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Christ's POWER Moves His Church Forward!

*Seven more ministers ordained! Three new mailing offices!
Two new churches! A glorious Pentecost observed by many
thousands.*

by Roderick C. Meredith

"YE shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of Man be come" (Mat. 10:23).

The work of God's Church is now beginning to reach the cities of Israel with real POWER.

It is good for all of us, brethren, to pause and realize once in a while that the growth God is giving is not just something interesting to think about or read about—it is the prophesied fulfillment of Christ's commission to His Church! You who read this are part of the very BODY—the physical instrumentality—through which Jesus Christ is doing HIS work. Each of us has a definite responsibility—and a wonderful CHALLENGE which should give more meaning and purpose to our lives in doing our part in this work.

Seven More Ministers Ordained

Honestly and sincerely, you should be inspired and THRILLED by the news you are about to read! It should move you not only to rejoicing but to thanksgiving to God and earnest and prevailing PRAYER that Almighty God and our Living Head Jesus Christ will continue to use us—fashion and mold us—and EMPOWER us even more in performing our part in the glorious work of GOD.

Although we certainly didn't plan it that way, and the ordinations took place a few weeks apart in three different locations, Christ led His ministers recently to ordain exactly seven additional ministers to help pastor His Church. Since seven is God's number of perfection or completeness, it is interesting and significant that He often causes us to do things in sevens even in His human work—although we do not always realize it until after it is done!

On the Sabbath after college graduation in Pasadena, June 10th, Mr. Ted Armstrong led the ministers at God's Headquarters Church in ordaining as full preaching elders Mr. Dean Wilson, Mr. Arthur Craig and Mr. Bill Winner. All three of these men have long records of dedication, overcoming and leadership in God's work. It was indeed a time of rejoicing when they were ordained!

Mr. Dean Wilson came to Ambassador College as an older, married man—now father of three children—and had previously served in the armed forces in North Africa where he heard The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast over Radio Luxembourg even there in Africa! Since coming to Ambassador College, working hard and sacrificing to support his wife and family, Mr. Wilson

has made a splendid record of service, growth and leadership. He spent last summer assisting Mr. Jim Friddle in preaching, visiting and counseling in the Seattle-Tacoma area—and up in the Vancouver area as well. This year, he has been given special training and experience in business and office managerial responsibilities at God's Headquarters in Pasadena.

Now Mr. Wilson has returned to the Northwest—this time to take over the business management and direction of our entire office in Vancouver, and to pastor the church there as well. The brethren in that area were extremely happy when they heard of this appointment, but Mr. Wilson will need our prayers to make the success in this new responsibility that he should.

Mr. Arthur Craig has been a consistent and outstanding leader in campus activities at Ambassador College. Last summer, he had the experience of going out on a baptizing tour of several weeks. Back on campus, Mr. Craig has been on the local Visiting Program and bringing sermons and sermonettes in churches in the Los Angeles area. He has also been Vice President of the student body this past year, and regarded by everyone as a real spiritual

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Letters to the Editor

WORLD TOMORROW welcomed in Toronto

"Dear Mr. Armstrong,

"On March 31, I was having trouble receiving KXEL and as I happened to turn the dial a little, to my surprise, I heard your voice on a Toronto station, CKFH. After the program was over I went to the privacy of my room and thanked God for bringing His Truth to the people of this area. To find out the correct time of the program and how often during the week it was broadcast, I telephoned CKFH. The young lady to whom I was speaking informed me the station has had quite a number of calls from people about the program, saying how wonderful it was."

Woman from Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Response from Scotland

"Dear Mr. Armstrong,

"This is just what I have been asking God to do for a very long time. I was thrilled to learn that The WORLD TOMORROW programme was coming on the air at 7:00 P.M. instead of midnight. My brother and sister both had the opportunity to hear you. My brother was amazed to hear you preach on the book of Job for a *whole* half-hour, so we are looking forward to Monday and Tuesday of next week."

Listener from Scotland

• This world is mixed up. A thirty-minute sermon on the book of Job is almost unheard of in the churches of the world but a twenty-minute sermon on a single verse is quite common.

Visiting Teams Change People's Lives

"Dear Mr. Armstrong,

"Satan had me believing I had a false conversion. I was very depressed. I could see by my works that I was not overcoming. I was at the place where I was not even trying. I wrote and requested I be taken off all mailing lists. Then, God took a hand in my life. He sent Mr. McCrady and Mr. Kroll to me. Through them He showed me that my baptism was indeed valid; that I am a member of His Church. It was made clear to me that I was weak, and I had come very close to quenching the Spirit completely. Mr. McCrady taught me the value of fasting and prayer in the time of need. I am now attending Sabbath services at Wichita."

Man from Chanute, Kansas

Grateful to have Local Church

"Dear Mr. Armstrong,

"It was a great blessing to be able to attend the first Sabbath services at Philadelphia. Mr. Smith gave us encouragement and admonished us that we strive and make every effort to be there each Sabbath. My husband is not converted but he drove us up and went to the service with the children and me. Afterward he told me he liked the way Mr. Smith conducted the service. We are looking forward to going to many more services. I thank God for this blessing and all of you who have helped make it possible."

Woman from Dover, Delaware

Bible Study for Negro Brethren

"Dear Mr. Armstrong,

"I am grateful for the Bible Class being conducted in Meridian for the Negro brethren. I have told several of my Negro friends about it in hopes they would attend. My prayers have been with Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Catherwood as they teach and guide our Southern Negroes in the light of Gods' truth. The South would have no racial problem if it were not for NAACP and other organizations coming in to disrupt the South's way of life. The Negroes here are happy and grateful for what has been done for them in the last several years toward giving them a chance for education and getting along better financially."

Member from Mississippi

• Direct contact with members of God's Church, through local churches and visiting teams is vitally necessary. Through your prayers, tithes and offerings, God's ministry is reaching many areas that have been completely isolated in the past. Continue to pray for more qualified, dedicated men to be made available for this vital need.

From West Germany

"Dear Mr. Klammer,

"I have heard your talks several times from Radio Luxemburg on Sunday morning. It has pleased me very much to see the sharp clarity with which you deliver the message of the Bible. This morning I listened with interest to your talk on the many denominations. I deeply regret that Christian theology is not willing to accept the clear word of the Bible, in its totality, as the only guide of faith."

Man from Württemberg

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and new address. IMPORTANT!

Church Moves Forward

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leader here at God's college.

So it was no surprise when Mr. Craig was called forward to be ordained as a minister of Jesus Christ. Having postponed marriage to his childhood sweetheart for several years in order to put God's work first, Mr. Craig postponed it still further in order to lead a nationwide baptizing tour this summer with Mr. Roy Holladay as his companion.

But now—as we will explain later—Mr. Craig has been given a full pastoral responsibility even sooner than we had planned. So it will soon be Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Craig ministering to some of God's Churches in the Southeast!

Mr. Winner and Mr. Bald

Mr. Bill Winner has also been an outstanding example of service and dedication since coming to Ambassador College. He accompanied Mr. Leroy Neff two years ago on a tour through the states of California and Nevada baptizing and counseling with interested radio listeners. Last summer, Mr. Winner was the leader of a longer baptizing tour lasting several weeks. Then, upon his return to college, he was used in bringing sermonettes and sermons in local churches in the Los Angeles area, and in visiting and counseling with church members and listeners coming here to God's Headquarters.

Mr. Winner is slated to replace Mr. Tony Hammer this coming fall as pastor of God's Church in Melbourne, Australia. But before doing so, he has had to fill in the "gap" left by Mr. Frank McCrady—now leading a baptizing tour—in the Wichita and Liberal Churches. Just before leaving for Wichita, Mr. Winner took as his wife the former Miss Carolyn Travis—one of Ambassador College's sweetest and most dedicated coeds—which is *saying a lot!* Our prayers should certainly be with Mr. and Mrs. Winner in their new responsibilities in Wichita and Liberal, Kansas, and their coming assignment in Australia.

On this same Sabbath, one of our most dedicated and faithful ministerial assistants in the Chicago area was ordained as a *local elder* by Mr. Dean Blackwell and the other area ministers. With this ordination, the steady growth and dedication exhibited by Mr. John Bald was capped with his "setting apart" as an ordained elder in God's Church.

Mr. Bald and his wife, Nancy, have already served the Chicago area brethren

for several years and won their love and respect. But with this ordination, he will be able to serve even more powerfully in anointing the sick and handling many of the more weighty problems of the ministry.

Three Ordained in Britain

Having personally approved the ordinations in America, Mr. Herbert Armstrong was joined by Mr. Raymond McNair and the other ministers in England in ordaining three additional men to the office of *preaching elder* at God's college in England. These new ministers are Mr. Dibar Apartian, Mr. Robert Boraker, and Mr. James Wells.

Mr. Apartian came into God's work about seven years ago merely as a professor of French. But having become *deeply converted*—gradually but steadily being used more and more powerfully in directing the French work and being the voice of *The WORLD TOMORROW* in the French language—Mr. Apartian has literally found himself "put" into the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Last summer, your author had the pleasure of Mr. Apartian's companionship and help on a baptizing tour through Northern California and Southern Oregon—visiting with *dozens* of listeners to *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast and many members as well. Mr. Apartian has been bringing messages in the local Los Angeles area churches—but his main ministry has been in the *French language* speaking over Radio Luxembourg and Radio Europe No. One to *all of France* each week. The response has been splendid—the "fruits" have all been good—and now Mr. Apartian has been ordained as a full minister of Jesus Christ! Let us *rejoice* and also *pray* for him and his wife, Shirley, in the ever-increasing responsibility placed on their shoulders in God's work.

Mr. Bob Boraker is known to literally *thousands* of you brethren personally—as he was long the "mainstay" and Supervisor of the Letter Answering Department here in the United States. He carried on this responsibility for a few years after his own graduation from Ambassador College, and was later sent to England to direct the Letter Answering Department there for God's growing work in Europe.

Mr. Boraker has written several articles for *The GOOD NEWS* magazine over the past several years, and is

familiar to most of you readers. He has proved a *faithful* and *dedicated* servant of Jesus Christ—although his main ministry is and undoubtedly will be in the field of *writing* and *counseling by letter*.

So for this ministry in which he has been so greatly used, Mr. Bob Boraker has also been ordained as a *preaching elder* in God's Church. Let us *give thanks* for him and also remember in prayer both him and his wife in their future service to Jesus Christ and His Church.

Our First British Minister

And now, the final minister to be mentioned also represents an important *FIRST*—for he is *the first British minister to be ordained by the Philadelphia era of God's Church!*

Both Mr. James Wells and his wife are especially well known by your author. For it was through the small "evangelistic" meetings that I held in January and February of 1957 in London, England, that Mr. Wells became converted and a member of the Church of God. And, as an interesting side light, it was on a baptizing tour in 1951 with Mr. Raymond McNair—now evangelist in charge of God's Churches in Britain—that I first met Miss Phyllis DeBerry, now the wife of Mr. Wells. She was then only a young girl with a serious affliction in her foot—causing her to be unable to walk normally. We began to pray for her—as did many others—and an anointed cloth was sent from Mr. Armstrong. Now Phyllis *can* walk and run very well, and *DID* walk "down the aisle"—her face beaming with happiness—to become the bride of Mr. James Wells, just a little over a year ago!

Mr. Wells was the *first* British student to come to Ambassador College in America. After proving himself a dedicated Christian and servant of Christ, and after going on a nation-wide baptizing tour covering much of North America and Canada between his junior and senior years, Mr. Wells was the *first* English student to graduate from God's college.

After graduation, Mr. Wells and his new wife were sent to England to help in the churches there and as Assistant Registrar of Ambassador College, Bricket Wood, England. Now he has proved himself faithful in these responsibilities—and has been preaching with increasing power, visiting and serving faithfully the brethren in the English churches. So he has now been blessed in being the *FIRST* British member of God's Church to be ordained to the ministry in this age!

Congratulations, James and Phyllis! I am sure that I am safe in saying that ALL of your true brethren here in America—and around the world—will be remembering you in prayer in this new responsibility placed on your shoulders!

Two More Local Churches Established

Additional growth in God's work is evidenced by the recent establishment of two new local churches in the Pacific Northwest. This entire district is under the superintendency of God's evangelist, Mr. Raymond Cole, and will undoubtedly see tremendous growth and development in the years ahead.

Now the Bible study in Vancouver, British Columbia, has been turned into a full-fledged church with regular Sabbath services! Ministered to now for many months by the Seattle-Tacoma pastor, Mr. Jim Friddle, the Bible study in Vancouver had grown to the place where thirty to forty brethren were often in attendance. With the coming of Mr. Dean Wilson—now ordained—

to Vancouver to take charge of the business offices and ministerial responsibilities there, it was decided to turn this Bible study into a full-fledged church.

Therefore, on Friday night, June 15, 1962, your author had the privilege of conducting the first preaching services in the new Vancouver Church of God. There were 53 in attendance and great JOY was evidenced by everyone with the realization that now *full church services*—soon to be converted to a Sabbath afternoon time—were now under way!

Hard-working Mr. Raymond Cole has been conducting a Bible study in Medford, Oregon, for the past few months in preparation to founding a church there. Now, the Medford meetings have also been turned into a full church with regular Sabbath services which began July 7, 1962, with about 60 enthusiastic brethren in attendance!

Let us both rejoice and PRAY for these new churches, brethren. And let us pray that God will send forth the LABORERS—so sorely needed—into His harvest so that additional dozens of churches may be raised up throughout

America and around the world as Christ makes this possible. There are a few dozen areas *right now* where many interested listeners are literally *crying out* for the opportunity of having a local church!

Remember this situation in your prayers!

Joyous Pentecost Services

Successful Pentecost services were conducted all over the nation in our churches, and, of course, in the overseas areas as well. Growth and progress was evident in each individual area, but we will only have space to report some of the highlights from the larger areas in this article.

At God's Headquarters Church in Pasadena, Mr. Norman Smith and Mr. Herman Hoeh conducted Pentecost services for nearly 1000 people. Mr. Smith spoke upon the subject, "Why Do We Need the Holy Spirit?" He showed that man is incomplete without God and His nature which alone endures. In his message, Mr. Hoeh explained all about

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Pentecost at the Headquarters Church in Pasadena. Brethren are enjoying lunch in the noon-day sun, while relaxing on the spacious lawn by the Ambassador College Library building. Those big leaves you see on the lawn are a normal weekend fall from the giant rubber tree at the far right.

Don't Deceive Yourself!

Here is the continuation of last month's straightforward article on OVERCOMING. Read it—and ACT.

by David Jon Hill

"BUT be ye *doers* of the word, and not hearers only, *deceiving your own selves*" (James 1:22). There are many times that all of us in God's Church have used this scripture in referring to the people in the world to prove that *they* should obey God's law. Now let us apply it to ourselves, individually, as members of the Body of Christ—since it is direct instruction from Almighty God through His Apostle James to us.

If you read last month's article, "You Are Your Own Worst Enemy," and have done nothing about it until now, you stand on this *dangerous ground* described by James—that of self-deception. If you have done nothing about this article which requested *direct action on your part*, then chances are that you have done nothing about *many* of the articles which have appeared in both The GOOD NEWS and The PLAIN TRUTH!

Self-Deception

Let's understand! Actions *do* speak louder than words. It doesn't matter how much knowledge you have concerning God's plan of salvation, if you don't live according to that knowledge.

Knowing that the world is going to end in catastrophe as described by the startling prophecies revealed in your Bible and yet not *doing* anything about it to insure your safety from that end-time destruction is *desperately dangerous*. God has revealed the truth to us concerning this end-time turmoil and His coming kingdom as a WARNING! The knowledge of these things that are going to come to pass is not of itself our passport to safety and freedom. It is only the initial incentive to shock us into recognition of reality and an understanding that *we personally must change OUR lives—OUR daily living!*

Yet many times we kid ourselves. We accept the outstanding changes that God requires of us, such as Sabbath-keeping and abstaining from unclean meats, but do not go beyond that surface change to completely renew ourselves, to scour out our minds and renew the very way we think. Self-deception is a subtle and a bitter enemy. We *think* we are doing all right because of the knowledge we have. This is a dangerous prelude to Laodicean thought and non-action.

Knowing the schedule of prophetic events, we sometimes enjoy smugly talking to our friends and warning them of what is going to take place in Europe—of how the United States is on its way down and out. We are like a man standing in the middle of the railroad tracks proclaiming the imminent arrival of an express train. He loudly proclaims to everyone that the train is about to come and warns them to clear the tracks! Few pay any attention to him but he quietly assures himself, saying, "Just wait, you'll see who was right when the train *does* come through!" Then the train comes with sudden fury, 90 miles an hour, bearing down with incredible, awe-inspiring speed that freezes him in his tracks despite the fact that *he knew the train was coming!* He tries vainly to leap out of the way—now he's spurred to *desperate action!* But, his action is too late and too little. He dies under the relentless onslaught of the train, though *he knew the schedule!*

He had *knowledge* that the train was coming. He *believed* in this knowledge. He was *convinced of it*. He tried to tell others, to *warn them* to get out of the way—but he himself refused to budge!

A Present Problem

From the reports of those working with local and scattered churches, ministering to you brethren, come these suggestions for sermon topics: "Self-righteousness and How to Detect it—Self-righteousness and the Book of Job—Self-righteousness Conquered—Self-righteousness!" An excerpt from one report reads: "Family dissensions continue to present problems, but the SCOURGE OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS is *probably the most prevalent!*"

Another comment starkly outlines the desperate need of personal, individual, deep, heart-rending, soul-wrenching, inner-being CHANGE! This minister states: "Some of the members are beginning to exhibit a comfortable 'we've-found-our-niche' attitude. Good habits of prayer, Bible study and church attendance, coupled together with faithful tithing have been established. Yet, the *expected change* in their lives is not evident. They appear to feel that once they have fulfilled the 'letter' requirements, they can then proceed to worldly pursuits such as: acquisition of material goods, obtaining social status, and cater-

ing to the physical senses. They need to be *jolted into realizing* the 'letter' requirements are only the *basis* for desirable growth in the FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT!"

This whole world is deceived! Satan has deceived it! The many millions following the different ideologies in the world today consider themselves to be the ones who are living correctly.

Those of us who have been called out of this world by God's Holy Spirit have had that deception *stripped from our eyes!* We are no longer deceived into thinking that any way but God's way is the right way. But that is just the FIRST step! If we now allow the pull of human nature to *deceive even us*—if we just *hear* the good news of God's kingdom, even if we *understand and believe* that we must live according to God's government and His ways—and yet *do not COMPLETELY CHANGE clear to the core by active overcoming of self*, we will end up in the SAME DESTRUCTION prophesied for this deceived world!

God's warning to us is: "Wherefore let him that *thinketh* he standeth *take heed* lest he FALL." The one who is going to gain God's kingdom is the one who implores God for the power to overcome *constantly!* The one who is so shocked by his own weaknesses and infirmities that he is driven to cry out and ask God's *constant* strength and help to battle *daily* HIS OWN carnality, the world around him and Satan the Devil!

Don't let yourself think for once that you've got it made!

Andrew Jukes in his book, *The Law of the Offerings*, carnal-minded as he may be, could *see* this problem as he studied the meaning of the offerings made in the Old Testament: "...how much less perception is there of *sin* than *trespass*; he [the individual] has done *this* evil, or *that* evil, or the other; he has scarcely learnt as yet that in himself *he is evil!*" Since we just *are* that way, of ourselves, we desperately need God's Holy Spirit actively working in us continually every minute of every day—and we will never be able to say "it is done" until we stand born as God's very sons, divine spirit beings!

Self-Righteousness

This lethargy is a current problem with the baptizing teams who are visit-

ing people around this nation and around the world. The people whom they are visiting have listened to the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast, received the PLAIN TRUTH magazine and studied the Correspondence Course for perhaps years. They have requested God's representatives to come to them and *bury* them in the death of Jesus Christ!

Yet the very essence of the carnal mind and the influence of this world around us which makes us callous to wrong and evil brings this representative report of the tours: "We are still running into a *great deal of self-righteousness*. People just do not seem to see that *their sins* are very great. When we asked them how they feel about their lives in the past, as far as God is concerned, we have to sit through a long explanation about how they have *never* done anything '*really bad*' that they must repent of now. This experience has helped us to see why God *hates* our self-righteousness so much!"

Our human minds tend to lull us into the false security that we are all right, that we are not *too bad*! It puts us into an attitude of lackadaisical obedience that grieves God and His Holy Spirit!

Realize the Enormity of Sin

If you had lived in the time when Jesus Christ walked this earth as a man, could you picture *yourself* as the *one* who—while Christ hung on that stake in agony after long hours of physical tortures and mental anguish—callously seized a Roman spear, and *violently* thrust it into the heart of our Saviour?

"Oh, no!" You recoil! You could not have done a thing like that!

Or how about you who are women—can you picture *yourself* as a harlot, a prostitute, selling your body to make your living? "I've done lots of things that were wrong, but I would never do anything *that bad*!" is an approximate answer that many would give.

Brethren, let us understand the enormity, the horror of our *personal responsibility* in the death of our Saviour, Jesus Christ; and also the extent of the filth and the mire in which we ALL sunk before God redeemed us from it, washed us of our sins and accepted us before His throne as His children through the blood of Jesus Christ! Let's read what the Apostle Peter said on that Day of Pentecost in 31 A.D. "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God hath made *that same Jesus*, WHOM YE HAVE CRUCIFIED, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36).

Peter was here talking to more than

3000 men, many of them devoutly religious, coming to Jerusalem from all over the world to observe one of God's Holy Days! There were undoubtedly some, if not many, in the crowd that he was speaking to who had *personally* said just a few weeks prior to this sermon, "Crucify Him! crucify Him!" in reference to the very Jesus that Peter was preaching. Yet, surely not all of these men were personally responsible for the crucifixion of Christ! None of them had *personally* seized the spear that ended his life. None of them had *helped nail him to the stake*! Yet, Peter said to them, "... whom YE have crucified!" (Acts 2:36).

The same message is for us today! It's been nearly 2000 years since Jesus Christ shed His blood here on this earth. But this does not excuse us from *our responsibility* for His death! We have been just as much a part of His crucifixion as was Pilate, the Sanhedrin or the Jewish mob that cried for Him to be crucified, or the Roman soldier who thrust Him through with a spear!

BY THE ACTION OF PLACING OUR SINS ON CHRIST—OF ACCEPTING HIM AS OUR PERSONAL SACRIFICE—WE CRUCIFIED HIM!

If no other individual had ever lived but you, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, His death, and His bearing of your sins on the stake in His body, the pouring out of His life blood, *would have been necessary* for YOU alone to enter into eternal life!

The penalty for sin is *death*! Sin is the transgression of the law! The same law that says that "Thou shalt do no murder" says "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy!" The same law that says "Thou shalt not commit adultery" says "Honour thy father and thy mother!" ONE SIN REQUIRES THE SAME PENALTY AS ANOTHER!

Yet, because we are human, we tend to look upon Sabbath-breaking as *far less* an accusation against our character before God than murder! We tend to soften the attitude of disobedience we had toward our parents and *not think* to compare it to the act of adultery! In weighing our sins in this *human* balance we misunderstand the ENORMITY of our own PERSONAL *transgressions of the laws* of our Divine Judge!

The Physical Type of Christ's Sacrifice

Let us understand the way in which the sin offering of the Old Testament pictured the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for us. All the way through Leviticus 4 you will notice that whether it was the Priest

(Verse 3), the elders (Verse 15), the rulers (Verse 22), or even one of the common people (Verse 27), who had committed a sin against God, it was necessary for *that individual to slay the sacrifice*! "And if any one of the *common people* sin through ignorance, while he doeth somewhat against *any* of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and be guilty; or if his sin, which he hath sinned, *come to his knowledge*: then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned. And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering, and SLAY the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering" (Lev. 4:27-29).

Now let's notice a New Testament statement regarding the ultimate fulfillment of this type of sacrifice in the body of Jesus Christ. "For he [God] has made him [Christ] to be sin for us [the correct translation here should be '*a sin offering for us*']" (II Cor. 5:21).

When we repent, we recognize our sins and accept the sacrifice of Jesus Christ to pay for them. This is as much a recognition on our part that the sacrifice of Christ is *necessary* for the payment of OUR sins. OUR sins, then, *directly caused the death blows to fall on our Saviour*!

Let's notice Jesus' own explanation of the meaning of the *depth* of the forgiveness offered to us through His sacrifice.

In Luke 7, beginning in verse 36, there is an account telling of a time that Jesus went to have dinner with a certain Pharisee. This Pharisee's name was Simon, and he was a leper. There was also a woman present at this dinner who was an obvious sinner—perhaps a street woman, a harlot! "And [she] stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment" (verse 38). Now this Pharisee, obviously a *religious* man, shrank at the thought of Jesus allowing this obvious sinner even to touch him! Reasoning in his own mind, he said, "... This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner" (verse 39).

An Important Parable

Christ perceived this attitude of Simon's and gave him advice through the following parable: "And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. There was a certain

creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me, therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little."

This incident is not recorded in your Bible in vain. Let's understand its present day meaning for *you*. Was Jesus trying to tell Simon that he had but fifty sins to be forgiven, but this woman obviously had five hundred sins?

NO!

There is a much deeper meaning: Simon was a leper, therefore he had committed *physical sins* which brought this upon him. Simon was a Pharisee, one of the "snakes" in the "generation of vipers" whom Jesus had so plainly labeled as *sons of the Devil!* (Jn. 8:44). He was obviously a man well-off, perhaps rich, as he was able to entertain Christ and as well because of the type of parable that Christ used. Because of this, he was undoubtedly involved in many "little" sins. Yet, he could not see *these*. He was *self-satisfied*, he was *self-deceived*, SELF-RIGHTEOUS! He was like his brother-Pharisee who prayed, "God, I thank thee, that I am not as *other* men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican" (Luke 18:11). He could see the sins of others, but *was blind to his own!*

He could see no imperfection in himself, but was highly indignant at others. He would not deign to classify *himself* as a "real" sinner! He could not realize the immensity of HIS *sin* nor the immensity of the *sacrifice* that would be needed to *pay for that sin* on the part of his Saviour!

The woman, on the other hand, because her sins were *obvious*, recognized to be sins by both man and God, could *readily see* and *eagerly repent* of them. She *knew* SHE was a sinner and she knew an AWFUL PRICE would have to be exacted to pay for those sins, therefore she was deeply grateful and

expressed it in outgoing love to her Saviour.

The meaning for us today is for each of us to weigh and measure the *immensity of OUR sins by GOD'S SCALE and not by our own!* We should realize how they look *in the sight of God*, and how overwhelming a sacrifice it was that Christ made for us *individually*.

Once we have achieved this viewpoint, we should not only be *deeply thankful* for the sacrifice of Christ but recognize the *weighty responsibility* that the application of that sacrifice places on us once it has been applied! Now we can see how terrible ANY sin is. This makes us abhor and shrink back in terror from committing again the things which displease our Creator and grieve His Holy Spirit.

A Carnal Pitfall

Once you understand the meaning of the above parable you will be able to avoid the favorite *carnal* pastime that *your* mind is eager to engage in. "For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise" (II Cor. 10:12). Pointing out someone else's sins often makes you feel more righteous! When you are able to stand back from somebody else's life objectively and pick out *his* faults and mistakes, and describe these to yourself or to others around you, the fact that you do not practice these same sins makes you feel superior!

Here's how it works: (1) in your conversation you explain what is the *right* way to do a certain thing; (2) you also add incidentally that *you always practice that right way*; (3) you show how someone else has done it a *different* way, proving him wrong—and at the same time proving yourself right, and "more righteous" than the other fellow. The fourth step is the clincher: (4) you say with shocked, open-faced, indignant innocence that *you do not understand how this other person could have done the thing he did the way he did!*

The sad thing about this human trait of comparing yourself with others is that you need someone to agree with you, to sympathize with you—A *STOUGE!* Therefore, your physical friends are dangerous—if the reason for your association is mainly physical. In order to overcome this, you need to be close to God in prayer, consciously asking His help so that you will not make these careless statements about other people.

And *by all means do not descend to*

being somebody else's "stooge"! IF this type of downgrading another person is being practiced in your ear, have the spiritual fortitude to suggest *another topic of conversation*.

Spiritual Pride

God says: "Be not righteous *over much*; neither make thyself *over wise*: why shouldest thou destroy thyself?" (Ecc. 7:16). The Pharisees of Jesus' day had added sixty-five do's and don'ts to the keeping of the Sabbath. They had reduced the *spirit* of keeping the Sabbath *holy* into carnally understood and physically defined *laws of their own*. This is why there was such a stir when Jesus went through a wheat field one day and plucked a few ears of wheat to eat. The reason the Pharisees were so disturbed was because one of their rules was that on the Sabbath day it was permissible to pluck one ear of wheat but to pluck two or more would be considered reaping and therefore work, which was banned on the Sabbath day. They even went to the extreme of declaring that it was unlawful to catch a flea on the Sabbath day, with the added condition that if the flea *bit* you then you were free to catch him and exterminate him!

Because of this *show* of righteousness of *theirs*, they wondered when they saw Jesus eating with and talking to "Publicans." They couldn't understand how a holy man would think of associating himself with a sinner. Jesus' plain answer to them was that answer which we can apply in our lives today: "I came not to call the righteous, but *sinners* to repentance" (Luke 5:32).

That is, those who *recognize* that they are indeed sinners!

The natural minds that we are born with cause us to have self-righteous tendencies today in God's Church. We tend to equate the righteousness which comes by God's Holy Spirit to righteousness that we can understand *physically*. We begin to reason with our carnal minds and leave God out of the picture.

Once we learn about the benefits of certain "health foods" we are highly indignant of those who still remain in ignorance. We are *shocked* when we hear that a member has used "white sugar," and are driven to our knees about the brother who has not yet learned the evils of hydrogenated oil. Our carnal minds dwell on such things as *fasting and diet* rather than allowing God's Spirit to keep our thoughts on *healing and forgiveness*.

Our carnal minds lead us to think about the *minister and his "speech"*

rather than the *ministry and its message!* We dwell on the *physical circumstances* rather than the *spiritual hope!*

Religious Reasoning

Perhaps we even go so far as to give *spiritual sounding reasons* for doing and justifying wrong acts that we commit. An example might be: "I think we all ought to have more love, yield more to God's spirit." Now, since this is a truism—that is, of course we all ought to have more love and we ought to yield more to God's Spirit—this then allows the individual who has made this statement to go ahead and criticize, condemn and gossip about other brethren and perhaps even the ministry.

Here is an example from real life: "We should give everything we can to the work of God." This statement is true. It is irreproachable. No one would *dare* deny the fact. But the reasoning that was used to exemplify this spiritual sounding phrase was incorrect totally!

The reasoning was this: "It is wrong for Brother So-And-So to give more support to his divorced wife than he gives to the work of God." This whole situation gives a spiritual sounding reason for the individual to be more righteous than God himself! God has demanded *ten per cent* of the increase that He blesses us with for His Work. He has asked us in addition to this to give *generous offerings*.

But a wife in God's eyes, divorced or not, and especially if demanded by the laws of the state, *is to be supported*—which would probably amount to more than ten per cent. Only discontent and hard feelings can come from reasonings such as this which stem from spiritual pride.

One of the easiest ways for the carnal mind to justify itself is to believe that it is "*misunderstood*." How many times the ministers of God have heard that statement come from the lips of those they have counseled!

On one occasion, a minister was speaking with an individual for nearly an hour trying to explain to him in English that he should not work on God's Sabbath after sundown on Friday night. The individual spoke Spanish, but understood English well enough to get the point. However, to justify his own carnal feelings about this subject, he said that he did desperately wish he could speak in Spanish, because he knew that if he could but express himself in his native tongue he would be "understood."

This minister then *answered him in Spanish* and said that he would be *glad*

to discuss the matter. Another forty-five minutes ensued in the Spanish language, going over the same points, until the carnal mind was again trapped. But then the excuse was that the minister was too young and could not "understand" how difficult it was for an older man to get a job!

Let us UNDERSTAND one thing: GOD *will never be satisfied with the excuse*: "YOU just don't understand!"

Pure Religion

"If any man among you *seem* to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but *deceiveth his own heart*, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world" (James 1:26-27). You will notice as you turn to this scripture that we have quoted the 22nd verse of this chapter of James before. Here, in the last portion of James 1, is an overall summary of both the *problems* that face us and the *solution* that comes by APPLYING this scripture *directly to ourselves as individuals*.

You will notice that neither *bearing* the truth nor *talking about* the truth, as verses 22 and 26 explain, is what God considers to be pure religion. Only the *actual fruit* of selflessness, of giving of yourself to others in *outgoing LOVE*, a witness of your *actions*, not of your lips, a changing of the complete man from the very inner-being—*this is what God considers to be pure religion!*

There are many other pitfalls that we fall into as human beings because of the downward pull of our human nature. Perhaps going over these few in this article will give you a more specific idea of what to look for, to fight against in *your own* carnal nature. Don't stop here, but go on with the help of God's Spirit to discover the other tactics that *your* carnal mind uses against YOU to bring YOU into subjection, to bring YOU to death, to deceive YOU!

Really dedicate yourself whole-heartedly to overcoming your "self"! The power of God's Holy Spirit is the *only power* that can overcome your problems. So don't forget to be instant in prayer, to constantly think first of God and ask silently or out loud as the occasion permits for *personal, direct* contact with the POWER and the MIND of Almighty God who chose you out of this world to become a new creature!

Notice that pure religion as defined by God through His Apostle James also includes that the individual must "... keep himself unspotted from the world" (James 1:27). In the next article, we

will find out how to do this.

The *second great enemy* that we have in fighting our way in this battle of overcoming, in the "total war" of becoming perfect, is that of overcoming *this world*, its society, its ways of thinking, and the pulls it has on us to detract us from our goal, to fight us in every way to keep us from becoming the born sons of God. *You need to recognize this enemy* in order to be able to fight it with God's power in a way that will make you MORE THAN A CONQUEROR!

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This Is PETRA!

This concluding installment continues the history of Petra from the Old Testament, and reveals the prophetic significance of Petra's past.

by Herman L. Hoeh

THE second installment revealed that Moses led the Children of Israel through Petra toward the Promised Land. At Petra, Miriam was buried. Nearby, atop Mount Hor, Aaron died in the sight of the whole congregation.

From Petra—called Kadesh or Kadesh-Barnea in the account of the Exodus—Moses expected to lead Israel into Palestine. The direct route from Petra to east of Jordan was by the King's Highway. Now we pick up the story of the Exodus with Moses' request to journey on

this important road-link with Eastern Palestine.

Where Was the King's Highway?

When Moses and the Israelites were at Kadesh they sent messengers to the king of Edom asking permission to "go by the king's highway" (Num. 20:17). Edom refused passage.

"And the children of Israel said unto him, 'We will go by the highway; and if I and my cattle drink of thy water, then I will pay for it.'" In response to this second request we read: "And he

said"—this is Edom's reply—"Thou shalt not go through." They refused again. "And Edom came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand. Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border: wherefore Israel turned away from him" (Num. 20:19-21).

Israel was not permitted to go through Edom by the King's Highway. Where was this highway?

Part of it may still be seen today. It lay *east* of the Dead Sea and *east* of Mt. Seir. It is nearly identical with today's

Petra Valley showing Cook's Camp erected for the tourist season. The dry stream bed at the far left is part of the Wadi Musa — the Stream of Moses.

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The Arabah Plain with the mountains of Edom in the background. Northward through this near-barren plain the Children of Israel moved in their journey toward the Promised Land.

main-traveled road from Amman to the Gulf of Aqaba. *All of us who have visited Petra have had to travel the same general route of this ancient highway!* It is the only highway in the region!

This route east of Palestine and Mt. Seir has always been known in history as the King's Highway.

What was Israel going to do, now that Edom refused them passage by this route?

Journey NORTHWARD in the Arabah

After Israel had moved from Eziongeber to Kedesh the second time, God said to Moses: "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough; turn NORTHWARD. And command thou the people, saying: 'Ye are to pass through the border of your brethren the children of Esau, that dwell in Seir . . . contend not with them'" (Deut. 2:2-5).

After Kadesh was reached and the King's Highway closed to them, Moses summarizes the next few months by saying: "So we passed by from our brethren the children of Esau, that dwell in Seir, *through the way of the Arabah* [the King James Version has "plain"], from Elath and from Eziongeber" (Deut. 2:8).

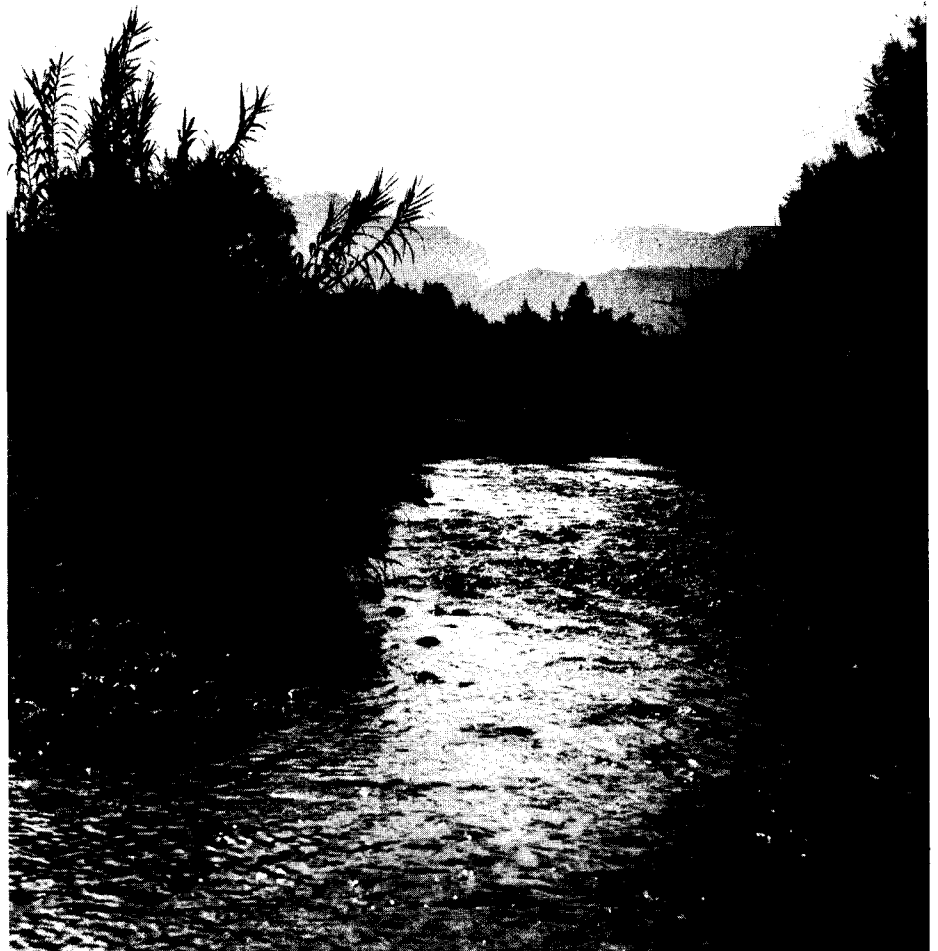
Since Edom refused passage, Israel had to turn back, pass by Mt. Hor, and continue *northward* through the Arabah to by-pass the territory of Edom.

Most Bible maps would have the children of Israel going southward

around Mt. Seir and then taking the King's Highway in order to by-pass Edom! It shows how little most scholars read their Bibles. Israel had to go *west* of Edom through the Arabah in order to avoid cutting through the border of Edom.

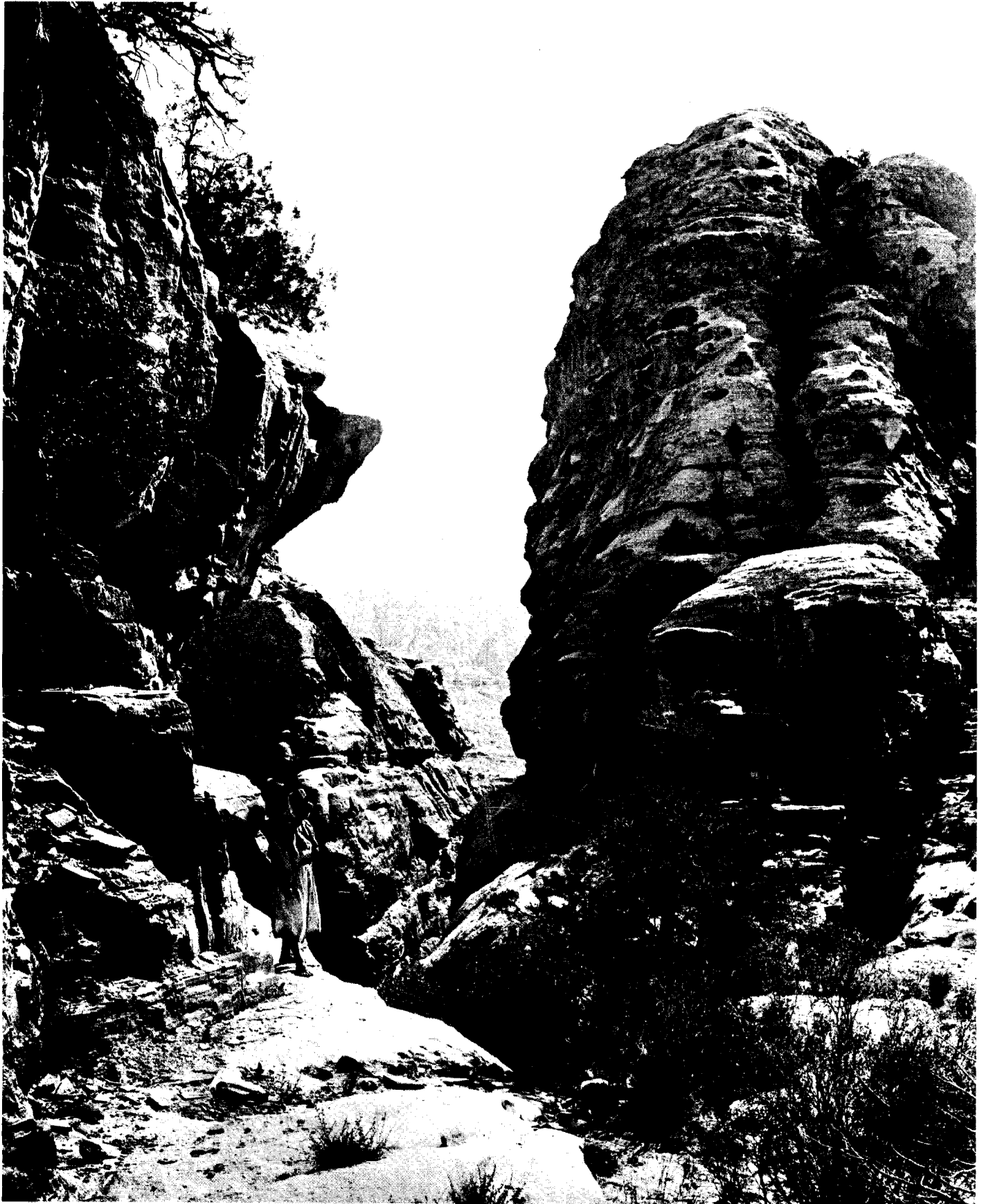
Upon leaving Mt. Hor, Israel journeyed to Gudgodah and to Jotbath (Deut. 10:7). These two places on the road from Petra to the Arabah Road are probably spelling variants of the two locations—Hor-hagidgad and Jotbathah—which Israel stopped at about 38 years earlier when leaving Kadesh the first time (Num. 33:33).

This clearly proves that the Eternal was leading the children of Israel into the Arabah from Kadesh both times—the first time *southward* by the Red Sea Road into the wilderness; the second time by the same Red Sea Road *north-*



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At the southeast corner of the Dead Sea is this charming rivulet at Ghor Es-Safieh. Its Biblical name is the Brook Zered (Num. 21:12 and Deut. 2:13). Along its banks the Israelites moved eastward between the border of Edom and Moab.



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In Petra may be seen this deep gorge en route to Ed-Deir high above the valley. The trail jumps across the head of the gorge. Watch your step here! The following two pages illustrate the location of Ed-Deir.



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Atop Ed-Deir is this beautiful urn carved out of rock. Notice the height of the Arab. Now compare the urn with the size of Ed-Deir, below. Notice that the door sill is the height of a tall man!



ward to compass the land of Edom (Num. 21:4). This road is called the "Arabah Road" in Deut. 2:8, because it ran the length of the Arabah, north and south of Petra.

When the Canaanites heard that Israel was proceeding *northward* (Deut. 2:3, 8), "by the way of the spies" (Num. 21:1)—that is, by the way which the spies used to enter Palestine when they searched the land 40 days—then the Canaanites fought Israel and were this time defeated (Num. 21:3).

These verses show that Israel proceeded *northward*, not southward, on the Arabah Way—the "Way of the Plain," sometimes called the "Way of the Red Sea." To go the Way of the Red Sea does not mean one has to go *to* the Red Sea. It would, of course, be the route leading

to the Red Sea, but one may be going *in the opposite direction on the road*—just as Israel did! This Arabah road stretched from the Gulf of Aqaba northward to near the Dead Sea.

En route north, they came to Punon (Num. 33:42). The settlement of Punon is *north* of Petra and in the Arabah. It is an area of extensive *copper* mines. (See Keller's *The Bible as History*, p. 143.) Its modern Arabic name is Phenan.

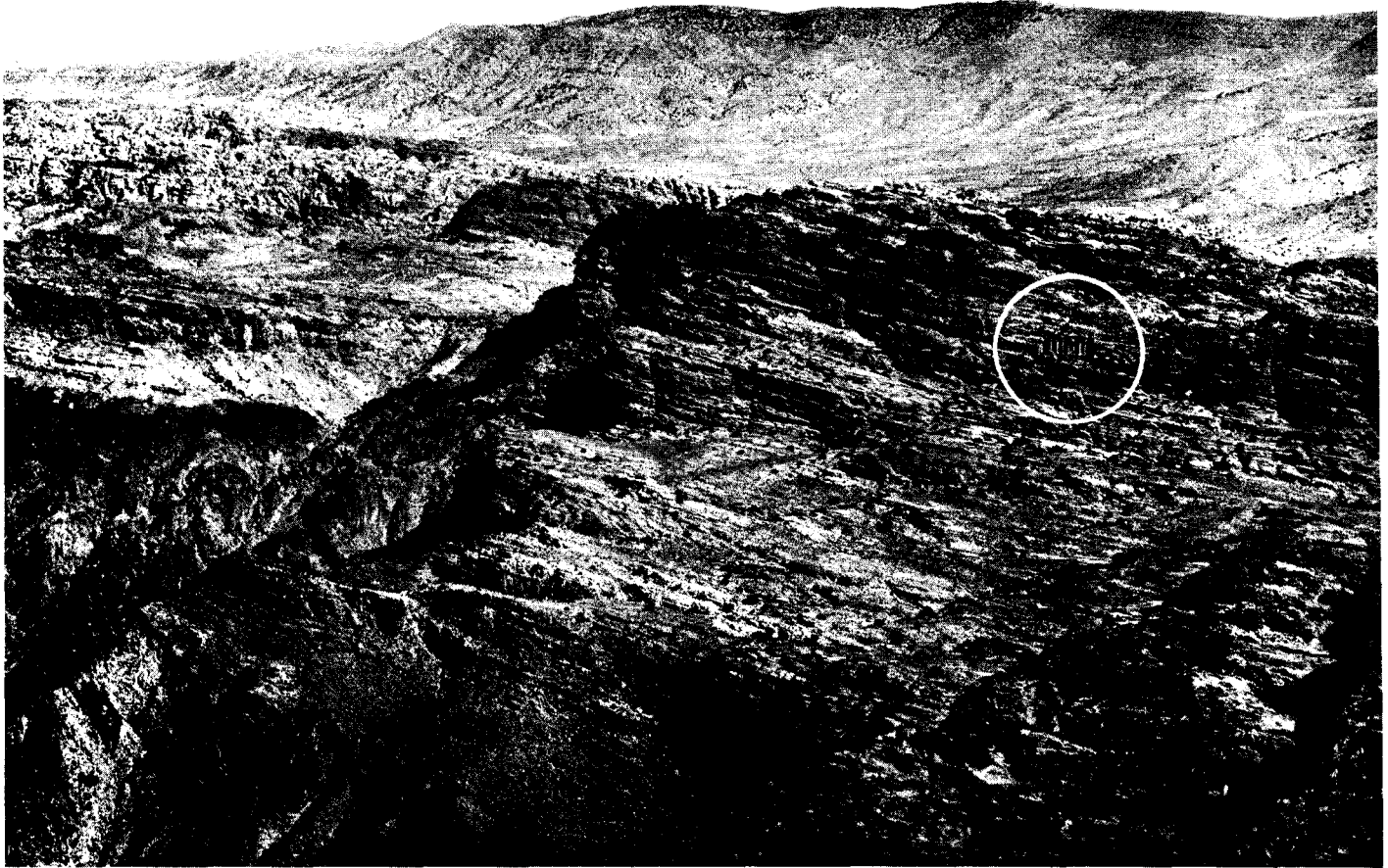
The stop at Punon immediately preceded the stop at Oboth (Num. 33:43). Now compare this with Numbers 21:9 and 10. Notice that at Punon—the stop just before Oboth—Moses made a "serpent of brass"—an alloy of *copper*. Certainly there is no mistaking where Punon is!

High above the Petra Valley, carved into the mountainside, is Ed-Deir. In this picture the urn above the temple is encircled. In the small plateau in front of the ancient temple is a great circular court shown here. Native Bedouins use it today for growing a little grain for their stock. On the next page you will see the location of this temple on the mountainside.

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A distant view of Ed-Deir from the wilderness west of Petra. This picture vividly portrays the incomparable magnitude of the rock walls that jut up into the sky around Petra. Notice the frightening gorges at the lower left.

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The very next encampment is on "the border of Moab" (Num. 33:44).

Not until they reached the northern border of Edom did Israel cut eastward between Moab and Edom along the brook Zered (Deut. 2:8, last part, and 13). This was 38 years after they left Kadesh the first time (Deut. 2:14).

They had to journey eastward because Israel had rejected the direct route into Palestine from the south nearly forty years earlier!

Petra Occupied by Israel

Next, let us skip over to the time Israel under Joshua took the promised land. Remember that Kadesh rightfully belonged to Israel (Deut. 1:19-20).

Observe what Joshua did: "And Joshua smote them from Kadesh-barnea even unto Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even unto Gibeon" (Joshua 10:41). Here the easternmost limit of southern Palestine is the city Kadesh-barnea. Compare this with Joshua 15:1-3:

"This then was the lot of the tribe of

Judah . . . even to the border of Edom the wilderness of Zin southward. . . . And their south border was from the shore of the salt sea . . . and passed along to Zin, and ascended up on the south side unto Kadesh-barnea."

And again: "So Joshua took all that land . . . and the Arabah ["the plain" in King James Version] . . . even unto the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir" (Josh. 11:16-17). "Mount Halak" is not quite a clear translation of the original Hebrew. The word "Halak" means smooth, bare. Smith's Bible dictionary indicates it is "the mountain range on the east side of the 'Arabah, or one of the bare mountain summits in that range." *Hastings' Bible Dictionary* declares: "The Arabah Valley gradually rises toward the summit level, which it reaches immediately in front of Mount Hor on the borders of Seir; and to this line of elevation the term 'smooth' would not be inapplicable, while at the same time it would be on the line of communication between southern Palestine and Petra, the capital of Seir."

Observe that all these verses point out that Israel occupied the Arabah just west of Mt. Seir even to the barren mountain region of Petra. Yet we found (Joshua 10:41) the easternmost border city is Kadesh-barnea.

Surely Petra and Kadesh are the same from these verses!

Years later Judah had to recapture Petra after the Edomites rebelled (II Kings 8:20; 14:7). Petra belonged to Israel. The capital of Edom was not Petra, but Bozrah (Amos 1:12; Jer. 49:13, 22). Petra was the gate by which Israel controlled their Edomite enemies.

Consider another important fact. Josephus, Eusebius and Jerome wrote that the Aramaic, Assyrian and Arabic name for Petra was *Rekem* (*Antiquities*, bk. iv, ch. 7, sec. 1). *Rekem* comes from the Arabic word for "ROCK." "But in the Aramaic versions *Rekem* IS THE NAME OF KADESH," according to the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*! This authority, under article "Petra," further states: "Sometimes the Aramaic versions give the form *Rekem-Geya* [for Kadesh], which

recalls the name of the village El-ji, southeast of Petra.”

Here are literally dozens of Scriptures—hidden from the world—which clearly speak of Petra and the route to Petra!

These Scriptures are profitable for our INSTRUCTION. Those events in Old Testament times are *examples for us today* (I Cor. 10:11). Under Moses, Kadesh—Petra—was the station from which the promised land could have been entered. Will it again be the last station today for those who are obedient, before entering the promised eternal Kingdom of God?

We must remember, however, that

Below, a remarkable staircase cut into the ravine by the Siq entrance. Barely visible to the right is El-Khazneh, the beautiful edifice immediately in front of the Siq.

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Above, the Citadel Rock—Umm El-Biyara—in Petra. In the foreground is El-Habis. From such a pinnacle as this the ancient Edomites cast their war prisoners to their death. In turn, the Jews punished the Edomites in similar manner when Petra fell to Judah.



the route to Palestine at the first exodus did not go directly to Palestine; it went via Mt. Sinai! What the route for God's people will be this time is not revealed yet! When God reveals it to His ministers on earth, it may seem just as unusual as that first route.

God will reveal it in His time!

Church Moves Forward

(Continued from page 4)

the wave-sheaf offering, and the importance of the Holy Days in general. He brought out the tremendous need for repentance from vanity and the development of God's character.

The largest convocation of God's people on the Day of Pentecost was held at our own Tabernacle near Gladewater, Texas, with Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong in charge.

The services were opened with a fast-moving sermonette by Mr. Richard Rice—assistant to Mr. Swisher in the Gladewater area and teacher in Imperial School. He set the theme for the day by showing that all things are possible with God. This was followed by Mr. Ted Armstrong who sang, "How Great Thou Art" with such feeling and inspiration that many an eye was moist when he finished.

Mr. Albert J. Portune preached the morning sermon and showed that man is nothing compared to God and His tremendous power. He spoke of suns much larger than our own—some 160 million miles in diameter, and galaxies so far away that they are just a speck in the sky to our eyes. Then, Mr. Portune thundered out the message of the part we are to play in ruling this vast universe.

After the noon Feast, Mr. Ted Armstrong, in the afternoon service, showed how God is going to bring all these things into focus, and that through His might and power we are to be changed into the very *sons of God* to help Him rule this vast universe.

As the Day of Pentecost came to an end at Gladewater, the large crowd of over 1500 people was moved to realize the greatness and power of God—and *His purpose in our lives*—in a very special way.

Pentecost at Chicago, Portland and Pittsburgh

The northern Midwest churches met at Chicago under the direction of Mr. Dean Blackwell. There were over 1400

brethren in attendance! Many powerful sermons were given on the fear of God, the history of God's true Church and the meaning of Pentecost.

My wife, Margie, and I had the privilege of flying up to Portland for all-day services on the Sabbath before Pentecost, and then driving up to the beautiful Lewisville Park near Battleground, Washington, for Pentecost services. All of the brethren in the Pacific Northwest convoked there and we had 1122 in attendance. After literally *weeks* of rainy or cloudy weather, God gave us a *beautiful* day for the outdoor Pentecost services in the inspiring setting of a lush, green field surrounded by beautiful, towering fir trees set off by a clear blue sky. Everyone was certainly inspired by this magnificent setting—and even more by the messages on the *meaning* of God's Holy Spirit and the Day of Pentecost.

Mr. Les McCullough flew out from Headquarters to join Mr. Bill McDowell in conducting the Pentecost services for the Pittsburgh-Akron area brethren. They had very inspiring services, and a total of 816 in attendance on the Day of Pentecost.

Other U. S. Pentecost Observances

From New York, Mr. Carlton Smith reports: "Another successful Pentecost has just been observed in this great city. The greatest number of God's people ever to assemble in this great Babylon of confusion was witnessed. There were 583, 172 more than at this time last year, present from 11 states including North Carolina. Also, Washington, D. C., and Canada were represented.

"I am sure that it was an enjoyable and profitable three days for all. We had the pleasant opportunity of hearing from Mr. Dibar Apartian Monday morning and from Mr. Gary Antion in the afternoon. [Editor's note: Mr. Carlton Smith himself, of course, brought the main afternoon message on Pentecost.] Also, to add zest and spiritual encouragement to the fellowship portion of the day were several of the students from Ambassador College who were on their way to England. To add to the spiritual food received, there was good, delicious physical food and drink in abundance. So, again, it was a happy and profitable occasion which left all, I am sure, with a feeling of accomplishment toward the greatest goal of all—salvation."

Mr. Bryce Clark reports from the Springfield-Kansas City area that they had 591 in attendance for the Day of Pentecost observed in Clinton, Missouri. Mr. Jim Corner, of the Saint



First glimpse of the new German office located near the heart of Düsseldorf—center of industry, finance, culture. Located on the third story is the 5-room office suite with room for expansion.

Louis Church, drove up to assist Mr. Clark in bringing the messages on the meaning of Pentecost and the power of God's Spirit.

And another example of growth, Mr. Ron Kelly reports from the Sacramento-Oakland area that there were 575 in attendance at the combined Pentecost services there with Mr. Al Dennis and Mr. Dean Wilson assisting Mr. Kelly in the preaching services.

We will not utilize further space in merely reporting attendance figures from all of the local church areas, but it is significant to mention that our new church areas in Birmingham and Opp, Alabama, certainly manifested their growth at Pentecost. There were over 200 in attendance throughout the three-day services conducted by Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, and a total of 342 were there on the Day of Pentecost itself!

Pentecost Observed Overseas

From overseas, reports indicate that there were well over 200 in attendance at the Pentecost services on our own college grounds near Bricket Wood, London, England. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Raymond McNair were the main speakers of the day—and a delicious Feast was enjoyed on our own campus there in England.

Mr. Wayne Cole reports from Sydney, Australia, that there were 135 in attendance on the Day of Pentecost there in Sydney. And Mr. Tony Hammer reports from Melbourne, Australia, that 71 attended the services held in our other church in the "Land Down Under."

To summarize, as Mr. Gerald Waterhouse stated in his report: "To see the

growth and happiness experienced by God's people who attend these annual Festivals is well worth all of the effort and energy put into making them successful. However, our efforts and activities would mean nothing at all if it were not for the fact that Christ greatly multiplies them and, in addition, performs many other miracles for His people. Truly, the power and help and love of Christ was manifest to all during the three days of meetings."

Three New Mailing Offices

Growth in the world-wide evangelistic work of God's Church continues to literally JET ahead! As you have already heard, new mailing offices are now being established in Düsseldorf, Germany, for the German Department of God's work. Mr. Frank Schnee—his wife and family—have already gone to Germany to take charge of these offices for the time being. Mr. Schnee has been in God's Church for some time, and has been in Ambassador College receiving full time training for the last two years. We have had to *speed up* our schedule of establishing these offices because of the overwhelming response of the German work.

Mr. Dibar Apartian is now in Paris looking into the possibilities of opening up a complete mailing office in Paris very soon! It is anticipated that Mr. Colin Wilkins—an advanced student of French and dedicated church member now studying in our college in London—will take charge of this mailing operation in Paris for the time being. The response to The WORLD TOMORROW in France is growing at an ever-increasing rate, and so the mailing office

there, also, is having to be established sooner than we had anticipated.

In many phases of the work, God is truly doing "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20).

And now, above all this, we have recently experienced a *tremendous* mail response from our printed messages by Mr. Armstrong published in the "*Philippine Free Press*"—a publication in the Philippines comparable in size and influence to "Look" or "Life" magazines in the United States. Therefore, because we are *already* experiencing troubles getting the volume of literature to the people requesting it that we should, we are going to have to establish a mailing office in the Philippines *very soon!*

Another Assignment for Mr. Waterhouse

So again, our faithful "pioneer" and foundation layer in establishing foreign offices and churches—Mr. Gerald Waterhouse—is again being pressed into overseas service. He is now slated to found this office and to guide the work of God's Church in the Philippines for many months to come. Mr.

Waterhouse—as most of you know—is one of our pastor rank ministers and is now acting as District Superintendent over the churches in the Southeast.

But now, he will again be leaving America—rejoining his old companion in arms—Mr. Frank Longuskie—and will fly to the Philippines to establish business and mailing offices in Manila. He will soon be joined by others from the work and offices here in America, and it promises to be a *large undertaking* as time goes on.

Many *hundreds* of you brethren in Britain, Australia and America as well have had Mr. Waterhouse in time past as your *personal* minister. So be sure to *remember him* in earnest PRAYER as he again leaves his native land and journeys to the Philippine Islands in this new undertaking in the work of Jesus Christ!

With these *three new mailing offices*—plus the offices already established in Pasadena, Bricket Wood, Sydney and Vancouver—Christ has now seen fit to grant us exactly SEVEN mailing offices for God's message in print now covering the far-flung corners of this earth!

Additional mailing offices will un-

doubtedly be established—perhaps in South Africa—in the months to come. Seven new ministers have just been ordained—but *many more* are needed! The numerical growth in attendance at God's Festivals is literally *booming ahead*, and also the attendance in the local churches everywhere—with 429 in attendance recently in the New York City Church, 365 in South Bend, 388 in Pittsburgh, and 301 in Seattle! And *more churches* are desperately needed as soon as we have ministers to pastor them.

Ambassador College in Pasadena just graduated its largest class ever—42 graduating seniors, 2 Master of Arts degrees, conferred on Mr. Dibar Apartian and Mr. Leroy Neff, respectively, and Ambassador's first Doctor of Theology degree, conferred on Herman L. Hoeh!

With this wonderful increase in ministers, churches, mailing offices and additional radio stations being added constantly *around the earth*—we are in literal FACT setting the stage for the final fulfillment of Jesus' prophecy for His Church: "Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of Man be come."



The 1962 graduates of Ambassador College in Pasadena, California, after Commencement exercises, receive warm congratulations from the faculty and friends.