our second church area in Australia, Melbourne, pastored by Mr. Tony Hammer. He writes: "While nearly two million misguided Melbournites went about their own business and pleasure, 39 of God's called and chosen gathered at the English-speaking Union to observe the most sacred and solemn of all convocations. For a large majority, it was their

first opportunity to observe the Passover service, and for all of us, it was a very serious reminder of our responsibility in serving our LIVING Saviour.

"The first and last Holy Days, over 50 were able to attend all-day services and enjoy the 'pot luck' lunch to which everyone contributed so liberally. Sermons were the usual 'meat in due season' with particular emphasis on Christ, our Passover, and the tremendous price He paid for each of us.

"All those in the Melbourne Church join us in sending our love and greetings to our brethren at Headquarters, and around the world."

Passover in West Indies

And now, our representative in the West Indies, Mr. Leo Joseph, reports: "Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am sending a brief report of our Passover in Saint Lucia, the West Indies. Thirty-one partook of the Passover supper.

"On the evening of the 15th, the 'Night to be Much Observed,' services began at 7:00 P.M. with many joyful hymns sung by the congregation. My sermon topic was, 'What Does the Feast of Unleavened Bread Picture to Us?' Nightly meetings were held during the Days of Unleavened Bread. The number attending the services during the Feast of Unleavened Bread was 49.

"The last Day of Unleavened Bread was the most joyful. There were serv-

ices in the morning. My sermon topic was, 'What Are the *Fruits* A REAL Christian Must Bear?' In the afternoon, the time was spent with hymns, different exhortations from the Scriptures by the brethren."

Well, that about covers the reports we have received thus far on the Passover services this spring, Brethren. Across America and *around the world*, God's people were BLESSED with real *spiritual meat*, increased *understanding* of the purpose of human existence and the meaning of overcoming, and deep spiritual JOY in the fellowship made possible by observing GOD'S Passover and His Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Now may God grant that we may all continue on with increased ZEAL in the work to which we are called. For we are not only called to overcome ourselves, but to *reach this world* with the very MESSAGE which the Eternal Father sent to earth by His Son Jesus Christ. We are to prepare the way for a coming world-ruling GOVERNMENT which as a mighty *stone* will *crush all other governments* and soon FILL THE WHOLE EARTH!

Our *growth* and our *service* NOW is a definite yardstick to help determine what will be our *character*, our *position* and *responsibility* then. As the Apostle Paul was inspired to write: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. 2:3.)

What Can I Do on the Sabbath?

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was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? or have ye not read in the law, how that on the Sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?"

Verse 5 is of particular importance to God's ministers. With very few exceptions, they have to work on the Sabbath. Many of them preach two sermons on the Sabbath and spend from two to four hours driving from one church to another. Believe me, that is work! Have the ministers then broken the Sabbath?

No, like the priests in the temple, they are doing the work of God and are blameless. Often, in the work of a minister, it is necessary for a minister to eat in a restaurant on the Sabbath. Have they sinned? Again, the answer

is no for the same reason.

But what about you? Should *you* eat in a restaurant on the Sabbath Day? The classic example of this takes place every year at the Feast of Tabernacles. We must travel from our homes to observe the feast in the place where God has placed His name.

During that time, we are living in motels, hotels, and even camping out. For many of us, if we are going to eat at all, we must eat in a restaurant. Since the Sabbath is listed in Leviticus 23 as one of God's feasts, we would certainly expect to *eat* on that day. It actually should *not* normally be a fast day. Furthermore, the people who prepare food in restaurants are going to be working whether *or not* you eat there.

As a general rule, it would be better for us to prepare a lunch ahead of time

or to order those items on the menu that are prepared ahead of time. This is the case with most of their "specials." They prepare it all ahead of time and it is no extra work for them if we eat in their restaurant. The people in the restaurant are working there whether you eat there or not. And, of course, it involves no work for you. Remember in Mark 2:27 that Christ said that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath.

Doing "Good" on the Sabbath

6. Since Christ said it is all right to do good on the Sabbath, is it all right to help my neighbor start her lawn mower on the Sabbath Day, if she can't do it herself?

This question can also be answered in the twelfth chapter of Matthew. Beginning in verse 10, we have the example of where the Pharisees asked Christ *whether it was lawful to heal on the Sabbath Day*. Christ answered them in verse 11: "And He said unto them, what man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the Sabbath Day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath Days." Then Christ healed the man. What is the spiritual principle that Christ is giving here? Obviously, He is teaching us that it is good to relieve suffering or to take care of a genuine emergency on the Sabbath.

Now back to our question. If your neighbor has a balky lawn mower and wants to cut her lawn on the Sabbath should you help her break the Sabbath by starting her mower for her?

In II John 11, we are told that we are a partaker with the evil deeds of a false prophet if we so much as bid him God speed. How much more then would we be partaker in the evil deeds of a Sabbath-breaker if we actually *helped* him to break God's Sabbath Day? The answer should be obvious.

With these things in mind, it should be easy for us to answer many of the other questions that come up along this same line. For example, is it all right to help put out a fire on the Sabbath Day? Certainly.

Is it all right to care for the sick on the Sabbath? This is very close to the example that Christ gave us in Matthew 12:12. If we would take care of an animal that was in trouble on the Sabbath, we certainly should be willing to take care of a sick person on the Sabbath—although NOT as an every-Sabbath occurrence for a doctor or registered nurse. This becomes doing *your* WORK

on the Sabbath—not just helping in a personal emergency.

Next, we will give you several questions all of which can be answered by the same scripture. This is one you should commit to memory if you do not already know it.

Personal Pleasure on the Sabbath

7. Is it all right to go for a drive on the Sabbath? Is it all right to take a trip if part of it will be on the Sabbath Day? Is it all right to discuss personal business or plan a fishing trip on the Sabbath?

You will find the answer to this question, not in the books of the law, but in the prophets. At the end of the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah we find a conditional promise.

Beginning with verse 13, we read: "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a *delight*..."

Do you call the Sabbath a delight? It seems that some of the people in God's Church have too much time on their hands on the Sabbath. In some cases, we even become anxious for it to be over. There is a very interesting prophecy in Amos 8 regarding those who are anxious for the Sabbath to be over.

Beginning in verse 4, God says: "Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail, saying, when will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? *And the Sabbath*, that we may set forth wheat... The Lord hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, surely I will never forget any of their works." The works of these people included the swallowing up of the needy. However, it also included anxiety to see God's Sabbath over so they could be busy about *their own business*.

Read again God's solemn warning to them: "Surely I will *never* forget any of their works."

When we really learn to keep God's Sabbath in the way He intended, *it is*

a real delight! Maybe one of the reasons we do not enjoy the Sabbath any more than we do is because we are not working hard enough during the week. If a person is really working hard, and has a full life, it is a relief to have the Sabbath come—a day when we are forced to rest.

Continuing in Isaiah 58:13: "If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath... and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shall honor Him, *not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words.*" On God's Sabbath Day we should not be trying to go our own ways or seek our own pleasure. In fact, we should not even speak our own words.

How does that answer our questions? Is it all right to go for a drive on the Sabbath? If you are seeking *your own pleasure* it is not all right. On the other hand, if you are driving to appear before God on His Sabbath Day, it is all right. Is it all right to discuss your personal business or plan a fishing trip on the Sabbath Day? No, the Sabbath is a day when we should *not* speak our own words, but God's. It is a day to talk primarily about the Bible, the soon-coming Kingdom of God, and principles relating to *God's way of life*.

Of course, questions regarding whether or not we should attend movies, watch television, play cards, etc., on the Sabbath are quite easy to answer after reading this scripture, aren't they?

Reading on in Isaiah 58:14, we read God's promise to those who do turn away their foot from the Sabbath; who do learn to rejoice in the Sabbath, and call it a real delight. "Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

If you are *careless* in observing the Sabbath, *you are robbing yourself*. We do not injure God by our sins; we only hurt ourselves. Let us be diligent, brethren, and *rejoice in God's Sabbath!*

ARE YOU WILLING?

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really PRACTICED! The other can't respond to his own desires. Why? Because he's simply a NOVICE at the game. He's never *tried* before—he's never really *practiced* until it became automatic.

Can you see how this affects the BODY OF CHRIST? Jesus Christ, by

directly INSPIRING HIS MINISTERS, is the brain! He *communicates* to all parts of the body through the nervous system of radio, the printed page, or sermons and counsel, or Co-Worker and member letters. The body, if it is really RESPONSIVE TO CHRIST, should RESPOND — IMMEDIATELY! It

should really ACT! Then, with a burst of real ENERGY, with the smoothly flowing, *automatic* ability that comes with real PRACTICE, the body *accomplishes* the task the brain has set for it!

Misused, or unused muscles soon wither away! Someone who is not AN ACTIVE MEMBER of God's Church, that is UNCOORDINATED with the body will become stiff from disuse. Finally—it will simply be UNABLE to be used.

Remember—if you are *really* a part of the body of Christ, then you'll be responding AUTOMATICALLY to what He, Christ, says! And He says it THROUGH HIS MINISTERS!

Our Forefathers' Example

Perhaps you have all read the example of our forefathers during Moses' time.

Then, as now, God's work on earth had an energetic BUILDING program. They were asked to make offerings for that program. "And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the ETERNAL commanded, saying, 'take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord, whosoever is of a WILLING HEART, let him bring it...'" (Ex. 35:4,5).

After hearing the detailed instructions, on the *type materials* that were needed, they left Moses, "...and they came, *every one whose heart stirred him up*, and every one whom *his spirit made willing*, and they brought the Eternal's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation...and they came, both men and women, as many as were *willing hearted*..." (Ex. 35:21,22).

Later, God caused it to be repeated yet a *third* time that the people were really WILLING to help (Ex. 35:29). They really became *responsive*!

Somehow, even though unconverted, the very thought of doing something *together*, something really FINE, of erecting and decorating a FINE TABERNACLE for the *glory of God*, really INSPIRED our forefathers!

What about US, today? *Are* we, as CONVERTED people—in whom is the very mind and Spirit of Christ—even as willing as they were?

Finally, some of the foremen over the work told Moses, "The people bring MUCH MORE THAN ENOUGH for the service of the work...and Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, 'Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary.' So the people were

restrained from bringing. For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and TOO MUCH!" (Ex. 36:5-7.)

What a wonderful example!

WHERE Can You Really HELP?

Today, the body of Christ is energetically, actively, systematically accomplishing MANY different tasks! God's people, as the various *members* of that body, just as the athlete in the final moments of the game, must be called upon for *extra effort*, for that spark of energy, of real ZEAL that is needed to WIN!

Brethren—you should be really ENTHUSIASTICALLY and ZEALOUSLY behind the building program! You should *see* the really CRITICAL NEED! You should be ONE in mind and spirit in *wanting* to see real *accomplishment* in all phases of God's work!

Many are. But, sad enough, many are not.

Today, with the expanding radio work, the burgeoning publishing work, the many new offices being opened up, the hundreds being baptized and brought into the body of Christ, the new Churches being raised up, the new schools planned, the building program, the summer educational programs—there are MANY phases of God's work in which *you* should take an ACTIVE INTEREST!

During David's time, the cry went out to the people to give offerings for the time when Solomon would build the temple. The inspiring record tells us, "Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered *willingly*, and GAVE for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

"And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of the Eternal...then the *people rejoiced*, for that they offered WILLINGLY, because with PERFECT HEART [NOT suspicious, doubting, jealous—filled with carnal greed and selfish lust!] they offered WILLINGLY to the Eternal, and David the king also rejoiced with great joy" (I Chron. 29:6-9).

Brethren—what those people gave is astounding! They gave TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOUR MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF GOLD

—NINETEEN AND ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF SILVER, AND ABOUT SEVEN THOUSAND TONS OF BRASS AND IRON!

David himself had already given over ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS' worth of gold and silver! (verses 3-5.)

This was an offering of a NATION, however—not just a small, scattered group of called out ones! But regardless of the *size* of the offering—the SPIRIT was really willing!

What about us, today? *Are* we really WILLING to give as God has commanded? Do we look *forward* to the few times in the year, at the annual Holy Days, when offerings are taken up with real PLEASURE—with EXPECTANCY—with ENTHUSIASM? Or does it become a little EMBARRASSING for us during the collection?

Do we receive Co-Worker and Member letters about the *building* programs, about *new stations, new offices, new plans* with real RESPONSIVENESS, with ENTHUSIASM and with a *really willing spirit*? Or do we think there is something "fishy" here—and become suspicious?

God says, through Solomon, "There is he that GIVES FREELY, and yet *increases*, and there is he that withholds more than is fitting, but tends toward poverty! (Prov. 11:24, RSV, and margin.)

Yes, it truly *is* more blessed to GIVE than to receive!

Some of us need to really PRAY for forgiveness! We need to ask God to *search* and TRY our hearts—cleansing us *completely* from any of these carnal, suspicious motives and attitudes we have had in the past. We need to become so totally yielded and linked together that we really ARE just like ONE WELL-TRAINED BODY!

Brethren, let's DO it! Let's not just put this article down—and think it was either a "nice article" or "interesting," or some such thing! Let's search our own hearts—let's awake to the times—let's realize NOTHING is as important now as the work of God!

Only *then* will God really BLESS us!

Letters to the Editor

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'Die Reine Wahrheit.' This is the kind of magazine I have been looking for for years. As a result of your lecture this morning, I am eagerly awaiting the fifth issue."

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