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#### THE NEW SAN SALVADOR EVANGELISTIC CENTER

An artist's sketch of the proposed evangelistic center in San Salvador. The WINNING THE NATIONS CRUSADE is now assisting in completing the above structure which will become a center for sending out the gospel throughout Latin America by means of national evangelists, radio and television. (Story on page 3)

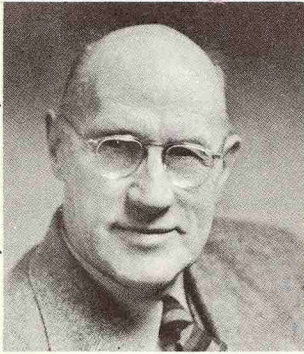


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# You Have Faith!

By HAROLD HORTON

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**A** BELIEVER of many years' standing, a total stranger, wrote to me, some time ago. He was obviously a firm believer, a warm-hearted lover of Jesus, by the very tone of his letters and the Scriptures he quoted. But he was in trouble because a voice had told him he had no faith. Obviously the voice was the voice of the enemy. But he took it seriously instead of resisting it. And from that he argued mentally that if he had no faith, then he could not be saved. Of course the reverse was the truth: he had faith because he was a *believer*. He was obviously putting his faith on the scales and examining it under a microscope, and in so doing he found it was not there. Of course it wasn't there to see or to feel. Faith is the evidence of things NOT SEEN. Faith deals with things that are right out of the range of sight and feeling and hearing, far away from the realm of the senses. Everybody who is saved must know he has faith, for by faith he was saved.

This good brother, like most others, has worried also about what Jesus calls the "grain of mustard seed" faith. That grain of mustard seed is much misunderstood. We are usually taught that this faith is only secured by superhuman exertion: that we have to climb to some impossible height, or descend to some untold depth of spiritual understanding, or compete in some breathless race, or fight some hopeless battle in order to get this grain of faith. This is not so. All believers HAVE at least this grain of mustard seed faith NOW.

## EVERY BELIEVER HAS FAITH

Faith is just one of the "all things" that we all possess in Christ as "believers" (I Cor. 3:21-23; Romans 8:32). Everyone who needs it, and desires it, and asks for it, has faith, and more faith. Faith is for "whosoever" (Mark 11:23). "God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith" (Romans 12:3). The margin of Acts 17:31 says, "He hath offered faith unto all men." Paul said this by the Spirit to rank heathens in Athens, to encourage them to accept the faith God offered to them through him. He said this in the same discourse in which he announced that God "giveth to all life, and breath, and all things." God would not tell us to "have faith in God," and to "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," and to "only believe" if we could not have faith. My troubled correspondent in one letter quoted from 2 Thess. 3:2, "all men have not faith." But this is limited to the "unreasonable and wicked men" mentioned in the same verse. The only people who have not faith are those who have turned from God and do not accept His offer.

Never let the enemy persuade you that you have no faith. He is deceiving many these days, as Jesus warned us he would. You HAVE faith. Faith for time and eternity. Faith for Everlasting Life! That is the marvelous extension of Faith's efficacy right on to its heavenly extremity. The faith that includes that, includes everything less than that. Between the very small amount of Faith required, and the seemingly large proportions of our human need for soul and body, there is an infinite latitude. Faith has more than enough of Jesus for

every possible emergency. Faith does not live within scant limits, but has infinite elbow-room, and heavenly breathing space. A very little faith produces a very great result. Our smallest resources in Christ (mustard seed faith) are more than equal to our greatest needs (mountainous obstructions).

And never imagine that your faith is necessarily as small as a mustard seed. Jesus did not suggest that it was. He meant that even if it were, it was enough. He was using a superlative example to illustrate the infinite capacity of Faith. And never imagine your problems are as large as a mountain. Jesus never said they were. Our faith is well able to deal with the problems we have, by the help of Him who gave it to us. That is what Jesus meant. God is so merciful. He grants us all faith equal to all our situations and needs. Saying we have no faith after all God has done for us in Christ is like an Israelite in old Wilderness days, running over a field ankle deep in Manna and looking up in desperation to God and crying aloud for his breakfast! All he really has to do is to look down and see at his feet all his need for the day; to dip his omer measure and go on his way rejoicing with plenty. So with Faith. We HAVE Faith. You HAVE Faith.

## SPEAK TO THE MOUNTAIN

The Mountain we can speak to with authority stands for obstacles and hindrances to victory—doubt and fear and questioning and enemy deception—anything that would frustrate the fulfillment of God's gracious Word and Promises and purposes in us. As we "say" the same word of faith to the "mountain" that hinders faith and victory, the Lord assures us it will move off, and at our word of faith, even as a grain of mustard seed will hurl itself into the sea out of our way. Why not *speak* to the mountain NOW, with your actual voice of faith, and command it in His Name to leave! "Ye shall say . . . it shall remove!"

## FOUR KINDS OF FAITH

What kind of faith is it we have, or may have? There are four kinds of faith: natural faith, saving faith, fruit faith (Gal. 5:22), and gift faith (1 Cor. 12:9). I firmly believe that each of us may have all four kinds of faith for the seeking. Natural faith the natural man has, like the farmer; but even he can fail to use this faith and produce nothing, in spite of its possession (Eccles. 11:4). Saving faith every sinner may have at once as he turns to Jesus for Salvation. Fruit faith—sanctifying faith for character—every believer may have in full as he abides in the Vine. And gift faith—supernatural faith for the miraculous—all believers may have who seek it and claim it: for "These signs shall follow them that believe (all saved ones); In My Name they shall . . . speak with new tongues; . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." All these kinds of faith all believers may have in the same measure as Jesus had them when He lived on earth as a man like ourselves (John 14:12).

**YOU HAVE FAITH!** Claim it—and use it—NOW! and until Jesus comes!



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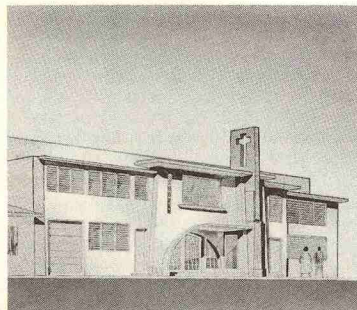
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Several years ago Richard Jeffery held a historic revival in San Salvador that resulted in many thousands of conversions. The WINNING THE NATIONS CRUSADE assisted in supplying the funds for erecting the open-air frame for an evangelistic center seating some 2,000 people. The successful Harry Hampel campaign in San Salvador with thousands of more converts makes it imperative that the center be completed at once. The WINNING THE NATIONS CRUSADE has just sent another check to San Salvador to assist in the completion of the structure as shown in the architect's sketch on the front cover. From here Brother Paul Finkenbinder will continue to expand the daily radio network into Latin America. There are now eighteen other churches in San Salvador as a result of this visitation.

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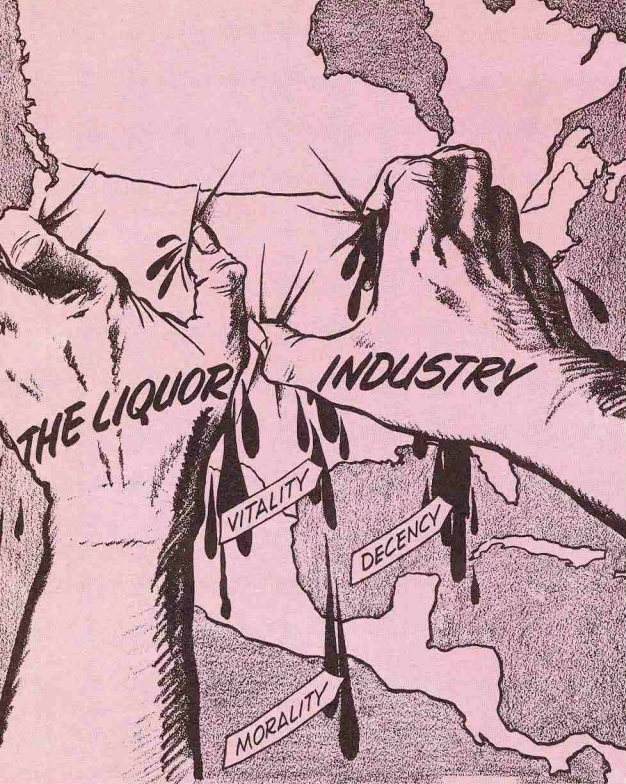
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BY GORDON LINDSAY

#### CONCERNING THIS ARTICLE

The subject discussed on these pages has been on the writer's heart for many months. The subject of, "May A Christian Drink Alcohol?" has come up time and again and we have been alarmed by the fact that many are confused about what the Bible teaches concerning the use of intoxicating beverages. A new generation has arisen in the church which has forgotten the terrible consequences of the drinking of alcohol. Some defend the practice by arguing that Christ made fermented wine and drank of it. This, if true, would of course strongly argue that Christians had a right to drink the same.

We might say that some people are failing to get their deliverance because they have been misled on this subject. What are the facts?

We believe this question is fully dealt with in this article.

If there is any question that a Christian should be able to answer without hesitation, it is the one, "Should a Christian drink alcohol?" Only a few decades ago the church took a strong aggressive stand against the use of intoxicating beverages. Indeed the liquor traffic had become recognized not only by the church, but by the nation as well, as a dire evil undermining the moral fabric of society. A constitutional amendment was passed by the states forbidding the sale and manufacture of alcohol. Alas, that our nation has returned to this evil traffic with its attending train of tragedy and sorrow.

Today in America there are over four million outright alcoholics. To this may be added an equivalent number who

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are not yet alcoholics but are on the fringe of this sad condition. Liquor must answer for almost half the cases of shipwrecked homes that end in the divorce courts. Today, as death rides the highways, a large fraction of the appalling number of fatalities and injuries are caused by drivers who have imbibed as they say, only "a social drink or two". The demoralizing effect of alcohol on the human mind and spirit is so universally recognized that it is hard to believe that Christians could ever for a moment become indulgent of this evil.

Yet despite the ever-lengthening record of the effect of alcohol's curse upon the human race, we find people today, right inside the church, who are under the impression that drinking of alcohol has Scriptural approval! Truly as the devil once tried to tempt Christ through the misquoting of the Scriptures, he is still playing the old game today, and deceiving people.

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived hereby is not wise." (Proverbs 20:1)

Where does the error of these people begin? How is it that they become so confused that they become an advocate for one of the greatest enemies of mankind? Their main argument is: They read in the Bible that Jesus turned the water into wine, and since they suppose that wine is always the fermented product, they conclude that Jesus made alcohol at the wedding, and if He made alcohol, is it not right to drink it? Alas, if they would consult their dictionary they would not make this mistake of supposing that all wine is fermented. *For the dictionary declares that wine may be fermented or may be unfermented—two different things altogether.* One kind of wine is poisonous and makes drunkards; the other is a sweet wholesome drink. Let us note the dictionary definition of wine:

FUNK AND WAGNALL'S COLLEGE STANDARD DICTIONARY—Wine: "The expressed juice of grape, fermented or unfermented."

WEBSTER'S NEW COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY: "The fermented or loosely the unfermented juice of any fruit used as a beverage."

There was also in Bible days a third form of wine: concentrated grape juice preserved over a long period of time in the unfermented state, called "must".

PELOUBET'S BIBLE DICTIONARY: "Sometimes (wine) was preserved in its unfermented state and drunk as 'must'."

Thus we see that wine may be unfermented, fermented, or the unfermented "must", used in Bible days. The present day term, "grape juice" is not used in the Scriptures at all. The reason is that in Bible usage it is called wine.

#### THE USE OF FERMENTED WINES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Now it is only too evident that certain Old Testament saints did drink fermented wine. The first place wine is mentioned in the Bible, is in connection with Noah. This patriarch, who by his faith built an ark, saving his household, while the ante-Diluvian world perished in the flood, afterward planted a vineyard. When the grapes ripened, he made wine and became intoxicated, with disastrous results to him and his family. Ham, his son, received a curse which is still in effect on his descendants to this day. This tragic incident is hardly a recommendation for drinking alcohol.

Lot drank fermented wine. His two daughters plied him with liquor until he became drunk then committed incest with him. This sordid story certainly is not any endorsement for drinking wine. It is obvious that certain other Old Testament characters on occasion drank fermented wine. God permitted, but notice: He gave many warnings regarding the



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danger of drinking it.

We may also assume that some of the early Christians, salvaged out of heathenism, drank fermented wine. They came out of a great darkness and it takes time to teach such people the precepts of holy life. The apostles in dealing with those coming out of gross paganism did not burden them with commandments faster than they were able to understand and assimilate them. (Acts 15:28) The Bible does not say it, but we may assume that some of these people drank fermented wine for at least awhile, after they became Christians, just as today some Christians after accepting Christ still use tobacco for a time. However, the question is not whether God permitted such things in Old Testament days, or among the newly converted heathen in the New Testament. The question is: What is the will of God for the consecrated Christian? Many things were tolerated in the Old Testament that were not the will of God.

In the Old Testament it was an "eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But Jesus declared that believers under the New Testament were to "resist not evil." (Matt. 5:39)

In the Old Testament divorce was permitted, but in the New Testament (except for one reason) divorce was forbidden. (Matt. 5:21-32)

Why was it permitted under the Old Testament and not the New?

Jesus explained the matter saying that this was permitted in the Old Testament times simply because of the hardness of the people's heart. (Matt. 19:8) God allowed these things because the people were so carnal that it took time to bring them up to a holy plane of living. But with the introduction of the New Covenant the Lord's disciples were to possess a new spirit. They were to mortify the deeds of the flesh. Likewise in the matter of drinking alcohol, God permitted it in the Old Testament although He was careful to show the direful results of the practice.

## MORE THAN ONE KIND OF WINE

That the Bible recognizes more than one kind of wine, fermented and unfermented, may easily be seen by a comparison of two passages in the Book of Daniel as a young man was confronted with the temptation to drink the king's fermented wine. Daniel refused it.

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself." (Dan. 1:8)

"In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. I ate not pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled." (Dan. 10:2-3)

Why did he refuse the first wine and drink the second? Did Daniel become more "liberal-minded" later on in his life? Indeed we are sure Daniel maintained his high state of consecration all through his life. The first wine spoken of was the king's wine—fermented wine of Babylon which he would not drink. The second wine was unfermented wine that a godly man like Daniel could drink. Unless we accept this dis-

tinction, the Scriptures do not make sense. Why should he refuse wine on one occasion and drink it on another, if there are not two kinds of wine?

But before we go further let us notice what the Old Testament teaches about drinking wine. Does it really recommend the drinking of fermented wine as some say? We have already noted the cases of Noah and Lot, whose drunkenness brought a curse upon their families.

## THE OLD TESTAMENT DECRIES THE USE OF INTOXICATING BEVERAGES

Because drinking was so universal that it was suffered after a fashion in the Old Testament due to the hardness of people's hearts, nevertheless its evil results were noted and decried. Time and again the drinking of wine is associated in the Bible with tragedy or Divine disapproval.

The churlish Nabal apparently had a heart attack and died after he emerged from a period of drunkenness. (I Sam. 25:36-37)

Divine judgment announced by the handwriting on the wall, was meted out to Belshazzar and his lords and ladies after they had profaned the vessels of the temple by drinking wine from them. (Dan. 5:23-28)

Proverbs 23:29-30 declares the terrible results that come from the use of wine.

"Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine."

Isaiah 5:11 speaks of woe that will come on those who follow after strong drink.

"Who unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!"

The curse of strong drink causing both priest and prophet to err from the way is shown in Isaiah 28:7.

"But they also erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment."

Other cases might be noted, but those cases cited are enough to see that drinking fermented wine is associated in the Scriptures with tragedy or direct divine judgment.

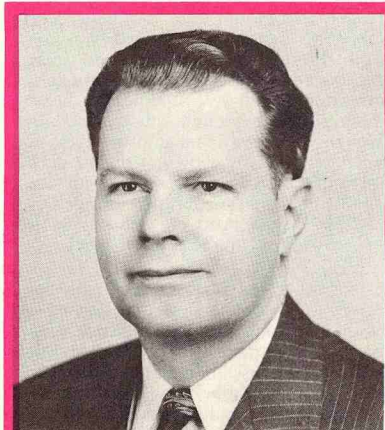
## THOSE WHO WERE CALLED TO SPECIAL MINISTRY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT WERE FORBIDDEN TO DRINK WINE

When the angel of the Lord appeared to Manoah and his wife, announcing the birth of Samson who was to become judge of Israel, he repeated twice, the commandment that the child was not to drink wine nor strong drink. (Judges 13:4, 7, 14)

Nazarites who separated themselves unto the Lord were not to drink wine nor strong drink during the time of their separation. (Number 6:2-3)

God commended to Jeremiah, the Rechabites, who because of the godly teaching of their father, would not drink wine, forever. (Jer. 35:6) Though terrible judgment was about to fall on the land, God took time to announce that a special blessing would be upon the house of the Rechabites. (Jer. 35:18-19)

John the Baptist, of whom Jesus said there was none greater



Gordon Lindsay

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# The Story of the Hal Herman Crusade in Formosa

## GOD VISITS FORMOSA

Launched as a united effort for Christ, the recent Formosa Evangelistic Crusade saw a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the multitudes who attended the meetings.

Because Christians banded together in a spirit of love and determination, thousands of Chinese personally experienced the blessings of God on this imperiled island which is just six minutes by jet plane from Communist Red China.

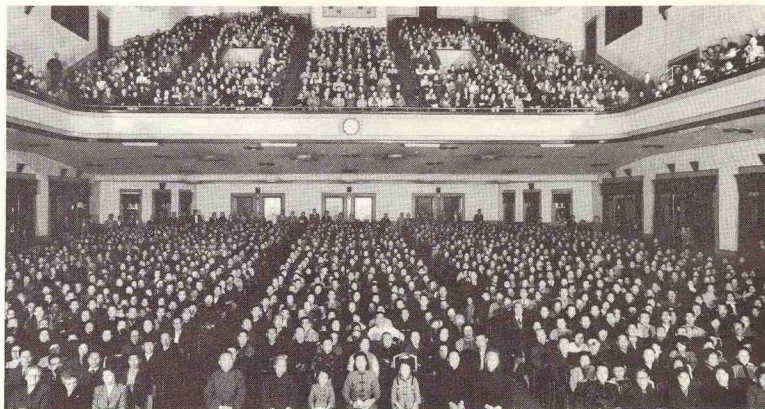
Night after night crowds packed the auditorium main floor and balcony — and many stood to hear the gospel. There were abundant miracles of healing through faith in Christ — and God confirmed His word by opening blind eyes, deaf ears by the dozen — and healing all sorts of diseases and afflictions. Often there was no time for all those healed to give their testimonies from the platform.

## LOVE NEVER FAILS

There were beautiful conversions as people turned from heathenism to Christ. Chinese pastors, missionaries, social leaders, army generals, and many high in government circles worked together for weeks in this third gospel crusade with Evangelist Harold Herman of California.

## CHRIST HEALS TODAY

God wrought abundant miracles of healing for sick brought from hospitals, or in paddicabs (sichshas) from homes. Sometimes people were healed before they were prayed for. God's power filled the auditorium! Mrs. Tsai Ying, totally blind and paralyzed in bed for six years



The Hal Herman campaign in Formosa.

instantly received her sight after prayer, and with encouragement and help, could rise and walk. Mrs. Chiu testified that Jesus opened her blind eyes. Miss Chang, age 20, was healed of seventeen years cataracts. A boy was brought to the city hall platform, where his father told how God opened his blind eyes.

## GOD WAS IN THE TYPHOON

When the typhoon struck Formosa, the city lights went out and plunged the crusade auditorium into darkness. Yet, somehow, a fair-sized crowd was on hand. Brother Herman preached in a blackout to an unseen audience. His face was illuminated by automobile lights which someone thoughtfully beamed in through a doorway and into his eyes. A demented man somehow got on the dark platform and began wrestling with the sound equipment under the evangelist's feet. Yet God brought victory. Souls were saved and miracles took place.

One man who had been insane for six years was healed that stormy night, according to a written testimony from his family. Doctors had declared this man absolutely incurable; a hopeless case. But God was in the typhoon and in the prayer line. The man said he saw "a great light" come upon him, and he was immediately healed.

## "BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD"

God's blessings overflowed the campaign auditorium. Brother Herman found himself speaking as often as three times daily in different places. More than one hundred cottage prayer meetings are carried on in Taipei. The evangelist spoke in many of these including the private prayer group of Madam Chiang Kai Shek, wife of Free China's President. Crusade prayer services ran two hours daily for one month at the largest Assembly of God church. Many received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Everywhere people sought Christ for salvation and healing.

Speaking in the city hall at the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship dinner, organized when Brother Herman was in Taipei before, the evangelist saw many people, including three army generals come forward to accept Christ as Saviour.

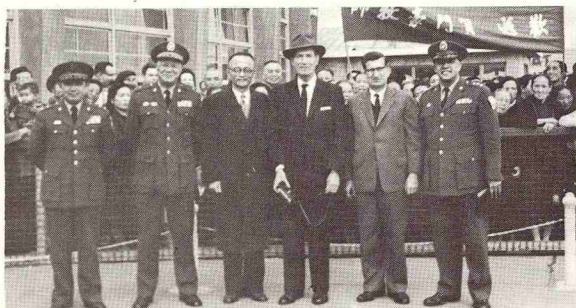
## CHINESE ARMY OFFICERS HEAR

On his final day in Formosa, just before he left for his next campaign in the Philippines, Brother Herman was invited to speak to the staff officers of Free China's Combined Service Forces!

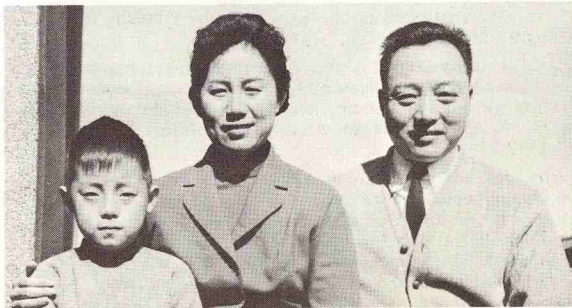
Although many of these high ranking officers are of Buddhist background, they

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Army officers visit airport to give Hal Herman farewell.



Army airforce officer and wife converted from Mohammedanism.





## SPECIAL NEWS OF THE WINNING THE NATIONS CRUSADE

**ISRAEL:** Regular reports of the work in Israel are coming to us from Brother Kopp. We are gratified to read of the thrilling Jewish conversions that are taking place. We will publish some of these reports in the near future.

**PROJECT SAN SALVADOR:** Last month you saw the photograph of the unfinished evangelistic temple in San Salvador — a structure seating between 2,000 and 2,500 people. (There are also 18 smaller churches in San Salvador.) The decision has now been made to complete this building. The artist's sketch of the completed center is on this month's cover, and the story is on page 3. A check has been sent to set the work in motion.

**GUATEMALA CITY:** Reports from Guatemala City indicate that the David Nunn campaign in Central America has had very fine results. We will have a report next month.

**HONDURAS:** Brother De Grado has had excellent meetings in San Pedro Sula. Brother Cooper indicates that the crowds have been larger there than at any time in the history of the area. Brother De Grado, now goes to the capital city of Honduras, Tegucigalpa.

**AFRICA:** Due to the Jubilee celebration in South Africa, Brother du Plessis reports that the Branham campaign in South Africa had to be postponed till later in the year. We regret to hear this. However, we are gratified that the building project at Mombasa of The African Crusade has had such a favorable development. The property that has been secured is of unusual strategic value. Brother Sickler indicates that the building of the center there will be started in a short time. He writes that there was a great rejoicing when the WINNING THE NATIONS CRUSADE gift was received.

**HONG KONG:** We just received an interesting report from Lester Sumrall of the development of the Hong Kong project. This is one of the most strategic missionary cities in the world. A report of this great development will be given soon.

**PARAGUAY:** Evangelist R. W. Culpepper is leaving in a few days for Asuncion, Paraguay. Later he will go to Brazil.

**WORLD PRAYER BAND,** please pray daily for these great projects.

### HAL HERMAN REPORT

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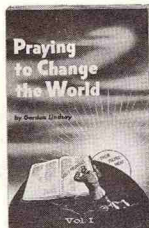
listened attentively for more than half an hour as the gospel message was preached to them under a powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit. In this elite military group were an estimated four hundred officers, including fifteen army generals. This was the first time any evangelist has ever been invited to address this distinguished group. Several days earlier Brother Herman had prayed for the wife of the Commanding General. God healed her. The invitation followed.

Several large buses were reserved to carry friends to the Taipei airport to bid the evangelist farewell. In the group were ranking Chinese leaders, several generals, cooperating missionaries and new converts who had turned to Christ from Buddhism, Mohammedanism and other religions.

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Winning the Nations Crusade is unique in that it works on a cooperative basis with many groups which have a vision of world evangelism. While the crusade does assume complete financial responsibility of certain projects (as the Manila Campaign) in general its design is cooperative. In all cases the evangelist is encouraged to raise as much as he can on the field and personal supporters should continue their regular giving. Although overseas mass evangelism is revolutionizing missionary work, its cost is inevitably heavy. The evangelist, beside his fare, has regular home expenses to maintain. Moreover of vital importance is the building of shelters and churches to take care of the converts. The purpose of the Winning the Nations Crusade is to share, not to completely underwrite, responsibility of reaching the nations through mass evangelism.

## IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO GET STARTED ON COURSE 3 PRAYING TO CHANGE THE WORLD



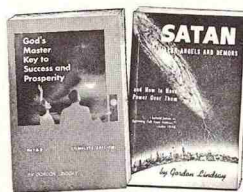
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Some of Evangelist R. W. Culpepper's overseas meetings.

# God Works in Mysterious Ways His Wonders to Perform

BY R. W. CULPEPPER

It is with pleasure that we announce that Evangelist R. W. Culpepper who has been associated with us for a long period, is now moving to Dallas to be Executive Secretary to THE VOICE OF HEALING and also chairman of our convention department. (Editor)

It did indeed seem mysterious that early Sunday morning, in Havana, to have a voice to speak to me and say, "Get up and go to church." At first I passed it off as just imagination, then the voice spoke again the second time with the same message. Finally a third time, "Get up and go to church." This time I turned to my wife and said, "A strange voice spoke to me and said, 'Get up and go to church.'" She looked at me very curiously, and said, "That is unusual; for the last half hour I have had a strong feeling that we should go to church."

We hastily dressed and walked out on the front porch and suddenly realized that we didn't know where to go for we had never attended church in Havana. After some discussion, we remembered passing a little white church a few blocks from our apartment, so we decided to go there. When we arrived we were anxious to see what denomination the church was, but there was no sign in sight. Having no idea of what kind of a church we were attending, we went in and found a seat. Soon after the minister had started preaching, I began to feel that someone, before he came to the platform, had slipped around, and told him I was there. He preached directly "at" me. I looked around to see who had told him I was there. He was not only preaching "at" me, he was looking in my direction all of the time and finally pointed his finger right toward me. I know now, of course, the Holy Spirit was dealing with my heart and also directing the minister. I found myself praying, "Lord, please let me live until he makes an invitation and I will give my heart to you."

At the conclusion of his sermon he asked everyone who wanted to "know that they were saved, and wanted to accept Christ as their personal Saviour" to stand up. I almost jumped out of my seat and cried out, "Lord, save me now and I'll serve you the rest of my life." The Lord did save me that Sunday morning and I have been serving Him ever since.

## DIRECTED BY GOD TO PENTECOST

I was a staff sergeant in the army at this time and soon after my conversion I was transferred to England, where God, in an unusual way, acquainted me with the Full Gospel message and my need for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. This was just before the Normandy invasion and the commander of our camp had called all the troops together and announced that the various chaplains would be conducting church each night until the invasion began.

I was hungry for God and I attended the services each night, which were being conducted in an old quonset-hut that was designated as an army chapel. The services were dull and formal and most of the chaplains read their sermons. However, God helped me and I received many benefits from these meetings. There was still a hunger in my heart that was not being satisfied. One night, at the conclusion of the service, a corporal asked if I wouldn't like to go with him. I asked him where he was going and he said to come and he would show me. We went by our barracks and two other men joined us. The corporal led us outside the barracks area to an old haystack in the middle of a field. He stooped over and pulled a bale of hay out and I noticed a dim ray of light coming through the hole. He entered and beckoned us to follow him through the hole. When we entered we found that the haystack had been hollowed out and had been turned into a "meeting place" that would accommodate about 25 boys. Fourteen were already there and the service had already begun. Their singing thrilled my heart, as I listened to them, it seemed to me that all of them could preach. Their testimonies of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, divine healing, miracles and wonderful answers to prayer, stirred my soul. I immediately realized my need of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. It goes without saying that I quit the "Quonset Hut" meeting and joined that "hay stack" group and I have been with them ever since.

## A CALL TO THE MINISTRY

While acquainting myself with these Full Gospel boys, I applied myself diligently to prayer and the study of God's Word. We attended services every night. A different boy was in charge of each service and it was his responsibility to appoint someone for the next night. About three months later, after the Normandy invasion, the speaker at the close of one of the services asked me to speak and take charge the next night. I strongly protested that I was no speaker and that I was not capable of conducting the service. He refused to take no, for an answer. He said that God had definitely told him that I should speak and that was final.

When it was plain that I could not change his mind I went back to my barracks and spent most of the night reading my Bible and calling on God to help me. The following day I spent all of my off-duty time praying and searching the Scripture. While I was reading in the 15th chapter of Luke, the story of





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the Prodigal Son suddenly seemed to stand out, and I felt definitely impressed that this should be my Scripture for the evening service. When service time finally arrived I was very nervous and tense, even though there were only about twenty men in the meeting. Finally the time came for me to speak. I read the scripture. My knees were knocking and I was scared. Then I bowed my head and prayed. Suddenly a great calm came over me and I spoke with great liberty for the entire course of my message. As soon as I had finished speaking I was again nervous and scared. I appointed a man for the next night, dismissed the service and started downstairs from our meeting place. Suddenly I heard an audible voice saying, "I want you to preach the gospel." This so startled me that I cried out aloud, "No!" The same voice spoke a second time, "I want you to preach the gospel." This time I reasoned with the Lord in my own heart saying, "I can't. I have a wife and baby." I thought that all preachers were poor and lived on charity. My wife wouldn't understand it. Then, too, I didn't have proper education. Without answering any of these doubts a third time I heard the voice of God speak to me and say, "I want you to preach the gospel." That was enough. I said "yes" to God, and from that very second I have never once doubted the divine call of God upon my life for the ministry of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

A few months later after I had been dismissed from the Army, I was wondering how I could explain my call to the ministry to my wife. I was sure that she wouldn't understand and for that reason I had not told her. After being home about a week I decided that I must get it over once and for all. So I called my wife aside and said, "There is something I must tell you." She immediately said, "What is it?" I explained to her very carefully at great length that she should not get excited or make a hasty decision — that what I had to say to her might come as a shock. After these preliminary explanations she said, "Well, go ahead. What is it?" I said, "The Lord has called me to preach." She said, "Oh, is that all? I knew that all the time. I can tell you the exact day that God called you. For the day God called you to preach, He called me to be a preacher's wife. I am ready to go with you wherever the Lord directs." To me this was another miracle. And for these past fifteen years, my wife has faithfully stood by me in our ministry across the United States and around the world for God.

From the first week after I told my wife about my call to the ministry, God began to open doors and from that time until now we have never lacked for a place to preach the gospel. Our chief concern has been to know the perfect will of God. After travelling in evangelistic work for about two years, God gave us two wonderful pastorates in the Los Angeles area, where we pastored for about eleven years in addition to representing my denomination in two official district positions.

### A SPECIAL CALL TO A HEALING MINISTRY

One day while I was pastoring in Los Angeles, California, as I was kneeling in prayer, God spoke to me and told me that as I laid my hands on the sick, if people would believe, there was no sickness or disease that could stand. It was an unusual

visitation. It so stirred my heart that I began to conduct healing campaigns in my own church and many calls came for me to pray for the sick and conduct healing revivals. I had always believed in healing, but had not emphasized the supernatural. This was a turning point in my life. From that day, God gave me more souls. Scores of people were healed of all manner of affliction. My revivals attracted more people and all across America in our large tent, in auditoriums and churches God met us in an unusual way.

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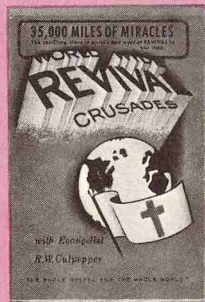
It was in 1956, that God first began to deal with my heart concerning revival campaigns that would reach the missionary fields. I had read of the great missionary revivals of Tommy Hicks, A. C. Valdez, and a number of others who had gone overseas. I never thought that I would go to the missionary fields myself. However, God began to deal with my heart during a tent campaign that I was conducting in Salem, Oregon, in 1956.

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#### THE DISHONEST UNBELIEVERS

the Lord refused to work miracles. He knew that they would not believe after they had seen a miracle. God refused to raise Lazarus from the dead just to prove His power to unbelievers. He said they would not believe after they saw a miracle of raising the dead (Luke 16:31). Several years later another Lazarus was raised from the dead. The religious leaders of that day became so angry that they killed Jesus and wanted to killed Lazarus (John 12:10). Even then Jesus raised Lazarus because He loved him (John 11:36), and then just to accept a challenge from religious leaders.

King Herod challenged Jesus to perform a miracle. Jesus did not perform a miracle to prove that He could (Luke 23:8), not even to free Himself. Had Jesus been performing miracles to prove that He had power to do so, He would not have put the unbelievers out of the house when He wanted to perform a special miracle (Mark 5:37).

Healing is the children's bread (Matt. 15:26). A mother gives her children bread not to prove she has power to do so; she feeds her children because she loves them; she has the mother nature. God does things for His children because He is merciful, truthful, and has a father nature. Numerous times we see that Jesus healed people because He was



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moved with compassion, not to accept a challenge. (Mark 1:41)

Elijah did not accept a challenge when he called fire down from heaven and proved the power of God to a nation. He threw out the challenge. Jesus, the apostles, or any of the early Christians did not perform miracles in answer to a challenge. They did not go about accepting challenges. They threw out the challenge. When the Holy Spirit led Brother Branham to throw out a challenge for the antichrist group to heal a blind man, He stood behind that challenge and healed the blind man, when they failed. As a result thousands gave their heart to God!

In the healing of Naaman it was Elisha who threw out the challenge (II Kings 5:8). Naaman was not a dishonest unbeliever throwing out challenges to prove his religion. He was an honest sufferer seeking mercy and compassion.

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#### HONEST UNBELIEVERS

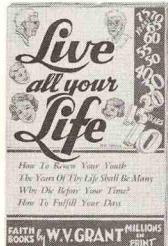
Thomas was an unbeliever, but he was not blinded by prejudice. When he saw a miracle he believed. Prejudice came from the word prejudged. Pharisees say, "If I see it I won't believe." God slayed some religious people because they did not believe after they saw miracles (Heb. 3:9-17).

To the dishonest unbelievers God did not perform any miracles of healing. To one He performed a Miracle of judgment, and struck him blind for a season (Acts 13:11). Paul turned them over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh (I Tim. 1:19, II Tim. 2:18) that they might learn not to blaspheme.

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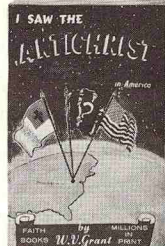
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## SHOULD CHRISTIANS DRINK ALCOHOL?

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born of woman, was commanded to drink neither wine nor strong drink. (Luke 1:15)

The Levites were commanded not to use strong drink when they were in the service of the Lord.

"And the Lord spake unto Aaron, saying, Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations." (Lev. 10:8-9)

### DID JESUS TURN THE WATER INTO FERMENTED WINE?

But we are told by advocates of a "Christian's liberty to drink" that all this means nothing. For, so they say, Jesus Himself made fermented wine and drank it. They cite the case of the wedding feast at Cana, where the family ran short of wine. They claim that Christ on this occasion made a large quantity of fermented wine. Therefore do not Christians have the right to drink fermented wine also?

1. These people ignore the fact, which we have already shown, that the Bible speaks of more than one kind of wine. That there is fermented wine and unfermented wine. And certainly there is all the difference in the world between unfermented wine and that which is fermented! One is a delightful and wholesome drink, the other is a poison which degrades human beings, makes alcoholics out of them, and sends them on their way to a drunkard's grave.

2. They disregard the fact that the Old Testament protests again and again against the evils of drinking intoxicating wine. They would have the Lord disobey the injunction of the Scriptures which declare, "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright." (Prov. 23:31)

3. These people would have the Lord disobeying the admonitions of the New Testament against the use of fermented wine and strong drink and the drunkenness that attends it. They would have Christ in disagreement with the Bible which teaches that those in the holy service of the Lord must abstain from its use. God commanded the Rechabites from abstaining from it. Despite all these admonitions, did Christ go ahead and manufacture it in such quantities that there was enough for the people at the wedding to get drunk?

4. These people also ignore the obvious fact that wine newly made, has no alcohol content at all. For newly made wine to become alcoholic requires a lapse of time for fermentation processes to take place. Or did the Lord ferment the fresh wine that He had made!

5. Because the master of the feast mentioned that the wine that Jesus made was the very best, advocates of drinking fermented spirits say that this proves that the wine must have been alcohol. Yet to most people who do not drink alcohol, grape juice is an exquisite drink; on the other hand, intoxicating wine has a bitter and unpleasant taste. It is only when fermented wine begins to make the person heady, that he acquires a taste for it. Was the wedding that Jesus attended a bacchanal feast where the participants, including Christ, gave themselves to an orgy of drinking six waterpots of intoxicating liquor, beside what had already been drunk? There were holy people in Israel in the days of Christ. We are sure that Christ attended a wedding of godly people, who obeyed the injunctions to abstain from "the cup when it is red."

6. Certainly Jesus drank wine, but it was unfermented wine, the fruit of the vine. At the Last Supper at the Passover, Jesus drank not fermented wine, but the fruit of the vine. Alcohol is not the fruit of the vine but a different substance altogether.

"But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." (Matt. 26:29)

There have been statements made that Jesus and the disciples drank intoxicating liquor at the Last Supper. The idea is unthinkable. In the first place the Jews were not permitted even to eat leavened bread at the Passover. The reason for this is that in the making of leavened bread, yeast which produces alcohol, is used. When the bread is baked the alcohol being volatile, escapes. Nevertheless, the fact that the bread (a type of the broken body of Christ) had been in contact with alcohol, defiled it for the Passover. If God would not allow leavened bread which had come in contact with alcohol to be used, in the passover, then is it not a perversion to suppose that the real alcohol should be drunk at the Passover?

Jesus drank wine at the Passover but not fermented wine. The advocates of alcohol, vainly maintain that Jesus drank this poison—if not at the Passover, then at other times. We have only one case in which it can be proved that the wine offered to Christ, was fermented. This was the time of crucifixion. A mixed wine drink was given Him as was the custom then to stupefy the senses, so that the victim would not feel the suffering so severely. Wine given for that purpose was definitely fermented, in order to perform the function desired. Here was the one time, if ever, in which Jesus might find justification in drinking fermented wine. But Matthew tells us that He tasted it and then refused it. Mark declares that He received it not!

"And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh:

but he received it not." (Mark 15:23)

Jesus would not allow Himself to go on record as drinking alcohol to deaden His pain even when He was suffering the tortures of the crucifixion.

### NEW TESTAMENT CONDEMNS DRINKING

Some people can hold their liquor and not get drunk—except rarely. Others are social drinkers who don't get drunk regularly, but become a little tipsy and have to be helped to bed. One out of every five or six drinkers eventually become alcoholic or near alcoholic. Eventually many of these die in disgrace and go to a drunkard's grave. Hence if five can drink it and get by without becoming a drunkard, their example nevertheless makes a drunkard out of their brother. If everybody in a family of six drinks, on the average one will drink to the place where it disrupts his life and wrecks his future.

Paul knew there would be some people who would insist on "Christian liberty" to drink fermented wine. (Liberty is not license!) Therefore he gave the command for Christians not to drink wine that would cause their brother to offend.

"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." (Romans 14:21)

If nothing else will keep a professing Christian from drinking a liquid which makes 4 million alcoholics in one country alone and sends them to a drunkard's hell, surely if he has any burden for souls at all, this Scripture should give him pause for reflection.

Actually the New Testament which condemns the results of drinking, must condemn drinking.

Galatians 5:21 says drunkenness is the work of the flesh and those who indulge in it shall not inherit the kingdom of God. (See also 1 Cor. 6:10)

1 Cor. 5:11 commands Christians to not even eat with one called a believer who becomes a drunkard.

Eph. 5:18 declares, "And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess."

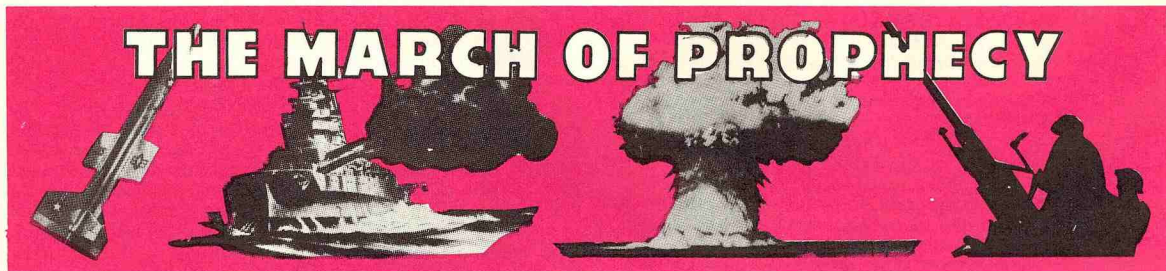
1 Tim. 3:3 states that a bishop must be one "not given to wine." Here is an absolute command that an elder in a church should not drink wine. *A minister who drinks alcohol is in direct disobedience to the word of God.*

### WHY NOT A MORE PLAIN DISTINCTION IN THE SCRIPTURES?

Some seem to think that the Bible should have clarified the  
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# THE MARCH OF PROPHECY



(A FEATURE TO KEEP READERS INFORMED OF WORLD EVENTS WHICH HAVE UNUSUAL PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE.)

## EGYPT COMING BACK INTO PROPHECY

Egypt was the first great world empire. After mistreating the children of Israel, that nation came under judgment, and since that time has been as the word of God foretold, one of the "basest" of nations. (Ezek. 29:15) However, the many prophecies regarding Egypt at the end time, indicate, that this country will play an important role in world events at that time.

Perhaps the most significant development in Egypt at the present moment is not the building of the Aswan Dam, but the plan to build a canal to let the Mediterranean Sea into the great Quattara depression, which is some 100 miles west of Cairo. This is Nasser's greatest dream. The newly created lake would double the rainfall of Egypt and change the face of nature. Because of rapid evaporation, the sea would flow into it indefinitely. Such a project would furnish many billion kilowatts of power, sufficient to irrigate vast areas that would transform Egypt's whole economy.

## EARTHQUAKE IN MOROCCO

Jesus mentioned that one of the signs toward the end of the age, would be disastrous earthquakes. (Matt. 24:7) Another terrible earthquake struck Morocco a few weeks ago. Up to 10,000 dead are reported in Agadir, and the whole city is a ruin.

## CUBA, A SOCIALIST STATE WITHIN A YEAR!

Newsweek says: "There can no longer be any question about it. Within a year Cuba will be a completely socialistic country. No one in the government now denies this. Ernesto Guervra, president of the National bank and the most powerful man in Cuba next to Castro, said last week: 'Cuba's economy will be a nationalized economy and will not be dependent on capitalistic investments'."

The violent spirit of Communism is moving like a fire across that unhappy island. Strange indeed that some ministers of the gospel do not recognize the fearful evil of that anti-God system which is now only one hundred miles from our own shores!

## CRISIS IN ISRAEL

There is an impending crisis over water in the Holy Land. Both the Arabs and the Israeli are fighting for the waters of the Jordan. There is, in fact, plenty of water for both peoples. Enough water flows in the Jordan to irrigate a quarter of a million acres of desert and generate 210 billion kilowatt hours of power yearly. In 1955, America offered to build a TVA-type development for \$121 million, which would give the Arabs two-thirds of the water, and Israel one third. The Israeli accepted but the Arabs refused.

Today Israel is planning to go it alone. With a spectacular series of canals, and huge nine-foot water pipes they plan to bring the water down to the Negev. Ben-Gurion has been in the U.S. raising money for the project. They are well along on their plan. The Arabs are fiercely determined to sabotage it. They intend to siphon Jordan at its headwaters so that no water

will flow into the projected dam. In the makings is another fierce contest. Along with these maneuverings we may expect the Communists to jockey for the favor of the Arab countries. In these hatreds and strifes is the ever present possibility of their precipitating World War III.

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## BILLY GRAHAM REJECTS FAITH HEALING CHALLENGE

Billy Graham turned down a Moslem religious leader's challenge for a faith healing contest to test the powers of the Christian and Islamic beliefs.

The evangelist rejected the challenge, saying that "Christ was once challenged by Satan to perform a spectacular feat in order to prove his deity."

Sheik Mudarak 'Ahmad, chief of the East African Moslem commission proposed that thirty incurables be selected; that Graham and six of his followers pray over fifteen, and the sheik and six of his followers pray over the rest. The result would show, according to the Sheik "who is blessed with the Lord's grace and mercy and upon whom His door remains closed."

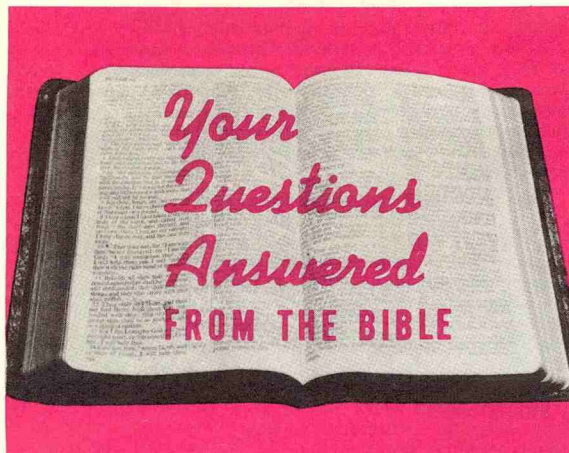
Under the circumstances Billy Graham probably did the wise thing. He does not regularly pray for the sick, and consequently should not be called upon to defend this ministry (although he does believe in Divine healing). The chief was of course counting on Graham's failure, and having failed, it would not matter whether the Mohammedans failed or not. The Sheik, of course, was not acting sincerely. Indeed if he could heal fifteen incurables he would not need Billy Graham in the act.

However, it is true that the church has failed to act upon Christ's command in the Great commission to heal the sick of all nations. We should carry the challenge to the heathen. This is the task which THE WINNING THE NATIONS CRUSADE seeks to do. The fact that great miracles are following our evangelists is proven by the enormous crowds which attend their campaigns, despite the fact they get no advance publicity such as the Graham party receives. We need Elijahs today, as on Mt. Carmel, who will be able to challenge the powers of Satan.

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### CONCERNING GOD'S JUDGMENT OF THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD THE GOSPEL

**QUESTION:** What about the heathen that have never had a chance to hear the Gospel? Are they all condemned to perish in Hell?

**ANSWER:** Probably no other subject has been the center of greater controversy than this. It is a subject in which we must choose our words carefully. One thing is certain, after reading the many warnings in the word of God of the awful consequences of sin, we would commit a tragic error if we gave anyone hope that having rejected Christ in this life, they will receive a second chance in the next. The fate of the Universalist Church which taught the second chance, and which is now in hopeless apostasy, is certainly a warning of the consequences of such a teaching.

The fact that Satan, once a holy archangel, and his fallen angels, are incorrigibly and hopelessly wicked, is a warning that sin is a one-way road that leads to everlasting destruction. Let us not mitigate the Bible warning that "the wages of sin is death." Jesus in words uttered by the most tender lips that ever spoke, said:

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matt. 10:28)

However, the above question does not refer to Christ-rejecters but to those who never really had their first chance. What about them? Is it compatible with the justice of God for a person who never had an opportunity to hear the gospel to be condemned to eternal destruction?

Before answering this question, let us pause a moment. If the heathen have not heard the message of salvation, why not? Has the church fallen down in her appointed task to preach the gospel to every creature? If this is true is not the church's responsibility very great? Alas, we must confess that the church is guilty of great failure in this respect.

Let us always remember, however, that God is still on the throne. Not a sparrow falls to the ground but that He takes note. For one thing we may surely understand that the blood of Christ covers those who have not come to the age of accountability. God guards his little ones. (Matt. 18:10) The story of the evil king, Jeroboam, is enlightening. God permitted the child of this wicked ruler to die while young, because He did not want him to grow up under evil influence.

By allowing one person to die and another to live, we see that God still has His hand on the destiny of the human soul. One thing we can be absolutely certain of, is that when

eternity is fully revealed, and the dark things are brought to light we shall find that God's justice goes as far and even further than human justice and is altogether compatible with infinite love. The giving of Christ on the Cross to redeem men from the penalty of death is the supreme example of His immeasurable love.

How will God deal with those who never had a chance? How will those who have never heard the word of God, be judged? Paul tells us that those who have not the written law shall be judged by the law that is written upon their conscience. Those who have sinned without law shall perish without law, and those who have not the law, but do the things by nature contained in the law, are a law unto themselves. It is evident that Paul is stating a principle of God's justice. We quote the whole passage.

"For as many as have sinned without law also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves." (Romans 2:12-14)

God's plan certainly includes justice for every man. What does John the Baptist's statement mean when he says: "Christ is the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world"? (John 1:9) There is hope for the man who accepts light when it comes, but there is no promise of a later opportunity for him who rejects it. The love of darkness rather than light is what condemns the sinner.

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." (John 3:19)

Jesus Himself gave three statements concerning God's reckoning toward those who are not wilfully ignorant. These are worthy of careful consideration, for they surely have a bearing upon how God will judge men in the final reckoning.

"Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye shall say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth." (John 9:41)

"If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin." (John 15:22)

"If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my father." (Jn. 15:24)

In the end our consciences shall fully justify the righteous acts of the Lord. As Abraham of old said: "Shall not the judge of the whole world do right?" Abraham lived to see the mercy of God, though he also saw that God was not slack in executing judgment.

### GOD WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS HIS WONDERS TO PERFORM

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I prayed and sought God, and early in 1957, God began to open the doors and show me a plan and His will for us to take a missionary tour that would lead us into some twenty-one foreign countries. During the year of 1957, in our campaigns which took us to Bethel Temple, San Francisco, and tent revivals in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and a number of auditorium meetings, I was laying the groundwork and crystalizing my plans for the mission that God had laid upon my heart. It was soon apparent that our trip would lead us to Hawaii, Tokyo, Hong Kong, India, the Arab World, the Holy Land, and Europe.

I shall not attempt to tell you about all the hours of prayer and the many letters that were written to personnel in foreign

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## SHOULD CHRISTIANS DRINK ALCOHOL?

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subject of drinking wine a little better. But he who has an honest heart has no problem. He will never take a passage of Scripture subject to controversy, as an excuse for license and which violates the voice of conscience. On the other hand an unstable soul longs to indulge the lusts of the flesh and ever seeks a pretext for self gratification — especially one supposed to be Scriptural. The Bible teaches the denial of fleshly lusts, and, those who use the excuse of personal liberty for indulgence are headed for trouble.

Admittedly this subject is complex, because, as we have shown, there are various types of wines, and because the people involved were of varying degrees of scriptural enlightenment. But the Scriptures have made the Divine will clear in this matter to any honest Christian which is: God has put no prohibition on the use of fresh wine or unfermented wine. There was no prohibition against the wine which was preserved in unfermented state, and called "must". But of the heady wines, deliberately prepared to intoxicate, the Bible gives explicit warning.

Biblical Texts produced to favor wine (such as I Tim. 5:23) must, if the Bible is consistent, refer to the unfermented or the preserved "must wines", which contained little or no alcohol. Alcoholic wines recommended in the Scriptures were for external rather than internal use. (Luke 10:33)

### AN OBJECTION

It has been contended that Jesus' parable about putting new wine into old bottles in which He uses the illustration of a man having drunk old wine, will not desire the new, is a defense of fermented wines. (Luke 5:37-39) There is nothing in the text to bear out this assumption. Christ was not discussing whether alcohol was good or bad.

Actually the parable of the old and new wine was directed toward the Pharisees. The Pharisees were contaminated with the leaven of tradition. (Matt. 16:6. Leaven is fermented yeast.) The Pharisees rejected the new-wine doctrine of Christ and would not accept His message. The gospel preached to them did not profit but rather worked to their own destruction. They wanted the old wine leaven of their tradition. (Read Luke 5:30-39)

### THE EARLY CHURCH FATHERS

It is a well known fact that many of the Early Church fathers spoke against the use of fermented wine. Of these was Clement who wrote:

"I therefore admire those who have adopted an austere life and are fond of water, the medicine of temperance, and flee as far as possible from wine, shunning it as they would the danger of fire." (Ibid)

St. Augustine and Jerome and others opposed the use of fermented wine. But during the Dark Ages the Church changed its views and began to use fermented wine even in their religious sacraments.

Alcohol is the excretion of bacteria. In the fermentation of beer and wine the bacteria multiply until the alcohol reaches a content of 14%—sufficient to kill them and stop fermentation. Such wines are often fortified further by means of distillation, until comparatively small amounts are capable of producing intoxication.

### THE RESULTS OF DRINKING

We have said little about what everyday experience teaches about the evils of liquor. This is hardly necessary. One out of every five or six drinkers become alcoholic or near alcoholic. This has become the great American tragedy. Not a few ministers as well as laity have brought shame on the church of Christ through addiction to alcohol. Alcohol makes a man act the fool. He becomes loud and boisterous and often conducts himself in a most disgusting way. Many murderers have committed the fatal act while under the influence of alcohol. In the U. S., 14,000 people died in car wrecks

last year, as a result of a drinking driver. Liquor progressively vitiates the moral tone of an individual. His nature gradually coarsens and his pattern of behavior undergoes change. In time strong drink can cause a complete personality change. It is a common medical fact that the use of alcohol gradually causes a degeneration in the bodily organs. As drinking progresses it may result in delirium tremens, a pathological condition which causes a man to see snakes and other imaginary objects.

The alcoholic eventually loses all self-control. Drinking, to him, becomes an escape from the realities of life. Such excessive drinking usually results in a broken home and a trip to the divorce court. It condemns the victim to utter degradation and in its finale, premature death. The epitaph of many such persons could well be written: "Here lies a man whose life began with great promise but ended in a drunkard's grave." Let the church arise and take its stand once more against this diabolical enemy of mankind—the alcohol fiend.

(Note: The writer recognizes that there are Christians in foreign lands where the drinking of fermented wine has long been the established custom. Some sincere people in those countries think nothing of this practice because they have been taught no other way. We should not condemn them but in a Christian spirit, as occasion permits, acquaint them with the Bible teaching on the subject, leaving the rest up to the Lord. The real tragedy would be for Christians in our land who know better, to be tempted to emulate them. The results could be, and probably would be disastrous.)

### GOD WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS HIS WONDERS TO PERFORM

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countries to arrange campaigns. In every case we were careful to see that the meetings would be conducted in neutral auditoriums, stadiums, tents, open air, or other buildings that would reach the greatest possible number of people.

God gave us great results in these meetings. Thousands were converted from pagan darkness. God confirmed His Word with signs, wonders, and miracles of healing. I shall never be the same again. The need of those lost in heathen darkness without Christ is ever before me and I pray as never before that God will use me and help me to enlist others to reach those dying in a land of religious night.

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Thou fiend that's cursed the human race,

Where is thy place? Oh, let me tell,  
For I have learned thy secret well.

Show me the place where you have been,

And there's the place where crime is seen;

Show me the place your presence blights,

And there's the place for brawls and fights.

Go see the graves that you have filled;

Go see the blood that you have spilled.

Then tell me that there is a place  
Where you should show your demon face!

Go ask the drunkard's wretched wife  
What's been the terror of her life;  
What turned her raven locks to snow  
And laid her wretched husband low.

See how she looks, by man forsaken;  
See her by want and sorrow shaken.  
See her hide in deep disgrace,  
Then say no more about your place.  
Go hear the orphan's cry for bread;  
Go hear the widow mourn her dead.  
Go see the drunkard's haggard face.  
And ask of him where is thy place.

Ask the pauper, at the poorhouse door,  
What makes his heavy heart so sore.  
He'll say, while tears roll down his face,

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Go see the place where demons lurk;  
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