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Two New Churches! —Hundreds Baptized!

*Our greatest NEED is being fulfilled! More churches are starting.
And many more ministerial candidates are gaining EXPERIENCE.*

by Roderick C. Meredith

JOYOUS news comes of the first Sabbath services in *two new churches!* On the Sabbath, July 8, the first services were held in Little Rock, Arkansas, and Memphis, Tennessee, for God's people. In both cases, attendance was even beyond expectations! There were 180 in attendance at Little Rock, and a surprising 182 people attended in Memphis.

The Details

Mr. Wayne Cole, assisted by Mr. Ronald Dart, has done the preparatory work of writing and counseling with many members in both areas before starting these local churches. Mr. Cole has had considerable experience in founding new churches and is one of the ablest ministers in God's Church today. Mr. Dart is a dedicated and thoroughly trained graduate of Ambassador College—a man we should all be hearing a great deal from in the future.

With these new churches, we are beginning to be able to reach members in the southeastern part of the United States. We hope to have local churches established even further in this direction in the near future.

Mr. Cole writes: "We had a very fine meeting in Little Rock with the attendance given above. The people of course drove from lengthy distances to be here

for the first meeting of this new church. We anticipate having from 125 to 150 in the church regularly from the start, however. As would be expected, we had many different walks of life represented. Most of these people in this church, however, are rural people.

"It is always a thrill to me to see the expressions on the faces during the first meeting of a church. This makes seven churches I have started or have been present at the start of and it is just as much a thrill today to see the enthusiasm and zeal at the start as it was during the first such new church.

"As we get into the visiting we are no doubt going to have problems arise which must be handled, but for those people who are striving to overcome themselves handling their problems is a welcomed experience.

"We also had a very fine meeting here in Memphis. There were considerably more people here than we expected. There were members here from Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Arkansas, Missouri and Tennessee. Many came from distances exceeding 300 miles! This of course means that our regular attendance is not going to be anywhere near the figure given above. I anticipate this church will be some smaller than the one in Little Rock for the first few months, however,

I believe it will outgrow the Little Rock church.

"At this first meeting the two churches were surprisingly near the same number in attendance. We took a count by having each family represented fill out a card giving the number of adults and the number of children present. These cards also helped us in verifying addresses and getting telephone numbers.

"Everyone in this church was overjoyed at the beginning of the church, and from the first observation we have some fine stable members which should provide foundation for a growing church here."

Let us REJOICE and give God thanks, brethren, that additional *hundreds* of our brethren can have the blessing and privilege of attending a local church each Sabbath. Think how many of our scattered members would welcome and cherish this same opportunity!

Another Church in Australia

As this article goes to press, we are informed that Mr. Tony Hammer—son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hammer of Glade-water, Texas—is starting a new church at Melbourne, Australia this Sabbath, July 15. This should be a source of much *encouragement* for our Australian brethren. We should pray that the Eternal God

will *bless* and *guide* these new churches in Australia from their inception.

You may remember from this column in the June issue that we have sent Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpkins—Ambassador College graduate and Ambassador coed-wife—down to Australia to help Mr. Waterhouse in the Sydney office and church. This has released Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hammer for the important task of raising up the new church in Melbourne. At the rate the work in Australia is growing, you can see that Almighty God must have a special interest in *speeding up* things in the continent “down under.” Remember Mr. Ted Armstrong’s article in The PLAIN TRUTH some two years ago when he warned that Australia may be the *first* Israelitish country to go into Gentile slavery! Now that the communists have a real foothold in Laos, they are moving on to South Vietnam—then Malaya—then Singapore—Indonesia—then AUSTRALIA!

So remember to PRAY for your brethren in this land. And ask God to *call* and *inspire* those who yield to *grow* in grace and knowledge—and to *watch* and *pray*—that they may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE the tribulation which seems destined to come upon them even sooner than upon those of us here in America and Britain.

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, *redeeming the time*, because the days are evil” (Eph. 5:15-16).

Baptizing Tours Cover the U. S. and Canada

As we had reported to you, *seven* full baptizing tours are planned for this summer—with other shorter tours here in America and around the world. These tours are visiting *ONLY* those people who have heard the The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast, read The PLAIN TRUTH, and have written *requesting* that a tour meet with them to discuss baptism. Over 2,000 requests have come in so far, and the tours are just getting well started in reaching these many people in scattered areas.

Mr. Frank McCrady and Mr. Sherwin McMichael—covering the central part of the United States—have so far baptized about 61 out of 134 met. They write: “Our tour is progressing very well and God certainly is blessing us in every way. The people in this area are hearing the program as many as three times a day over WWVA, WCKY and WLAC—getting pretty good reception. Some of these towns look like ghost towns, with people leaving because of unemployment. People are living from hand to mouth in dirty, dilapidated buildings because of wrong living.”

Mr. Hal Baird and Mr. Bill Winner—

touring through the southern states—have so far baptized about 46 out of 91 met. They write: “One thing we note here in the South is the lack of education. Out of four people we met today, two had no formal education, one fifth grade and one seventh. This lack of education makes it very hard in some cases to know whether a person is ready for baptism or not. We are thankful for the prayers of everyone in the Pasadena area.”

Mr. Carl McNair and Mr. Eugene Walter—covering the northern states and Canada—have baptized 69 out of 120 met. They write: “Most of Saskatchewan is suffering from severe drought and many of our people are suffering. One man whom we baptized had 480 acres of hay burned off by an irresponsible neighbor—around three or four thousand dollars worth of hay at the current price. That is probably their profit for the entire year. One man told us, ‘What the drought don’t get, them grasshoppers do!’”

After relating these reports, it is good to mention to you brethren—as you may have noticed—that our men do NOT baptize just anyone who asks for it. The ratio of those baptized to those met is usually about 50%. This is because most people either do not really *understand* what real repentance and conversion is all about, or else they are not simply ready or willing to REPENT totally and completely of their sins and give themselves in UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER to Jesus Christ as their Saviour AND as their Lord and Master.

So when we mention that altogether a few *hundred* people have been baptized this summer, you should realize that these people have come to a place of total SURRENDER to their God and Maker! These are not just people “joining a church” or “hitting the sawdust trail” or having some sort of temporary emotional experience. These are people who have gone through the most terrific CHANGE in their lives which it is possible for a human being to experience. They have had to surrender the *self will*—to literally GIVE themselves to God—and to begin literally LIVING by every Word of God. They are *your* baptized, converted BRETHREN!

Special Tour

Reporting on his special tour to visit most of the Negro brethren writing in for baptism. Mr. Harold Jackson, accompanied by his wife, reports that he has so far baptized 6 out of 16 met. He states: “Weather is cooling somewhat and so is the racial situation. We have experiences, however. We cannot talk to a group in a public park or along side the roadside. There must be a place of seclusion or you are ‘fomenting trouble’ that will not be

tolerated. Being a man of color also has its advantages. You are not expected to know anything, so when questions are asked [in a polite manner of course] people are glad to ‘inform you suh.’ We are enjoying the fellowship with those who hunger and thirst to see someone of like mind. Tears of joy flow their faces as they meet you with open arms—too full of emotion to speak, and often times walking away a few steps to regain their composure. While this is a pioneering trip, no vacation will ever be as rewarding or refreshing.”

Brethren, after reading this report, perhaps all of you will join with us here in Pasadena in PRAYING for Mr. and Mrs. Jackson on their tour. Ask God to *bless* and *protect* them in the many trying situations they find themselves because of the current racial strife in the South.

And now to report on the short tour your author took with Mr. Dibar Apartian—voice of The WORLD TOMORROW in the French language. We baptized 13 out of 31 met. The report we turned in is as follows: “Taking the traditionally weak areas in Northern California and Southern Oregon, we encountered many who were ‘almost persuaded’ but not completely ready for baptism. Only 16 out of those we met have living mates, and of these 11 had a divorce and remarriage problem! The tour was highlighted by visits to the Eugene, Sacramento, and Fresno churches. With 30 to 40 members of the Salem church coming down, Eugene still had a record number in local attendance with a crowd of about 250 altogether at the Eugene services! Remembering the difficulties of the past, it was certainly inspiring to be able to meet and preach to such a large and enthusiastic congregation at the ‘mother’ church in Eugene. Mr. Apartian gave an inspiring and helpful sermonette there about the French work and our spiritual growth—as he also did later at the Sacramento and Fresno churches.”

And I would like to add right here that Mr. Raymond Cole and the men assisting him in the area have done a fine job—with God’s help and blessing—in rebuilding the Eugene church back up bigger than ever! Reading in Mr. Armstrong’s Autobiography about the trials and tests he and Mrs. Armstrong went through in the Eugene area we can more deeply appreciate the fact that GOD’S Church in Eugene is now a growing, enthusiastic, zealous body of 200 or more people obedient to their Maker.

Having not been in the Eugene now for several years, I was very happy and pleased to see this tremendous growth. This local church—which was originally the “mother” church of the Philadelphia age of the Church of God—has been

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What Will the "TRIBULATION" Really Be Like?

From the man who is now Professor of English at Ambassador College, here is the story of what he personally went through as a prisoner-of-war in World War II—a foretaste of the personal suffering millions will experience in the coming great tribulation.

by L. E. Torrance

IT HAS taken me sixteen years to come to the point where I am willing to write of my experiences as a prisoner-of-war of the Japanese. But today, as I sit at my desk on the beautiful Ambassador College campus, privileged to be a member of the faculty of *God's own college*, the personal memories of what I am about to recall to you come flooding vividly into my mind as though from a horrible, unforgettable nightmare. It is very difficult to find words that can even begin to describe what it was like.

How It Began

The story of my "tribulation" in the Japanese concentration camps began on May 10, 1942. That was the day General Sharp surrendered the American forces on Mindanao to the Japanese. They interned us in the prison compound at Davao, Mindanao, Philippine Islands.

At Davao we were forced to work on a starvation diet from early dawn until dusk. We soon began to suffer from acute malnutrition, then from scurvy, malaria, dysentery, and beriberi.

I remember how every fiber of my body cried out for food—as it wasted away, day by day, pound by pound, until I was reduced to an emaciated 100 pound skeleton. My every thought was about food.

Pangs of hunger were greatly intensified by the sight of food that was everywhere about us in abundance. We could look through the prison camp fence and see the fruit and smell the bloom of the thousands of orange, banana, lemon and breadfruit, the guava, coconut, mango and avocado trees around our compound. The fruit *ripened* and fell to the ground. There it lay rotting. Our captors refused to let us have it. They said that Americans deserved only to suffer. And *suffer* we did!

The mental anguish of seeing such an abundance of food going to waste before our very eyes is indescribable.

There were times when our ration of dry rice contained as many worms as kernels of rice. Gnawing hunger pangs

forced us to *overlook* them.

Our wretched diet of polished rice took its toll. If our captors would have allowed us to eat unpolished brown rice, with its vitamin B₁, we would not have had so much beriberi. But our enemies knew what they were doing. They *insisted* upon feeding us polished rice which had the vitamin layer removed. Our legs swelled to twice their normal size. The nerves in our feet and finger tips became inflamed. They throbbed day and night. Our guards enjoyed hearing the groans of those who suffered the excruciating pains of beriberi.

Because of malarial fever, fever as high as 107°, accompanied by blinding headaches and violent chills, half of the entire camp was *always* at the point of death.

Nevertheless, the Japanese forced us to march to work even though we were so sick we could scarcely stand. If any of us were reluctant to march, guards jabbed the tips of their bayonets into our hips until the pain became more than we could bear. We marched to work—malarial fever or not. What would you have done?

Can you imagine what mental and spiritual torment would have been added had we then also known the truth of God, that we could not work on the Sabbath, even though our "pagan" guards commanded us to? What would you have done when the searing pain of the bayonets being jabbed deeper and deeper into your backs and hips became so great you could no longer bear it?

Put yourselves in our place. Imagine how difficult it would be to refuse to work on the Sabbath when all you would have to do to escape this brutal torture is to begin walking—walking to *work*.

Others Had Same Experiences

At Davao we met other prisoners who had been transferred from the prison camp at Cabanatuan, Luzon. They were in worse condition than we—the most wild-eyed, gaunt, wretched-looking men I have ever seen!

After talking to them it was obvious

why they were in such a pitiful condition. For example:

Lieutenant Colonel Mellink told us how the 7,000 Americans and the 5,000 Filipinos with him were treated after their capture on the Island of Corregidor. They were kept on a 100-yard square slab of concrete for 15 days, from May 6-22.

After seven long days without food, they were given their first dish of rice. One faucet served the entire 12,000 men. They waited in line 12 hours for each to fill one canteen with water.

The heat on Corregidor was at its worst in May. Men fainted by the score. Hundreds died. The bloated and stinking dead bodies lay out in the sun. Clouds of black flies added to the misery.

On May 22, the Japanese loaded their remaining captives into three small merchant ships and steamed to a suburb south of Manila. When the heat of the day had reached its peak, the Americans were transferred and jammed into barges. After waiting an hour in the hot sun, they were towed to within a hundred yards of the beach.

Although the barges could easily have run up to the beach, the Americans were forced to jump overboard and wade to shore. Thus, when they were marched through Manila in a Japanese victory parade, they presented the worst possible appearance—wet, ragged, exhausted, staggering from illness and hunger.

This "victory march" through Manila was a "subtle method of convincing the subject peoples of the Philippines that only the Japanese were members of the Master Race" (Life, Feb. 7, 1944).

Just think! This same kind of punishment, *and worse*, will be soon inflicted upon our entire nation by the worst of the heathen—unless our people repent.

The men who had been transferred from Cabanatuan to Davao told us what happened to two army officers and one navy officer who were caught attempting to escape.

The Japanese beat the three Americans about the feet and calves until they were
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Getting Acquainted with Ministers and Students

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I received The BIBLE STORY book and also the new ENVOY, and I thank you so much for both of them. They are wonderful to read and look through to get acquainted with all the ministers of God's Church and the students of Ambassador College. May God be with you all."

Woman from Seattle, Washington

Bigger and Better Every Year

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I received the 1961 ENVOY yesterday and must say they get bigger and better every year. Last year I thought that edition could not be surpassed, but the 1961 is better. The picture quality is excellent and the information on the progress of God's work is just too wonderful. Keep up the good work."

Man from East Rutherford, N.J.

I Called On a Pastor

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I called on a 'pastor' of a growing denominational church recently, and after a two-hour conference he said — and I

quote: 'Brother, I know we are not observing the Lord's Supper as it should be, but my church's doctrine compels me to preach and teach it while I occupy the pulpit, and your minister of your church would do the same.' Here is prophecy revealed right at my door, and what a shocking revelation. Thanks to you and your wonderful faculty for bringing it to me."

Carmi, Illinois

(Editor's Comment: What a tragedy that ministers like this man are leading the people to compromise with pagan tradition when they know better.)

Truth Hurts!

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"In the February 24 issue of The Sword of the Lord there is an article on the front page entitled 'Herbert W. Armstrong A False Prophet'... You seem to be reaching more of their followers than is safe for them. He said a number of their readers had written in inquiring about the trustworthiness of Herbert W. Armstrong's program. Of course these people who wrote to him are not those seeking truth, because if they were, instead of asking him about these facts that you give, they would have searched to see if they were so.

"This kind of people are convinced you are giving the true gospel, but not wanting to follow it, need someone to condone their acts. This evangelist seems to be the right instrument for that. This whole issue seemed to be frantically trying to counteract your influence. A 'kind friend, saw to it that I read the paper. I never heard of it before this. Yes, Mr. Armstrong, your plain truth must be hitting where it hurts."

Woman from Portsmouth, N.H.

(Editor's Comment: What these men are afraid of is not "our influence" but the authority of the Message of Christ!)

Plain Truth No Longer Brushed Aside

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I am a traveling elder. I first saw the PLAIN TRUTH magazine over a year ago. I brushed it aside carelessly as I have done with so many other so-called prophetic magazines.

"Recently during a spell of sickness a neighbor left some of your literature for me to read. I was rather irritated, but I was at last compelled to read it. I cannot pass it off as idle curiosity because I was not curious. I read and the more I read the more I became convinced of the truth, the plain truth of what I had read.

"I am now teaching my congregation these truths as I now see them and I urge

them to write for THE PLAIN TRUTH."

Minister, Alabama

(Comment: Here is a man who is beginning to show the courage of his convictions — who is willing to teach his congregation the Truth. That is very rare today!)

Modern Thinking

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"No word is ever spoken to warn our large congregation, many of them college and university students, that our world is dying before our very eyes, our nation teetering on the edge of chaos. Our erudite and polished preachers give us beautifully phrased and nicely restrained sermons on moral behavior. Not one ever dares to thunder the challenge of the Ten Commandments at our well-dressed, mink-wrapped, and modishly-attired congregation. We swallow large doses of 'Modern Thinking'; evolution is an accepted belief in this smug and self-centered college and university town.

"Most of our good members do not more than raise a false eyebrow at a single one of the ten major sins, though the shocking fact that there are about 44 girls 'expecting' now in our current crop of High and Junior High schools has caused a bit of a stir around the bridge tables. I feel I would like to shout some of the truth I have learned, and am learning, from the very house-tops. But who would listen? I mention these truths often in conversation — but how many people want truth — really? One's family, one's friends? Maybe one or two will listen."

Woman from Columbia, Missouri

Appendicitis Healed

"Several weeks ago I sent for a prayer cloth for my ruptured appendix. I am healed, and I thank and praise God for it. I also thank you for your fervent prayers."

Woman, Port Lavaca, Texas

Not Swayed by Masses

"A new young pastor advised me against your teachings. Also, his mother gave me a magazine which is in opposition to you; it only convinced me more of your truths. I thank God I haven't been swayed by masses or any one particular church."

Man, Pacoima, California

(Editor's Comment: When you want to know something about someone never ask their enemies. Check up in your Bible to see if it is so!)

Bible Finally Makes Sense

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"After years of trying I am at last
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The TRUTH About DRUGS and VACCINES

*Can drugs and vaccines REALLY cure and prevent disease?
Here are FACTS that you need to know and a WARNING
you must heed!*

by Robert C. Boraker

"DRUGS have become the nation's *number one* POISON KILLER!" This was the startling statement made by "Collier's" magazine of April 23, 1949 in reference to barbiturates, the drugs known as "sleeping pills."

Since that time, an increasing number of facts have become known to the public through newspapers and magazines *proving* the truth of what Mr. Armstrong said over fifteen years ago: "Actually, there isn't a cure in a carload — or a train load — of medicine!" (See the booklet, "Does God Heal Today?" page 11.)

The use of drugs and medicines *is on the increase*. Tranquillizers are used by one out of seven people. *Sixteen million pounds of aspirin* are consumed by the public each year. And one hundred million Americans are addicted to laxatives.

Yet, drugs and medicines have *not* lowered the death rate caused by disease. Instead, there have been *alarming increases* due to heart disease, cancer, diabetes and other killing diseases.

Only Drug Industry Benefited

The statistics show that drugs and medicines have *not* eliminated, or even decreased, sickness and disease. Drugs have benefited no one but the pharmaceutical companies and manufacturers.

The manufacturing of drugs has become *big business!* Some *five hundred new drugs* are introduced every year and millions of pounds are consumed by the public. The success of drug sales is due to the advertising methods used by drug manufacturers.

What are some of these advertising methods?

The former medical director of a major drug firm told Senate investigators on April 13, 1960 that the drug industry has a simple maxim: "If you can't convince them, confuse them." This was the testimony of Dr. A. Dale Consul, who further testified that the drug industry, "is unique in that *it can make exploitation appear a noble purpose.*" He also said in prepared testimony that doctors and the public are subjected to a constant "barrage" of new drugs even though some are *worthless* and others have "a

greater potential for harm than for good" (emphasis ours throughout article).

Another revealing insight into the advertising methods used by the drug industry was given by "Consumer Reports" in November, 1958: "Newness has become the very touchstone of drug production. . . . The more hectic pharmaceutical companies are remarkably like the manufacturers of ladies' dresses and automobiles. To keep the sales curve in attractive upthrust, they feel they need to bring out new models every season. . . . If a new model is actually a new drug, it gets a tremendous promotional send-off, often before anyone knows whether it is good. . . . The theory — it apparently works — is that if people hear about new drugs they will rush into their doctors' offices to demand it. The tranquillizer bonanza is an unhappy example of what can happen in the wake of widespread publicity."

Drugs Are Dangerous

Drugs are not only worthless, but DANGEROUS! This fact is borne out by numerous statements made by doctors and medical authorities. "Doctor Robert H. Groh, associate professor of neurology at George Washington University, told the Southern Medical Association that *some tranquillizers have serious and irreversible effects on the brain*" (*Chicago American*, November 3, 1960).

A California newspaper printed this report: "Few realize that these potentially dangerous drugs (penicillin, streptomycin, and other antibiotics) may not help, but rather *hinder recovery* under certain circumstances. . . . The practice of asking doctors for penicillin injections to help clear up minor colds and virus infections is **FRAUGHT WITH DANGER!** Some of the newer drugs may have cumulative side effects. There are no statistics available on these incidents. It is a *wilderness of uncertainties*" (*Santa Rosa Press Democrat*, February 26, 1958).

The Effect of Wonder Drugs

Penicillin has been called a "queen of drugs" despite the fact that there has been an increasing number of *severe and fatal* reactions which have been reported in medical papers. In 1957, it was esti-

mated that some *1,000 deaths* due to reactions to penicillin had occurred in the United States alone.

Cortisone, the "wonder drug" used to stop the symptoms of allergic disease in children, may be a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, according to an expert in the pediatric field. Dr. Harry L. Mueller, allergist-in-chief at the children's hospital in Boston and a leader in the Harvard Medical School, summarized the case for and against steroids, of which cortisone is the original and best known: "Surely these drugs are a wonderful thing to adults who are *willing to trade a chance* of serious complications for the certainty of allergy free lives, but while the over-all death rate in America has been in a slow decline for the past twenty years, *the death rate from asthma has risen*. I don't say that steroids caused the rise, but *I find it difficult to blame anything else.*"

The facts about the results of Cortisone and "ACTH" were also reported by Dr. Richard Freyberg of New York City, professor of medicine at Cornell University Medical School. "He said a series of 168 rheumatoid arthritis patients treated with steroids (hormones used in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis) in large amounts over a five-year period were studied at Cornell. *The compounds in no way inhibited the progress of the disease.* But in many patients, pain was relieved and joint function maintained. For this reason, the compounds once considered miracle drugs for rheumatoid arthritis sufferers now can be considered agents to *relieve symptoms only, with no curative effects.*

"On the other hand, the same studies showed that side effects from the hormones are *so severe* as to demand that doctors use them with the utmost caution, and even avoid them wherever possible. Between seven and eight percent of the patients *died*, he said, and there is a strong suspicion that they *died of the treatment, not the disease*. Fourteen percent of the patients developed bone weaknesses which caused them to suffer frequent fractures. Seventeen percent came down with ulcers of the gastro-intestinal tract. Other adverse side effects include mental disorientation and high susceptibility to infections, he said. Steroids used

in rheumatoid arthritis are of the cortisone class" (*Denver Post*, August 2, 1959).

Drugs Cause Disease

From the evidence of these reports, *there is no doubt* that drugs CAUSE DISEASE! Dr. Jesse D. Rising, of the University of Kansas School of Medicine, admitted that doctors have now begun to recognize that these potent agents, "even when used properly and with the greatest care," *can cause disease similar to or identical with well-known diseases!*

The *widespread misuse of drugs* is another DANGER. The Canadian Medical Association Journal criticized this situation and referred to the statement made in the United States that *only about 5% of the 400 tons of antibiotics used on the North American continent in 1959 was used correctly* (*Mail Tribune* of Medford, Oregon, March 10, 1960).

Because of the errors in administering drugs to patients, financial losses to hospitals from malpractice suits have quadrupled over the past ten years, as reported by *Newsweek* (September 7, 1959).

Truth About Tranquillizers

Believe it or not, *sugar pills* were found to be *more effective* than drugs in an experiment carried out by psychiatrists of the University of North Carolina and reported by Dr. Harold Hymen in the *Oregon Journal*: "Using three different tranquillizers, a pep-up pill and a placebo (sugar pill), they treated a group of eighty people suffering from various mental disturbances such as depressions (the blues), restlessness, confusion and ideas of persecution (paranoia). After two months of a 'blind study' in which neither patients nor doctors knew which product was which, they made tests to determine the effects of medication on the anxiety content and moods of their subjects. *The winner: the sugar pills*, whose subjects proved less anxious and more alert than the tranquillized and pepped-up. Maybe some of us 'pill pushers' ought to take to the hills instead of the pills!" (March 7, 1961).

It is the *tension of modern, high speed living* that is causing anxiety. The *useless* sugar pills added less physical shock to the body than did the tranquillizers or the pep-up pills!

Are drugs helpful in curing disease? Or are they harmful, *dangerous* to your health and often *the cause* of DEATH? The foregoing facts and statements give the obvious answer.

The Truth about Vaccinations

The truth about vaccines is even more surprising! For the past several years, thousands of dollars have been spent in research to find a vaccine which would

combat the dreaded childhood disease, *poliomyelitis*. Each year since the time of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, "March of Dimes" campaigns were conducted to bring in the money needed for this research. And finally, the "Salk vaccine" was heralded before the public as the "saviour of our children."

"The stage-dressing for the Salk vaccine was the greatest in the annals of the history of medicine; the greatest mass publicity by the greatest minds in the profession was employed to put it over. The public will long remember the drama and the fanfare of optimistic cackle that split the air when it was decided to make the Salk vaccine the *saviour of our children*. This publicity had to achieve two things: (1) it had to launch the vaccine, and (2) it had to cause the public to *forget the failure of gamma globulin*—the Polio Foundation could point to only seven children that it thought had been saved from polio by the globulin, according to the *Scientific American*.

"Now, at the end of December, 1956, the cackle has become less optimistic. . . . The Salt Lake City papers ceased to publish the polio figures after the number went considerably beyond 100. They said nothing about *epidemics* elsewhere, such as the one in Chicago, which, according to radio reports ran into the *hundreds*. The newspapers remained silent about these facts, just as, last year, when Massachusetts, after inoculating fifty thousand children, had *ten times* more polio cases and BANNED FURTHER INOCULATIONS" (*Dr. Shelton's Hygienic Review*, Fall, 1956).

Salk Vaccine Failed!

There were *over 100 vaccine failures* reported in 1956 from various parts of the United States. Some of these patients had severe paralysis and at least two died. In 1959, approximately 17% of the paralytic polio victims had been FULLY VACCINATED with Salk shots and an additional 18% of the victims had been partially vaccinated with one or two Salk shots, making a total of 35% who had received the vaccine (*Omaha Journal*, October 12, 1959).

In 1958, the *Pioneer Press* of St. Paul, Minnesota carried an article on May 28th headlined, "Value of Salk Vaccine Challenged." This article reported: "The possibility that Salk vaccine *has no value as a protection* against polio was suggested here in a closing session of the Minnesota State Medical Association Convention. Dr. Harold R. Cox of Pear River, New York, Director of virile and rickettsial research for Lederle Laboratories, said the vaccine had *little*, if any, effect on a polio epidemic in Israel last year. . . . A report on the epidemic has been kept 'confidential' by the National

Foundation for Infantile Paralysis which *'chose not to inform the public.'*

"*Ninety percent* of Israel's population under six had been given Salk vaccine, yet the outbreak of polio reached epidemic proportions, involving many paralytic cases. *It is evident that the Salk vaccine FAILED.*"

Throughout 1959, Salk vaccine failures were reported from all over the country. The first two paralytic polio cases of the year in Alexandria, Virginia, *had received three Salk shots*. The *Honolulu Advertiser* reported 32 paralytic polio cases and 16 of them—50%—had Salk shots. The *American Capsule News* reported on October 24th in the same year: "Salk inoculations have been discontinued in England because of results contrary to promises of vaccine salesmen."

In a letter circulated by the Colorado Chiropractic Association, Dr. Lewis O. Gearhart said polio vaccinations are "abhorrent to the Creator." Dr. Gearhart termed polio shots as "*dangerous, frequently FATAL.*"

Vaccine May Kill Millions

The Director of the Institute of Molecular Biology at Oregon University declared that the Salk vaccine "may kill millions of Americans." This noted biologist said that the vaccine was rushed into general use without proper testing because of great pressures—"particularly that exerted by the crippled child on the poster. Anyone who suggested delay was a monster." Yet the Salk vaccine may be one of the things which *will kill one third of the nation's population!*

As Dr. Novik explained the theory, the vaccine may destroy the human kidney. To make the vaccine, the virus is grown in monkey kidney tissue. The person getting the shot builds up antibodies against the virus—the purpose of the shot—but he also makes antibodies against the monkey kidney. And since there is a close similarity between the kidneys of monkeys and humans, Dr. Novik concluded that "it is possible that we will be provoked into making antibodies against our own kidneys. The Salk vaccine was so widely given *it is not inconceivable that we will lose an entire generation—or perhaps humanity.* . . . The Salk vaccine is frankly a mess," Dr. Novik charged. "We rushed into the program without any real reason to believe it was effective and without taking precautions" (*Rocky Mountain News*, March 31, 1960).

Good Diet Prevents Polio

One doctor states that polio is caused by a weakened physical constitution and that health-promoting foods can prevent polio completely. Children who indulge
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What Should I PRAY About?

Is it wrong to pray for oneself? about how to make "ends meet"? about how to overcome? Just what should one pray about?

by Lynn E. Torrance

MANY do not know what to pray about. We are often asked, "What can I pray about?" Some say, "I ask God to forgive, to guide and direct me. I ask God to bless the work, the ministers, and the Church. What else is there to pray about?"

Acknowledge God

The Bible makes plain that the FIRST STEP in learning what to pray about is to realize WHOM we are praying to.

Did you take time today to get down on your knees and become acquainted, in prayer, with God? Or are you waiting for the right "feeling"? the right mood? Are you, day after day, "putting off" praying until tomorrow because you do not think of anything to pray about?—because you just don't feel comfortable praying to God?

Notice what Jesus instructed His disciples to pray about when they asked him to teach them to pray. Jesus said—as quoted in archaic English in the King James Version, "When ye pray, say, OUR FATHER which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name" (Luke 11:1-2).

We must first acknowledge the greatness of our Heavenly Father. Our faith increases when we realize that what He has promised He can and will perform! He is the God of Heaven—the Ruler of the whole universe.

Abraham strengthened his faith by giving glory to God. "He grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised" (Rom. 4:20-21, R.S.V.).

David was a praying man. David constantly gave glory and praise to God. His last public prayer is given in the Bible and is an excellent example of how to give God Glory and Honor—of what to pray about, "Blessed are thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. Thine, O LORD is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from thee, and thou rulest over all.... In my hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name" (I Chron. 29:10-13).

Do you glorify the majesty, the power,

and the wisdom of God in prayer?

After you have praised and honored God and hallowed His Holy name then you pray—

"Thy Will Be Done"

Notice carefully that Christ next set us the example to pray: "Thy Kingdom come, *Thy Will* be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Mat. 6:10).

What is God's Will for this earth? We can know! God makes it clear in His Word what His Will is.

In Mat. 24:14 we read: "This gospel of the Kingdom SHALL be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations." This one verse teaches a great deal about *His Will*.

How is this work of preaching and publishing the Gospel to all the world being done? It is through the "World Tomorrow" broadcast, the PLAIN TRUTH, the GOOD NEWS, the CORRESPONDENCE COURSE, the booklets, the advertising in READER'S DIGEST, the Letter Answering Department, the evangelistic campaigns, the baptizing tours, the local visiting teams, even through the Ambassador College Envoy—and especially through EACH and EVERY minister of God.

Are you praying for the success and effectiveness of ALL these things? It is God's Will that you do!

Pray for the "World Tomorrow" broadcast. Pray that each time it goes out over the air new people will be caused to listen to it. Pray that doors to reach each section of the world, not now being reached at this time, will be opened.

Pray that God will train and send out laborers to reap the harvest of interested listeners of the "World Tomorrow" broadcast (Mat. 9:38). Pray that God will send the right students to Ambassador College, men and women who have the ability and talents and the submissiveness that He can use in His Work. Don't forget to pray that the students who are already in Ambassador College may bear more fruit.

Pray for the co-worker letters, that God will lay it on the hearts of the readers to support this WORK with their prayers, their tithes and their offerings.

And how long do you think it would take you to pray for each and every minister, carefully, diligently? Ask God to give them the power of His Holy Spirit, His knowledge, His wisdom, that

He might use them as instruments through whom He nourishes the flock He has chosen. Ask God to use them to preach from the scripture the words that are "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16).

Don't pray these exact words. Jesus didn't say: "Pray this." He said "Pray thus!" Build upon and expand these suggestions. You can think of many other things to pray about when interceding for God's ministers.

These are but a few examples, a small beginning of things to pray for. You can think of many others.

Praying for each phase of the work is important. In fact, the very existence of the work of God depends upon your prayers.

For example: When we pray that God lay it on the hearts of the people of this country to send tithes and offerings to support the cost of preaching and publishing this Gospel message to the entire world, it is His Will to honor that prayer. He goes into action. He directly intervenes in the very lives of the people of this country and makes them send in more money than they would have otherwise. Thus, through daily prayer you add to the list in heaven of those you are helping to lead down the path that leads to eternal life. Your reward is certain.

PRAYER is your ministry. Lack of prayer will keep you out of the Kingdom of God! God expects you to do your part. That is His will.

"Give Us Our Daily Bread"

Did you know your daily bread is dual?

Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger" (John 6:35). Come to God through daily prayer and Bible study and He will supply your daily spiritual needs. You have more daily need of spiritual food than even of physical food—but God here promises you both, if you will only ask Him.

Why is it that some who know God wants to supply us daily with all our needs immediately begin to ask God for things that satisfy the lust of the flesh. Their prayers are usually very short and filled with I's, me's and mine's. It's "God give me this" and "God give me that." "Ye ask," retorts James, "and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may

consume it upon your lusts" (James 4:2).

"Forgive Us"

Jesus also said to ask God to "forgive us our trespasses [or debts], as we forgive our trespassers [or debtors]" (Mat. 6:12).

Have you asked God to forgive your every sin, your every shortcoming, your every weakness, your every stumbling—and those of others? Do we *also* forgive our debtors—those who offend us?

We *must* forgive everyone who has stepped on our toes, everyone who has offended us, everyone who has wronged us in any way whatsoever. God forgives us only as we forgive others! Remember that forgiving means forgetting. Yet we know that in some local churches there are people *who cannot be forgiven* by God because they still *refuse* to forgive their brethren, this must not continue!

And finally He said, "Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil."

God tempts no man. "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed" (James 1:13-14). Watch and pray that you be not drawn away by lusts and enter into temptation (Mat. 26:41). Watch, keep awake. When wrong thoughts begin to come into your mind, *flee quickly* to God in prayer. Put your trust in Him. Or else God will allow you to stumble in temptation till you learn to put your whole life in God's hands.

We are not to pray this sample prayer that Jesus gave—word for word. We are to use it as an outline for our daily prayers. Few realize that Jesus also gave innumerable *other details* to pray about in His Word. These all *magnify* the main principles mentioned in His outline of prayer. They should all be fitted into the pattern Jesus gave the disciples. We are instructed to pray for those in authority (1 Tim. 2:1-3); for our enemies, for those who persecute us (Mat. 5:44); for the brethren (Eph. 6:18); that we may escape the things to come (Luke 21:36); for the sick and afflicted (James 5:14-16); for your own requests (Phil. 4:6); for the ministry (II Thess. 3:1); and for the churches (Eph. 1:16; Col. 1:3; Philemon 4; I Thess. 1:2).

Pray for Ourselves?

Of course! But not for ourselves only. If your prayers include others and theirs include you, think how many prayers are said *on your behalf*! But if you are selfish and pray only for yourself—and everyone else did the same—then *only you* would be praying for yourself.

A student at Ambassador College discovered quite by accident the amazing principle that the Law of Love is a Living Law. He had tried to overcome a certain weakness but had failed again and again. He felt miserable and dejected.

A friend revealed that he too was having trouble overcoming the very same temptation. This student felt so miserable himself that he hastened to go and pray **EARNESTLY** for his friend. He said, "Oh, God, don't let my friend be as weak and rotten as I am. Strengthen him, take this temptation from him."

This student was amazed to discover that after having prayed for his friend, his own overpowering weakness left him! It was suddenly as if this temptation no longer existed.

This student learned that when one

has some sin he is unable to overcome, if he will pray for all others who have, or even might have the same weakness, the God of Love rewards him for praying for His OTHER children.

Try it. Pray for all the men and women in the Church who have, or who even might have—the same overpowering temptation you have and see for yourself that God will reward you for showing Love to His OTHER children by strengthening you. He can and will remove your temptation from you.

Remember, if you pray for others, and all the others pray for you and others, think how much more help you have than if you alone prayed for just your problem.

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VACCINATIONS

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in soft drinks (especially "colas"), candy, over-sweetened and refined, starchy foods, are the greatest sufferers of polio. *Polio is unknown* in countries where people live on *natural* foods—raw milk, whole-grain cereals, fruits and vegetables—and do not have our refined, devitalized, demineralized foods, candies and soft drinks.

The main diet of many people, especially children, in summer (the polio season) consists of colas, soft drinks, candy, hot dogs, hamburgers and ice cream. If we would replace this "junk" with substantial meals of fresh fruits, melons, milk, vegetables and protein foods (meat, fish, poultry and eggs), then we would have greater resistance to polio and other diseases. Also, there would be almost no tooth decay.

Smallpox Vaccine

Smallpox is caused by unsanitary conditions and occurs in people whose vitality is low, the composition of whose blood is abnormal and in whom there is an accumulation of morbid matter. Smallpox can be avoided by *right living* and *right thinking*. *Vaccination is NOT the solution!* Statistics show that *when England was most vaccinated, she had the most smallpox!*

Proof that vaccination does *not* protect, not even for two months, can be found in the *Lancet* (November 25, 1944)—a British medical magazine. This magazine gave the report of two army doctors concerning one hundred consecutive cases of smallpox among army personnel in Egypt during 1943-1944. All but four had been vaccinated, seventy of them within two years of attack by smallpox and sixteen of them *within two months*. Of fourteen *fatal* cases, thirteen had been

vaccinated, one of them only two months before he died of hemorrhagic smallpox.

Encephalitis (sleeping sickness) is due to vaccination for smallpox. In England (1940-1946), fourteen died of it, but *none* died of smallpox. In Scotland (1942-1943), there were twenty-five deaths from smallpox and twenty-three from vaccination. In Edinburgh (1942), ten died from the effects of vaccination and eight from smallpox (six of the eight had been vaccinated).

Vaccination does *not* eliminate the *cause* of disease—that of *wrong living habits*! Disease is caused by wrong eating, living and thinking! Our *way of life* must be changed in order to eliminate sickness and disease. This can only be done by following the principles of life—the basic laws of health—given by our Creator in His Word, the Bible.

There are numerous scriptures in the Bible which point out to us that we are to rely, *not on man*, but on *God* for our healing (see Ps. 103:3). When we put our faith in men and their drugs and vaccines, rather than in God who has ALL POWER, we are actually putting man and his ingenuity before the Creator God. If we are to rely on God's healing power, it is *impossible* to rely also on medicines and vaccines developed by men.

Those in the Church of God follow the instruction given by the Apostle James (James 5:14-16) and rely on God's *healing power* through prayer for the healing of sickness and disease. As believers in God's healing power and DIVINE PROTECTION, true Christians cannot put their faith in the methods of men by submitting themselves to drugs and vaccines.

Your faith is either in Almighty God, the *only* true Healer and Protector, or in the *god of medicine* (II Kings 1:1-4), drugs and vaccines. *Where* is your faith and *who* is your God?

Hot Weather Food Hints

At last! — here we begin a monthly series which will be combined finally to form the long-awaited COOK BOOK!

Working with our Home Economics Department at Ambassador, under the direction of Mrs. Van der Veer, are Mrs. Mary E. Hegvold of Pasadena, previously Associate Professor of Foods and Nutrition at the Univ. of Tennessee and West Tennessee Nutrition Consultant, and Mrs. Isabell F. Hoeh. We hope to have the Cook Book ready in two to three years — but, in the meantime, Church members will have it available month by month in the Good News!

DO YOU long for tasty foods on hot summer days, yet are discouraged by the thoughts of food preparation which would add to your heat problems? Well, don't give up! It is possible to have appealing, interesting meals during the summer season without having to create a boiler-room atmosphere in your kitchen.

Too often the solution to this problem is sought in the form of prepared foods from the store. Whether you realize it or not, in doing this you pay far more than necessary for the foods. No small part of the cost goes to finance someone else's labor for preparing them. Besides being hard on our grocery allowance, this method is generally less nutritious. And it is far below the general quality of foods you could prepare by forethought and planning.

Prepare in Advance

In summer months it is often advisable to prepare portions of our evening meal in advance in the cooler morning period of the day. With only a minimum of effort and heating up of the kitchen you can have your evening meal ready to be eaten.

There are several types of menu items which lend themselves well to this method of planning. Some of these are (1) main dishes which are prepared on top of the stove, such as meat, fish, poultry and dried beans; (2) stews; (3) soups; (4) salads, such as tuna, potato, kidney beans and poultry; (5) fresh vegetables; (6) fresh fruits and fruit drinks.

Many of these — such as the cooked main dishes, stews, soups and fruit drinks — may be completely prepared in advance of the meal for which they are to be used. The other foods suggested should be only partially prepared prior to the time of day for which you intend to use them. This is in order to cut down on the chances for food spoilage and also to insure getting the most food value from the fresh fruits and vegetables.

Use Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

During their summer growing season fresh fruits and vegetables offer opportunities for a wide variation in our menus. In their raw state these foods may be used alone or in combinations. Colorful relish plates can be made from such raw vegetables as radishes, celery, green peppers, cauliflower, green onions, broccoli, tomatoes, turnips and carrots.

Fresh ripe fruits are appetizing served whole or in combinations of two or more as a salad or as a fruit cup for dessert. Fresh fruits and vegetables may be cleaned in advance and kept in the refrigerator until time to serve them. If the vegetables or fruits are to be used in a salad it is generally better to chop, dice or grate them just prior to time to eat them. This procedure

of preparation helps you to get more food value from the fruits and vegetables. These foods retain their full nutritive value when left whole. When they are cut into small pieces a loss of vitamins results — hence if they are to be cut into small pieces do this just before you are ready to serve them.

Hot summer weather provides an ideal atmosphere for breeding bacteria which are a cause of food poisoning. As a safeguard against food spoilage be especially careful in the handling of certain types of foods during the hot weather season. Foods needing this cautious attention include meats, particularly ground meat; seafood; poultry; main dishes made with cream sauces; egg-milk mixtures such as custards, puddings, and sauces; egg and salad dressing mixtures such as potato salad, macaroni salad and similar combinations; cream style foods and soups.

Fast Cooling Important

These foods may be entirely or partially prepared in advance of the time for them to be used only if certain precautions are taken in so doing. If this is not possible then these types of food should be used as soon as they are prepared. Any leftovers need to be *refrigerated immediately* if you plan to use them again. If you are preparing the foods in the morning for use at the evening meal they should be *cooled as quickly as possible* after removing them from the stove. This may be done by placing the cooking utensil in a pan of ice water or ice cubes and letting it remain just till the food is cool. During this time the food should be covered to hold in the flavors and as a protection against anything that might fall into it. As soon as the prepared dish is cool it should be immediately placed in the refrigerator and kept there until time for serving.

If the dish being prepared in advance is a protein food — such as meat, fish, poultry or eggs — which is to be used in combination with a cream sauce, *prepare and cool* the protein portion and the sauce separately. When the two parts of the dish *are cool* then blend them and refrigerate. This procedure makes the cooling process more rapid and reduces the likelihood of spoilage.

If refrigeration is not available these foods should be prepared as close as possible to the time for them to be eaten. Under such conditions only the amounts that can be eaten at one meal should be cooked at a time.

SUMMER MAIN DISHES

Ground beef offers a number of possibilities as a main dish in a form other than plain hamburgers. The following ground beef recipe is a basic one which could make its appearance on

your table in a variety of ways. The type of preparation used involves only the top of the stove—no heating of the oven which continues giving off heat after you have finished using it. This recipe may be made in advance, cooled rapidly, and stored in the refrigerator until mealtime.

Some serving suggestions are (1) on toasted buns or bread, topped with grated natural cheddar cheese if desired; (2) on mashed potatoes; and (3) in a bowl as the meat course of a regular meal.

To balance the meal, add a cooked vegetable, a raw vegetable salad, milk or fruit juice beverage and fresh fruit in season—and you have a hearty meal, with a minimum of effort.

Barbecue-style Ground Beef

- 1 lb. ground *lean* beef
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped celery (2 large stalks)
- ½ cup chopped green pepper
- 1 10½ oz. can condensed tomato soup
- 1 or 2 tablespoons barbecue or chili sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper

Wash and chop celery, green pepper and onions.

Put the tablespoon of oil into a hot skillet, then spread the ground meat over the bottom of the skillet.

When meat is browned on the under side, stir in the chopped vegetables and cover the skillet. Turn heat fairly low, let the mixture steam until vegetables are tender.

Add tomato soup, barbecue sauce and other seasonings, replace cover and simmer for 20 or 30 minutes. (Good canned barbecue and chili sauces may be purchased at most grocery stores. Watch the labels for the kind of fat used in them, if any. Used sparingly, these sauces can add zest to many meat and egg dishes.)

Remove from heat and serve immediately or cool rapidly over ice water or ice cubes, refrigerate and serve later. For later use take it from the refrigerator just prior to time to use it, reheat and serve.

On steamy days when you want to keep cooking of meat dishes to a bare minimum, tuna offers an ideal solution to your problem. It can be used in a variety of ways—especially in tuna vegetable salad. Such a dish requires no cooking. When prepared in this manner the tuna and vegetables give you one dish for the whole main course of your meal—meat, cooked vegetable, and raw vegetables all combined.

To round out the meal you may add potatoes or corn on the cob, bread, butter, milk or fruit juice and raw fresh fruit. This will offer you a simple meal, yet one that is attractive, filling and nutritious.

Tuna-Vegetable Slaw

- 1 6½- or 7-ounce can solid-pack tuna
- 1 cup shredded cabbage
- 1 cup quick-cooked frozen or fresh green peas
- ½ cup diced celery
- ½ cup minced green pepper
- ¼ cup diced carrot
- 1 tablespoon minced onion
- ¼ to ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Prepare all of the vegetables, shredding the cabbage at the last as cabbage changes flavor quickly after being cut. Mix them lightly with the salt.

Open the can of tuna and drain off excess liquid if there is any. Break the tuna into chunks and turn out onto the vegetables.

Stir the mayonnaise to cream, then blend the lemon juice into it. Pour it over the tuna and vegetables and toss lightly to mix. *Serve immediately.* If allowed to stand this salad becomes watery. Enough for 4, or 6 if some are small children.

If you do not happen to have meat on hand to provide protein for your meal, then have a dish that includes milk, eggs, or cheese. For the summer months a cold plate with slices of cheese such as Swiss, mild cheddar, and sharp cheese bordered by stuffed eggs provides an attractive main dish for your meal. With this you could serve a cooked vegetable, sliced tomatoes, tossed green salad and top off the meal with fruit in season.

We often brand soup as a winter food, but it need not be. If you happen to have a small amount of several raw vegetables that need to be used it is an ideal way to use them all at once. Besides, soup is a food that may be prepared in the morning, cooled rapidly, refrigerated, reheated and served at the evening meal. Cheese sandwiches go well with vegetable soup. The cheese contributes protein to the menu. They, too, may be made in advance and kept in the refrigerator until mealtime. Since the soup already furnishes a variety of vegetables it is not necessary to have a vegetable salad. With this kind of meal a fresh fruit salad on crisp lettuce, or a fruit cup dessert made of mixed fresh fruits is better.

Italian Vegetable Soup

- 3 tablespoons brown rice
- ½ cup boiling water
- 1 cup diced carrots
- ½ cup diced celery
- ½ cup finely diced onion
- ¼ cup diced green pepper
- 1½ tablespoons olive oil
- 4 cups hot water
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- ⅛ teaspoon powdered dried thyme
- ⅛ teaspoon black pepper (if desired)
- 1 cup shredded cabbage
- 2 cups canned tomatoes or tomato juice
or 3 cups diced fresh tomatoes
- 1 cup frozen or fresh shelled peas
- ¼ cup minced parsley
- 1 tablespoon prepared mustard (if desired)

Put the rice into a teacup, pour the boiling water on it, cover and set aside. (Rice as it is packaged today does not need washing.)

Prepare the carrots, celery, onion and green pepper. Pour the oil into a 2-quart or larger pot and place over low heat. Add the vegetables that were prepared and stir to coat them with the oil. Put a lid on the pot and leave to steam for 15 or 20 minutes. They should not become hot enough to brown.

Add the hot water, salt, thyme, pepper and the rice—plus the water in which it was soaked—to steamed vegetables. Increase the heat to bring the soup to a fast simmer. Let cook while preparing the next ingredients to be added.

When you have shredded the cabbage, add it and let cook about another 15 minutes. Then add the frozen or fresh shelled peas and the parsley and cook 5 to 8 minutes more. If fresh tomatoes are being used, add them at the same time. If canned tomatoes or tomato juice are used, add them after peas and parsley have cooked and bring the soup to a simmer. Canned tomatoes have already been cooked in the canning process.

If you desire a zesty soup, add the prepared mustard also. Before adding it to the soup, mix a teaspoon of water with it so that it blends in smoothly.

More water and salt may be added to this soup if a thinner soup is better liked.

For a more economical soup, green split peas may be substituted for the fresh or frozen peas. Pour a cup of boiling water onto $\frac{1}{3}$ cup of split peas, cover and leave to soak just as with the rice. Add them when the cabbage is added as they cook more quickly than rice does.

If desired, parmesan cheese may be sprinkled on top of the bowls of soup as it is served. Serves 6.

A hearty soup—such as the next vegetable-bean soup—is almost a complete meal by itself. Served with a dessert-type salad made of shredded carrots, diced apples and raisins, it makes a satisfying and filling meal.

Vegetable-Bean Soup

- 1½ cups dried small white or lima beans
- 2 quarts cold water
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1½ cups diced carrots
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup shredded or finely sliced green pepper
- 1½ medium onions, chopped
- 1½ cups canned tomatoes
- 3 tablespoons whole wheat flour
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup cold water
- 3 cups milk

Wash the beans, place them in a large pot and add the cold water. Let soak overnight.

In the morning add the salt and place the pot of beans with the water in which they soaked over low heat. Simmer (do not boil) until the beans are nearly tender.

Add the prepared raw vegetables and simmer about 30 minutes longer or until the vegetables are done.

Add the tomatoes and bring to the simmering point again.

Mix the flour and cold water to a smooth paste and stir it quickly into the simmering soup.

After the soup has cooked a few minutes to thicken, add the milk and heat to serving temperature.

If desired, 2 or 3 tablespoons of butter may be added. Serves 8 or 10 persons.

Hot weather and something cool to drink seem to go together. All too often beverages which provide little more in value than something to satisfy the taste are used as summer-time thirst quenchers. We can please our thirst and at the same time provide our bodies with more than empty calories. There are unsweetened fruit juices on the market which may be blended with fresh fruit juices and honey to make appealing drinks. These juice drinks are tasty and contain food values that the usual bottled drink or prepared punches do not.

Honeyed Fruit Punch

- 2 cups unsweetened pineapple juice
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup lemon juice
- 2 cups unsweetened grape juice
- 2 cups water
- 6 tablespoons honey
- Mix thoroughly. Chill or serve over ice cubes.
- Serve cold. Yield: 8 servings.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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interested in my Bible and getting some sense out of it. It no longer just collects dust. I've been considerably 'shook up' at some of the things I've heard on your broadcast and amazed to find out how much I haven't understood at all or have just taken for granted."

Woman, Bound Brook, New Jersey
(*Editor's note:* It gives us a wonderful feeling to hear from people who are opening up their Bibles, *really* studying and learning the way to happiness and life, no longer just taking things for granted.)

What Should I Pray About?

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Therefore pray that God will imbue us all with His Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13). Ask God for the gift of repentance so all can overcome sin. Ask God for wisdom (James 1:5), power, understanding, and knowledge.

Pray that God will implant in His people the DESIRE to study and pray until all are filled with the Spirit of God, with understanding and a true sense of

values.

When you read the Bible and don't understand a verse—that is something to pray about. If you are falling short of obeying His instruction—that is something to pray about. For some of you there are almost as many things to pray about as there are verses in the Bible!

Don't just limit the things you pray about to the points mentioned in this

article. Ask God to show you what else HE wants you to pray for. HE will show you *in His Word* many other things to pray about.

Whatever you do don't let your prayer become a mere ritual, a vain repetition. Be diligent. Be persistent. Prayer and Bible Study must be first in your life, or you are putting something else before God. We receive what we ask of God "because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight" (1 John 3:22).

Prayer has to become heartfelt—full of thanksgiving, praise and joy. It should be a spontaneous and natural talking to God. The more you pray, the more you will understand how to pray.

God KNOWS that many of you faithful brethren are praying. He also KNOWS that others have not prayed as they should.

God's ministers have said, "YOU ARE CONVERTED to the degree that you PRAY for God's work!"

If you have been PUTTING OFF prayer until tomorrow DO something now. Force yourself to begin to study and pray. Don't put off your own salvation!

"TRIBULATION"

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unable to stand. Then they stomped up and down on them with all their weight.

These brave men were stripped of all their clothing, except shorts, and dragged outside the camp to a point in full view of the rest of the Americans. Their hands were tied behind them, and they were pulled up by ropes tied to their wrists, so they had to remain standing on their crippled legs and feet.

Then began 48 hours of inhuman torture. The Japanese periodically beat the men with a heavy two-by-four. Their half-conscious screams were horrible to hear. They were battered beyond recognition.

Strong men vomited. Others said, "Oh, just to be able to lie down and die!"

This happened to *hardened* soldiers! Now notice what God prophesies is to happen to this entire nation little more than 10 years from now! "...because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God... the LORD shall scatter thee among all people... The LORD shall give thee there a *trembling heart*, and failing of eyes, and *sorrow of mind*: And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see" (Deut. 28: 62-67).

We Americans were horrified to learn of the intense resentment and hatred that the Japanese felt for us. Because they felt inferior to the Americans, they tried to show us how great they were by mistreating us in every way possible. Life as a prisoner-of-war was a living hell of fear, starvation, and forced labor.

A Sense of Humor

The evening of June 5, 1944, about 5 o'clock, the Japanese told us that they really liked us and wanted to feed us more. After a diet of virtually nothing but rice for many months, this was the best news that we had heard in a long time. They gave us soybeans and some half-rotten sweet potatoes to eat. The kitchen was kept open all night and we were allowed to eat all that we could hold.

However, so much "rich" food was a violent shock to our stomachs. It caused us to vomit. But it was so much fun to eat that we kept coming back, again and again, all night long. Our digestive systems were not able to tolerate such a terrific shock. Severe cramps and diarrhea set in.

The next morning we were marched on board a ship in Davao harbor. Six hundred of us were tightly jammed into a small, dark hold. They put the cover over the hatch, then closed the door that led down the gangway into our hold. There were no toilet facilities.

The heat was terrific, and there was no ventilation except one small porthole. Within a few minutes we were soaking wet with sweat. Our bodies stung as all the excess water was drained out of us by the terrific heat. Our thirst became maddening.

I remember that the physical and mental anguish caused by the constant, ever-present pangs of hunger was so unbearable that I even despaired of living.

Then when the unbearable physical agony of intense thirst set in, I suddenly knew that *extreme* THIRST was far worse than the extreme hunger I had been suffering. I thought, "Oh! just to get back to the United States where I can get a drink of water. Food is easy to get!"

Men began to "pass out" all around due to the heat and suffocation. A desperate struggle for breath began. I then discovered how very much worse it was to be without AIR, than it was to be thirsty or hungry. A dying man clings desperately to the last thread of life. When you are without air, and life begins to ebb away, panic sets in.

As far as I can remember, for the FIRST time in my life I *prayed*—"Oh God, just let me get back to the United States alive, where I can take a breath of 'free' air. I know that I can always find food and water—I'll never, never again complain—no, never!"

Finally, after men began to die, the Japanese opened the hatch door and gave us a little air.

Yet, as bad as that experience was, it is certain that there is coming upon this nation CATASTROPHE that will be far worse than anything that has ever been experienced by humans in the whole history of man! The Almighty God says so!

It grieves me to realize that some of my friends, yes, some of you, are deliberately choosing to go through an experience that will be far worse than my 3½ years of "tribulation."

Many of you are proving by your very actions that you really believe it is too much work to study and pray now, too much work to struggle to overcome.

Some of you actually have said to me that it will take the tribulation to make you "spiritual," that in the face of great danger you will suddenly become willing to give your life for the faith.

Listen!

Let me assure you that it is much, much EASIER to give your life in service to God NOW—it is much easier to study and pray *now*—it is much easier

to have a living, active part in spreading the work of God *now* than it will be to die an agonizing death for refusing to disobey God when brutal, vicious guards try to see how much torture they can inflict upon you.

If you have to go through the tribulation, I am certain that the mental agony you will have — when you realize that you could have escaped all this torture—may well be more than you can bear. It will be worse than the agony of starvation, thirst, and suffocation.

The tragedy of it all is that some of you don't even know that you are "lukewarm." You have never studied the Bible enough to let the Word of God correct, reprove, and instruct you in righteousness. "You don't know that you don't know."

But—if you REPENT—you need not go through the coming tribulation, for God has promised that the faithful will escape (Rev. 3:10).

A Prisoner in Japan

The boat trip from the Philippines to Japan took us 90 torturous days. I will not recount what the succeeding, seemingly endless months were like.

We prisoners-of-war were forced to work seven days a week in a steel mill in Toyama, Japan. In July, 1945 the U.S. Air Force dropped tens of thousands of propaganda leaflets in Japanese. These leaflets had a devastating effect upon the Japanese. They said, "In accordance with America's well-known humanitarian principles, the American Air Force, which does not wish to injure innocent people, now gives you warning to evacuate your city." They warned the Japanese that the air raid would begin at 11:30 p.m., August 9 and end at 2:30 in the morning. It did.

About 400 B29's dropped incendiary bombs. The fantastic figure of "99.5 per cent of the city of Toyama was destroyed in incendiary mission 307." (Craven and Cate, *The Army Air Forces in World War II*, Vol. 5, p. 657.) Our compound, which was on the eastern edge of Toyama, contained the only buildings left in sight. Not a one of us was injured. Not a building of the compound harmed!

They also dropped leaflets saying that our steel mill area was to be the next atom bomb target. But the war ended the very day the raid was scheduled! Did God look down and protect me even when I was a sinner!—knowing that He was going to call me to become a member of His Church?

Out of Slavery

September 6, 1945, I was released from the Japanese prison camp. After arriving back in the United States, I was able to

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IS JUDAISM *the Law of Moses?*

The Pharisees seize authority from the priests, the "traditions of the elders" replace the Bible, laymen claim to be prophets—these surprising facts are discussed in this ninth installment.

by Ernest Martin

THE last installment revealed how laymen came to power through "Judaism"—how they called pagan customs the "traditions of the elders."

Now see what occurred in the century just before Christ's birth.

Innovation of Precedents Which Helped Form Judaism

The acceptance of the "traditional laws," supposedly handed down from Moses, placed the lay leaders in a position of power and authority among the people. It was the people themselves who had inherited the many new customs, and when the lay leaders condoned the customs, claiming them to be Jewish in origin, the people looked upon the lay leaders with honor and respect.

The lay leaders were quite aware that there was no truth in their assertions that these new customs came from Moses. But in order to please the people they deliberately propagated this falsehood. In consequence of their newly found authority, the lay leaders set themselves up as ultimate teachers in matters pertaining to every phase of religious activity. In the matter of accepting the customs inherited from Hellenism, they maintained their prerogatives, as religious authorities, to decide which of the customs to accept and which ones to reject.

"No one except the recognized teachers could say what the tradition contained" (Herford, *Talmud and Apocrypha*, p. 68). Of course, the customs to which the people were most wedded were necessarily accepted.

Many of the priests in the Sanhedrin objected to the lay leaders' assumption of power and especially of their raising to divine law the new customs from Hellenism. The priests were also obstinate in their belief that the authority to rule should be accorded to them alone, for they properly maintained that they were the descendants of Aaron and the only ones recognized by Scripture to be in authority to rule over the people. But the lay leaders would not concede to the priests' demands, and they had the majority of the people behind them. Too many of the priests had deserted to outright Hellenism in the anarchial period and the people were still wary of their tactics.

The Pharisees and Sadducees

The differences of opinion between

the lay leaders and the priests caused a permanent breach between these two groups. The lay leaders, with the religious Jews on their side and believing in the traditional laws, gathered themselves together into one major group. The priests, on the other hand, who tended to agree with one another, gravitated into another group.

This breach between the two leading religious factions among the Jews was the beginning of two prominent New Testament Jewish sects: the Pharisees and the Sadducees. The lay leaders comprised the Pharisaic group. Most of the priests represented the Sadducees. Members from both groups remained in the Sanhedrin, but they were almost always divided on policy.

It is not to be supposed that the whole Jewish population was anxious to get back to some form of religious observances after the period of religious anarchy. The great majority of people were not overly interested in religion. As stated before, 95% of the Jews in Christ's time were not members of the Jewish sects. This lack of real interest in religion among the Jews in New Testament times had its origin within the period of religious anarchy.

The Jewish people as a whole never recovered from the condition that existed within that anarchial period. There was, of course, a limited amount of religious compunction, but not enough for the whole nation to become members in the sects of Judaism.

The Pharisees, however, did have on their side those Jews who were religiously inclined, but the majority showed varying degrees of indifference to the religious squabbles among the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Josephus, the Jewish historian, has this to say about these Pharisees and Sadducees:

"The Pharisees have delivered to the people a great many observances by succession from their fathers, and are not written in the Laws of Moses; and for that reason it is that the Sadducees reject them, and say we are to esteem those observances to be obligatory which are in the written word, but are not to observe what are derived from the tradition of our fathers. And concerning these things it is that *great disputes and differences* have arisen among them, while the Sadducees are able to persuade none but

the rich, and have not the populace obsequious to them, but the Pharisees have the multitude on their side" (*Antiquities of the Jews*, XIII, 10, 6).

Pharisees Repudiate Sole Authority of Priests to Teach Law

A major decision of the Pharisees was that of rejecting the sole authority of the priests to be the religious authorities. The Pharisees admitted that the priests were the only ones with the right to perform the ritualistic services in the Temple. But other than this minor role in directing the religious life of the people, the priests henceforth had little to do, religiously speaking. The Pharisees came to *recognize themselves* as the only real religious leaders.

In assuming the religious leadership, the Pharisees reasoned that they were taking the place of the priests whom they considered unfit to govern the people on account of their rejection of the traditional laws.

Pharisees Reckoned Themselves as Prophets

Upon appropriating to themselves the religious authority among the Jews, the Pharisees thought themselves also competent to be the ultimate judges concerning all religious questions. This gave them, so they reasoned, the right to speak in the name of the Eternal even as the prophets of old had done.

"It is certain that they [the Pharisees] regarded themselves as the successors of the prophets, and that not merely in fact but by right" (Herford, *Talmud and Apocrypha*, p. 71).

The Pharisees contended, by their own statements, that they had been given the spirit of prophecy as had the prophets of old.

They had already accepted the new customs as divine law—and they reckoned that only individuals under the influence of the Spirit of God could do such things! In the Jewish Talmud, a compilation of Jewish writings from the days after Alexander the Great to about 400 years after Christ, there are several statements of these early Pharisees in regard to their belief that they had the same authority as the prophets. In the talmudical tractate called *Baba Bathra*, in section 12a, we read this: "*Prophecy was taken from the Prophets and was given to the Wise [the Pharisees].*" To

this remark is added: "*and it has not been taken from these.*"

Herford deduces from this particular reference, among many others in the Talmud: "The relevance of this passage... is that the Rabbis [the Pharisees] felt that they had, *no less but even more than the prophets, divine authority for what they taught*, and that this was given to them after the time when the prophets ceased to function. It was the way of expressing the belief that the *revelation did not cease* with the extinction of prophecy" (*Talmud and Apocrypha*, p. 72).

The audacious Pharisees considered their laws and commandments as having more weight than those of the Prophets! That divine revelation did not cease with the prophets, but was now in action in the Pharisees as well! They were confident that what they were teaching—even though in so many cases it did not agree with the plain and simple commandments of God as revealed in Scripture—was divine teaching as prompted by the Spirit of God.

The Pharisees felt that God was "revealing Himself now as He had revealed Himself to the prophets, *and speaking not alone in the words of an ancient text, but in words which came from the heart and conscience of men* who felt His hand laid upon them to 'guide them into all truth'" (*ibid.*, p. 69).

Notice this! The Pharisees came to the place of believing that God did not reveal Himself in the Scriptures alone—"speaking not alone in the words of an ancient text"—but that He was actively revealing His present truth to the Pharisees through influencing their hearts and consciences! You can imagine what unlimited authority this gave the Pharisees among those who accepted their beliefs.

By appropriating the role of modern prophets, they maintained the right of free prophetic utterance. That is, they claimed the prerogative to speak the current will of God without the necessity of appealing to the Scriptures. They did not believe they had to be shackled to the teaching of the Scriptures!

This opinion gave the Pharisees extreme latitude. They believed, as Herford puts it, "*in the continuous progressive revelation of God, and that His authority was made known in the reason and conscience of those who sought to know His will, and not only in the written text of the Torah [the law of God]*" (*Talmud and Apocrypha*, p. 73).

The ideas and beliefs of the Pharisees originated in their own minds!

The Pharisees claimed that the Holy Scriptures alone were *not sufficient* to give the complete truth of God—especially since environmental conditions change. To the Scriptures, they claimed,

had to be added the so-called traditional law (which they determined to be the Word of God).

There are Churches today who claim the same prerogative. The Roman Catholic Church, for example, does not derive its authority from the Bible. It rejects, in many cases, the plain teaching of Scripture to proclaim its own church doctrines.

"*They [the Pharisees] upheld the authority of tradition as superior to individual intelligence*, and taught that no Scripture should be of unauthorized, or private, interpretation" (Conder, *Judas Maccabaeus*, p. 203).

It is indeed amazing to what extent the Catholic Church parallels the actions of the Pharisees in this matter.

New Doctrines Taught Independent From Scripture

With the "feeling" that they had the spirit of God guiding them, the Pharisees began to make more laws and commandments of their own, without appealing to the Scriptures.

The first Pharisee we have record of who began to teach new commandments of his own, without any Scripture basis, was Joseph ben Joezer. This Pharisee lived at the time the majority of the Pharisees erroneously accepted the traditional laws as the "Oral Law of Moses."

Joseph ben Joezer made three new laws completely independent of Scripture. In fact, what he commanded was not only independent of Scripture but *was not even permitted by the Law of God*. His commandments in themselves were not earth-shaking violations, but they were only the beginning of a new trend.

His first law permitted the Jews to eat an insect related to the locust family which all Jews previously had considered unclean! Also, he permitted the Jews to eat of the liquids of the slaughtering place (apparently blood, etc.). This, of course, was contrary to many Scriptures (Lev. 3:17, etc.). His last commandment concerned the touching of a dead body. He permitted persons to be ritualistically clean even if they were in constant contact with individuals who had become unclean by touching a dead body (Lev. 11:27, 31, etc.). For making all these new laws, which permitted people to do what had been previously forbidden in the Law of God, he was named by his contemporaries "*Joseph the Permitter.*"

"Joseph is called 'the Permitter,' evidently because in all three decisions he permits things that were formerly considered forbidden" (Lauterbach, *Rabbinic Essays*, p. 219).

These three new commandments were not the only ones to be enacted by the Pharisees. The action of Joseph the Permitter was the setting of a precedent!

His commandments were a little reluctantly received at first, but the reluctance did not last long. From that time forward a *flood of new commandments* began to come forth from the Pharisees.

These new laws, which Jesus called the commandments of men (Mark 7:7), the Pharisees called by the Hebrew name *Halachah*. This Hebrew word in English means "rule" or "decision." It denoted a new rule or decision of the Pharisees. The term *Halachah* (or sometimes the plural *Halakot*) will be used in succeeding parts of this thesis series to denote the human commandments of the Pharisees.]

Now notice what Herford says concerning these three new commandments (*Halachah*) of Joseph the Permitter. "The Mishnah [a part of the Talmud] records three halachahs which were declared by him...but which evidently met with some objection and gave occasion to his colleagues to call him 'Joseph the Permitter.' This was because...he was able to declare *that* to be allowable *which till then had not been allowable, since no interpretation of the written text [the word of God] had been found which would justify his conclusion*" (*Talmud and Apocrypha*, p. 67).

These new *Halachah* of Joseph the Permitter were not customs or habits that had been inherited from the days of the religious anarchy. Or, to put it another way, these were not laws which the Pharisees claimed to be part of the traditional laws from Moses. These *new laws* were nothing more than commandments originating in the mind of Joseph himself. Notice what Lauterbach says:

"It is therefore evident that these *Halakot*...were not older traditional laws transmitted by Joseph as a mere witness, *but Joseph's own teachings. He was the one who 'permitted' and he deserved the name [the Permitter]*" (*Rabbinic Essays*, p. 218).

Pharisees Adopt Precedent of Joseph the Permitter

Because Joseph the Permitter was one of the chief leaders among the Pharisees immediately following the Maccabean Revolt (168-165 B.C.), other Pharisees immediately followed his authoritative example and made new commandments or *Halachah* on their own. This method of teaching was not whole-heartedly accepted by all Pharisees immediately. It took about a generation to establish the new method of teaching firmly among the Pharisees.

If the majority of Pharisees agreed with the new commandments, they would then be accepted as the Word of God—even if the commandments taught just the opposite from the teaching of the Scriptures. *It all depended upon whether*

the Pharisees, as a whole, thought the new commandments were necessary for the people to observe.

This practice gave rise to the theory that new rules—though contrary to Scripture—had to be established to meet the needs of the changing times! Notice Herford's summary of this whole situation:

"The lead which Joseph ben Joezer had given *was followed*, but only gradually; and though the theory of the Unwritten Torah [the traditional laws] was finally accepted and worked out to its furthest consequences, as seen in the Talmud, yet those who most firmly maintained it *were quite aware of the weakness of its foundation*. They knew that it cut the connection between the halachah [the rules of the Pharisees] and the written Torah [the Scriptures], and *they knew that in appearance, at all events, it gave the teachers free scope to teach what they thought fit*" (Herford, *Talmud and Apocrypha*, p. 68).

Pharisees Viewed Scriptures as Out of Date!

Because the Pharisees considered themselves Prophets and able to give the *current* will of God, they reasoned that in many cases the *current* will of God may be completely different from His will as expressed in past times. They maintained that many of their new teachings, which were clearly contrary to the written Word of God, were actually the *present* will of God. This is one of the reasons the Pharisees taught new commandments without Scripture proof!

The Pharisees were confident that as times changed and when the people would be under new environmental conditions that certain of the Laws of God, as revealed in the Scripture would, of necessity, become obsolete and have to be changed. And, feeling that they had the power of prophets, they felt no compunction about teaching new commandments to meet the needs of the time, regardless of whether those teachings contradicted the Word of God or not.

Herford shows us that this was the very attitude of the Pharisees:

"The written Torah was good for the age in which it was given, or in which it was first read; *but the written Torah alone could not suffice for later ages*" (*Talmud and Apocrypha*, p. 113).

With this attitude concerning the Scripture the Pharisees could always maintain that God's will had changed in the matter—that He had revealed His present will to the Pharisees.

This is the very same philosophy that is pervading our modern Christianity! How many times do we meet with statements from the learned theologians of the various Christians' sects saying the same thing today? Almost everyone feels

that the Bible *is out of date—is old fashioned*. Millions assume it is impossible to keep God's laws and commandments in this "modern" age. Let us clearly understand that the Bible *is not out of date*. It can be obeyed, and in fact, it had better be obeyed! Let us not be like the Pharisees who rejected the Scripture. They received the stern rebuke of Christ. Let us, on the other hand, *obey—live by—every word of God* (Matt. 4:4).

From this time forward, we see the development of the Pharisaical Judaism of New Testament times. All the many

arduous and burdensome laws concerning the Sabbath—the laws of washing the hands, pots, pans, etc.—laws regarding fasting—and myriads of others had their development in the minds of the Pharisees between the year 165 B.C. and the coming of Christ.

Once we understand the basis upon which popular Judaism in the days of Christ was founded, we will understand why Christ so severely condemned the practices of the Pharisees and of the other sects!

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Question Box

Your questions answered in these columns! Your opportunity to have discussed those problems pertaining directly to members of God's Church.

A few days ago my children asked me a question about the birth of Jesus, which they had been reading. I could not answer it and would appreciate your help. My children want to know why Jesus was laid in a manger—yet the Wise Men saw Him in a house. How could this be?

When Jesus was born, the *same* night shepherds were given the news by angels. "And there were in the same country shepherds... And the angel said unto them, ... For unto you is born *this* day in the city of David a Savior" (Luke 2:8-11). That very day the shepherds saw Christ in the MANGER (Luke 2:15-16). The need for a manger was due to the temporarily crowded conditions.

Several weeks after the visit of the shepherds Jesus was taken to Jerusalem by His parents. "And when the days of her [Mary's] purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord" (Luke 2:22). According to Leviticus 12:2-4, Jesus was taken to Jerusalem nearly six weeks after His birth. "If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days. And she then will continue in ... her purifying three and thirty days."

When Joseph and Mary returned to Bethlehem they then moved into a HOUSE, where the Wise Men finally saw Jesus for the first time. "And when they (the Wise Men) were come into the HOUSE, they saw the *young child* with Mary his mother" (Matt. 2:11).

So now we can see that the Wise Men and shepherds did not visit Jesus at the same time. The Wise Men saw Him weeks after the shepherds did, and therefore visited Jesus in the house.

As further proof that the Wise Men saw Jesus after His parents took Him to Jerusalem, we find that Joseph in a vision was ordered to go into Egypt as soon as *the Wise Men left* (Matt. 2:12-14). Therefore the Wise Men saw Jesus sometime after He returned with His parents from Jerusalem, and just before they fled to Egypt. Upon their return to Palestine from Egypt, Jesus' parents resided at Nazareth, not Bethlehem. This, then, is the answer and solution to your question.

Two New Churches

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completely rejuvenated in every way. It has totally outgrown the little old church building which Mr. Armstrong helped build with his own hands so many years ago. It has moved into a large, sun-lit and inspiring hall in the Eugene Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. Building. But now it will soon outgrow even this fine hall! And plans are being made to build a fine church edifice for the original "mother" church to meet in out at the edge of town on a beautiful, wooded hillside which we already own!

Let us join Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong in giving God THANKS—as I know they are—for the blessings He has bestowed upon the Eugene church after so many years of trial!

Ministerial Assistants in Local Churches

We have sent out more advanced students than ever this year for ministerial training in the field—not only on baptizing tours, but several to local church areas to work under the local pastor.

We have already mentioned that Mr. Ronald Dart, graduate of Ambassador College, has been sent with his wife to

assist Mr. Wayne Cole in raising up the new churches in Little Rock and Memphis. Mr. Dart came to Ambassador with previous college and military experience, and is a mature and dedicated man. Hundreds of you brethren should have the privilege of meeting Mr. Dart and his wife in the future in God's service.

Another graduate, Mr. Richard Plache, also with previous college training and experience, has been sent to Eugene, Oregon to work under Mr. Cole in that area. Mr. Plache and his wife are both blessed with extremely friendly and outgoing natures, and can be expected to contribute much to God's Church as time goes on.

Mr. Dean Wilson, also an older family man with previous military experience in North Africa, has been sent for the summer only (he is still in school) to assist Mr. Jimmy Friddle in the Seattle area. Mr. Wilson is already proving a powerful speaker, and should develop into a profitable servant of God in the future.

Mr. Carl O'Beirn, another Ambassador graduate and an older family man, has been sent to the Portland area to work in the church there under Mr. Dale Hampton, local pastor. Mr. O'Beirn and his wife have four lovely, very well trained children, and should prove an asset in any church area to which they are sent.

Mr. Kelly Barfield, now a graduate of Ambassador College, and his wife have been sent to assist Mr. Roger Foster in the San Antonio and Corpus Christi church areas. Mr. Barfield has had previous summer training in local church areas, and is a very dedicated servant of Christ.

Mr. Ken Mowat, graduate of Ambassador College and technician in our Radio and Television Department, has been sent for the summer to assist Mr. Bill McDowell in the Pittsburgh area. Mr. Mowat has had previous experience on baptizing tours, and should be able to develop increasingly as a help to the brethren in local areas.

Mr. Richard Pinelli, graduate of Ambassador College, with his wife, Mary, has been sent to Vancouver, B.C., to help Mr. Dennis Prather in our new Canadian office there. Mr. Pinelli will probably be answering some of the letters coming to that office, and may possibly assist Mr. Friddle or Mr. Prather in visiting in that area.

Younger single men being sent out for summer's training and experience in the field ministry include Mr. Leroy Cole, brother of Mr. Raymond Cole and Mr. Wayne Cole, who has been sent to Wichita, Kansas, to assist Mr. Allen Man-teufel there. Mr. Bob Steep, formerly of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has been sent to

Springfield, Missouri, to assist Mr. Bryce Clark in that area.

Mr. Rowlen Tucker has been sent to the Gladewater area to assist Mr. Ken Swisher there. Mr. Ron Goodwin has been sent to Oklahoma City area to assist Mr. David Antion, pastor of the Oklahoma churches.

PRAY for More Servants

Perhaps the greatest NEED of God's Church today in "feeding the flock" is that of more trained, dedicated and *qualified* ministers.

This is not just a current problem. It was so even in Jesus' day. Remember His words: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38).

So in describing the wonderful "harvesting" that is being done this summer by God's servants, I want to stress the TRAINING that the dedicated men involved are receiving. For this *training*—coupled with their yieldedness to the POWER of God's Spirit working within them—can well become the foundation for the ordination of many more full-time *ministers of Jesus Christ!*

Brethren, PRAY toward that end! And all of you men in the local Spokesman Clubs—as well as all deacons and leaders in local churches—begin to *drive* yourself to develop spiritually so that you may qualify—as God wills—as a powerful servant in the Church of God today. Whether as a local deacon or elder, or as a full-time elder or minister of Jesus Christ—YOU may have opportunity to help change the lives of others for *all eternity*.

The reward is *worth it*. For God inspired Daniel to write of this time of the end: "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that *turn many to righteousness* as the stars forever and ever" (Dan. 12:3).

TRIBULATION

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obtain all the food, water, and air that anyone could desire. Yet, somehow that did not make me happy, as I thought it would. There was something missing. Life was empty; it was not satisfying. I kept looking for something, just what, I did not know. I went to college, but the more of this world's knowledge I gained, the more miserable I became.

The latter part of October in 1953 I heard the voice of the World Tomorrow broadcast. For the first time in my life I knew that I heard a man speak the TRUTH straight from God's Word. It made sense. From that very first broad-

cast I realized that I NOW had found what I had been looking for. Life suddenly became full and meaningful.

The TIME is NOW!

Maybe you have gone through this same experience. You have come to realize that sin is WRONG—that God's laws are RIGHT and for *your* GOOD. You have *repented* of your disobedience to the Supreme CREATOR God—you have been baptized and have been given the Holy Spirit.

All you brethren have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal SAVIOUR, believing that He is able to deliver you from your past sins by His shed blood, which justifies, makes clean your guilty past. You are now RECONCILED to God the Creator.

Contact with God has been established and God has made good His PROMISED gift of the Holy Spirit. He is reproducing Himself in you, creating in you a new character.

But there *is* something that you must be doing. You still have the downward pull of HUMAN NATURE striving *against* this new divine character which is being created in you. You must "*overcome*" this carnal nature (Rev. 2:26).

Is Eternal Life Worth the Effort?

God has chosen to create His character in you, to make you His son, a member of His very family. Once God has called you He will not change His mind (Rom. 11:29) and call you again some other time.

This is it! If Eternal Life in the Kingdom of God is not worth the effort, if you don't, can't, or just plain won't *in faith* let God develop character *now*, if you won't force yourself to pray, force yourself to study, if you won't ask God for the Gift of continued repentance *now*, if you won't back the WORK with your prayers and with your tithes and special offerings *now*, Christ will SPUE you out—you will no longer have His protection (Rev. 3:16).

God *will* force you to make a choice. He said, "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life..." There is no way out. You cannot escape it. You *must* make the choice. If you choose to let God develop in you His character, He promises to give you Eternal Life. But if you refuse to seek Him earnestly, with all your might, while He may be found, *He will reject you* (Rev. 3:16).

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

This is the lesson of life my experience has taught me.