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OF TEXAS CAMPUS*

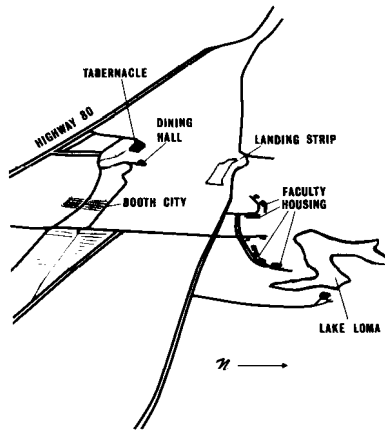
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More About Our Cover...

This first air view, courtesy of *The ENVOY*, of the new Texas campus of Ambassador College shows the many changes taking place there. On the small map below, the main areas are indicated. Those of you who were privileged to attend the Festival of Tabernacles there this year realize how beautiful it is on the ground there as well as from the air.



Coming soon in *The GOOD NEWS* will be an article explaining some of the history of this area as connected with the Church of God and God's colleges . . . and a pictorial preview of the Texas section of next year's *ENVOY*!

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What our READERS SAY . . .

Comments on Feast

"I really did enjoy myself at the Feast this year. It was my first, and I was thrilled to meet so many of God's people and hear so many wonderful sermons. But to top it off, I believe my greatest moments were seeing you and hearing you in person. I had always wanted to see the man that God had called to start this great work now in the end time. So I got my wish and you really did pour it on and made things very clear. I could have skipped lunch and dinner and listened for hours. I pray that you are feeling better at this time."

Charles W. R., Texas

Healed

"We wish to tell you that God has healed our boy and our daughter of ear trouble. Only an hour after we placed the prayer cloth on Jimmy's ear it broke and we were happy to see all that awful stuff come out of his ear, and see him smiling oncc again. Donna's ear healed up real good too. We thanked God for healing them. When something happens like that it really proves who our healer is, doesn't it?"

Members, B. C., Canada

Dear Mr. Apartian,

"Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your articles concerning the new brethren in France and Martinique. We now feel so close to our brothers and sisters from another part of the world.

"Many times our prayers don't seem to be so effective because we don't know enough about these people, their problems, and their country. But, your articles make them truly alive, their problems are our problems also, and their country much more than just a piece of land on a world map.

"I hope you really know how your articles inspire us to more fervent prayers for our brethren all over the world.

"We wish there were some way we could write to some of these people. We don't speak anything but English—but if there were some way to dissolve the language barrier—we'd love to write them of our experiences here in Dallas—in one of God's large churches—and in a city that shows what America really is like in many ways."

Mr. and Mrs. J.A.C., Dallas, Texas

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and new address. IMPORTANT!

Twenty-Five Thousand Observe God's Feast

The greatest Feast of Tabernacles in this age illustrates the phenomenal GROWTH in God's Church! Also NINE new churches raised up—and NINE ordinations!

by Roderick C. Meredith

GOD'S RICHEST blessings came pouring down during the recent Feast of Tabernacles! It was evident to everyone that GOD had put *His name* where His people were observing this Festival.

Once again, His mighty power diverted a terrible hurricane which threatened to wreck our Feast plans at Jekyll Island. While one of the worst rainstorms in recent history deluged the Dallas area—and many other areas nearby—*God's* people, camping in

tents at Big Sandy, had only moderate wind and rain, averting much hardship and suffering.

At Squaw Valley, California, at Prestatyn Holiday Camp in Wales, at the Australian Feast in the Blue Mountains, and at Scottburgh, South Africa, God gave His people beautiful weather, blessings and protection.

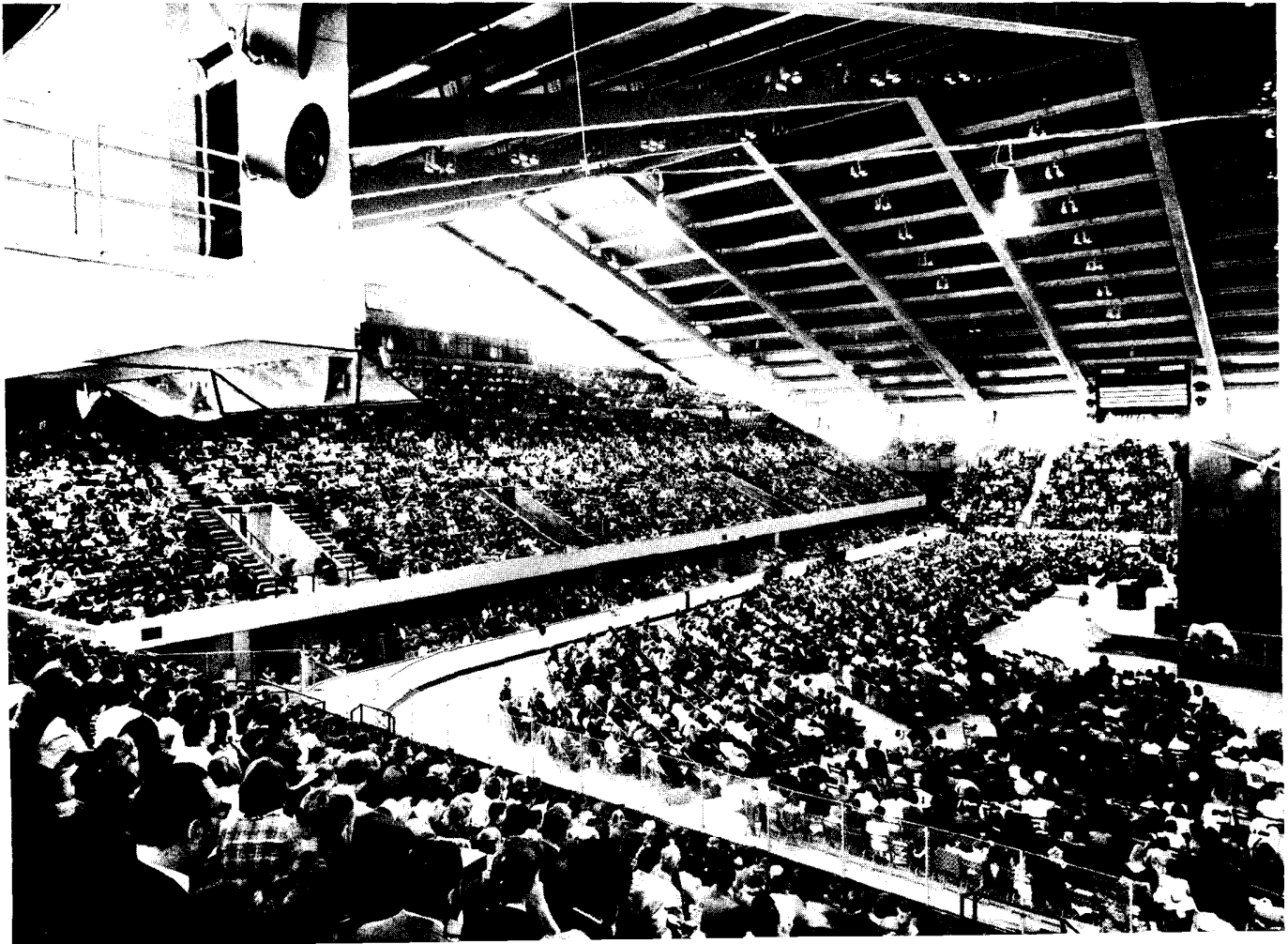
Again this year, all the reports indicate that the most *powerful* and *inspiring* sermons ever were delivered during this year's Feast. The sermons,

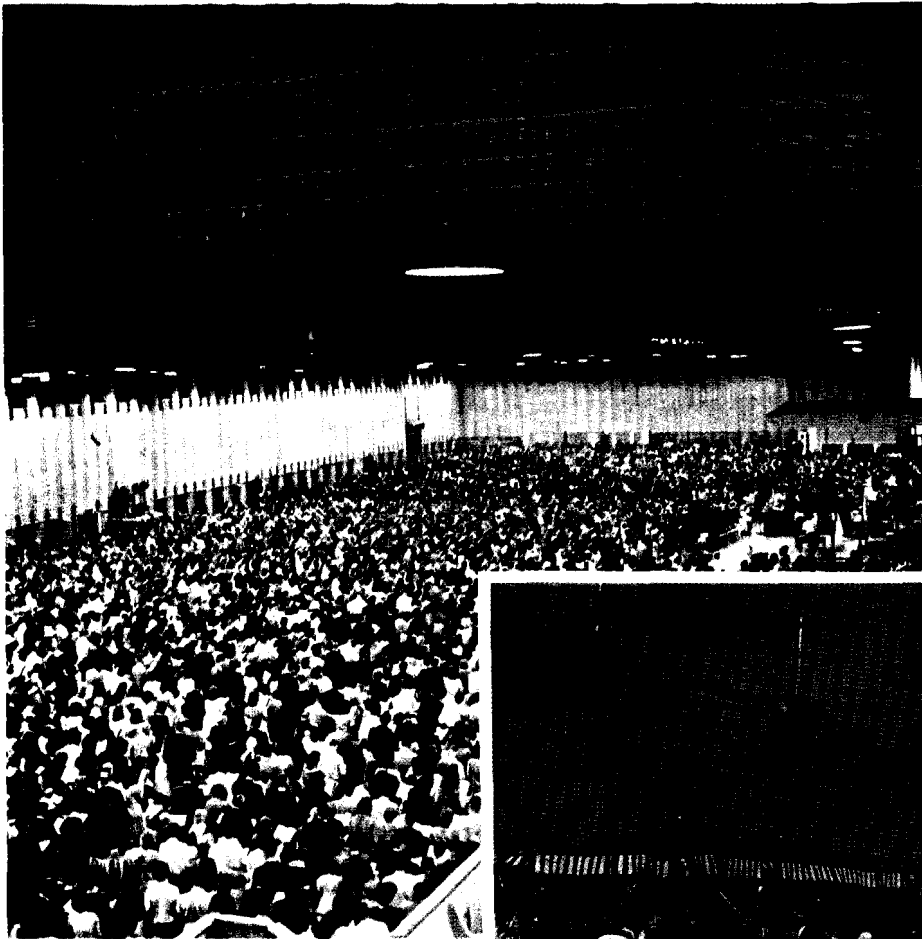
the songs, the music, the fellowship, the joy and the laughter—these will all continue ringing in the hearts and minds of God's people everywhere for months and years to come.

A "Light" to the World

One of the greatest blessings of this year's Feast was the warmth and respect accorded God's people by many business and administrative personnel in the Feast areas. This was capped by the commendations—in one area at least—

The gigantic expanse of Blyth Arena filled with God's people, keeping His Feast of Tabernacles, is an inspiring sight to us, as well as pleasing in God's eyes.





The vast crowd God called to the Feast in Texas is forcing us to plan for even larger facilities to accommodate next year's increase.

of the State and Government officials themselves!

On the morning of the final Holy Day at Squaw Valley, Mr. Portune told the delighted congregation that the California State Park Commission, represented by the Squaw Valley Park Commissioner, Mr. Griffith, had offered us a "master lease" on the Valley because they were so pleased with the organization, cooperation and deportment of *God's* people. This is an *unprecedented* thing, brethren, and would mean that the Church would actually *take over* and *run* Squaw Valley the year round!

We may not, of course, feel it wise to become involved in this type of business venture. But what a commendation to the behavior of our people! And this by an outside group of State officials and businessmen who handle *dozens* of meetings and conventions each year!

We can only thank God and our Living HEAD, Jesus Christ, who IN



Bathing in the sunshine God provided in the aftermath of a hurricane, the brethren fellowship between services. Here at Jekyll Island too, the huge tent was barely sufficient for the number God called to the Feast.

us, is able to set this kind of example!

Equally inspiring is the following letter of commendation we recently received from the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol:

"I believe it appropriate to express the unstinted admiration held by members of the Department for the excellent organization, as well as splendid citizenship and deportment, evidenced by some 7000 members who attended your annual Feast of Tabernacles at Squaw Valley from September 20 to September 28. We have noted with

interest that the number attending your annual event increases each year. Unlike almost every similar large-scale annual event, our personnel actually look forward to your people's presence. The unfailing courtesy, consideration, excellent demeanor, deportment and cheerful cooperation is an extraordinary change from the problems we usually face with large groups of people."

Example at British Feast

The British "Church of God News" reports that a similar example was set there:

"Chief Inspector Donald McCulloch, a leading official of the Scottish Police

Federation, recently warned that 'Britain was in danger of becoming fit only for criminals.' He said that a trend had started 'which stems from the present moral outlook to defy authority.'

"When 1,272 persons came together this year to observe the Feast of Tabernacles in Wales, there was widespread anxiety among the staff at Prestatyn Holiday Camp. Such a vast number of people were expected to cause trouble—at least that is what everyone thought.

"But when it was all over—when we

all left for home—the camp personnel were puzzled.

"Why were these people so different from others? And why were the children so well-behaved? Why didn't the teen-agers cause havoc and widespread destruction, as do other teen-agers? What made them so genuinely happy? so helpful? so orderly? These people, who call themselves Christians, who say they are members of the Church of God?

"If there is one characteristic visible to outsiders that differentiates God's people from the rest of the world, it is the opposite of Chief Inspector McCulloch's description of today's society. It is not a disrespect and defiance of law and order!

"It is, rather, a healthy and genuine respect for law and order. The manager of the camp, the staff supervisor, the night watchman, the personnel—they all were very pleased to have us at the camp. They saw the outward manifestation of our inward conversion displayed by members of God's Church. They couldn't understand why we were different from others. But there wasn't any doubt in their minds that we were different.

"Of the 1200 plus who attended the Festival, many came from different parts of Europe and the world. Forty-four countries were represented. A total of 60 persons was baptized. Of this number, fourteen came from German-speaking countries and two from France.

"The extremely good weather, the various kinds of recreation and the many messages of practical living—about God's Way of life—combined to make the Feast of Tabernacles of 1964 a wonderful occasion to be remembered."

Let us give THANKS that God has allowed us to come this far in setting the *right example*, brethren. Then humbly and sincerely *pray* that we may do even BETTER in years to come!

Over Twenty-Five Thousand People at Eight Feast Locations

At our huge Tabernacle near Big Sandy, Texas, over *eight thousand* brethren assembled to observe the Feast of Tabernacles this year! Looking out

over this huge and responsive crowd was certainly an inspiring sight.

Your author had the privilege of "kicking off" the Feast at Big Sandy this year by answering the question: "Why are we here?" In the following days, instructive and moving sermons were delivered by Mr. Norman Smith, Mr. David Antion and the other ministers about the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles and the reality of God's soon-coming Kingdom.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong arrived from Jekyll Island midway through the Feast, and Mr. Armstrong picked up and magnified the theme: "Why are we here?" and concluded the Feast with a moving sermon on the final Holy Day.

Highlights of the Feast at Big Sandy included the final appearance of Mr. Leon Ettinger with the Ambassador Chorale. Mr. Ettinger is retiring after some fifteen years service, and everyone was very sorry to hear that he will not be with us in years to come. However, all our brethren who know him will be happy to know that Mr. Ettinger does plan to continue with the Chorale in an advisory capacity in co-operation with Mr. Gary Prather, new Chorale Director. The main concert, and the special numbers the Chorale brought throughout the Festival, added a great deal to its success.

Another highlight this year was the fact that the Feast was being held at the site of the *third* Ambassador College campus! Everyone could sense something "different" this year with so many of the Ambassador students in attendance—and the best-organized Feast and campgrounds that we have ever had, partly because of the new personnel moved in for the college who helped organize things.

A third highlight was God's *protection* from the terrible rainstorms which raged around us in nearly every direction! Carrollton, near Dallas, was swamped with a flash flood and many other communities had extremely heavy rain and flooding. But our Father in heaven seemingly put an invisible "umbrella" over Big Sandy most of the time and the rainfall never did become a menace to the deep enjoyment of God's people observing His Festival!

The Festival at Jekyll Island and Squaw Valley

Leading off at Jekyll Island, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong reminded the brethren there about the special *protection* they, too, had enjoyed in being able to attend the Feast in that location. For it looked for a time as if hurricane "Dora" was going to literally swamp the island and *wreck* the careful plans made for God's Festival there.

But we all need to realize, brethren, that it is not just human "plans" which are involved in these Festival sites—it is the fact that, through His ministers, God has placed *His* NAME in these places!

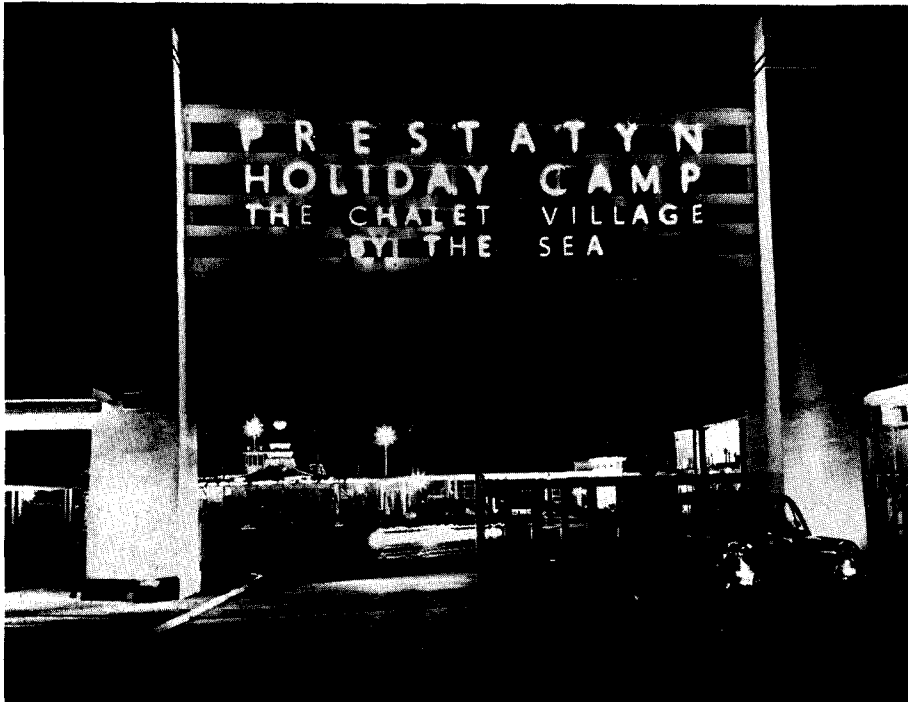
So in spite of minor inconveniences from the previous storm, God's Feast at Jekyll Island got off to a *wonderful start*—and everyone was very happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong there for the first half of the Festival. After they left, Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong and his wife arrived to conclude the Festival, which he climaxed with an extremely moving and powerful sermon on the Last Great Day.

The most beautiful weather so far greeted God's people at Squaw Valley this year. Mr. Ted Armstrong set a swift-moving pace in this Festival as he started it off for the first half. Some of the deepest and most profound sermons—containing much spiritual "meat"—were delivered during this year's Festival at Squaw Valley. These included Mr. Ted Armstrong's sermons on unusual facets of prophecy, Mr. Portune's sermon describing Satan's counterfeit doctrines, Dr. Hoeh's sermons describing the *way of Cain* and Mr. Bill McDowell's heart-wrenching sermon describing the real *meaning* of Jesus Christ's sacrifice.

In attendance, there were over 7,200 at Jekyll Island and over 6,500 at Squaw Valley. This made a total of nearly 22,000 people attending God's Festival in the United States *alone* this year!

The Feast in Great Britain

This year the Feast in Britain was observed at Prestatyn Holiday Camp in North Wales. Twelve hundred seventy-



Here you see the impressive entrance to Prestatyn Holiday Camp in Wales, England, where God's people from literally scores of nations kept God's Holy Days this fall.

two people from *forty-four* countries were present at this Festival!

The ministers there report that everything was exceptionally well-organized this year and that *everyone* except six or eight people was able to stay *on the grounds* at Prestatyn Holiday Camp. This certainly added to the fellowship and warmth of the Festival in many ways.

God inspired His ministers to give the right kind of corrective, inspirational and instructive sermons. The food and fellowship were outstanding, and many complimentary remarks from the camp staff showed their appreciation for the kind of "light" God's people emanated at His Festival in the British Isles.

Mr. Tamblin, Prestatyn Camp Manager, gave this response concerning a proposed beach activity: "You can do anything you want to, because I know that you won't leave any broken bottles or burn down any fences. You are the most well-behaved group I have known."

He then offered to supply anything our brethren would require for the activity!

Both the French and German brethren attending the Feast in Wales this year were able to hear the messages translated into their own languages:

through special lightweight headphones while at the same time seeing the speaker and receiving the emotional impact of the message through sitting directly in the auditorium with the rest of the brethren.

Through the efforts of Mr. Apatian in personally counseling and baptizing many listeners of "*Le MONDE A VENIR*," *twelve* French-speaking brethren attended the Feast in Wales this year. An even larger number attended from Germany and German-speaking nations.

The attitude of these brethren from the Continent was an example to everyone. In obeying God many are facing lack or loss of employment. Some have broken off relationships with prospective and unconverted mates. Before they left for the Continent, many said that it would take them a long time to digest all the spiritual food since they had never heard such fine sermons before!

The Feast in Australia

Mr. Wayne Cole, Director over God's Work in Australia, asked Mr. Donald Abraham to send in a report on the Feast of Tabernacles in Australia. It certainly shows that the *same spirit* and *same blessings* are given to our brethren everywhere:

"Isaiah's prophecy of the coming *Millennium*—and the PEACE, UNITY, WISDOM and HAPPINESS it will usher in—was fulfilled in *type* by God's people during the 1964 Festival of Tabernacles in Australia. Here, a total of 812 persons gathered together in obedience to God's command at Blackheath in the beautiful Blue Mountains!

"And, this year for the *FIRST* time, the brethren enjoyed the *honour* and *privilege* of meeting in *God's own Tabernacle*, located on a magnificent forty-acre property overlooking the rugged Kanimbla Valley!

"This *tremendous blessing* added greatly to the spirit of *joy, deep gratitude* and *thankfulness, love* and *humility* which permeated the whole atmosphere during the entire eight-day Festival!

"Another blessing this year was the fact that there were, also for the first time, *six ministers present* to minister to and serve God's people! The previous highest number was in 1962, when there were *four* ministers in attendance.

"The theme which carried throughout the entire Festival was set on the first night by Mr. C. Wayne Cole, when he gave a *very inspiring* and *moving* introductory service welcoming everyone to the Festival. After calling upon those from the various states to stand, it was found that *every Australian state* (other than the Northern Territory) was represented at the Feast, as well as New Zealand and the Philippines. Mr. Cole then urged everyone present to *examine his faults, acknowledge them, and work on overcoming them.*

"Mr. Cole was literally *beaming* when he stepped onto the stage for the first time and asked the brethren what they thought of the Tabernacle. The hundreds of broad smiles and happy expressions in response were sufficient to indicate the *joy* being experienced by all present.

"Many people remarked on the high degree of *inspiration* which God gave His ministers this Feast. It was later realized that this year the sermons and

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You Can Have *LIVING FAITH!*

How can you know God is intervening to help you? What should you be looking for? How can you do your part? Here are answers to these questions of daily need and eternal import.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THE OTHER day a young man came out to the college to see me. He had written two or three times asking me to pray for healing of an affliction caused by an accident, and each time I had prayed for him and sent him an anointed cloth, according to the example set by the Apostle Paul (Acts 19).

"I came to see you," he said, "to ask you to pray for me again. I simply can't understand why I wasn't healed."

"Oh, weren't you healed?" I asked. "How do you know you weren't?"

"Why, I still have this nervousness. I still FEEL it."

"Is that how you KNOW?" I asked.

"Of course," he replied.

Well, there was his trouble.

Priceless Knowledge

What would it be worth to *you* if I could tell you exactly how you could always pray to God for every need, for help and deliverance from every trouble, and *always get the answer*? If I could show you a way to always KNOW you are going to actually get what you ask of God?

I can tell you that. I have found the way, myself. Of course, in some cases, like that of this young man, where I have interceded for others, and asked God to do something for them, they have failed to receive the answer—while, on the other hand, many others have received the answer I asked for them. But as of the present moment when I now write, there is not one thing I have had to rely upon God for,

and ask Him for in prayer, for myself and family or this wonderful Work of His which He has committed to me, that has not been answered.

My wife and I have had to depend upon God for just about everything. Once I had to ask God to send us a dime, and we had to have it immediately. Believe it or not, in less than two minutes God sent it to our house. At another time I had to ask God to send us \$35,000.00, by a certain date, for the Work—and He sent it. Once, more than twenty years ago, I remember, before retiring at night, asking God to remove some painful canker sores inside my mouth. When I awoke, they were gone. Once we had to ask God to heal my wife of four or five serious afflictions which had come upon her simultaneously—quinsy with lockjaw, blood poison from a rose-thorn, a dogbite, and two serious internal ailments. Her condition was so critical doctors did not expect her to live another twenty-four hours. She was completely healed of all these things *instantly!* When our youngest son was two years and four months he still could not talk. As a result of a fall, something obstructed his speech. When we became sure of the fact of the affliction, we asked God to heal him and let him talk, and the very next day he was beginning to talk, and in a week he was speaking whole sentences like any boy his age.

God Answers Every Need

I have had to ask God to deliver us, and His Work, from enemies. I have

asked Him for UNDERSTANDING of His will, and His Word. I have had to ask for wisdom where I had none, and for guidance. I have been at my wit's end in desperate trouble, and cried out to God for deliverance. God has answered, every time. Never once has there been a failure to get the answer.

On our return from Europe, nearly two years ago, we found ourselves in a full hurricane in the middle of the Atlantic. When it became known that we were in great danger—and no lifeboat could have been launched in those angry 65-foot waves—I went to my cabin and earnestly asked God to calm the storm. In two or three hours the sea was almost calm again.

You can get the same results—if you will be willing to learn what I have had to learn, and to do what God has shown me I have to do.

If money could buy you the absolute GUARANTEE that you would *always* get whatever you ask of God—ALWAYS receive the answer to your prayers, how much would this magic be worth? You'd be willing to pay a great deal for it, wouldn't you? Ah, but this is something far too precious to be purchased with money. The richest man on earth does not have enough money to buy it. Yet *you* can have it, if you'll pay the price of conforming to God's terms and conditions.

Another young man, almost like a son to me, could not understand why God refuses to heal him. He told me he had read, in our office, many letters from people who have been mi-

raculously healed of many ailments and diseases after I had prayed for them and just sent them anointed pieces of cloth. I had also prayed for this young man, at least three times or more. Yet he knew God had refused to heal *him*. He couldn't understand why—was much discouraged. And how did he know? Why, by the EVIDENCE—he could still FEEL the affliction, and that PROVED God had not healed him.

I had no difficulty at all in seeing at once why these two fine, earnest, young men were not healed.

Know God's Conditions

Before you ask God for anything, you must first know whether it is His will. He tells us His will, in the Bible. He has made us hundreds of definite PROMISES—and He absolutely GUARANTEES He will keep them! Among them He has promised to supply every NEED—not desire or want, but every NEED. He has promised to give us wisdom, to deliver us from every affliction, trouble, or temptation, to fight our enemies for us and deliver us from their power, to guide and direct us in making right and wise decisions. He has *promised* to heal us when we are sick.

Those are a few of the things we KNOW it is God's will to do for us—things for which we may ask, *and be sure we shall get the answer!*

But THERE ARE CONDITIONS!

It is like a contract, or an agreement. God *promises* to always do these things for us, *IF* we do just *two things* He demands of us! And an uncle of mine once impressed on me, so indelibly I shall never forget, that that little two-letter word "*IF*" is absolutely the biggest word in the English language. That great big little "*IF*" is the obstruction that stands between you and getting the answer from God!

First, you must OBEY. "What things soever you ask, we receive of Him *because we keep His Commandments, and do those things that are pleasing IN HIS SIGHT.*"

Second, you must BELIEVE, "According to your *faith* be it unto you."

Now these two young men are both sincere fellows who have surrendered to God, who seek to know His will, and to keep His commandments, and live HIS WAY, thru His power and strength. And both of them have sincerely SUPPOSED that they had FAITH.

But, like at least 99 out of every hundred earnest, surrendered Christians, they have not fully realized just what faith is, or how to exercise it.

The Bible definition of SIN is this: "Sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4).

The Bible definition of FAITH is this: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the *evidence* of things *not seen*" (Heb. 11:1).

God PROMISES to heal you when you are sick. You follow His instruction, you call for the Elders of the church, they pray over you the prayer of faith, anointing you with oil, and God PROMISES that when this is done, "the prayer of faith *shall save the sick*, and the LORD SHALL RAISE HIM UP" (Jas. 5:14-15).

What Is Evidence?

Now these two young men confronted me with the fact God had not done as He had promised. How did they know—what evidence convinced them God had not done what He promised? Why, their EVIDENCE, in both cases, was that they could FEEL the pain, the nervousness, the weakness. They could *see* they were not healed. There was the EVIDENCE that God had not healed them.

But once again, what is FAITH? Faith is the EVIDENCE of healing that is NOT SEEN—or felt! It is impossible for God to lie. Impossible for God to break His promise. Do you believe that?

"Oh, yes, of course," you answer—or do you, now?

I know these two young men *thought* they had faith. As a matter of fact, at the time I prayed for them, undoubtedly they both believed. *At the time*, that is. Yes, they did have faith—*at the time!*

But what they did not realize about FAITH is that *faith must not waver*. It

must *abide*. It must remain constant—unwavering! It must ENDURE—it must CONTINUE! Thru James, God instructs us to ask "in *faith, nothing wavering*. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For *let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord!*"

Yes, these young men really did believe—*at the time!*

But they did not come to the real TEST of their faith until the devil presented *his* evidence, a few days later. When, after a few days, they could still FEEL and SEE they were not healed, then Satan was presenting *his* evidence to their minds! It was evidence they could FEEL and SEE! And at just that point these young men took their eyes off Jesus—off God's PROMISE—they looked at the MATERIAL, SENSUAL evidence, and right then and there, without realizing what was taking place in their minds, they WAVED in their belief in God's promise. Instead of BELIEVING God's evidence, which is FAITH in what they certainly did not yet FEEL or SEE, they just simply could not doubt the material evidence of the human flesh and the senses of feel and sight! What they felt and saw therefore convinced them THEY WERE NOT HEALED!

God Determines the Time to Intervene

They began to ask "Why didn't God heal me?" and their faith was then gone. Yes, they wavered, and God says, "Let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord."

So here is the lesson you must learn—the lesson of faith—if you would get answers to your prayers. First, search the Bible to see whether God has PROMISED to do what you want to ask. If He has, then ask—but REMEMBER, *God nowhere promises WHEN, or HOW He will do it!* That's the thing to remember! Never forget it! God has not promised He will do it *instantly*, or when you expect, or how you expect. ALL He has promised is to DO IT! He does things in His own time. And sometimes, I have found, God is not in so great a
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Will YOU be Deceived by ANTICHRIST?

Events are plunging toward the eventful climax of Christ's return. Will you recognize the REAL CHRIST when he returns?

by David Jon Hill

IS THE pope ignorant of the plain Bible statements that label *him* "the Antichrist"? What deception will Satan use to keep the world from realizing the pope's true identity?

God's Word warns us that this man—masquerading as a great "Christian" leader—will finally declare himself to be GOD! (II Thes. 2:8). If he calls *himself* "God," whom will he point to as the *Antichrist*?

How Much Does the Pope Know?

Why is Pope Paul VI purchasing property in the Holy Land? He says it is for the purpose of building a "palace" (see Daniel 11:45) for any future "visits" he may make.

Is this Pontiff being innocently used of Satan—or is he, as was Balaam before him, eager to do all God *allows* him to do: "I cannot go *beyond* the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more" (Num. 22:18). Just like Satan himself, his minion cannot go beyond the bounds which God has allowed. But the bounds which God has allowed are very broad in this end age!

Just as the Devil quotes scripture—see Matthew 4:10—and is not ignorant of the fact of God's existence (James 2:19); so also the head of the great false church realizes to a great degree how far God will *allow* him to act. John XXIII showed this same attitude when he said he was determined to do "all God permits" during his reign as Pontiff!

God Permits Evil

God **COMMANDS** obedience and righteousness, but He **PERMITS** EVIL! Jesus'

reference to Judas is applicable in principle to today's fast-moving prophetic events. "Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; BUT WOE TO THAT MAN BY WHOM THE OFFENCE COMETH!" (Matt. 18:7).

The human instruments Satan the Devil is preparing to serve him are aware of what God's Word says regarding the returning Christ and the Antichrist who is to oppose Him! They know enough prophecy to perform their abominable deeds with knowledge and vigor. They know, and *have known historically*, enough prophecy to prepare a perverted prophecy to deny the true prophetic warning broadcast by *The WORLD TOMORROW!*

Catholic Interest in Prophecy

God declares that the endtime pope will be a false *prophet*, yet the pope has never declared himself to be a prophet. When will he deceive the world into thinking that he foresees future events? What events will he foretell? How will these prophecies affect *you*? How can you keep from being deceived?

A recently published book reveals a startling Catholic interest in endtime prophecy. This book, together with tradition and the writings of some of the "early church Fathers," brings to light an eye-opening preview of the false prophecies that are about to be preached!

Satan knows God's general Plan. He has been at work in the minds of evil and deluded men throughout the ages to lay the groundwork of the GREAT

DELUSION! Though the vials of the wrath of God are poured out on sinful men, their impenitence remains—"AND THEY REPENTED NOT" (Rev. 16:9). They will flee from Christ—even calling for rocks to fall on them, hiding out in caves—**RUNNING AWAY FROM GOD!**

WHY?

Because of "that man of sin . . . who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he IS GOD . . . even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and LYING wonders, and with ALL DECEIVABLENESS." **THAT MAN WILL TELL THE WORLD THE BIGGEST LIE EVER TOLD!** Into the ears of those who do not have a love of the truth he will pour the LIE that our returning King, *Jesus Christ, is the ANTICHRIST!* And they will believe him because God will have sent them a "strong delusion, that they should believe a LIE!" (II Thes. 2:3-11).

But upon what will the pope base this claim?

By its own admission, the Catholic Church bases its definition of the articles of faith on its *own* interpretation of the Scriptures AND TRADITIONS as explained in the writings of the early church "Fathers"! "And then it was approved by all, that *the traditions* should be received as of equal authority with the Scriptures" (*History of the Council of Trent*, page 145).

Any attempt to dispute their interpretation by use of plain Scripture is greeted, as it was at the time of this

declaration, with the cry of "HERETIC" and branded as "Anathema"! "... the holy Scripture cannot be expounded against the sense held by the holy Mother the Church, nor against the common consent of the Fathers" (*History of the Council of Trent*, page 152).

Catholic Definition of Antichrist

Here now, for the professed prophecies in the Catholic Church's recently published book, *Prophecy for Today*:

"Towards the end of the world Antichrist will overthrow the Pope and usurp his See"! ("Prophecy" of Abbott "Merlin" Joachim, died 1202; see also *Catholic Encyclopedia*, article "Antichrist.")

Because they will not admit the truth, the Church believes the Antichrist will be the one to unseat the pope, while every Bible prophecy commissions the true Christ with that job.

"Antichrist will fight a successful battle at Mageddo [Armageddon] in Palestine after which... he will hereafter become lord of the world" (Ibid; Anna Catarina Emmerick, d. 1824). It is almost impossible to see how they could believe this! But there it is! And here is more! "The Kings will send armies to the Holy Land, but the Antichrist will slay them all"! (Ibid.; "Venerable Maria of Agreda." d. 1665.) Compare this with Revelation 19:19.

But to continue. "Antichrist and his army will conquer Rome, kill the Pope and take the throne... The Jews will come from everywhere, and accept Antichrist as the Messiah." (Ibid.; from a "prophecy" by Venerable Bartholomew Holzhauser, d. 1658.)

Just one more quote to illustrate their satanic definition: "After the destruction of Rome, Antichrist will appear and exalt himself above pagan deities and the Trinity... Coming to Jerusalem, he will succeed through false preaching, miracles, gifts, terror, aided throughout by the devil. An evil spirit will come out of the air and descend upon his followers. *He shall feign a resurrection from the dead*, cause rain to fall... and perform other wonders, all through the power of the devil...

The Jews will welcome him." (Ibid.; Richard Rolle of Hampole, d. 1349.)

Compare With Your Bible

Hippolytus is one of the "early church Fathers" upon which the Catholic Church depends for inspiration and dogma. Get your Bible, and compare the plain statements of Scripture, the Word and authority of Almighty God, with the blasphemous prophecies made by Hippolytus about the year 170 A. D. Satan very cleverly inspired this early writer to pen these prophecies just a hundred years after the True Church of God had to flee to Pella. Since that time there have been scattered prophecies by many important men and women in the Catholic Church on this subject of greatest importance—even up to as recently as 100 years ago.

Hippolytus begins by saying, "Believe *not* the enemy who is to *come and be seen*; for he is an adversary and corrupter and son of perdition, and deceives you; and for this reason he will kill you, and smite them with the sword" (*Ante-Nicene Fathers*; Hippolytus, section XXIX).

GOD'S Word says, "Behold, he [Jesus Christ] cometh with clouds; and EVERY EYE SHALL SEE HIM... and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him" (Rev. 1:7).

"And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should *smite* the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God" (Rev. 19:15).

Hippolytus goes on to say: "... at that time the whole earth will bewail the life of anguish, and the sea and air in like manner will bewail it; and the sun, too, will wail; and the wild beasts, together with the fowls, will wail; mountains and hills, and the trees of the plain, will wail on account of the race of man, because all have turned aside from the Holy God, and obeyed the deceiver, and received the mark of that abominable one, the enemy of God, *INSTEAD OF THE QUICKENING CROSS OF THE SAVIOR*" (Ibid.; section XXXIII).

God's clear revelation shows that the time when the families of all the earth are going to bewail for anguish is the time of Christ's return. "And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise anymore: the merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones... fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and SLAVES, and SOULS OF MEN... The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, *WEEPING AND WAILING!*" (Rev. 18:11-15).

Hippolytus: "And in the presence of all he exhibits himself as taken up into heaven with TRUMPETS and SOUNDS, and the MIGHTY SHOUTING of those who hail him with INDESCRIBABLE HYMNS; the heir of darkness himself shining like light, and at one time soaring to the heavens, and at another descending to the earth with great glory, and again charging the demons, like angels, to execute his behests with much fear and trembling. For he will show forth his demons brilliant like angels, and he will bring in hosts of the incorporeal without number" (Section XXXIII).

The Holy Spirit through the revelation of YOUR BIBLE says: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a SHOUT, with the VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL, and with the TRUMP OF GOD: and the DEAD IN CHRIST SHALL RISE first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to MEET the Lord in the air"! (I Thes. 4:16-17.)

As for Hippolytus' "demons brilliant like angels," Daniel tells us that the resurrected and changed saints "shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars (angels) for ever and ever!" (Dan. 12:3). See also I Corinthians 15:50-53).

And the "incredible hymns"—"And they sung as it were a new song before the throne... and NO MAN COULD LEARN THAT SONG but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were REDEEMED from the earth

... the FIRSTFRUITS unto God and to the Lamb!" (Rev. 14:3-4).

More From Hippolytus

"Then that abominable one [if this is not blasphemy against the very God of Heaven, what is?] will send his commands throughout every government by the hand at once of demons and of visible men, who shall say, 'A mighty king has arisen upon the earth; come ye all to WORSHIP him; come ye all to see the strength of his kingdom: for, behold, he will give you corn; and he will bestow upon you wine, and great riches, and lofty honours. For the WHOLE EARTH AND SEA OBEYS HIS COMMAND. Come ye all to him'" (Ibid., section XXXVII).

Revelation 14:6-7: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and WORSHIP him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters [and therefore the whole EARTH AND SEA OBEYS HIS COMMAND]."

When these false "prophecies" are read from pulpits into the ears of gullible people and they begin to see God's intervention come to pass, THEY WILL BELIEVE THE ONLY MEANING THEY HAVE EVER LEARNED ABOUT THESE SIGNS AND WONDERS, AND BE CONVINCED THAT THE GLORIOUS CHRIST RETURNING IN TRIUMPH IS IN TRUTH THE ANTICHRIST!

A more modern prophetic of the Catholic Church has this to say about this time of preaching: "Whole nations will join the Church shortly before the reign of the Antichrist. These conversions will be amazing. Those who shall survive shall have to conduct themselves well. There shall be innumerable conversions of heretics, who will return to the bosom of the Church" (*Prophecy For Today*; from Anna Maria Taigi, d. 1837).

These false doctrines and false prophecies are going to be preached with ALL DECEIVABLENESS, and are

truly going to deceive ALL THE WORLD. You and I, when we enter God's Kingdom at His return, are going to have to convince these people of the TRUTH.

Being God's Born Sons Not an Easy Job!

The whole world will be up in arms AGAINST Christ. The chaos from years of pestilence and plague, the devastation of hydrogen and nuclear wars of cosmoscide will have to be CLEANED UP. Complete anarchy will take over in all the countries of the world as the earthly governments collapse; order will have to be restored. This *cannot be done overnight*.

It will take painstaking effort, even after the complete co-operation of the population of the earth is gained! Human nature will resist the Government of God to the bitter end!

It's not going to be easy to convince these hysterically frightened, demoniacally deceived, pitifully desperate human beings! This last generation, sinful as it is, will need the full compassion and mercy you will be able to give as God's Sons. You will need every ounce of spiritual power and wisdom God will give you to perform the JOB of rehabilitating millions of crazed, completely deceived men left on this earth.

They will be gaunt, wild-eyed! They will have seen more horrible things happen in their lifetime than all the pages of history have yet recorded.

Driven in stark, raving FEAR AND OPEN TERROR from their homes, they will seek to hide from the newest and most overawing manifestation of *world-shaking* POWER that they have yet seen—the only thought in their tortured minds will be that HERE IS YET ANOTHER ENEMY IN THIS SICK, HELL-TORN EARTH... HIDE, HIDE, HIDE!!!

HIPPOLYTUS agrees with *what* will happen, but he calls the *one who causes it to happen* the ANTICHRIST and not the TRUE CHRIST! "Then will he send the cohorts of the demons among MOUNTAINS AND CAVES AND DENS OF THE EARTH, to track out those who have been concealed from his eyes, and to bring them forward to worship him" (Ibid., section XXIX).

The Bible tells us from *whom* men will hide in the rocks, "And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves *in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains*; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb" (Rev. 6:15-16).

You, as a born son of God, may have to be one of those who is sent out to track down these frightened people. You may have to counsel with them and assure them that the true living God has returned to the earth and that there will be peace from that time forward.

Remarkable Prophecy

Here is another false prophecy from Hippolytus.

"And by reason of the SCARCITY OF FOOD, all will go to him and worship him; and he will put his mark on their right hand and on their forehead, that no one may put the sign of the *honorable cross* upon his forehead with his right hand; but his hand is bound" (Ibid., section XXVIII).

Now turn to the book of Zechariah in your Bible, and read what the true, triumphant, returning Christ will do to the nations of this earth in order to get them to worship Him. "And it shall come to pass, that every one that is *left* of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that who-so *will not come up* of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the Lord will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of *all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles*" (Zech. 14:16-19).

The Eternal God, at His return, is

going to cause the nations of this earth to recognize Him as Ruler and to worship Him through the means of *controlling the weather*, causing drought and famine—SCARCITY OF FOOD—until ALL NATIONS COME UP TO KEEP THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES!

Giant Rehabilitation Program

The "mop-up operation" that will follow the return of Christ, in which you may be employed, will be the greatest in all history!

It is difficult to realize the total chaos that will exist! The truth of your Bible revealed in the pages of Revelation is not just "apocalyptic writing"—but these revelations are from the Almighty God who foresaw this end of civilization and realized as He told us Himself in Matthew 24:22 that, "Except those days should be shortened, there should NO FLESH BE SAVED ALIVE!"

So let your mind dwell for a moment on the REALITY of this. Let the truth sink in! This will be a time such as the earth has NEVER FACED BEFORE.

No ships are plying the sea, no forests cover the mountainsides, no grass clothes the plains, whole islands have disappeared into the sea, mountain chains have been wrenched out of shape, peaks have become valleys and valleys have become plateaus. Even the earth itself is not circling the sun in its proper orbit, but reeling like a drunken man through the solar system!

In a situation such as this only those who have God's Truth could be expected to be sane!

"The public service of God shall be extinguished . . . at that time *silver* and *gold* shall be cast out in the streets, and none shall gather them; but all things shall be an offence" (Ibid. Hippolytus, section xxxiv).

The "public service," the Catholic Mass, will not be allowed! Silver and gold won't be worth anything to man, *because you cannot buy God*—only repentance will be worth anything in that day! "And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. In that day a

man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats!" (Isa. 2:19-20.)

The supreme government on earth is the Government of God. Christ Himself, with all of the saints born into His Kingdom with Him, and the multitudes of Israel coming out of captivity are abiding in peace at Jerusalem. "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days *Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely*: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, The Lord liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, The Lord liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the NORTH COUNTRY, and from ALL COUNTRIES whither I had driven them; and they shall DWELL IN THEIR OWN LAND" (Jer. 23:5-8).

The first twenty-six verses of Jeremiah 31 repeat again the establishment of peace and God's rule at Jerusalem over Israel and over His born-again Sons. Read it yourself!

During this same time, "He shall judge among many people, and rebuke STRONG NATIONS AFAR OFF; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Mic. 4:3).

Millennial Pioneers

Then, after a period of time—including the three and one-half years of the ministry of Jesus Christ which He has yet to finish as a personal ministry to Israel—those of us who are the born Sons of God *and* the physical seed of Israel will go forth from Jerusalem to establish government, peace and prosperity. The laws of God will be taught to all the peoples of the earth, beginning at Jerusalem. "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will sow

the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast" (Jer. 31:27).

When you come to them and say, "This is THE WAY, WALK YE IN IT!" (Isa. 30:21), when you begin to explain to them that the Christianity they have known is FALSE, that the Sabbath is the seventh day of the week—even when you are able to read the thoughts of their minds—it is STILL GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO BRING THEM TO THEIR SENSES! They will have been deceived ahead of time by a clever satanic-inspired prophecy. They will believe that you are teaching exactly these things which they have been told are false! Yes, believe it or not, Satan knows the Scripture—he TREMBLES AT GOD'S WORD BECAUSE HE KNOWS IT WILL COME TO PASS! And he will have tried his best, by his method of CONFUSING THE FACTS, to so deceive this last generation as to frustrate the Plan of God in setting up His government in the Millennium. Even though Satan himself is restrained at this time from *further* deceiving the nations, HE HAS ALREADY DECEIVED THIS LAST GENERATION!

Listen to this satanic delusion: "Antichrist will be an *iconoclast* [against idols]. Most of the world will adore him. He will teach that the *Christian religion is false*, confiscation of Christian property is legal, *Saturday is to be observed instead of Sunday*, and he will *change the Ten Commandments* [that is, restore them in their ORIGINAL FORM, including the declaration against idols]. All his wonders could not be written in a book. They will be more wonderful than the Old and New Testaments! . . . he will *read people's minds, raise the dead*, REWARD HIS FOLLOWERS AND PUNISH THE REST" (Prophecy For Today; from Dionysius of Luxemburg, d. 1682.) AND, ". . . He will begin by affecting RESPECT FOR THE LAW OF MOSES" (Ibid.; from Frederick William Faber, d. 1863).

The Pope's Prophecy

Here we see in full the prophecies this endtime false prophet will preach. He will attribute Jesus Christ's inter-

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Here's How You Can--

Overcome Frustration!

You live in a FRUSTRATED world! Everyone has problems, troubles, frustrations! Some in God's Church may feel hopelessly frustrated by some besetting problem! WHY?

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ALL OF God's people meet trials and tests during their Christian life. Trials arise which seem to *completely baffle them!* Problems come seemingly from nowhere. Life becomes confusing, frustrating—and it seems that **EVERYTHING** goes wrong!

Why?

Have YOU ever felt this way? Have you ever felt your prayers went unanswered—that you were *NOT growing* as you should be?

There is a reason for such thoughts, feelings and frustrations! They do not just "happen" or come from nowhere! It is time we all **REALIZED** the root **CAUSE** of our problems and difficulties!

It explains *why* some Spokesman Club members reach a plateau and cease growing in effective speech. It explains why **MANY** are not **GROWING** as they should be, spiritually! This root cause explains **WHY** even some students at Ambassador College flounder around and drift along.

The reason behind these problems, troubles and frustrations involves your *human nature!*

Human Nature Responsible

Your Bible says that **YOUR** natural, carnal mind is—by its very *nature*—**HOSTILE** toward God (Rom. 8:7). It is *enmity* toward God, toward *His* way, His divine nature, **HIS WILL!** Speaking of the heart of *man*, the Prophet Jeremiah was inspired to write, "The **HEART** is *deceitful* above all things, and **DESPERATELY WICKED:** who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9).

Yes, you, by your very **NATURE**, do

not want to go God's way, do things His way, or **SUBMIT** to His will!

You are by nature **SELFISH!** Your whole natural life is filled with self-motivation, self-seeking, self-exaltation, self-interests, pleasing the senses of the *self!*

By nature, you want to get, seize, grasp, take, obtain that which you desire for your **SELF!** **ALL** your motivations are **INWARD**—directed inwardly, toward the satisfaction of the **SELF!**

This nature is very obvious in a squalling baby. Babies have no consideration whatsoever for their parents. They don't stop to think of the trouble they cause their parents if they begin to bawl in the middle of the night!

And we are just little babies grown up! **WE STILL HAVE THE VERY SAME HUMAN NATURE!**

That nature is responsible for **YOUR** problems and trials!

You don't begin to realize just how many of **YOUR THOUGHTS** are *directed toward your SELF!* And it is these selfish *thoughts* and actions that make **YOU** miserable and *frustrated!*

Look at the world around you. Notice how everybody seems bent on **GETTING HIS OWN WAY** in everything he does! Is this any different from the tiny squalling baby?

In business, ambitious young executive "climbers" knife and stab each other in the back in order to **GET ahead** themselves! At home, wives try to convince "hubby" that they need a new dress, coat, or should go out for dinner that evening. Children try to convince their parents that they need a larger allowance, more freedom, less restrictions around home. On the inter-

national scene, nations try to bully, cajole, or trick other nations into serving their own selfish interests.

No matter **WHERE** you look, somebody is out to *get the best* of **SOME-BODY ELSE!** Everybody is out for "number one"! No love is shown—just a false veneer called "love"—a sanctimonious "look" which is calculated to disguise the inner deceit! While patting you on the back, a dagger is gently slipped between your ribs!

God's Holy Spirit

Brethren, each one of you has the *same* basically **EVIL**, selfish, grasping human **HEART!**

But that is not all!

If you are a Christian, you **ALSO** have the *Spirit of God* abiding within you! The Apostle Paul was inspired to write, "But ye are not in the flesh, but **IN THE SPIRIT**, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell *in you*. Now if any man have *NOT the Spirit of Christ*, he is **NONE** of his" (Rom. 8:9).

If you are a Christian, then you have God's Holy Spirit abiding **WITHIN** you. What is the nature of **GOD'S Holy Spirit?**

Notice it! "But the fruit of the Spirit is *love*, joy, peace, longsuffering (patience), gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance . . ." (Gal. 5:22-23).

How contrary to HUMAN NATURE!

LOVE is outgoing **CONCERN** for *other* people—a desire to give, serve, and help. *But human nature is SELF-love*—wanting to give to, serve, and help **THE SELF!**

God's Spirit is full of **JOY**. But

human nature is so intent upon fulfilling its own selfish aims that it has *no time* for the expression of true JOY! It is trying to get, get, GET—and it is miserable when it cannot obtain its desires.

God's Spirit brings PEACE—contentment and peace of mind. But human nature is always STRIVING to obtain more for the self. It knows no rest, no relaxation. It is full of worry, fears and frustrations!

God's Spirit is *patient*. It is willing to *contentedly* WAIT on God to perform His promises and pour out His blessings *in His own good time*. It is willing to suffer long, and endure reproach for Christ's sake. It is supremely *patient*.

Not so, human nature! It is in a great *rush*, an excited hurry—full of *haste*! It wants to *get*, and GET NOW! *Right now*, it cries in anguish, thinking only of its OWN selfish needs and desires!

The Spirit of GOD is very *gentle*, tender, loving toward others. Human nature is brusque, hurried, sharp with others, *blunt*, has no consideration for their feelings or weaknesses.

What about goodness? God gives His blessings freely, to all, without respect of persons. God seeks to lavish GOOD upon His people! It rejoices God to be able to BLESS others! But human nature, on the contrary, is *rude, insolent*, and feels that others are worthless, undeserving of any favor.

Do you SEE how rotten and contrary to God's way *your human nature IS*?

Notice further! The Spirit of God is the Spirit OF *faith*—*patient* TRUST, and *reliance* upon GOD! It is willing to put its trust in God and look to HIM, *no matter how circumstances may temporarily appear*, knowing that GOD is *able* to change and alter circumstances to produce His promised blessings!

But human nature HAS no faith! It does NOT believe in God's promises. It only believes what it can *see, feel, hear and taste*! It is not willing to trust God for anything. It relies TOTALLY upon self, seeks to *work the angles*, and is preoccupied with LOOKING OUT

FOR NUMBER ONE! "Every man for himself" is its motto.

What about *humility*? The Spirit of God is humble, respects others, and recognizes their potentialities and qualities. It is willing to GIVE UP its own comfort, even its own life, in order to serve and help others! It is willing to abase the self and SACRIFICE for others!—even as JESUS CHRIST Himself was willing to forsake all and suffer the ignominious death of the cross for OUR sakes!

But not so, human nature! "Every man at his best state is ALTOGETHER VANITY!" Human nature is *proud, insolent*, full of *scorn* for others. Self is placed upon a towering pedestal, enshrined in an ivory tower, and puffed up like a bloated balloon! It is haughty, high-minded. It *despises* others.

The Cause of Frustration

Take another look at those qualities of human nature, brethren, because they describe YOUR natural heart! Yes, that is how loathsome YOUR human nature IS, in the sight of God!

Yet, *if you are a Christian*, then you ALSO have the HOLY Spirit of God within you!

Is it any wonder, then, why you sometimes feel frustrated and woefully confused? We read, "*For the flesh LUSTETH against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are CONTRARY THE ONE TO THE OTHER: so that ye CANNOT do the things that ye would*" (Gal. 5:17).

In effect, YOU are a walking, talking Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde! You are a walking, eating, sleeping, breathing phenomenon—a *living PARADOX*!

You have two entirely different natures—your carnal human nature, which is ENMITY against God, as well as the nature of the SPIRIT OF GOD!

That, if you can see it, is the reason for your frustrations! That is the REASON you sometimes feel depressed, discouraged, and harassed with TROUBLES!

You want to obey God. But—because you are still a flesh-and-blood human being—YOU STILL HAVE YOUR

HUMAN NATURE TO CONTEND WITH!

You Are SELFISH!

Analyze yourself! HOW OFTEN do you submit to selfish temptations? *How often* do you exhibit competitiveness, greed or selfishness? How often do you become hasty, rash, in seeking your own way? How often do you become WORRIED, *anxious, or fearful* that you won't *get* what you want? How often do you sulk or brood over "what could have been"?

How often are you DEPRESSED, because something you desired did not quite work out the way YOU wanted it? Have you ever been *bitter* because you did not *get your own way* about some matter?

Have you ever lost faith in God and TRIED TO WORK THINGS OUT YOURSELF? Have you ever faithlessly TAKEN MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS, thinking GOD may not work them out for the best?

HOW OFTEN have you "played the angles" in order to get ahead? How often have you tried to "impress people," little caring what your Almighty FATHER in heaven thought?

How often have you permitted human PRIDE and vanity to assert itself in your life—taking pride in *your* accomplishments, boasting about what you have done, bragging on *yourself*?

NO WONDER you have had problems, *frustrations, TROUBLES!* You still have HUMAN NATURE which leads you into SIN. And sin brings problems, troubles, frustrations!

The Perfect Example

Jesus Christ also had *human nature*.

But He was never FRUSTRATED. He never felt hopelessly confused or frustrated because of overwhelming problems. Do you know *why*?

Remember! He was human like you and I—He also had HUMAN NATURE (Heb. 2:14-18). He was TEMPTED *in all points* like as we are (Heb. 4:15). But He *knew* human nature—He *knew* He had to fight against it—He knew that human nature only spelled T-R-O-U-B-L-E if He surrendered to its impulses, drives, or desires. Jesus

mastered His human nature—He kept it under control—ALWAYS!

Notice!

As Jesus slowly strode into the garden of Gethsemane, just before the crucifixion, His thoughts tossed and turned within Him. He was sorely tempted by His human nature to "forget the whole thing." His human nature cried out, "WHY should you sacrifice YOUR life!" "Why should you suffer?" "What's in this for you?"

Those thoughts are very *human*, and Jesus had human nature. *But He did not give in to them!* Jesus never flinched, never faltered in the face of the ordeal. He prayed to the Father, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: *nevertheless not as I will, BUT AS THOU WILT*" (Matt. 26:39).

"...*Nevertheless not my will, BUT THINE, be done*" (Luke 22:42).

Jesus had totally conquered SELF. He COMPLETELY *surrendered* HIS WILL to God. He had brought every thought into subjection to God. *He did NOT seek His OWN WAY!*

But what about YOU? Do you sincerely pray for GOD'S WILL to be done in your OWN life? Are you truly, fully SUBMISSIVE to the *will of God*? Or do you allow your *human nature* to exert its selfish, imperious demands in your life?

WHAT DO THE FRUITS SHOW?

If you have felt confused, bewildered, frustrated—if everything seems to be going WRONG for you—or if you seem to have so many problems that you DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO—then YOU need to stop and take stock of your life.

Check up on your ATTITUDE!

Have you been seeking your OWN WILL? Has your own human nature in some devious way deceived you into doing something that was not right in God's sight? Have the tentacles of SIN crept into your life? Have you *trusted in yourself* in some matter, not looking to God for direction or counsel? Have you ASSUMED something unnecessarily, without *proving* it first? Have you gone the way that "seemed right" to you?

Look at your life! LOOK AT YOUR SELF!

Perhaps, now, you are beginning to

see for the first time just exactly WHY you, you *personally*, feel loaded down with problems and trials! Perhaps now you are beginning to realize more fully what *your* HUMAN NATURE is LIKE!

If you feel that you have been virtually *beating your head* against a WALL—if you think that everything has been going wrong—if you feel totally miserable and utterly FRUSTRATED—then don't blame God bitterly for what has happened! Rather, stop and search *yourself* for the FAULT—the reason for your troubles!

Still Human

Too often, once we are converted, we *lose sight* of the fact that we STILL *have human nature*. We forget the scripture, "There is a way which *seemeth right* unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of DEATH." That scripture applies not only to the world, brethren—it applies also to true Christians!

Some of God's people assume that because they have the Holy Spirit, they AUTOMATICALLY know which way they should go. They fail to see the pitfalls looming in their path due to the presence of *human nature*! Therefore, in their innocence, they carelessly plod onward, ASSUMING they will naturally do what is right, confident that no great trials will come to them.

And then, suddenly, they find themselves in the midst of TROUBLE—confronted by unexpected trials.

And they begin to wonder, "WHY?" "How could God let this happen?" They are tempted to think GOD has failed them somewhere—*forgetting* that most of our problems are due to our own foolishness—our human nature leading us astray.

Jeremiah was inspired to write, "O LORD, I know that the way of man is NOT *in himself*: it is NOT *in man that walketh to direct his steps*" (Jer. 10:23). Jeremiah meant YOU.

YOU don't know, automatically, of yourself, which way to go, how to make decisions pertaining to your life, what God's will is. You need to constantly check up on yourself, seek the counsel of GOD, keep close to Him in prayer

and constant, submissive Bible study.

Notice! Solomon wrote, "Trust in the LORD *with all thine heart*; and LEAN NOT UNTO THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and *he shall direct thy PATHS*" (Prov. 3:5-6).

Do you see?

The way that seems right to a man—*seems right to YOU*—is the WRONG WAY! And IF you are enticed into following *that* way, which looks so good, you will sooner or later find yourself hemmed in by sudden troubles—confronted with towering problems!

And, whenever necessary, God will chasten you to remind you of this great lesson!

David was inspired to write, "*BEFORE I was afflicted I went astray: but NOW have I kept thy word*" (Ps. 119:67). Notice! His afflictions brought him *back* to God's way! He exclaimed, "It is GOOD *for me* that I have been AFFLICTED; that I might *learn thy statutes*" (Verse 71). David knew the value of God's loving chastisement and correction!

Yes, our trials, troubles, "afflictions," are GOOD for us. That is why God permits them to OCCUR! By means of them God CHASTENS US and teaches us which way we should go! They may "hurt" for a while, but by means of them *we learn to stop sinning*, to stop seeking our OWN way—we learn to be *more cautious*, WE LEARN TO PONDER THE PATHS OF OUR FEET (Prov. 4:26). We also learn to build the qualities of HUMILITY, FAITH, PATIENCE!

Knowing our trials and chastenings are indeed for *our* welfare, the Apostle James wrote, "My brethren, COUNT IT ALL JOY when ye fall into divers temptations: knowing this, that the *trying of your FAITH* worketh PATIENCE. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and ENTIRE, *WANTING NOTHING*" (Jas. 1:2-4).

We Are To Become GOD

Perhaps you have heard that trials are good for you—but you still are not really *convinced*. But consider! Without trials, how would you come to see how

carnal—selfish—and self-willed you are? How would you come to see the faults and *weaknesses* in your character?

Trials and troubles come upon us because of faults or flaws in our character. As long as these faults remained, we *could not* enter God's Kingdom!

There are MANY lessons each one of us needs desperately to learn and have ingrained within his character, in order to enter God's Kingdom. We need to learn the LESSON to *depend upon God*, and not upon our own selves. We need to learn FAITH—reliance upon God instead of looking to our own works to get us what we want.

As human beings, we are naturally proud—so God gives us trials and tests in order to HUMBLE us and make us learn by experience that we are *not* sufficient unto ourselves. Pride, cocky conceit and vanity are the ANTITHESIS of God's character, and these carnal traits must be rooted *out* of our character if we are to become God!

Patience is another lesson we learn when God permits trials to come upon us. Perhaps the particular trial remains around for some time, and even though we pray, God does not remove it immediately. Does that cause your faith to waver?

It shouldn't. Rather, you should LEARN that God is trying your faith and *patience*. As you faithfully *persevere* in whatever test God gives YOU, patiently WAITING for His divine and promised *answer*, God will NOT let you down. But—He will give you the answer WHEN He sees it is right for you—in the *way* He knows is *best* for you! And, in the process, you build PATIENCE.

By means of our trials we BUILD the very CHARACTER God wants so we can enter the Kingdom!

Your trials teach you to STOP looking to yourself for deliverance—for the solution to your problems. For, the longer you look to self, the greater the PROBLEM becomes! Your trials teach you how *human* you are—and how much you need to REPENT of *self*—what you ARE, as well as the evil you DO!

Do you begin to see? You NEED

trials! Without them you could not grow spiritually! Without them and the pressure they put upon you, you would simply coast along, blithely assuming everything is all right—carelessly taking for granted your salvation!

Brethren! WE *cannot become* SONS OF GOD—members of the very God family!—simply by coasting along, not overcoming, not learning the spiritual lessons we need, not DEVELOPING the character of Jesus Christ!

God will not entrust AWESOME POWERS to US until He has tested and PROVED us! He wants to *know* we will be FAITHFUL to the end!

God is *PROVING* you—testing you—and PURGING YOUR CHARACTER!

To become a member of the GOD FAMILY, you must put OFF selfish, untrustworthy *human nature*, and be clothed with the DIVINE nature of God! Frustration comes when you follow your own nature, seeking your own way, instead of the way of God. But, God loves you so much that He will PUNISH and chasten you to PURIFY your character—to bring you back to Him, His way, so that you might enter His glorious KINGDOM!

What great love and concern God has for His children! He is concerned FOR YOU! *That is why* He permits TRIALS in *your* life!

These trials are the PROOF of God's love! Even as a father spans his children, God chastens YOU for your own spiritual welfare!

Your Attitude

What is *your* attitude toward your troubles, tests, and trials? Do you grumble, gripe, or complain? Do you become sarcastic, bitter, or enraged?

No matter how circumstances may appear, no matter how many howling hurricane-like trials may blow across your path—no matter if you feel you are lost in a thick forest of mountainous trials—are YOU *willing* to say to God, "I KNOW your way is best! I KNOW you permit trials for *my good*, so I might see the foolishness of my own way, so I may be chastened and purified, in order to develop the very character of Jesus Christ!"

"I will follow you, ALL THE WAY, no matter what happens, no matter *what* trials may come!"

Is that YOUR attitude? *It was the attitude of Jesus Christ!* NEVER did Christ rebel at His lot! *Never* did He curse God and seek His *own* way! Rather, He surrendered His life completely to God. At the moment of *greatest* temptation and trial, He declared, "*Not my will, BUT THINE, be done!*" He went all the way, and never drew back. His life was truly a LIVING SACRIFICE!

What about YOU? Are you still hanging on to some of your carnality? Are you STILL clinging to the flesh, fleshly desires, selfish interests, personal aspirations? Are you *compromising* with God and your own human nature? Are you going only "part way" with Him? Do you still have reservations? Is there an "escape clause" in your contract with GOD, so that if you don't get YOUR own desires, you can "back out" of the agreement?

If so, you are only fooling yourself. *There IS no middle ground!*

No Frustration!

Brethren, we cannot "kid" God. What we sow, we shall reap. There is NO hiding from God. He KNOWS our innermost thoughts and desires—our HUMAN HEART! *He knows our natural selfishness!*

And God knows that as long as we compromise with Him, or seek to work things out ourselves—seek our OWN way, will, desires, interests—the end result will be greater and greater FRUSTRATION, confusion and bewilderment—leading eventually to DEATH!

God knows that we of our own selves are simply CARNAL—SELFISH!

But He does not want us to *stay* that way! He gives us trials and tests. He chastises us and punishes us in order to cause us to CHANGE!—stop following the way that *seems right*—STOP seeking our OWN way—and REPENT!

God DESIRES that each one of us enter His Kingdom as His very own SON! But, in order to DO this, we must

first purge OUT the selfishness, the carnality—the *human nature*—and we must be imbued and inspired with the NATURE OF GOD!

In order to make this drastic *change*, God gives us His Holy Spirit—the Spirit of POWER, of LOVE, of a SOUND, BALANCED MIND (II Tim. 1:7). And as we yield to God, surrendering more FULLY to Him, He will give us MORE of that Holy Spirit—more of His divine attributes!

We will GROW in love, in JOY, in peace—even in patience. We will grow in humility, goodness, and FAITH! We will grow in exercising *self-CONTROL*!

There is NO EXCUSE! There is no reason for any true Christian—any servant of Jesus Christ—to bog down in *frustration or confusion*! Frustration and confusion are works of the flesh! They are works of DARKNESS!

God's Spirit is NOT the Spirit of *frustration* but the Spirit of FAITH!

If your life is TOTALLY yielded to God, you will not FEEL "frustrated," "baffled" by overwhelming problems, or "confused" by seemingly inexplicable troubles or trials!

Rather, you will KNOW that frustrations are due to seeking your own will and following HUMAN NATURE! You will know that GOD is not to blame—rather, your OWN HUMAN NATURE is responsible for your problems!

You will know that you need to draw CLOSE to God in prayer and earnest Bible study, so you can SEEK *God's will* in your life and not be deceived by your human nature! And, as you do, you will learn to distinguish between the WILL of GOD and the desires of the flesh!

Frustration will VANISH from your life! It will be REPLACED by the fruits of the Spirit of God—LOVE, JOY, PEACE! FAITH IN GOD!

No longer will troubles frustrate or confuse you! Rather, when you realize the purpose *behind* your trials, you will have cause for great JOY, knowing that *God* is working with YOU!

Are YOU Frustrated?

Put yourself through a spiritual examination! Are YOU personally *frus-*

trated? Does something "bug" you? Are you bitter or angry—do you find fault with a decision reached by God's ministers? Do certain things dissatisfy you? Are you DISPLEASED at the trials God has permitted to develop in your life?

EXAMINE YOURSELF! If you are frustrated, you need to deeply acknowledge that YOU have SINNED—you have been in the *wrong attitude*—and you need to REPENT!

If you find fault with the government of GOD, or the way God deals with you, you are *in the wrong* and God commands you to repent! This is not a light thing with God. It is not a trivial matter. It is *deadly serious*!

Anyone who has physical frustrations has spiritual problems as well. The two go hand-in-glove. One can be caused by the other. The number and size of

YOUR frustrations is a gauge of your spiritual temperature!

The Word of God commands, "*Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; PROVE your own selves.* Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" (II Cor. 13:5).

The Apostle Paul exhorted, "For if we would JUDGE OURSELVES, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are *chastened of the Lord*, that we should not be *condemned with the world*" (I Cor. 11:31-32).

You can *avoid* frustration if you heed these words! If you will constantly and faithfully EXAMINE yourself—the way you are going—you can avoid falling into the dangerous pitfalls that lurk ahead! You can walk safely, securely. You can WALK WITH GOD!

LIVING FAITH

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hurry as we. And God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform—not in the ways, nor at the time we expect.

It is sufficient for you that GOD HAS PROMISED! Take it to Him, claim His promise, ask Him to do what He has promised—and then leave it in His hands—RELY ON HIM—trust Him, serene and unshaken in the definite assurance it is now in GOD'S HANDS, and He HAS PROMISED, and He will attend to it, without fail.

He may perform what He has promised instantaneously. Or, He may not. He may TEST YOUR FAITH, permit Satan to tempt you with his physical, sensual evidence to see if you will doubt God's Word. If it is healing you have asked, and two or three days go by, and you do not yet see the answer, but rather still feel the pain or affliction, DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT! Jesus promised that the SIGN shall FOLLOW. It will, if you remain steadfast and unwavering in LEAVING IT IN GOD'S HANDS. Meet this TEST of faith

by disbelieving what you feel and see, and instead BELIEVING God's promise! God can't lie. Faith is merely believing that what God has promised He will do. Faith is your assurance of what you are still hoping for—your evidence of what is not yet visible—what you cannot yet feel.

Faith Not Physical

Always remember that appearances, circumstances, evidences of the physical senses, have absolutely NOTHING to do with the performance of a miracle by God. Several years ago every physical evidence literally shouted at us that there was absolutely NOTHING that could save the college and this Work of God. Nothing could have APPEARED more impossible. The amount of money we had to have was just too great. No such sums ever had come to us in so short a time. But I knew God had PROMISED to provide every need—had PROMISED He would not drop the Work He had begun—had PROMISED to deliver His servants out of every trouble—and I knew these promises of God were

stronger than all appearances, or all things seen, heard, or felt!

No matter how impossible it appeared, I knew God's PROMISES were stronger and mightier than appearances or circumstances. I knew that and believed it. I trusted in it, implicitly. I couldn't see HOW it was possible for God to do it—but I didn't need to see how. Others said, "I can't see how it's possible"—and quit believing—but not all others, for some believed as I did. Meanwhile, I did everything in my power to do my part. I was literally "on my toes," alert, tense, trying to overlook nothing—and all the while wondering whether God would use ANY of the lines of activity I was employing, or provide the need some altogether different way. Well, the way He did it was totally unexpected—BUT HE DID IT! That's all that matters, isn't it? I didn't do it, HE DID IT! He kept His promise—HE ALWAYS DOES!

In my personal experience, we have seen the answer come instantaneously, and we have had to endure the trial of faith, and be patient. While God *instantly* healed my wife in the instance mentioned above, and has done it also at other times; while He immediately sent that dime, there have been other times when some member of our family was healed only after we endured the test of faith, and where the supplying of financial need seemed long delayed. God often tries our patience. But He has *never* failed me, and He *never* will fail YOU—if you will obey, and can BELIEVE, unwavering!

If the answer seems delayed in coming, remember, "the *trying* of your faith worketh PATIENCE!" (Jas. 1:3). And the development of PATIENCE is one of the very purposes of your existence! So if God puts you to the test, and TRIES your faith, rejoice and praise Him for using this experience to create in you more enduring faith, greater PATIENCE—two very high points of holy CHARACTER! Instead of grumbling, doubting, see the loving hand of God in it, and be thankful!

If God has PROMISED, that's all you need! If God delays, HE HAS A REA-

SON! It's *only* a delay, not a refusal. So TRUST HIM! Keep on trusting Him. BE PATIENT! The answer is SURE!

Arise! from your bed of doubt, and WALK the walk of FAITH!
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Will YOU Be Deceived by ANTICHRIST?

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vention in world affairs to the person and the workings of Antichrist!

Christ is the One who is AGAINST IDOLS! Christ is the One who will show how perverted this world's "Christianity" has become—that it is a FALSE RELIGION! *Christ* is the Lord of the Old Testament whose day of worship is the seventh day, INSTEAD OF SUNDAY! CHRIST is the One who *gave* the Ten Commandments in their ORIGINAL FORM, and will restore them. CHRIST IS THE ONE WHO WILL RAISE THE DEAD AND REWARD HIS FOLLOWERS... HE IS GOD, AND THERE IS NONE LIKE HIM!

So we see here the diabolical plot hatched by this professed "Christian" leader. Here is the age-old attempt of Satan the Devil to arrogate to himself and to his deceived minions the OFFICE OF GOD; while he attributes the intervention of the True Christ in his returning glory to the PERSON AND ACTION OF ANTICHRIST!

This charges the office and work of the Holy Spirit as having its origin as a WORK OF THE DEVIL, AND CONSTITUTES UNPARDONABLE SIN!

These diabolical thoughts, ensconced in the fear-ridden minds of completely deceived human beings, WILL BE DIFFICULT TO DISLodge! You will need all the power God bestows on you as His born son to do the job He will give you to do.

Peace At Last!

Egypt is an *example* of all the nations who refuse to come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles, to recognize God as the Ruler of the earth. Then we see the last rebellion put down as those from the far corners of the earth up in Siberia, and in the provinces of China—the farthest spot on earth from

Jerusalem—will swoop down upon in a vain effort to take away the great riches that God has bestowed on His peace-loving people. A thousand years of peace and prosperity, health and happiness stretch beyond that time that cannot be imagined in your mind.

And think of it, brethren, YOU have been called to help God bring His peace to this earth! You are offered a sonship in the Kingdom of God to teach other people how to become God! By overcoming yourself daily. By getting close to God in prayer and Bible study. By learning how to live *yourself*. By setting a Christian example in overcoming the petty sins that weight you down.

As one last illustration of the reality of this fact please turn to Isaiah 19, and begin reading in Verse 16, "In that day shall Egypt be like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the Lord of hosts, which he shaketh over it... In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, BLESSED BE EGYPT MY PEOPLE, AND ASSYRIA THE WORK OF MY HANDS, AND ISRAEL MINE INHERITANCE!" (Isa. 19:23-25.)

This is real, brethren, and you need to realize it!

THE REWARD OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS NOT ETERNAL RETIREMENT, BUT A REAL, DOWN-TO-EARTH, 24-HOUR-A-DAY JOB... EMPLOYMENT FOR ETERNITY, JOYFUL WORK!

The Bible Answers Your Questions

Please address any questions YOU would like answered
in this column to the Editor.

"Our seven-year-old son has been quite worried about the Millennium. When the True Church is taken to a place of safety, will all the children of the Christians be taken to safety with their parents? Our son also wanted to know, in tears, how he could be happy in the Millennium if he was going to be a flesh-and-blood human being and his parents were going to be spirit beings. He says if he can't see us at least once in a while, he doesn't want to be in the Millennium. Also, will glorified spirit beings retain their own identities? 'Will Mom and Dad look just like they do now?' We feel that if our son is old enough to be concerned, he should be given a satisfactory explanation, and we know you are much better qualified to answer these questions than we are."

You asked for an explanation of the questions your little boy asked. It is a wonderful blessing that your son has the curiosity and concern to ask such questions when he is still so young. Isn't it amazing how he has simply accepted what you—his loving parents—have told him. He hasn't questioned it, or doubted it. He just took your word for it. No wonder Christ said that we would have to become like a little child to enter into His Kingdom.

Your son has a misconception about the Millennium. In his own mind, he thinks he will never again see you after you are made into a spirit being—born into God's family. He probably realizes that his mother and daddy pray to God—but *he can't see God*. So when you tell him that you are going to become like God, he thinks that he will never see you again.

You should explain to him that God is personally going to return to this earth. All people are going to see Jesus Christ when He returns. God

would have remained here on this earth with human beings—working with them personally if they had desired that He do so. God has never hidden Himself from mankind. Mankind first began to hide from God—they didn't want to be with God. Adam and Eve, after they had sinned, went and hid from God. In Exodus 20:18-19, the people were afraid of God. They told Moses, "Moses, you speak to us. We'll listen to you. But ask God not to speak with us or we will die." They didn't desire God to be with them. They wanted to be left alone—dealt with through human instruments. You should teach your little son to be with God in the same way he wants to be with you. This will take away his fear of not seeing you when you are born into God's family.

The family unit is an exact type of what God is doing here on earth. We, as human beings, should desire to be with our heavenly Father in the same way your son wants to be with you forever. He never wants to leave you—he wants to be near you because you are the ones that have given him life, the food that he eats, and the bed that he sleeps in. You give him correction, you play with him, and above all *you love him with your whole heart*. This is the exact relationship God desires to have with us as His children. You should teach your son that God gives every one of you all the blessings that you have. Teach him that God loves him.

From all indications, the Bible shows you will be teaching your child during the Millennium if you have properly trained your son *now*. If he obeys you instantly—and loves you and respects you with his whole heart—he will go with you to the place of safety during the Tribulation. That is something *you as parents must realize* is in God's

hands. You have to *put God above all things*—your son and even your own physical life if necessary.

During the Millennium, you will apparently have the wonderful blessing and responsibility of guiding your child—teaching and training him. One of the tremendous things about it is that you will be perfect then! You will then have godly love and concern. What's more, you will have a glorified spirit body just like Christ.

Read Isaiah 30, especially Verses 20-21. "... Yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but *thine eyes shall see thy teachers*: and thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."

You also wanted to know if we would retain our own identities in the resurrection. You can tell your son that he will be able to recognize his mom and dad in the Kingdom. Certainly there will be changes in all bodies which are turned to spirit and immortalized. Jesus' was changed so that His disciples needed to look closely and even hear His voice before they recognized Him for sure. But the fact remains they *did* know Him. (John 20:15-16; 21:12; Matt. 28:9-10.) Jesus easily and completely *proved* Himself to His followers on several occasions (Acts 1:3). Those who had known Him during His physical life were not left in doubt. They *knew*, and knew that they knew, Him. They illustrated this by their willingness even to die for this One whom they *realized* was man become Spirit God. All the other Sons of God will have this very same composition and ability. They will be able to make themselves known to their loved ones. You *will* know your son, and even more important to your son, he will know you.

Phenomenal GROWTH

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Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, an Evangelist in God's service, is here pictured making announcements to the Brethren gathered to keep the Festival of Tabernacles in South Africa. This interior view of the Scottburgh Town Hall shows the equally fine facilities God provided for His people on the southern tip of Africa.

sermonettes were more *exhortative* and *inspirational* than during any previous Feast!

"On the Last Great Day, a total of 63 *children* were blessed by God's ministers before the last service. At the conclusion of the Festival, Mr. Cole read the words of exhortation from the Apostle Paul found in I Timothy 6:13-21, urging the brethren to 'lay hold on eternal life' (V. 19).

"Another aspect of the Feast this year was the fine weather God blessed His

people with. Despite one day or so of windy, blustery weather, God granted His people beautiful weather over-all, with *almost* enough rain to *lay the dust*.

"The meals, cooked and prepared this year in *our own kitchen*, were wholesome and sustaining, and in abundant supply.

"There was a good balance of light entertainment, including a dance, a fun show and a film evening. Plenty of time was set aside also for sports, hiking and for children's games.

This outside view of the Scottburgh Town Hall shows some of the brethren arriving for services. Note the palms in the background, which indicate the balmy weather conditions that prevail there.



"As is usual, there was a touch of sadness when the brethren departed, and all were looking forward eagerly to next year when they would return again by the grace of God to rejoice in one of the most rewarding and enjoyable experiences in a Christian's life."

The Feast in South Africa

Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, God's Evangelist in charge of the Work in South Africa, sends in the following report on the Feast there:

"We have just experienced a very wonderful Feast of Tabernacles at Scottburgh on the beautiful Natal South Coast! This Feast was the most inspiring and powerfully inspired I have ever directed! The *one-hundred-seventy-four* in attendance were greatly encouraged by the way Jesus Christ continued to be with and lead us throughout the entire eight days.

"Even though Scottburgh was a *new* site for the Feast of Tabernacles and some four-hundred-fifty miles from Johannesburg, we nevertheless experienced an eighty-seven per cent increase over our top number in attendance last year—ninety-three.

"One-hundred-seventy-four were in attendance this first night for a very warming, get together service, representing every province in the Republic, Basutoland and the Rhodesias.

"The following morning, the brethren were surprisingly inspired to see Mr. John Sanderson, who graduated from Ambassador College in Bricket Wood this year, *ordained* to the office of Local Elder. Following his ordination, Christ inspired Mr. Sanderson as he delivered several thought-provoking and helpful sermonettes, demonstrating how He backs up any office into which He has placed a man.

"Also, Mr. Michael Bousfield, another graduate of Ambassador College at Bricket Wood and Mr. Adrian Botha gave some very profitable and constructive sermonettes.

"I was most encouraged by the way Jesus Christ inspired all of my sermons in a very powerful manner! The Sabbath before the Festival, my physical condition was so low that I had a dif-



Just like the original Tabernacle in Texas, but with the addition of used bricks giving it a warm feeling—this is the Tabernacle in Australia. So far it is large enough to seat the congregation for services as well as having room for the dining tables to be set up for the

physical part of the Feast. Here Mr. Wayne C. Cole, another of God's Evangelists, begins services in the beautiful setting God provided for Australasia!

difficult time giving my sermon. However, from the time I stepped up to deliver my first sermon during the Feast until my seventeenth sermon was finished on the last Holy Day, much power and inspiration was experienced!

"All the help and favor extended to us surely indicated God was not only better establishing His people in this area of the world, but also, He was very favorably establishing us in the Scottburgh area where His name has been placed for the Feast of Tabernacles.

A "Light" in South Africa Also

"Already, the Town Hall has been engaged for the entire period of the Feast in 1965! The hotels in the area have expressed a keen desire to have us back with them again next year. Here is a comment from a letter received from the manager of the New Scottburgh Hotel, 'I would also like to take this opportunity to say how much we enjoyed having your Members at the Hotel. They were such an uncomplaining and contented crowd and we look forward to seeing them all next year!'

"In this same hotel, the supervisor housekeeper threatened to quit her job

when she learned that around 40 children were coming with this 'crowd of church people,' but was persuaded by the manager to stay on. After the Festival, however, she remarked to the manager, in the presence of Mr. Beck, that our children were the cleanest and best-behaved ever kept in the hotel. She was also overheard to say that she was happy she stayed on with her job in the hotel.

"The help and favor extended to us by Christ to make possible such good relations with people in Scottburgh was uplifting to all of us. Perhaps this is somewhat of an indication that God will see fit to keep open for several years to come such an ideal place in which we can keep the Feast.

"Back to activities of the Feast itself. It was gratifying to have special music during all the services. This added greatly to the Feast and in addition, a very fine 'fun show' was presented on Saturday night.

"Just as we neared the end of the Feast of Tabernacles itself and looked toward the Great Day, we rejoiced to see six people baptized.

"Truly the Feast of Tabernacles in Scottburgh, Natal, Republic of South Africa, this year was a tremendous success!"

Festival Held in the Philippines and Martinique

From the Philippine Islands, Mr. Pedro Ortiguero writes of the Festival observed there this year:

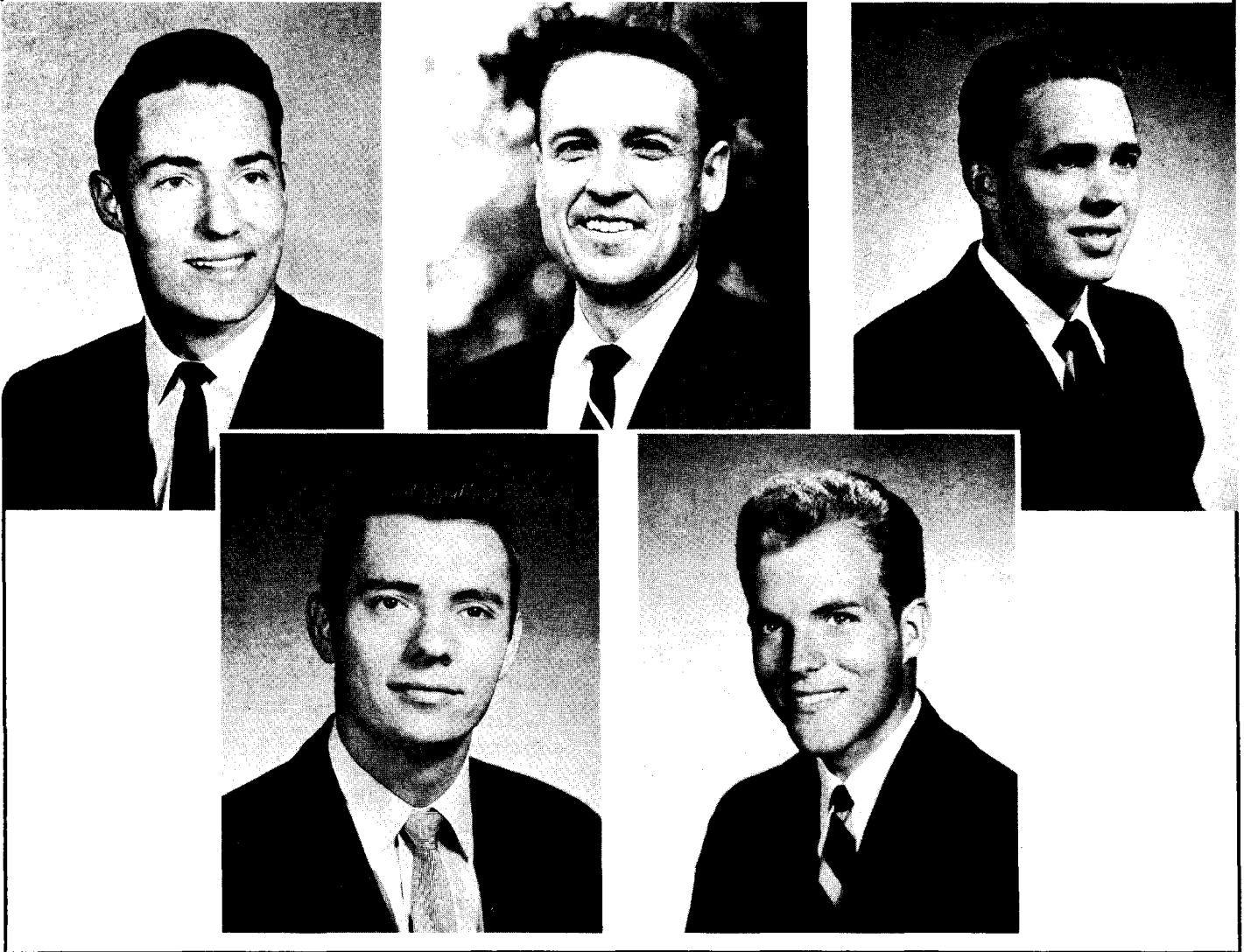
"Eleven - hundred - seventy-three of God's people attended the Feast of Tabernacles in two locations. San Nicolas had seventy-three and Kiara had eleven hundred. The whole period was

Mr. Richard Plache was elevated to the rank of Pastor in God's Church during the Feast of Tabernacles.



Five Ordained to Rank of Preaching Elder

From left to right—Top: Mr. Roy Holladay, Mr. Jim Kunz, Mr. Richard Pinelli.
Bottom: Mr. Richard Rice, Mr. Robert Steep.



very joyous, though some suffered from illness due to change of weather. Inspiring sermons and sermonettes were given.

"The brethren are becoming deeply converted. They love to be taught and to be corrected. There is already a great change in everything."

Brethren, isn't it heartening to notice that the *same Spirit* of Almighty God prevails among our brethren *all over this earth*? They *grow*—they *learn*—they *CHANGE* to become more like Jesus Christ not only in *knowledge*, but in *character*, in *culture*, in *personality* and in *spiritual leadership* and *service*. This is truly the Church of GOD.

From the Island of Martinique, Mr. Apartian has received a report from our representative there, Mr. Jubert, where the very successful and encouraging Feast of Tabernacles was held. A total of *eighty* brethren assembled in meetings during the Festival this year, and God is continually adding more brethren to our small but growing group on the Island of Martinique.

Let us REMEMBER these and other scattered brethren in our fervent prayers—for they are *our brethren!*

Putting *all* of the above figures together, you can see that well *over TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND* brethren observed the Feast of Tabernacles this

year—*world-wide!* Dozens of other brethren undoubtedly observed the Festival in Central Africa, the West Indies and other locations. And additional *hundreds* of widely scattered, elderly or infirm brethren observed the Holy Days and meditated on the meaning of the Festival as best they could in their own homes around the world.

So again—from nearly EVERY point of view—this Feast of Tabernacles, world-wide, was the *biggest* and *best ever!*

NINE Ordinations During Festival!

As mentioned in Mr. Waterhouse's report, Mr. John Sanderson—graduate

of God's college in Bricket Wood—was ordained as a *Local Elder* by Mr. Waterhouse in South Africa.

In addition, *eight* ordinations took place here in the United States during the Festival. Mr. Richard Plache was elevated to *Pastor* rank. Mr. Plache is pastor over God's Churches in Greensboro, North Carolina, and Richmond, Virginia. He is also senior co-pastor over God's new Church in Asheville, North Carolina.

Mr. Bob Steep, now pastor over the church in Evansville, Indiana, and the new church in Nashville, Tennessee, was elevated to the rank of a full *Preaching Elder*. Likewise, Mr. Jim Kunz—*Elder* and director of Visiting in the Long Beach area—was ordained as a full *Preaching Elder*. Mr. Richard Pinelli—now pastor over a new church in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada—was elevated to the rank of *Preaching Elder*. Mr. Richard Rice, formerly *Local Elder* in the Big Sandy and Minden areas, was raised to the rank of *Preaching Elder* and is now the minister in charge of God's Church at Minden. Mr. Roy Holladay, associate pastor at Pittsburgh and Akron, was elevated to become a *Preaching Elder* as well.

And two Ambassador College men, Mr. Jack Pyle and Mr. Bill Swanson, were ordained as *Local Elders* during the Festival. Mr. Pyle is assisting in the Chicago area, and Mr. Swanson in the Oakland-Sacramento area.

Let us give God THANKS for calling these men into His service, and giving some of them increased *dedication*,

ability and *authority*—witnessed by these ordinations and elevations in Christ's ministry!

NINE New Churches Being Raised Up

Coincidentally with the *nine* ordinations just mentioned, a total of *nine* new churches are in the process of being raised up in these several weeks just since the Festival!

These new churches include one in Edmonton, Alberta, which began on October 24 with 143 brethren in attendance. Mr. Pinelli reports that it is off to a *fine* start—with good prospect for growth in the future.

On October 31, Mr. Bill McDowell gave the opening sermon in God's new Church in Spokane, Washington. He will be assisted there by Mr. Jim Lichtenstein as resident *Elder*. A total of 130 brethren were in attendance and were *most thankful* for the opportunity to meet together regularly!

Moving east, a new church was started on October 17 in Omaha, Nebraska. A total of 146 brethren was there the very first Sabbath! Mr. Bryce Clark will be the pastor—assisted by Mr. Glen White and Mr. Rowlen Tucker.

In Columbia, Missouri, a new church was raised up on October 24 with 83 in attendance. Mr. Hal Baird, assisted by Mr. Rowlen Tucker, will be the pastor there—and Mr. Baird reports *good prospects* for future growth.

The new church in Nashville, Tennessee, started with 147 in attendance!

Mr. Dean Blackwell gave the first sermon as the visiting District Superintendent, and Mr. Bob Steep will be the resident pastor.

When an announcement was made at a Bible study the previous week that the Nashville Church would finally begin, tears could be seen in the eyes of many of the brethren as they broke out into spontaneous applause!

In Duluth, Minnesota, a new church began on October 10 with 68 brethren in attendance. Although the number was smaller than anticipated, those who did attend were *most enthusiastic* and a little visiting should definitely produce a fine church there within a few months. Mr. Sherwin McMichael will be the pastor there as well as continuing his pastorate in Minneapolis.

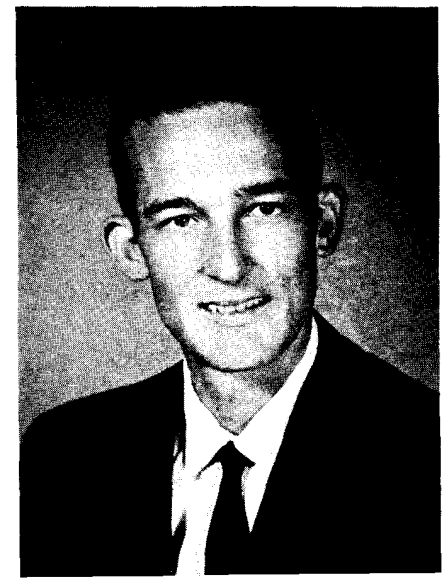
Moving east again, the new church in Buffalo, New York, began on October 17 with 143 in attendance! Mr. Raymond Cole, visiting District Superintendent, conducted the first services and reports good prospects for growth in the future.

New Bible Studies in Scattered Areas

In addition to the new churches, a number of new Bible studies to help the scattered brethren are being established around the country. Most of these will be held *monthly*, at first, and increased only as the ministerial manpower becomes available in the future.

This is another vital reason why all

Three Local Elders: Mr. Jack Pyle, Mr. John Sanderson, Mr. Bill Swanson.





ABOVE: The German-speaking brethren are pictured here standing in front of the music hall of Ambassador College in England. RIGHT: A lovely color photo of the entrance to Jekyll Island—more of the beauty with which God surrounded His people.

of you should PRAY that God will send forth *more laborers* into His harvest!

Recently, a "trial" Bible study was held for the Salt Lake City area brethren. A total of 72 people showed up! This was certainly a fine response for a study held on rather short notice and we now plan to begin a study there every other month in the future.

Way up in Anchorage, Alaska, there are a number of brethren who feel "left out" and need help and counsel in order to grow. Mr. Carlton Smith



ourselves, brethren, and be sure our SPIRITUAL GROWTH keeps pace!

Every one of you has the *personal* responsibility to PRAY that God will send forth more laborers into His harvest to minister to the scattered brethren mentioned above! And each of you is *commanded*—by God Himself—to begin NOW to save a full second tenth of your income in order to KEEP HIS FEAST next year and make it, too, the "best ever" both in numbers and in spiritual growth and accomplishment.

Very few are being called during this age to have part in the "better resurrection." Let us NOT FAIL in *our* responsibilities to Jesus Christ and His Work!

Here is a good example of the order of God's Camp!

