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Break Thou the Bread of Life

*Break Thou the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee,
O living Word!*

*Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,
To me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread
By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace,
My All-in-All.*

*Thou art the Bread of Life,
O Lord, to me,
Thy holy Word the truth
That saveth me;
Give me to eat and live
With Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth,
For Thou art love.*

*O send Thy Spirit, Lord,
Now unto me,
That He may touch my eyes,
And make me see;
Show me the truth concealed
Within Thy Word,
And in Thy book revealed
I see the Lord.*

—Mary A. Lathbury.



Let's Get Acquainted

By THE EDITOR

This month marked the twenty-sixth anniversary of the Ridgewood Pentecostal Church of Brooklyn, New York. Throughout the years the Lord has been pleased not only to add "such as should be saved" to this church itself but to enlarge its borders by establishing five branch churches in New York City, by bringing into close fellowship with it a number of assemblies in various parts of this country, and by causing its ministry and influence to extend into countries across the sea. Today, therefore, we feel not like an isolated band but a part of the great family of God.

*Our fears, our hopes, our aims
are one
Our comforts and our cares.*

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Since 1946 the Lord has led Pastor Hans Waldvogel to minister extensively in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Many throughout this country have been vitally interested in these evangelistic efforts and have desired regular reports of the progress of this work. A resumé of this revival will be found on page 6 of this issue. Many of those who have been saved, healed, and filled with the Holy Spirit during these European campaigns have requested spiritual

reading matter that they may learn more perfectly the ways of the Lord.

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Once again many of our young men find themselves in the service of our country. Away from home, beset by manifold temptations, and often entirely bereft of any spiritual sustenance, we at home have a blessed responsibility to support these by our prayers, and by providing them spiritual nourishment.

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Today our missionary friends and interests are world-wide. More recently some of our own young people have responded to the call of the Master to work for Him. For the success of this precious work it is essential that both the needs and prayer requests together with the reports of victories realized be brought to the attention of God's people.

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To meet these several needs we have felt led to publish a monthly, *Bread of Life*, a part of which we expect will be published in Germany for the benefit of the thousands who have been reached through the past four years in the service already referred to. It is our plan in this periodical to give reports from the whitened harvest fields, news from the service-

men, and choice spiritual food for the spiritually hungry. Special attention is called to the department, "Finest of the Wheat," containing selections from the writings of Martha W. Robinson (1874-1936), one of the pioneer leaders of the Pentecostal movement. Here will be found words of life, truly inspired by the Holy Spirit, excellent samples of that which has brought life and blessing to so many in Pentecostal assemblies in these last days.

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Bread of Life will be published on the fifteenth of each month, God willing. In the January issue look for "Gerhard Tersteegen" by W. E. Oliphant and for a detailed report of the European Evangelistic Mission for 1952 by Miss Wally Roth.

YIELDED TO GOD

I have, this day, solemnly renewed my baptismal covenant and self-dedication, which I renewed when I was taken into the communion of the Church. I have been before God, and have given myself, all that I am and have, to God; so that I am not in any respect my own.

I can challenge no right in this understanding, this will, these affections, which are in me. Neither have I any right to this body, or any of its members; no right to this tongue, these hands, these feet; no right to these senses, these eyes, these ears, this smell, or this taste. I gave myself clear away, and have not retained anything as my own.—*Jonathan Edwards*.

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BREAD OF LIFE

The Story Behind

Break Thou the Bread of Life

This beautiful devotional hymn was written in 1880 as a "study song" for a group of students gathered for conference at Lake Chautauqua, New York, a most fitting setting for such a song.

Its author was the daughter of a Methodist minister. Early in life she showed evidence of unusual poetic talent. One day God's Spirit spoke to her, "Remember, My child, you have a gift for writing verse; consecrate this to Me as you do your inmost spirit."

Having heard the call, she gave up her teaching of art and devoted herself to editorial work and writing for Sunday school periodicals. The result of her consecration brought untold blessing to many—especially by means of this hymn and another, "Day is Dying in the West," also written in 1880 for Chautauqua as a vesper song.

The Message of Pentecost

The purpose God had in launching the Pentecostal movement was to make way for the presence of Jesus to be revealed, for Jesus Christ to be received by His people as King. When Jesus Christ manifests His presence, it means that a soul has broken through into a life of obedience—someone has really wanted Him. That's what brought the Pentecostal movement: People wanted Him.

At first they knew nothing about powers, gifts, manifestations; but they knew about Him, that they lacked Him, and that they wanted Him. People would say, "O Jesus, we've been singing about You and hearing about You, but where are You? Where are You Yourself?" When Jesus Christ began to manifest Himself, He brought people into an experience, an inward experience, that transformed them; and there came a majesty even into their outward bearing. They came to know Him.

Jesus Christ said, "He that hath My commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him." John 14:21. The great secret today is to have Him and to know Him like that. But He will only manifest Himself to people who really want Him alone, who seek Him alone, who keep His commandments, who pray through, believe through, obey through, and love through until Jesus Christ Himself is revealed to them. We need to be very careful not to miss that great secret of the Lord.

To us there can be only one call, that is to have Jesus Christ for ourselves. Once you have had a taste of His presence and of His indwelling, nothing else has an attraction for you. Himself alone satisfies. There isn't anything in heaven or in the earth or under the earth that can satisfy the human heart but Jesus Christ Himself; and blessed are the people that are hungry for Him and want Him alone. Jesus, a jealous Bridegroom of the soul, takes His bride through all kinds of testings

and all kinds of trials to see whether she will say, "Jesus," instead of "Self"; "Jesus," instead of "People"; and "Jesus," instead of "Things." People like that are going to have Him.

There's something coming upon this earth that has not yet been fully manifested; it is Jesus Christ manifested in His own, Jesus coming to be glorified in His saints. Today Jesus is manifesting Himself in powers, in gifts, and in all kinds of ministrations of the Holy Spirit; but after all He has taught us to pray, "Thy kingdom come to us. Even so come, Lord Jesus." Jesus Christ must find a people that are ready to receive Him, Himself, to be filled with Him, to be united to Him, a people who are not satisfied with anything short of waking in His likeness. And that's the thing we need to pay attention to.

Am I doing all in my power, am I doing all I know to know Jesus better? Is the cry of my heart, "O Jesus, to know Thee!" We get sluggish and indifferent to the call of the King. We say we're seeking Him; but when He comes to manifest Himself to us, we're not at home. Oh, how Jesus Christ longs to be revealed, to be manifested!

Do you know anything sweeter, more powerful, or more wonderful upon this earth than a meeting, whether it be two or three, or two or three thousand, where Jesus Christ is evidently manifested, where He walks in the midst and every heart is drawn to Him, drawn into

His presence, drawn into worship, everyone satisfied with Himself, everyone open to Him? While holding meetings in Germany people awoke to the wonder of the presence of Jesus! They said to me, "We have seen wonderful things, but there's nothing like the presence of Jesus to satisfy our hearts."

Even though He may not use you in a great way, you have a great Saviour, a great Bridegroom, a great and wonderful King. And when you have Him, you have everything. O Jesus, what a mistake we make when we want things beside Yourself, or we want anything at all, no matter how spiritual it seems, beside Yourself.

The Bible says, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Oh, that's what I need to labor over, to have the Lord for myself, to have Jesus for myself. Never mind anything else. Let others boast of gifts and powers. My boast will be of the Lord; I will delight myself in the Lord. I have set the Lord always before me. He is at my right hand. I shall not be moved.

Jesus spoke like that of the Father. That was His cry. He was willing to empty Himself. Though He lived in the form of godliness, he counted it not robbery to be equal with God, but He emptied Himself. His only desire was to have the Father glorified in Him, even though it meant crucifixion. It was there Jesus Christ won the great fight over the selfishness and the flesh life of the human nature. He won the fight by emptying Himself, by humbling Himself.

Look at the contrast between Adam the first and Adam the last. The first Adam wanted to rise into a place of being like God, of knowing like God, and of being powerful like God. In doing so he became a slave to sin. The last Adam who was like God made Himself of no reputation and was found in the likeness of men. He humbled Himself, and what was

JESUS CAME!

*Jesus came!—and came for me.
Simple words! and yet expressing
Depths of holy mystery,
Depths of wondrous love and blessing.
Holy Spirit, make me see
All His coming means for me;
Take the things of Christ, I pray,
Show them to my heart today.*

—F. R. Havergal.

the result? God highly exalted Him and gave Him a name that is above every name.

What do I do in order to meet Jesus, to win Christ? Paul points the way: "I count everything but refuse for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord."

We don't all have the same capacity nor the same kind of ministry; we don't all have the same lights nor the same gifts, but all of us have this one call: To be for Christ, to possess Him, to be filled with Him. And nothing can withhold from me that knowledge of the Son of God if I love Him and keep His commands, if I run after Him with all my heart. All my labor ought to be over this one thing—O Jesus, that I might know Thee and the power of Thy resurrection! Wonder of wonders, when Jesus Christ finds a heart that wants Him like that, He won't wait a long time before He'll begin to reveal Himself. Deep down in your soul there will be that still small voice, that wonderful anointing, that sweet presence of the Son of God; and it will be manifest wherever you work for Him. Wherever you go there will be the sweetness, that soft touch of His presence.

That's the thing that makes Holy Ghost meetings. It's because people have been accustomed to living in the presence of the Lord and because they are reaching out after Christ instead of after good meetings. That's the thing we need to know in these wonderful days. While there are many noises and many voices that clamor for our attention, there is one still small voice, the voice of Jesus, saying, "Lovest thou Me? Do you want Me?"

O Jesus, I know that I want You above everything else. Put power within me to run after Thee. Take away from my heart all idolatry, all desire for things, for people, for places; but, Son of God, I pray that I may learn to love Thee, to run after Thee, like Paul to do one thing, "forgetting the things that are behind," and reaching forth and pressing "toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

There is no greater call than this, and this call has certainly and definitely come to our hearts. What are we doing with it? God and the devil

are watching to see what you are doing over this one call, to have Jesus, to know Him. The enemy is working overtime to make people not know Jesus. If I grow careless over this one thing—knowing Jesus, darkness and confusion will enter my soul, and I will become enamored of other things.

God has called upon me to deny myself, to hate myself, to love Jesus, to want Him, to seek for Him with my whole heart. If God has put that cry into my soul, I ought to nurse it, I ought to make sure that it increases in me. As I seek Him He draws nigh to me; that seeking spirit becomes my portion, and I become desperately hungry for the Lord. Oh, there's the voice of the bride, "Where is He whom my soul loveth? O ye daughters of Jerusalem, I adjure you by the roes and by the hinds of the field that ye tell me where He is whom my soul loveth!" Your whole attention is riveted on Him. There is nothing else that satisfies you.

There must come a time in my soul and in your soul where Jesus Christ has become All and in all, when every other interest and every other affection has been wiped out, and there is only one interest—Jesus. No matter what He does with me, no matter whether He raises me into a place of power with Himself or not, the important thing is that I have Him for myself, that He satisfies the depths of my spirit. "This is eternal life, that they might know Thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom Thou has sent."

What would we do if we were suddenly translated into Heaven? Would we feel comfortable to be forever with the Lord Jesus? Would we move in His presence if we had not learned to do that here?

What a wonderful call! Let us recall it to our own hearts. Let us ask God to restore the light in our own souls. Let us become simple. It may be God will keep you small and hidden. O wonderful, wonderful call! He says, "My love, let Me see thy countenance, thou that are in the secret place of the stairs." Let others make a great noise and clamor for attention. The bride of Christ is hiding away in Him with one desire, only to please the Bridegroom.

OUR CHILDREN FROM OVERSEAS

Pilgrim Camp, Brant Lake, New York, has become the home of a number of children orphaned by the war whom Pastor Hans Waldvogel met on his first trip to Europe. It is most encouraging to see the progress physically and spiritually they have made under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Sailer and Miss Margaret Sager. These boys and girls are also doing very well at school.

Two others of this group have found a home with Mrs. C. Langenwald in Ridgewood. Another girl lives with Mr. and Mrs. J. Schilly, also of Ridgewood. Recently this girl was awarded first prize in a contest by the principal of her high school.

One of the teachers had received word from the mother of a boy in the Russian sector of Germany telling of their quandary when he was ordered by authorities to remove a cross he was wearing and to join the Communist youth organization. What should he do? Students were asked to write their advice. This letter was actually sent to the mother:

"Received your letter yesterday and was really sorry to hear of the situation in your sector.

I thought much about it and came to the conclusion that perhaps you could cross the border safely and find a place in the American sector. I had quite an experience, too. I had to live with five other people in one room, but we all were very happy. I'm sure there is still some kind person in the American sector who will be glad to help you. People who join the Communist youth get a training to become true Communists and secret policemen. If you would join, and as time marches on, you would find yourself a member of the N.K.V.D. killing innocent people and doing other bad things even though you don't want to.

It is really a hard decision to make and you should pray to God for guidance and wisdom. He will help you. Cheer up. Soon you will be free again.

One who knows."

The kindest thing that God ever did to men was that He became a man. —Eckhart.

SEEK FIRST

By A. J. GORDON

God purposes to reign in the saints before He reigns with His saints. He does not impose His Kingdom on men as earthly conquerors do, expecting that they may afterwards become reconciled to it. Therefore He implants it in them that it may grow and develop outwardly. Hence we find these two negative definitions of the Kingdom of God which are very instructive.

In I Corinthians IV:20 the Apostle says, "For the Kingdom of God is not in word *but in power*." Christians are constantly getting their eyes fixed on externals—on creeds and ceremonials, on doctrines and ordinances—imagining that if these are correct and orthodox, all will be well. These things are very necessary indeed, but the power of God does not reside in them. As the body without the soul is dead, so orthodoxy without the Spirit is dead.

"Your blood is impoverished," says the doctor to his patient, "and no matter though every organ of your body be sound, you will be weak and sickly till we can enrich that." For the body does not consist in hands and feet, and eyes and ears, but in the heart wherein is the seat of life, wherein is the motive-power of the machinery. "Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life."

So of the Kingdom of God: it is not word but in power and there is no power apart from the Spirit. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

I exhort and plead with every one of you, therefore, to lay in a new reinforcement of power before you enter upon another year. You have the Word, from the pulpit, from the school, from the Bible, but this is not enough. The great word of your Lord is just as emphatic today as ever: "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem till ye be endued with power from on high." Tarry, not rush! Wait, not work! Be still for a little till you can reestablish your connections. That is what this week of services is for—a week of prayer in which to get ready for a year of work.

I like that saying of Luther, "I have so much to do today that I shall not be able to get through it with less than three hours of prayer." What a reversal this of the ordinary course of conduct. "I have so much to do today that I cannot stop to pray" is the practical confession of multitudes of Christians when we ought to say, "I have so much praying to do to get ready for my work that I cannot hasten."

Mr. Spurgeon well states the case: "If we have to stop and pray it is no more hindrance than when the rider stops at the blacksmith's to have his horse's shoe set, for if he went on without attending to that, he would ere long come to a stop of a more serious kind." Therefore, stop with us! Tarry! Take time to wait on God! Get belted on the central shaft.

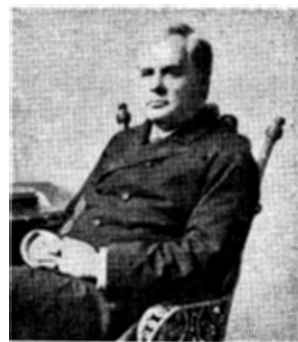
Then the Apostle says again in Romans XIV:17, "For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." How beautifully the Apostle brings out the contrast here

A NUMBER of ministers and churches have received great benefit from setting aside a week or more for prayer and waiting upon God at the beginning of the New Year. An outstanding example of the success of this practice is to be found in the life and ministry of A. J. Gordon, famous pastor in Boston, Massachusetts, in the last Century.

In his autobiography he gives this testimony:

"Special seasons of prayer were set apart, extending sometimes over several weeks during which continual intercession was made for the power of the Holy Ghost. It was not so much prayer for particular blessings as an effort to get into fellowship with the Spirit and to be brought into unreserved surrender to His life and acting."

The accompanying article from his pen has been made available for use in *BREAD OF LIFE* through the courtesy of Dr. Gordon's grandson, Rev. John M. Gordon of Lancaster, Penn.



between the true and the false! "Not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." Here the inward feasting is pointed out in contrast to the outward. I know how blessed it is, for I have sometimes tasted it. The bread of peace brought in the Savior's hands as He entered the chamber of the heart singing, "*Eat, O beloved, yea, drink abundantly,*" the wine of joy in the Holy Ghost—the wine that satisfies but never intoxicates.

I bring you an invitation to such a feast. "Behold I stand at the door and knock," says Jesus. "If any man will open unto Me I will come in and sup with him and he with Me." The Savior wants to give you foretastes of the Lamb's great Bridal feast above. For now is the preparation day. It has been said, "Earth is God's workshop where He makes His saints. Heaven is His palace where He displays them." So I may say, "The marriage-supper of the heart is when the Savior trains us for the Marriage-Supper of the Lamb. Here is the inward feasting with our King. "We learn our table manners, if I may say so. We acquire a taste for the viands of Heaven. We get acquainted with our Immanuel. We make for ourselves a heaven to go to Heaven in."

I pray you as the servants and followers of Jesus Christ that you make the meat-and-drink kingdom grow less. There must be a disuse of the outward feasting if we will learn the blessedness of the inward. Make this first week of the New Year a true self-denial week. Cut off superfluous gratifications. Restrict your innocent recreations! Stint yourselves of the luxuries of the household that you may provide for the necessities of God's kingdom, and I assure you God will bless you with innumerable blessings.

GIVE YE THEM TO EAT

By HANS R. WALDVOGEL

"PLEASE tell the brethren in America not to send us bread but to send us the Word of God," pleaded one of the brethren in Europe as I bade him goodbye after my first visit to Europe in 1947.

That trip was a revelation to me. Everywhere I found people hungry and homeless. Of course, the heart of America had opened in benevolence after the war. Thousands of CARE packages had reached these hungry people, cheering their hearts, and feeding their bodies. In spite of all this help, theirs was a starvation diet, but never did I hear one word of complaint from their lips.

I found out, however, on that trip something else: A great hunger for the Word of God such as I had never witnessed before. People were willing to sit and shiver in cold, unheated barracks to listen to the Word. Then when the invitation was given for them to come to Jesus, they came, not by the ones, twos, or even by the dozens, but by the hundreds.

It has been indeed wonderful how Jesus Christ has led us to break the Bread of Life to these hungry multitudes. When Jesus commanded His disciples to feed the five thousand, they were in a tight spot. The Bible, however, tells that Jesus Himself "knew what He would do." Jesus always knows what He will do, and He always has the power to do it. After looking upon the starving multitudes, He not only gives them natural bread to eat, but Himself—the true Bread of Life.

When the Lord Jesus Christ made it clear that He wanted me to minister in Europe, our people were happy. They had many relatives over there and knew their need was great. They thought, "Our pastor will at least create a link between us and them." I said, however, "You know it is impossible to get into Germany without a special permit from the military authorities." I called on them to pray.

Before my passport came from Washington a cable came from a brother in Europe who knew nothing of God's call to us, saying, "Come right over. We have secured a permit for you to enter Germany." Here was God's provision.



Tent meeting in Stuttgart, 1948, 1949.

One day during my trip, I stood in the streets of Frankfurt during a rainstorm waiting for a street car. I had to let one car after another pass by. I couldn't get on as I would have been crushed by the crowd. (There were only a few street cars to take care of the crowds as most of them had been destroyed by the bombing attacks). There stood a young lady in the crowd waiting with me. She was rather pretty, but evidently she was in the last stages of consumption. I said to myself, "What in the world is this girl doing on this rainy day in this crowd?" Then it came to my mind that thousands of young people just like her were homeless in Frankfurt alone. Two hundred thousand orphans were roaming the streets in Germany not knowing where to go for bread or for shelter, living in the holes underneath the ruins, and making their living by stealing or by begging.

As I looked again at this dying child, I thought, "What a picture of Germany!" There were signs of former beauty and strength, but everywhere there were also signs of death. The beautiful cities and palaces lay in ruins. Wherever one looked one saw hopeless, emaciated figures with utter despair upon their faces. As I viewed the horrible condition, I asked, "O my Father, what are YOU going to do for these people?" God enabled us through gifts given to us to minister to the physical and material needs of many. But, as I have already stated, we found that their greatest need, their greatest desire, was for the satisfaction of their spiritual needs. God met these needs by saving hundreds, testifying that He had cleansed their hearts by faith by pouring out His

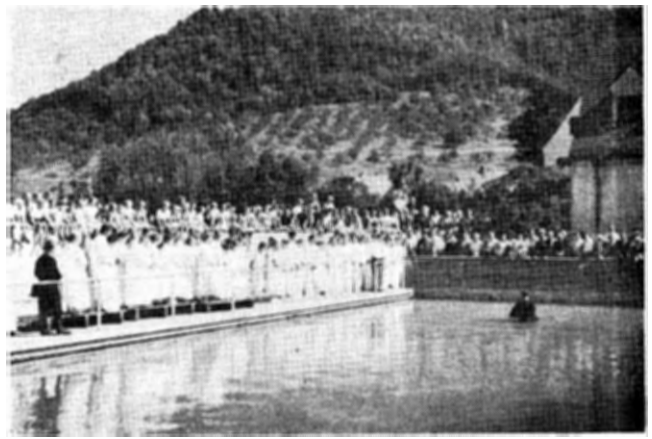
Spirit upon them. Time and again wonderful Pentecostal outpourings were witnessed. In Vienna, in Linz, in Wels, in Cannstatt, and in other parts of Germany, we had experiences such as are described in the tenth of Acts in the house of Cornelius where the Holy Ghost fell on all that believed. Oh what heartbreaking, heartlifting scenes were witnessed by us!

I came back to America with my heart full of desire to ask the people here in America to pray that God might thrust laborers into the harvest field. It wasn't my intention to go back because I had plenty to do in this country. But one day while reading the Bible, Jesus seemed to underscore the words, "I have sent you to reap." I knew He was talking to me to go to reap.

Presently the Lord opened the way for me to go back to Switzerland with the intention to go to Germany, this time to take a tabernacle with me. I said to my nephew Edwin, "God has given us an experience in tent meetings in America for a purpose. Let us go to Germany with a tent."

At this time there were forces in authority in Germany that wanted to keep out the full gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore, when we asked permission to get into Germany again, we were flatly refused. When we went to get our visa stamped into our passport, we found the authorities were not at all favorable to us.

Then a wonderful thing happened. Somehow we discovered that the man in charge of the office



Baptismal Service at Kirchheim, 1951. Since 1946 Pastor Hans Waldvogel has been privileged to baptize over 500 people as the result of meetings held in Europe.

had been in our church in Ridgewood. When he found this out, his eyes brightened and he became our friend. We were given services that we wouldn't have been able to hope for otherwise.

After we entered Germany we presented our cause to the authorities in Stuttgart, and they immediately dictated a letter to higher authorities in Berlin. The result of this was that we were given two months' time in which to put up our tent and hold meetings.

First of all, we tried to get a tent or tabernacle, as we called it, from Switzerland since we thought it would be impossible to secure one in bombed-out Germany. We could not get permission for this, however. Precious days were slipping away, one after another. Finally one day while I was praying, I said, "Jesus, it's getting late in the season, and we're not able to get that tabernacle into Germany." With that prayer I opened my Bible and saw something I had never seen before: *I am the God that brought you out of the house of bondage, and I will make you dwell in tabernacles as in days of old.* It wasn't only the word "tabernacle" I saw before me, but it was the very word we use in German—*Festhuetten*.

I had hardly closed the Book when a telephone call came from my nephew: "Do you know what I've found? A *Festhuetten* here all ready to be put up together with all the necessary equipment, chairs for a thousand people, platform, and pulpit. All we need to do is give the word." God had saved it through all the war, brought it into the market just at the time, and had it ready for us right on time.



Overflow crowds.

When the tent meetings began, to the surprise of everybody, there was a tremendous meeting—over a thousand people came to listen to the Word of God. When the invitation was given on that first day in the city of Stuttgart, more than a hundred people responded to the call and surrendered their lives to Jesus. During the three weeks of meetings there, the local minister claimed that a thousand people surrendered to the Lord. One can go there now and fill more than one hall with a thousand people.

In the following year (1949) God led us to open a tent again in that same place. Again people came by the thousands. Such eager crowds! God not only saved people but healed them in a most marvelous fashion simply through the preaching of the Word. God made us see wonderful things, but above all God filled that tent with Pentecostal glory. One Sunday morning I saw heaven opened and the power of God descend until the whole place was saturated, and almost everybody except the critics were filled with the Holy Ghost. Never did we witness a testimony meeting like the one

CANARSIE FULL GOSPEL CHAPEL

This building with two auditoriums and a connected parsonage was recently purchased by the congregation. It is located at

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Mr. and Mrs. W. Ernest Oldfield, Ministers

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that morning. And those testimonies are still ringing forth to this day!

Last year God led us to go back there to teach the people the ways of the Lord. We saw that it was not sufficient to do evangelistic work only, but we realized that they also had to be led into the knowledge of the Word. Again we were surprised at the hunger people showed. During the height of the harvesting season great crowds came out every morning to study the Bible. With what eagerness they received the teaching!

The result of this ministry in Germany has been to unite us to large assemblies in Hamburg, in Luneburg, in Rendsburg on the Danish border, down in

Kirchheim-Teck, in Cannstatt, and in other parts of southern Germany. Today these assemblies worship God in Pentecostal fashion. Before meeting opens, one can come into the place and find people wrapped in worship. Then, sometimes long after the meeting has been dismissed, the people still sit there, quietly or audibly worshipping the Lord.

One thing that blessed us particularly was the fact that many came from behind the Iron Curtain, especially to the meetings held in Hamburg and in West Berlin. Hundreds braved the dangers associated with the attempt. These folks go through tribulation that is unspeakable. Yet—they were so hungry for the Word that they saved the price of a railroad ticket from their meager daily meals in order to be able to attend a single meeting. They would come through pouring rains having no clothes except those on their

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Your failures will serve to keep your need before your expectant heart.

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And would'st thou know the secret of constant victory? Let in the Overcomer, and He will conquer thee.

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God had only one Son, and He made Him a Minister.—*Thomas Goodwin.*



THE EAST SIDE PENTECOSTAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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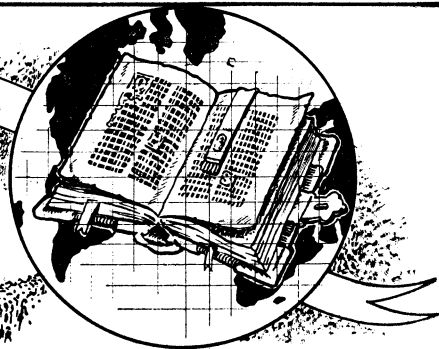
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GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD...

Seed-Time and Harvest

on the Mission Fields



IN INDIA— Revival Fires Burn

Mr. and Mrs. G. Ericson of Parbatgarh, India, have been greatly encouraged by a series of meetings held in November by Evangelist Dutt who has a remarkable ministry in the clear-cut messages he presents and in his love for souls. To help in these services several other ministers were invited, making in all a family of sixteen in the Ericson house for these days. "All who came put all their united effort in winning souls," writes Mrs. Ericson. "I have never seen such interest and soul-saving ministry. From the opening service the meetings were marked by a great spirit of revival. Every meeting, mornings from 9 to 12 and evenings from 4:30 to 7 or 8, were all most wonderful.

Many heathen came for healing for soul and body, left their evil charms and idol-marks, and were healed." Many in the city who for years had refused to come to hear the Gospel came and were convinced. A railway guard and his wife had an outstanding conversion and together with another sister followed the Lord in baptism. "They are now full of joy, and

Miss Eleanor Malhus of the Williamsburg Pentecostal Church, Brooklyn, expects to leave in January to work with Miss Marie Dilger in Kenya, East Africa.

Although born in New York City, she never knew anything about Christ or the Gospel till she was thirteen years of age when she heard the Good News and accepted it. Because of this, she suffered great persecution. Later the call to Africa came, and step by step the Lord has led her. For a time she was with Pastor and Mrs. Charles N. Andrews in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Then she took a nurse's training course. This past summer she ministered at Pilgrim Camp, Brant Lake, New York.

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their lives transformed." In the last meeting there was a breaking through when all the Christians came to the front for prayer. "It was wonderful," explains Mrs. Ericson, "and we pray it shall be the beginning of a greater outpouring."

"Brother Dutt was in Allahabad for meetings later on, and we went the thirty-eight miles to help in those meetings—going back and forth. It was a joy to help there. Allahabad is a big city where there is a very small Pentecostal work which needs real help. God manifested His hand to deliver many souls there, and the healing meetings increased in power every day."

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MR. AND MRS. G. F. BENDER

Pioneer Missionaries in Venezuela, South America, now retired from the field, have accepted the call to be spiritual supervisors of Bethany Home, Bridgman, Mich.

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Miss E. Malhus

IN SOUTH AFRICA— Lives Changed

Miss Helen Hoss from Port Elizabeth, Cape Province, writes: "We have had some of the most wonderful meetings I have yet had in Africa lately. Lives are being changed by the power of God. One of the most difficult characters in the colored world was wonderfully baptized in the Holy Spirit recently. His presence is so near and so real to us. We are still praying for an adequate meeting place for the colored work."

Miss Ruth Williamson also of Northern Transvaal writes: "For almost two years now the native preachers of this district have been having a series of meetings at the different outstations every other month. Sometimes about ten of them gather, and God has been greatly blessing their efforts. We hear of many souls being saved and the sick healed during these meetings. This is entirely African—not any of the white missionaries attend these meetings. We can see that God is really working to establish the natives and use them in many different ways so that they are not dependent upon us. We long that the work be an indigenous work—self supporting and self propagating.



SERVICE



ECHOES

This department is conducted in the interests of servicemen and will carry brief reports from them from time to time. If our readers would like to have BREAD OF LIFE sent to interested servicemen we will be glad to do so and to include their names among those who are regularly remembered in prayer. Reports from these for the paper will be welcomed.—Editor.

From Korea:

William Liebmann who is with the 65th Infantry Regiment, Third Infantry Division, writes:

"The 65th is a Puerto Rican outfit. Most of the officers are continentals like me, but they usually have one



W. J. Liebmann

Puerto Rican officer per company. Many of the men know very little English which presents some problems not normally encountered, but we are getting along nicely. With just a few men who can understand and speak English fairly well, it's possible to get along O.K. I've been learning a little Spanish, too. The Puerto Ricans are pretty good soldiers and good workers, too, for the most part.

"For the past three weeks we have been out of the front lines for additional training while the division has been in Corps reserve. We are now on our way back up front and expect to move in and relieve the First Cavalry Division in a few days.

"Before we were relieved by the ninth ROK's we were bouncing around from one hill to another in the vicinity of Chorwon, one of the points of the so-called Iron Triangle. At one time I had my platoon on a hill all by itself about 1,000 yards in

front of the main line, with nobody in front of us but Chinks. It was a situation I didn't particularly care for, even though we had an excellent defense set-up. Nothing ever happened in our sector although the Chinks did pull a few small probing attacks against a Turk outfit on our right flank.

"I took a few patrols out, too, but we never ran into any trouble. The worst we had to do was to get through a booby-trapped area that a Filipino outfit had failed to remove

Using Their Spare Time

Some servicemen from New York City have been studying the Bible in their spare time, having enrolled in a correspondence course furnished by the editor of Bread of Life. This course was prepared under the guidance of the Holy Spirit by the late George A. Mitchell, father of Pastor Paul Mitchell of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Those who have been using this course of Bible study report great profit from it and have found it very convenient and workable. It is elementary enough for any beginner and yet profound enough in its value for any advanced Christian.

This correspondence is now offered to any serviceman who will write to the Bread of Life giving his name and address and requesting the introductory lessons.

See the last page for excerpt from one of the lessons, a very helpful suggestion for Bible study from Mr. Mitchell.

when they moved out. One of my men set one of them off, but fortunately nobody got hurt.

"Various little delays here and there along my way to joining this unit kept me out of one of the bloodiest battles this Regiment has seen so far in Korea. I joined them the day after that battle ended.

"I wasn't especially wild about my assignment to a Puerto Rican unit when I first found out about it, but I can see the hand of the Lord in it all and I'm thankful for the way He has led. I'll continue to trust Him for the future too. I'd also like to thank you for all your prayers in our behalf. I appreciate them and am claiming the answers to them too."

From Deep in the Heart of Texas

Herman Depold has completed his course in Instructor School at Sheppard AFB, Texas. He sends this word: "I really enjoy instructing because every class is just as interesting as the last. It is funny to watch the different faces of the students. Some show interest; some don't. Some are tired, some happy, some mad and discouraged. Anyway it is interesting trying to force the technical information down their throats.

"We have had very good services lately. Almost every Sunday some one gets saved. Last Sunday an airman received the baptism. I am still seeking." — Herman has met Edmund Kerut who was recently transferred to Sheppard.



H. Depold

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BREAD OF LIFE Bible Correspondence Course

New Testament Survey
Forty-six Lessons
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WAITING ON GOD

"But we all with unveiled face *reflecting* as in a mirror *the glory of the Lord*, are transformed into the same image from *glory to glory*." II Cor. 3: 18 (R.V.).

Whenever you can, take a few minutes of just waiting on Jesus,—not necessarily praying, but just waiting, looking into His face, desiring His presence. At first you may not seem to receive much; but if you take every opportunity, presently your soul will hunger for *Him* and the sweetness of Himself will come to you, and you will get like lovers, rather slip away with *Him* just for a minute or two than to talk, or read, or rest, or eat. And when you are tired, or rushed, or nervous, a few minutes with Him, in the stillness of His presence, will rest you more than anything in the world.

"If any man thirst let him come to Me," Jesus said. You are thirsty for righteousness, for a work to be done in you. But you must have the righteousness of Christ. See Phil. 3:9. Let God have His way. Ask Him to make you hungry and thirsty for Jesus, and give Him the chance to answer by getting into His presence every opportunity you have, and *He* will give the victory along every line.

If, when we go to prayer, we would just take time in the beginning to get quiet in soul, to be still before Him, and then, when we do speak, first thank and praise Him when we did offer our petitions, we would not so often have the feeling of our prayer falling back on our heads unanswered, but we would pray "through."

I have learned in prayer to do less talking than I used to do. Often when I have a burden on me until it seems as if I can hardly stand it until I get before the Lord alone, and I expect to lay my difficulties before Him in detail and with earnest supplication, when I follow this method of prayer, by the time I have felt His presence and felt His touch, and praised Him, I have just a sweet time of worship. When I get up, I think, "Why, I never told the Lord about that at all!" I just don't need to—the burden is gone, the problem solved, and I know He has undertaken for me.

If we looked at *Jesus more*, and ourselves, and our friends, and our trials, and our failures, and conditions of life, and the world, the flesh, and the devil *less*, we would *reflect His* image more and more; and the hardness, and impurity, and temper, and selfishness would fade away, and tenderness, and purity, and gentleness, and love

would take their places—changing from glory to glory.

This is why He requires closet prayer. This is why we need to get still before Him and listen to His voice, get into His presence. If we *listened* to Him more, looked to Him in stillness more, and chattered less to Him, we would get the sense of His presence better.

Not that we never need to supplicate, because we do, but not as often as we sometimes think. But we need far more waiting on God than we have.

GIVE YE THEM TO EAT

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bodies, sleep on straw at night, just for a drink of the Water of Life.

Jesus said, "Give ye them to eat." We who have been blessed so copiously, so abundantly, with the Word of Life, have a duty to these who have been starved, spiritually as well as materially. During the Nazi reign, and now under the Communist regime, meetings have been forbidden; ministers have been arrested and many have been killed. So the Word has been kept from the people. Today one finds black ignorance even among the Christians. They do not know the things of God and need to be instructed.

God has given us a ministry. It isn't the work of one man, or three, or four; but it is the work of this whole Fellowship. Jesus tells us plainly in Matthew 13 that in the end of this age there is going to be a grand and wonderful harvest. Who is going to harvest this grain but God's people? His call over the tumult of this world to everyone of us is, "Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Shall we heed the call today?

Feeding on the Word

READ the Word as you would eat bread. "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." JOHN 6:36.

Just as each day at the set times you go to the place where food for the body is served, and partake of that which is set before you; go daily to the Word where the Bread of Life is set before you; go daily to the Fountain of Life in prayer and eat and drink and get joy while you are feeding and drinking. Be regular about it.

When partaking of our natural food we enjoy the taste, but after the food has passed from our mouths, we think little or nothing about its digestion or assimilation in our bodies. We do not, as a rule, when we swallow a mouthful of food, say, "This will add to the strength of my lungs." All these operations we trust to nature, knowing that for all the years we have lived, we have eaten and drunk and the food has been digested and assimilated in our bodies without a strain or an effort on our part. We have not aided or benefited this digestion or assimilation in any degree by pondering over it day and night, or by worrying about it or asking the why about it, or trying to feel it as the work went on in our bodies. In fact, had we done so, we would have hindered, not helped, nature in supplying our physical needs.

Apply, if you will, this principle to the reading of the Word. After you have read the Word do not worry or strain, or try to help digest or assimilate to yourself what you have read. Leave that to your spiritual nature. Do not think that you can by pondering, thinking, worrying, straining, help in this matter any more than you can in the matter of your natural food. Be simple. Be childlike. Draw from the breast of your Heavenly Parent even as the babe from its mother, in trust, in love.

We are not here to teach theories, doctrines, or dogmas; but to admonish you to let the Holy Spirit have His way in your life, and by constantly day by day partaking of the portion of the Word set before you, in meekness and soberness of mind, to let God, the Father, apply it to that part of your spiritual being He knows requires just that particular portion at that particular time.

Is it not wonderful how many fasts we take in our spiritual lives?

—George A. Mitchell.

