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EDITORIAL

"Whosoever seeks God's will alone, finds it everywhere, wherever God's providence leads him."

This brief excerpt taken from a letter written by François Fenelon in the 17th Century aptly describes the desire of our hearts as we enter the New Year. We have sought prayerfully to plan our Spring and Summer publishing program with the end in mind of nourishing and teaching all those who seek a deeper experience with Jesus Christ. We praise Him for the way in which every detail is coming together.

NEW WINE is a teaching magazine first and foremost. We believe this to be the strong emphasis of the Spirit in these days and the burden which has been laid upon the team. If it is to be of maximum inspiration, it must be a living organism ever bending and yielding to the Spirit's testimony captured by the ear of the heart. Therefore we commence this month with a slight change in format to better meet the needs of our readers and to present scripturally based truths as the Holy Spirit entrusts them to us.

We introduce in this issue several new features such as "Forum", whereby we seek to answer as accurately as possible with a multiplicity of opinion the questions which are uppermost in your heart. Then there are new pages on the work of LIVING TAPES and VIDEO MINISTRIES two of our associate organizations. Here we endeavour to introduce to you new tools of evangelism to enable you to become a better trained and more effective ambassador for Christ.

May we say to all our readers: We need your prayers and intercession for us and as you feel lead, your financial support so that we may accept the opportunities now opening to us. Above all we need your continued fellowship.

Have you received a new insight into a portion of the Word? Is there something which the Spirit has made real to you which you believe should be shared with others? Is there a testimony or a happening which you would like to tell about? Write to us.

We cannot promise to publish everything of course or to reply at length, but we will pray about your comments and seek to share everything in future issues that ministers to the whole Body of Christ.



Recently the editor of "New Covenant" the Catholic charismatic magazine visited several members of the Trapp family in their home in Stowe, Vermont. This interview is recorded below by the kind permission of the editor of that publication.

AN INTERVIEW WITH BARONESS MARIA von TRAPP

Ed Maria, what led you to become involved in the charismatic renewal?

M My daughter Agathe who lives in Baltimore became involved with a Catholic charismatic group there. It meant a lot to her and she began to tell me about it and send me literature.

Ed What books have you been reading?

M As you can see I have most of them. I particularly like the living experience ones, Dennis Bennett's "Nine O'Clock in the Morning," "The Cross and the Switchblade," and also the

The Sound Of NEW Music..



yellow one, Fr. O'Connor's book. But it was the fifth international conference at Notre Dame that really made the difference.

Ed How did you get to that?

M Well, Agathe told me about it, I saw it mentioned in the "Time" article on the Jesus movement, and I called Fr. O'Connor and asked if a non-participant could come. He said sure, and so I came.

Ed How did you like it?

M The first night I thought was glorious, but then Satan began to work on me. All day Saturday, I was irritated and hostile to everything and everyone. I couldn't stand people saying "praise the Lord" and beaming with so much joy. I thought, why couldn't they just say "hi" or "good day" or something, and why are they so happy? I resented it. I think Satan knew the damage I could do him with all the people I know and see each year if I opened up to this work of the

Spirit. By supper time I just wanted to get out of South Bend. I called the airlines and asked for reservations on the next plane out of South Bend. I didn't care where it went, I just wanted to get out. While I was waiting I had a polite dinner with some people I knew. You know how polite dinners are, terrible. Then I saw Colonel Cavnar in the same dining room and that made the difference.

Ed Did you know him from before?

M No, I had only heard him give his testimony the night before and was moved by it, and I respected him. I was further moved when he came up to me and said, "I can't thank you enough for your books and life. We've read and reread them and they've helped our family very much." He asked me how I was doing. I told him I was very frustrated and wanted the baptism in the Holy Spirit but it hadn't happened yet. He invited me to come to his suite in the Holiday Inn after the evening session and he and some friends would pray with me.

Ed And you went?

M Yes. The evening prayer meeting-liturgy was very beautiful. The singing in the Spirit was magnificent. The messages in tongues and interpretation spoke to me. The evening prepared me for the baptism, it put all my spiritual molecules back together again.

Ed What happened after the meeting?

M We went back to the motel and several people talked to me and helped prepare me to be prayed with. They asked me if I wanted to be freed to pray in a new dimension, in tongues. I told them that I could speak English and German fluently and wouldn't the Holy Spirit be satisfied with that? As silly as it sounds, I knew I would give my life for the Lord if asked, but I did not want to speak in tongues.

Ed Many people experience that at first.

M They prayed with me anyway,



Escaping from Austria just before Hitler took over before World War II, the Trapp family developed a world-wide singing career which was a source of Christian inspiration to many. The movie, "The Sound of Music" was patterned on the life and writings of Maria von Trapp. Maria and a few of her children presently reside at the Trapp family lodge in Stowe, Vermont, which also serves as a year round recreation center and lodge for thousands of visitors.

and the Colonel encouraged me to speak out in tongues anyway. I prayed, "O, Lord, help me speak in tongues so these people will be happy" which of course, wasn't the right way to go about the whole thing, but that's how it was. I spoke a few halting words, but I didn't know if I was making it up or not. The Colonel encouraged me to keep using those words and it would develop more fully.

Ed Has it?

M Well, a number of things have happened. For a while I didn't know if I really wanted it so much or not, but then a great desire for it grew, and yet still the tongue is rather faltering, and I think the Lord is having me wait a bit because of my initial disdain of this humble but Godly gift.

Ed Besides the speaking in tongues, have you noticed any effects in particular since being prayed with?

M Yes. Right afterwards I went to bed slightly amazed at how ordinary I felt and things seemed. I put on my nightgown, brushed my teeth, as I always did, as if nothing had happened. The next morning, however, I knew that God was active in my life in a new way. I felt inundated in an ocean of love, to such an extent that everything in creation seemed to be a part of it. Everyone who did me wrong in any way I forgave, as one by one they lined up in procession before me, and I wished them from my heart God's blessings.

Ed Did this experience persist?

M Not in exactly that dramatic a way. That was something like a honeymoon period and lasted for a few weeks, but from it have come enduring and important differences in my life as a Christian.

Ed Can you describe some of these?

M Well for one thing, I'm able to relate more lovingly in situations of pressure and weariness, in greeting so many people, in family relationships, than I ever could before. This is the first summer that I've been able to bear up so well under the flood of tourists who come here and want to see me. Another thing is that Scripture has become much more alive, almost as if floods of light come to me from the Scripture. And this is really something for I've read the Scripture all my life, but a lot of it didn't make sense to me. For example, I used to make a reverential bow to the epistles of Paul, and pass on, for I didn't understand or like him, but now the Lord really speaks to me through his writings. I can't get enough of him. I was just reading Romans 10:1-4 and it means so much to me now.

Ed Maria, many who have read your books, and know of your dedicated Christian life, might ask themselves when they hear you've become involved in the charismatic renewal, what more could you need in your life that you didn't already have? What would you say to them?

M Well, before we strove for perfection by the sweat of our brow, and didn't get very far. Now since being baptized in the Spirit, it's not only my own effort, but the work of the Spirit within me that is at work to make me a Christian. It makes me want to approach the next bus driver or whom-ever I see and ask if he's been baptized in the Holy Spirit. I know I should not do things like that, but I do want to tell everyone about the gift that God has for them in His Spirit. I want them all to know this kind of happiness.

Even in living a dedicated Christian life there can be something important missing, the power of the Spirit. The apostles lived with Jesus for three years day and night, and yet at the end of that time, something im-

portant was still missing. They hadn't yet been baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Ed How would you relate this "new Pentecost" that the Church is experiencing to the traditional Catholicism that you grew up in?

M Well, I think the baptism in the Holy Spirit is what all Catholics ought to experience in Confirmation but don't. In Austria, and it isn't very different in America, Confirmation is a new wristwatch, a trip to the amusement park, and somewhere sandwiched in the middle, Church, "but it won't take too long." It's memorizing seven gifts, 12 fruits, fuss about a sponsor and a name, and trying to remember why the bishop is going to tap your cheek, and wondering what it's going to feel like. It's hardly ever a personally desired and experienced commitment to Jesus and release of the Spirit. Baptism in the Holy Spirit must have been the sacrament of Confirmation for the first Christians and it should be today.

Ed Do you have any thoughts about why this is the case?

M Analyze how we Catholics grow up. We're baptized as babies, and our godparents mumble something we don't understand. We have our first confession full of fear, and our first communion full of reverence. Somehow, somewhere, Jesus is all mixed up in this but many of us never clearly, in words, acknowledge Him as our Saviour and Lord. We may even go to daily communion all our lives and yet never have confronted the great issue of whether He is my Saviour and Lord. It's not necessarily that we're against it — although there's usually a struggle that shows something of a reluctance when we come right down to it. Many of us have never met our Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour.

Ed And yet Maria you would still want to say that you've been a Chris-

tian all your life, and that the Holy Spirit has been with you?

M Yes, I would. But I would also want to say that there's more that the Lord has for many of us devout life-long Catholics. One of the most precious moments of my life came recently when not only was I baptized in the Spirit, but consciously and explicitly accepted Jesus as my Saviour, accepting what He did for me through His death and resurrection.

Ed What do you mean accepting Jesus as your personal Saviour?

M Well, I know it sounds Protestant, but we have some things to learn in this area. When I first thought about doing it, it made me impatient, it just seemed like a superfluous act. And yet, a Scripture passage really helped me understand it, Revelation 3:20-22: *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him and he with me."*

I always thought, the door is open, why doesn't He come in? Of course, the door is always open, why does He have to knock? I have frequently seen a ghostly picture with Jesus knocking, but had never understood how personal, definite and committing the invitation to come in had to be. This invitation to Him is there in many of our lives, but not consciously enough. We need to consciously awaken to Him and make a personal person-to-person commitment. I believe that one of the things the Holy Spirit is doing in the charismatic renewal is lifting a veil that has kept many Catholics from the personal relationship with Jesus that is there for the asking.

Ed Do you have any reflections on what the Holy Spirit is doing in the Church today?

M I think we're involved in a direct battle between the Spirit of God and

the Satanic powers. One of Satan's great triumphs is that he has gotten many priests and theologians to pooh-poo the reality of evil spirits. When I say things like this, sophisticated young clergy say: "But Baroness, you don't believe in the devil any more do you?" This is a grave mistake. We're in a battle for the world and it is our privilege and function to offer our legs, our ears, our lips, our whole beings to the sovereign Lordship of the Holy Spirit, and share with Him in this battle in whatever ways we can, big and small. I am not afraid of priests marrying or not marrying. I am not afraid of the ghastly figures that show the decline of the Church. What I am afraid of is that the Holy Spirit won't be given a chance. What we need to pray for, all of us, unceasingly, is that the Holy Spirit be given a chance. This has to happen on every level of the Church.

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the church, to realize new unity of the Spirit for facing today's world.

Step four: The distribution of these video tapes are planned through "Christian Resource Centers." Men in some twenty strategic locations across the United States have caught the vision.

Step five: The greatest opportunity and responsibility of translating into other languages the Bible teaching which the Holy Spirit has entrusted to this team is now planned. In this way every language group on earth can be reached.

This past fall VIDEO MINISTRIES, INC., has taken the mobile video studio to the Pittsburgh area for a teaching conference. Pray for this team whom the Lord is calling together for these special ministries that they may keep their eyes upon Him, that no man shall be seen save Jesus Christ only. Are we now at the threshold of the vision of the Prophet Habakkuk, when God spoke through him saying, "I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you." □

ITINERARIES 1972

DEREK PRINCE

Will be ministering as follows:
January 9-14

Faith Temple
Seattle, Washington

January 28-30

Jacksonville, Florida

February 10-13

Orlando, Florida
Contact Ken Lawrence

March 23-25

FGBMFI Seminar
Birmingham, Alabama

March 30-April 6

Tennessee CFO
Eatonton, Georgia

CHARLES SIMPSON

Will be ministering as follows:
January 9-16

Seattle, Washington

January 13-19

Christian Center
Vancouver, Canada

February 27-29

Christian Assembly of God
Lexington, Kentucky

March 14-19

High Point, N.C.

March 30-April 6

Tennessee CFO
Eatonton, Georgia

April 9-15

Tulsa, Oklahoma

May 7-13

HSTM Seminar
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

May 21-26

Trinity Baptist Church
Louisville, Kentucky

June 24-28

Halifax, N.S., Canada

IF ANY MAN THIRST

A MIAMI CONFERENCE ADDRESS - PART ONE



**A TALK BY THE NOTED BRITISH
EVANGELIST ARTHUR WALLIS
ON THIRSTING AFTER GOD**

In John 7:37 Jesus spoke those words which God is using to bring many of us into real blessing these days: "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink." In many Christians today the Spirit of God has created a deep thirst which often has not been fulfilled. In some cases he has worked through frustration, in others through problems besetting our Christian Life, or through a sense of barrenness and dryness. This phenomenon of course, is no new thing. We can see in the life of Elisha for example, how God called, equipped, and then used a young man. And particularly in the last journey together of Elisha and Elijah we see all the great principles of life in the Spirit being brought out, right up until Elijah was taken and Elisha remained ready to move into

the great work God had called him to do.

There is a double application to this scripture however. It applies there, to those Christians who have barriers which prevent their taking hold of the things of God; like the little boy at Christmas time, looking through shop windows at the beautiful toys he longs for. As he stretches out his hand, he finds that something comes between him and the toys in the window. There is an invisible barrier that prevents his taking hold of and apprehending what he sees. Then there are Christians who, having tasted of the riches of God's grace in the Life in the Spirit, have hangups and problems in their personal lives, which have colored and changed the work of God — they are not seeing the realities of God's bless-

ings in the way they had hoped, when they sought the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Now let me encourage you if this is how it is with you. Let me say quite emphatically that the Holy Spirit has created a thirst in you; it is neither of the flesh nor of the devil. This is His work in your heart. And just as surely as He has created the thirst, He will satisfy it. He is waiting and longing to bring you into a fuller and more satisfying experience of Himself.

THIRST – COME – DRINK

"If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink." Have you noticed there are three verbs in that statement by Jesus which contain the secret of entering in; they indicate the three things we have to do. In the Christian life it is so important that we don't make the mistake of asking God to do what He tells us to do, and that we don't try to do what He has promised to do for us. We need to recognize our part, and to acknowledge the part He alone can play in the work of the Spirit.

The first thing we have to do is THIRST. For many, the lack of thirsting is the one reason why God cannot meet their need. But even if we thirst it is not sufficient to look at brother or sister so and so and say he or she has a wonderful experience, I would like to have an experience exactly like that for myself. Indeed, we may thirst, but God has an entirely different, and entirely unique and equally blessed experience for each one of us. We need not covet the experience of others.

On the other hand, when the Spirit of God creates in my heart a thirst for something that is promised in the Word of God, I can look at others and say, "Lord, you did it for him, you did it for her, and it is a promise for me too; it is there in your Word." This is claiming the promise of the Word.

The second thing we have to do is give that THIRST action, by COMING. "If any man thirst, let him come to Me. . ." But why to Jesus?

Because He is a real part of the transaction; He alone is the baptizer in the Holy Spirit. "Come to Me," He says, and we come in exactly the same way as we come for salvation or any other blessing; through prayer. We express our desire in prayer, because that is how the Holy Spirit is received. He is given to those who ask. So THIRST and COME.

Many Christians come to me after meetings and say, "Brother Wallis, I want you to help me. I have been seeking this baptism in the Holy Spirit that you have been talking about. I have been asking God, I have been praying, I have been fasting, I have been doing this and that and the other. After speaking to them for awhile it has occurred to me that they have been thirsting and coming, thirsting and coming, thirsting and coming. What they have not been doing is DRINKING.

Jesus said THIRST, COME and then DRINK. For a long time I thought drinking was automatic. I thought when the Lord poured water over us we drink. Not so. I began to see that in most cases I have to take another step, to reach out in faith and appropriate what the Lord has been longing to bestow. Drinking, then, is actually appropriating by faith. From that moment on I began to drink. I said, "Lord, I spent too much time thirsting and coming. It is time I took hold of your offering." When I did this, something really happened.

THE RELEASE OF THE SPIRIT

Jesus says in John 7:38, "He that believes, (goes on believing) on Me, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." This word 'believes' is in the present tense, wherever you find a present tense in the New Testament it always emphasizes continuous action. Here is the other aspect of the glorious infilling of the Holy Spirit, the overflow or release. At first there is an essentially subjective experience deep within me, and for the moment apparently affecting no one

else, as I thirst, I come and I drink. It is purely subjective and personal. But there is something sadly missing, if what is subjective and personal does not become objective, affecting others. So there must follow the release and the outpouring of God's blessing, through us, as rivers of living water. It is in fact the Love of God being bestowed on us, so that we in turn might love others in a needy world. This is equally true of all the blessings of the Spirit.

So many earnest Christians have a genuine experience in the subjective realm. They thirst, they come, and they drink, but somehow get hungup between John 7:37 and 7:38. The continued believing, until the release of the Spirit is realized in rivers of living water, has not been fully experienced. There may have been some measure of release, but not as the Lord intends. I pray that in these days God will bring us into the full release of the Holy Spirit, for that is surely God's desire for each one of us!

THE CALLING OF ELISHA

Returning to Elisha we note that in his heart there was this deep thirst. You recall how this farm boy was plowing in the field with twelve yoke of oxen when Elijah, the great prophet of fire, passed by. As Elisha laid over the rich brown earth in straight crumbling furrows, Elijah unbuttoned his mantle and cast it upon Elisha. From that moment on Elisha was conscious of being a man of destiny, a man on whom the hand of God rested for a particular ministry. But Elisha hesitated and Elijah shrewdly observed the inward battle. "Go back again," he said, "What have I done to you?" In

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CHRISTIAN GROWTH SPRING CONFERENCE

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Jimmy Moore
Bob Mumford
MIAMI MAY 1972

If you are not a sinner, then Christ can mean little to you, you have no need of forgiveness and can never experience the grace of God. Indeed you cannot enter heaven for we only read of people there who have "washed their robes white in the Blood of the Lamb." If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves.

THE SINNER'S PLACE

● STANLEY VOKE



It is the hardest thing on earth to take the sinner's place. So intensely do we dislike it, that many of us have never taken it at all, while others having once been there take care not to visit it again. The behaviour of a cat on hot bricks is

It may be that you will not wish to read this article because you are not a sinner, but a good Christian. However, I beg you to do so because we really are all sinners. The Bible says we are, Paul said he was, and all the great saints have felt themselves vile before God. You will remember a hymn which says:

*"They who fain would serve Thee best,
Are conscious most of wrong within."*

nothing compared with ours when we are being made to take the sinner's place!

The sinner's place is the place where we accept and admit unconditionally that we are in the wrong. Often we come here by admitting only one sin, say jealousy or pride. Maybe we acknowledge that we have that particular sin, or that we have committed it. We said an unkind word or had an unclean thought. We take this place when instead of saying "Of course, that was not really ME," we say rather "that **was** me as I truly am." It may be we have to admit a whole string of wrongs, or continually have to come to the sinner's place, and so we confess not just single sins, but our whole radical corruption and sinfulness of nature. We admit the truth about ourselves as the Bible declares it.

When we take the sinner's place we do not blame circumstances or nerves or other people, but take full responsibility ourselves. When charged or challenged about some fault, when put in the wrong, shown some wrong or even criticized, we do not argue or seek to justify ourselves or explain things away. We admit the truth and repent there and then. It helps to see when criticized that if the critic knew you as you know yourself he would have far more to criticize, so why feel hurt? We save a lot of time and breath, clear up many problems and spare ourselves much mental argument, when we simply come with bowed head and stand in the sinner's place.

The sinner's place is the place king David took

when he said in reply to Nathan's challenge . . . "I have sinned;" that Job took as he cried "Behold I am vile;" that Isaiah took when he said "Woe is me for I am unclean;" that publican took as he prayed with bowed head "God be merciful to me THE sinner." Peter took it as he fell at Jesus' feet saying "Depart from me . . . I am a sinful man." The prodigal took it as he said "Father I have sinned . . . and am not worthy to be called your son." Paul was very familiar with this ground. If you have never come here you have not even begun with God.

Of course we do not like the sinner's place. One night, a man went to sleep, hard in heart because his pride had been hurt over some petty challenge in the home. He dreamed of climbing to a great height to look down a precipice at the foot of which his wife and others stood calling him to come down. He knew he must come down but how to do it he did not know. Presently a great tree stretched its long branches up to him inviting him to step on to them that they might lower him gently to the ground. But he feared they would break and he would fall and be hurt, so there he stayed, lofty and lonely and cold. Well, praise God, the very next day, he saw that gentle tree to be the Cross of Christ, and he came down! Why was he afraid of being hurt? Because it is always the fear of damaged pride that prevents us taking the sinner's place. We do not like to admit mistakes, to betray weakness or confess sin. We say it "lets the Lord down." Actually it is we who are let down, not the Lord at all, for He is never let down when we take the sinner's place. But we would rather fight, argue, justify ourselves, than repent. How terrible is the pride that makes us so.

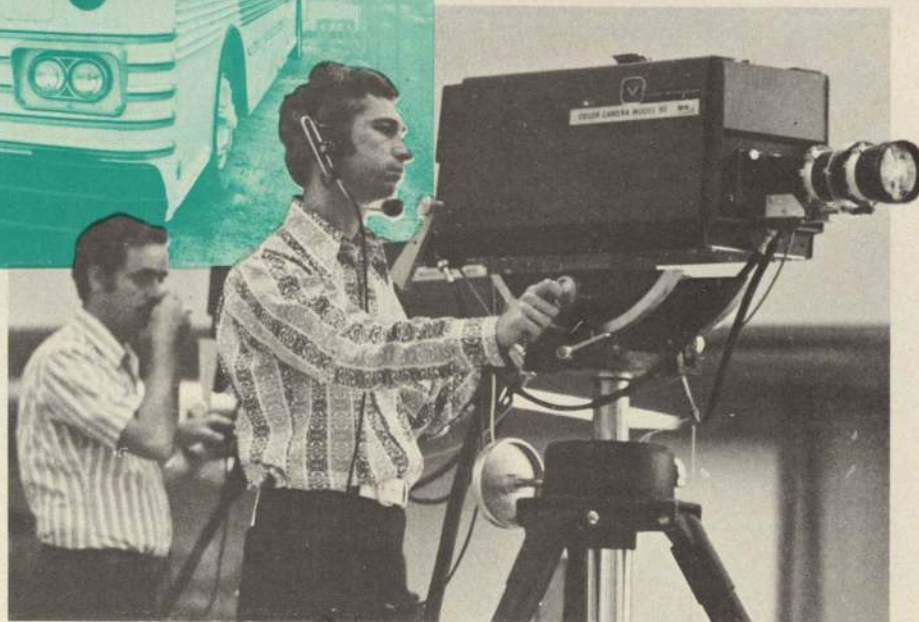
AVOIDING THE SINNER'S PLACE

Sometimes we DO NOT CALL SIN, SIN. A rose by any other name smells as sweet, and sin by any other name is the same to God. We like to make our own definitions of sin. We lengthen (and soften) it to "shortcomings." We speak of failure, weakness, frailty, fault, disabilities, anything but **sin**. Here is the crux of the matter. Do we take God's definition of sin, or our own? Sin in the Scripture is anything that is "short of the glory of God;" that misses the mark of Divine perfection; that is in any way twisted from the straight,

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ENTERING A NEW ERA IN BIBLE TEACHING



If you could really picture yourself as one group in VIDEO MINISTRIES, INC., as they drove through the streets of Washington, D.C. in a deluxe mobile color-video studio, I am sure you would have felt the thrill they did on this historic first venture as part of the first team launching a new era in Bible teaching.

The large van stops in front of the Truro Episcopal Church in Fairfax, Virginia, out rolls the color TV cameras, the lights and all the other equipment, followed by a crew of professionals — director, cameramen, engineers, and technicians who move quickly into place.

This experience was the culmination of a three year vision, endless hours of work in the past year, and a commitment of \$ 100,000. Here at last, intercessory prayer and faith could claim "the substance of things hoped for."

Elders from a number of churches in the Washington, D.C. area invited VIDEO MINISTRIES, INC. to come

for a teaching conference starting in mid-April, and continuing for six weeks. Two weeks of morning, afternoon, and evening sessions were scheduled for three different Washington, D.C. churches. The mobile color TV studio and crew were there to record the teaching sessions on color video tape for future duplication and distribution worldwide.

Seldom will the benediction end such Spirit-anointed teaching sessions as these. In fact, the benediction is now only the beginning. As these color-video tapes are duplicated and distributed, they will be viewed by hungry-hearted groups across the nation and on mission fields around the world. Details are now being worked out so that these same recordings may also be made available with second sound track in Spanish or Portuguese or other Latin American dialects.

VIDEO MINISTRIES, INC., came into being just over a year ago. The

Holy Spirit started working individually in the hearts of four leading Bible teachers: Don Basham, Bob Mumford, Derek Prince and Charles Simpson. These men began to re-evaluate their individual ministries, and to ask themselves the question — where are we going? What are we really called to do? Was God the Holy Spirit getting the most out of the time and energy expended in the light of modern communication and technology available to them? It seemed the Spirit was saying, "There is a better way." They were running from one church to another — from camp meeting to conference center — in both spiritual and physical exhaustion.

Then as they were brought together, they began opening their hearts to one another, as God was opening His heart to them. (Romans 15:7 Phillips modern English). It became clear that there are no "free-lance" ministries featured in the New Testament. The day of the spiritual "lone ranger" in God's program is past. →

During a period of deep sharing and prayer it was also made clear that their working together would bring greater glory to the Father. This meant submitting their separate ministries for periods of time as part of a united ministry, each yielding to the other as each presented divine truth from the vantage point to which the Spirit had led him. They could be as separate and articulate as the fingers of a hand yet working together as a hand.

They also had to admit that neither individually nor corporately as a team could they answer all the calls coming to them for Bible teaching. There surely must be a better way — there had to be a better way if the doors of opportunity opening to them were to be entered.

As they shared these questions with which God had been stirring their hearts, some dedicated laymen suggested part of the answer. These men saw clearly that the only way either as a team or individually, they could fill appointments which were open to them would be by using video tape. It became clear to them that color video cassettes would be God's way for this broader distribution of the life-giving teaching the

Spirit was sharing with them.

In prayer their faith was increased to join together and believe God for the thousands of dollars necessary for the mobile color video studio. This would conserve all that the Spirit of the Lord was doing and saying through them. In this way all the calls would be answered, all the open doors entered. The message coming through divine revelation could penetrate to the farthest corner of God's vineyard, and bless people of every tongue and tribe.

Less than six months after they said, "By God's grace we will do it!" Three big steps in the vision have now been completed — and the fourth and fifth steps are already in progress!

Step one: The mobile color video studio is completed and operable.

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Step three: Six weeks of Bible teaching is completed using a plurality of ministries. Fifty-five hours of living color are on master video tapes ready for release.

The teachers were conscious of an unusual quickening of the Holy Spirit upon their lives and messages. The Spirit had prepared the cooperating church for the ministry. Hearts were open and receptive. The reports coming in since the close of the teaching conference are thrilling. Continuing deliverances, hearts being melted in new oneness allow His body,

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Below: The tape player is attached with ease to the aerial terminals of any home television set color or black and white.



Above: An interference-free picture in full color or black and white ministers to small or medium size audiences in the home.



Above: The threading and operation of the video-tape machine can be handled easily by anyone conversant with the standard reel-to-reel audio tape recorder.

BOOK REVIEW



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HOW TO KNOW GOD'S WILL

Dr. Hobart E. Freeman



Faith Publications
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Every believer knows that God has spoken His specific instruction to man throughout history. Not only has He used the general and universal media of the scripture and the prophets to direct individuals and nations, but frequently He has also made contact with man in a more intimate and direct way through dreams, visions, angelic visitations and even His audible voice.

Every maturing, born again child of God senses that there is a unique and specific plan for his life to fit the perfect order of God's contemporary workings in mankind. Most who sense this, desire to know His Will and to follow it, but are frequently frustrated and discouraged for lack of understanding, and fail to reach a significant measure of attainment in their lives.

Dr. Freeman presents a direct and concise, scripturally founded approach to divine guidance which will illuminate and demonstrate to every seeking child of God the intimate relation-

ship that is to be ours with God. Like Noah, Enoch, and Christ Himself we too can truly "walk with God."

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THE QUIET REVOLUTION

Gary Henley



Creation House
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"From the Vatican to the store-front missions, men are looking at the various forms of the institutional church and sensing the great need for change. And the change is inevitably coming. The question is what will serve as the guide for change? Shall we consult the concepts and computers of finite man to build a church which will better suit God's purpose? Or shall we open the pages of God's Word which always takes us back to the purity and simplicity of that which God breathed out to His apostles nearly two thousand years ago. The Quiet Revolution is the move of the Spirit of God in our day to bring people of God back to the spontaneous simplicity."

The publishers advertising "blurb"

on the book-jacket does not always display the objectivity one would desire. In this case however, the above description of *The Quiet Revolution* sums up most succinctly and accurately the theme of a highly readable book reminiscent of Watchman Nee.

The significant movement of the Holy Spirit sweeping across the nation bringing unity to the Body of Christ is well outlined in a book which should not be overlooked by any who seek to respond to the winds of spiritual change.

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TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT GUIDANCE

Bob Mumford



Logos
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From the creation till now man has sought guidance for his life to give it real purpose and fruition so that it won't "miss the mark." Although looking to the supernatural for wisdom and direction is as old as Adam, there is a renewed intent today to find a "higher way" than man alone can provide. The knowledge that there are two sources of supernatural guidance gives the "born again" Christian a vital insight but even so many are confused and disappointed in their search for truth and assurance that their lives are "right on."

Rev. Mumford clarifies the scriptural ground rules for each person to come into a personal awareness of God's specific will for him so that the detail and ultimate purposes for life can be realized. Common misunderstanding and errors which distract the struggling believer are beautifully illustrated in colorful and effective anecdotes making a lasting impact on the reader.

Both the maturing believer and the novice will find Rev. Mumford's insights penetrating and his guidelines invaluable.

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THE SINNER'S PLACE

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whether in the realm of motive, desire, thought, instinct, habit, word, look, action, intention, reaction or relationship, and even if done in ignorance. Whatever is short of God's perfect standard is sin. To call it something else that does not require repentance and forgiveness is simply to evade the sinner's place.

Or again we may **SHUT OUR EYES TO SIN**. We are active people, far too busy to bother about such trivialities. With our important office and our evangelical activities we are, like Naaman, winning our laurels while nursing our leprosy. We will take any place, any platform, any pulpit, we will do anything for the Lord — or so we think. But to stand in Jordan openly as a spiritual leper, needing to wash and be clean like others, we will never do. So we die on our feet! We are like the people in Jeremiah 8, rushing like horses in battle, so that no man, said God, ever repented or stopped to say "What have I done that is wrong." Always rushing. Never repenting!

We avoid the sinner's place when **WE ASSUME THE ROLE OF CORRECTORS**. Adept at sound doctrine, with our orthodoxy neatly tied up, we become evangelical know-alls with a keen sense of theological smell. We love to correct others on little points. Woe to the man who tries to correct us. Like the Pharisees we ourselves avoid the sinner's place by keeping others in it. We know much, but have need of nothing. We mistake our own pride for the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Henry Martyn's diary records "Resolved never to reprove another except I experience at the same time a **peculiar contrition of heart**."

Again we avoid the sinner's place when **WE PRESUME WRONGLY ON THE GRACE OF GOD**, by making our eternal security a reason why we need not repent. If when challenged about sin we say "Oh that does not matter, it is all under the Blood," or again "I believe in coming once to the Cross, but not continually," then we are in danger of making the grace of God an excuse for sin, and certainly a means for avoiding the admission of guilt. We regard salvation as automatic, however selfishly we live. We say that we are sons and saints and citizens of heaven, but not still sinners, forgetting that while the Bible says we are not to live in sin, not to be governed by it and not to love it, it nowhere says that in this life we cease to be sinners. If we say we have no sin we deceive

ourselves. It is the **contrite** heart that is God's sacrifice.

The human heart, like the hydra, can adopt any guise to hide its real nature. We can make use of Biblical knowledge, lay claim to all kind of spiritual experiences, buttress ourselves with many achievements. May God give us all the honesty to know whether we are taking the sinner's place and so counting all else but loss for Jesus and his righteousness alone.

FINDING GRACE IN THE SINNER'S PLACE

The strange thing is that while we who are sinners avoid this place, Christ, who was sinless, accepted it. One would expect the Son of God to work miracles, preach the Sermon on the Mount, and rise from the dead. But that he should stand in Jordan to be baptized with other penitent, and hand on the Cross with other criminals, with never a word of self-justification or defense is a wonder indeed. But He did! "In my place condemned He stood."

There it was that a sinner met him, hanging on the next Cross. One thief protesting his innocence, blaming everyone else, refused to take the sinner's place and died in the dark. But the other admitted his guilt and in the sinner's place he found pardon, and peace and paradise, because he found Jesus. And here is the paradox of grace. He who ever insists that he is right will be pronounced by God to be wrong. He who is willing to admit he is wrong will be pronounced right. We are only justified on the ground of the Cross, and that is sinner's ground.

Here, then, we find peace as we see His Blood alone as the perfect remedy for all sin, and Jesus Himself as the complete Answer to all need. Here is heart-rest here in heaven itself. Here is freedom and fellowship, as pride is abased, and striving and sin are washed away. Here the Holy Spirit fills and holiness is found. Here is revival. This is where the whole church of God everywhere needs to come, where we all need to come, not once, but again and again, here where the Truth puts us, and Grace finds and the Blood frees us . . . in the sinner's place. When were you last there? □



A large and appreciative audience responds to touches of humor in Bob Mumford's morning addresses.

The "flowing of Living Waters" among members was encouraged through prayer, ministration and fellowship around the Lord's Table. Through scripture study of the Life of Holiness in both the New and the Old Testaments those present were challenged by all speakers to a deeper commitment as the Spirit of praise and rejoicing permeated the gathering.



A dedicated young man in a wheel-chair journeys from Colorado to take an active part in the daily worship services.



Many opportunities were taken for personal counselling and private discussion in recreation periods between sessions.

The Sheraton Beach Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida, was the site of the conference. The Lord's presence was felt as Puerto Rico, Bob Mumford, Derek Prince and Arthur Peterson were present the week the Lord honored the willingness to pay the price.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH CONFERENCE MIAMI BEACH FALL 1977

ABOVE: Singing preceded a service. Lower row: E. Judson Corns, Jr., of England, (not depicted), co-sponsor. BELOW: Over thirty conferees.



A section of the book store selection of Charismatic books.

el Miami was host to the Christian Growth Seminar October of 1971. People were drawn to the conference from as far
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 Wallis share spiritual insights for the encouragement of those seeking a closer walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. Throughout
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IF ANY MAN THIRST

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other words, "If you want to go back to your parents, go back. I am not compelling you." That remark troubled Elisha, it worked in his heart, he did not even go back to say goodbye. He unyoked the oxen, slew them, and with the wood of the yoke as part of the altar, made an offering to God. Then he set his face to follow Elijah.

Throughout history Elisha become known as the man who poured water on the hands of Elijah. He spent many years of vital preparation in which God shaped, fashioned, and molded him for service. The wonderful thing about the Christian life is, that there are no accidents with God. It is equally true for you as for me, and it was true even before we knew Jesus as our Saviour. All our past experiences, events, circumstances, people we met and influences that were brought to bear upon us, yes, even disappointments, failures, sins, and degradations, in some wonderful way, which we cannot explain, have been taken by God in His wisdom and used to prepare us for our life's work for Him.

"Even our sins and our failures?" you ask. Yes, they are the school which keeps us aware of the horrible pit from which He lifted us, so that we can reveal the grace of God in us, and never think more highly than we ought of ourselves. So that we can reflect, "By the grace of God we are what we are." Even the great apostle Paul as he recalled the terrible years of his inveterate hatred for Jesus of Nazareth, and all those who stood for Him, he recorded them as a reminder of God's grace and forgiveness.

What a great God we have! God has a motive for everything that happens in our life. As He did with Elisha, He is preparing us during these years of molding and fashioning. We are learning the menial tasks. We are learning the tremendous importance of such things as fidelity, loyalty and consistency.

Two hundred years ago God took hold of two men in Great Britain. Neither of them knew Jesus Christ as Saviour, but they were thirsty and

seeking; they had learned to discipline their lives. Then, when John Wesley and George Whitfield met Jesus Christ, by the grace of God they turned Britain upside down; they delivered the nation from what historians said would have been the horrors of a French revolution. Revival came to Britain through two men whom God had prepared.

As you read, do you wish that you too had a more spectacular service to

The nature of faith is that it must be tested; and the trial of faith does not come in fits and starts, it goes on all the time. The one thing that keeps us right with God is the great work of His grace in our hearts. All the prophets had to take part in something they did not understand, and the Christian has to do the same. If we were to say, "This is the way God is going to work," it would lead to spiritual pride. The question for us is, will we so yield selves wholly to the realization of some purpose of God.

—Oswald Chambers

do for God? Have you ever thought, that right where you are, is where God has His hand upon you? Right there, God is fitting and preparing you for that which he has ahead. While Elisha lived in the fellowship of the great prophet, walked with him, talked with him, learned from him, and ate with him, he was quietly and silently being prepared for the day when he would step into Elijah's shoes. If you and I would imagine ourselves in that position, we would see that we would have reached maturity in exactly the same way. Yet on even Elijah's last journey Elisha knew he was not yet ready. There was still a deep work to be done in his heart, and in this very spirit they set off together on the journey which was to culminate in Elijah's being taken to heaven by a whirlwind.

PATHWAY TO POWER

To me this journey signifies the pathway to power. Power in the hands of the right person, is a wonderful thing, but it is dangerous in the hands of a Hitler or Stalin — the whole world can be plunged into chaos and destruction. Yet, God promises power to His people. The very last words that Jesus spoke before He was suddenly lifted up in a cloud were, "You shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

How does the Almighty safeguard this power, to make sure it is not abused? By setting forth certain important conditions for receiving that power, and making sure that the person that receives the power will use and employ it to glorify God and fulfill the will of the Father in heaven, and not fulfilled his own schemes or build a spiritual empire of his own. God's power is given to flow along channels that God Himself has determined and in no other direction. So often, even when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we see another person's ministry and say, "Oh, I would like to be used like that." Then perhaps encouraged, we try to move into a ministry to which God has not appointed us, and wonder why the anointing lifts as we move. We don't see the blessings of God at work as we should, had we been doing what we were intended to do. How important it is to discover what our ministry is, and how the Lord wants to impart His power to accomplish His will.

Thus Elisha, as he sets off on the pathway to power, begins at Gilgal, and is lead on through battle to Jericho, and finally back to the Jordan River. All these places on the west bank of Jordan are deeply significant in the history of Israel. Paul says, "And the things that were written afore time, were written for our learning, that we, through patience, and comfort of scriptures, might have

hope." So we will see that there was a particular reason for this journey of Elisha's starting from Gilgal.

When God brought his people out of Egypt, after years of wandering in the wilderness, they came to the Jordan River and crossed it into the Promised Land. As soon as they reached the west bank of Jordan, they set up their first camp. It was in that first camp that God gave instructions to Joshua to circumcise all those men who had been born since they came out of Egypt. This covenant rite of circumcision, the mark of the people God had set apart for Himself, had been initially fulfilled when they were delivered from Egypt, but the older generation had passed away, and were buried in the wilderness because of disobedience and unbelief. They were brought out, but were never brought in. Like so many of God's people today, they were delivered from Egypt, brought through Sinai and right up to Canaan, set free from the old bondage of sin, but never possessing the good land God had purposed.

I believe that we too, now-a-days, have an older generation which is passing away. But God is concerned with the new generation being brought out of those unbelievers. I have seen plenty of them in conventions; unbelieving believers. And they are not always those who are older in years, they are the people who say, "If we go into this Promised Land, there are Canaanites, Amorites, Jebusites and all the other "parasites". Surely these people will overcome us! We shall be a prey to them, and all of our children will be destroyed by them." They fear to move on with God, so He has rebuked them, "Your little children will possess the land that you have despised."

It is significant to note, however, in the light of what the Lord is doing today, that He is moving particularly among young people in a most remarkable way. Many of us older ones still have so many prejudices and so many fears; so many traditional hangups. God had to deal with me in this very

area. He has a generation today that He is going to bring right into the possession of the Land of Promise. It was to this younger generation in Joshua's day that the instruction for circumcision was given. God said, "I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt." So they called that camp Gilgal. The very place where Elijah's last journey started. (Joshua 5:9) Gilgal, the place where God's people came to an understanding that once and for all they had turned their backs on the world that Egypt signified. The Lord delivers us today in like manner, so we might possess the heavenly country; the Canaan of our inheritance, the pathway to power, the gifts of Gilgal.

In I John 2:15 we read, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." If we want God's blessing, if we want to step across Jordan to possess our Canaan inheritance, and at the same time keep one foot in the camp of the world, we are trying to accomplish a spiritual impossibility. We have got to cross over Jordan to Gilgal, we must come down on one side or the other.

THE SEPARATED LIFE

The problem God had with His people Israel was that it was one thing to get Israel out of Egypt, but it was another thing to get Egypt out of Israel. Although they were geographically free, in their hearts they were constantly going back and hankering after the flesh pots, lusting for cucumbers, the mellons and the garlic. Gilgal is the place of separation to the Lord, a place of dedication to His will. He only gives His power to those who are concerned to do the Will of God, whatever it may cost. So it was that when Elijah began his journey, he turned to Elisha and said, "Tarry here I pray you, the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and you yourself live I will not leave you."

We see how the master challenges

the servant. This pathway to power is of such a character, and lays such demands upon us, that the Lord will never coerce or compel a man or woman to go this way. If I go this way it is because there is in my heart a desire, a deep longing, yes, a God-given determination to obey the call. There will always be plenty of opportunity to get out, to find an escape hatch, or to settle down and stay where I am. Past experience tells us this. It is easy to settle down and become self-satisfied and smugly complacent with our programs and achievements. We only get as far in the Christian life as we want to get. Where we set our ceiling is the height we attain, no higher. Until God creates in our hearts the kind of thirst that Elisha had, we will never get much further, even if we have been baptized in the Holy Spirit.

The apostle Paul thrills us, when, aging and in prison, with a great chain of churches left behind him, and thousands of believers led to Christ and into the fullness of God's purpose and plan, he writes, "Not as though I have already attained or were already perfect, but I press on. I press forth for the goal, for the prize and the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Paul was a man who experienced all through his life a thirst for God — a thirst for Christ. What does he say in this scripture? "That I may know Him." Paul, do you mean you don't know Jesus? "Yes, I do, but it is the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord I want." It is this thirst that God always meets and satisfies, when we press through with Him. There is no coercion with the Lord, no pressure in the way He deals with us. He wants those who find in their heart this constraint of the Spirit. So Elisha's answer to Elijah is clear, "As the Lord lives, as you yourself live, I will not leave you."

I believe this young man Elisha had grasped the most important principle. That the satisfying of this longing in his heart was bound up in his relationship with the Master. We can see

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FORUM



tell me more about the baptism

If the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is part of the Christian experience, why do so many leading Church authorities denounce it and the people who have received the experience?

PRINCE

I believe that the main answer to this is found in the words of Jesus in Mark 12:24: "Do ye not therefore err because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?"

The people who reject the Baptism in the Holy Spirit have no personal experience of this manifestation of God's supernatural power; and, as a result, they either ignore, or misinterpret, the scriptures which plainly describe it. For many centuries professing Christians have often placed more reliance upon human opinions or traditions,

than upon the clear statements of scripture. In consequence, the condition of the church under the new covenant has been similar to that of Israel under the old covenant, as described in Isaiah 5:13 and Hosea 4:6.

SIMPSON

"Leading Authorities" have traditionally denounced further revelation of God's purpose, including the Incarnation of Jesus. Our criteria for judging revelation is the Word, Spirit and fruit of that revelation. However, we must not be offended at those who misunderstand. (John 16:1). They only serve to prove truth and error.

BASHAM

I agree. Many modern Christians are simply ignorant of scriptural teaching on the Holy Spirit. On becoming familiar with New Testament teaching many of these same people come to see that what is happening today in this revival is scriptural and they lose their objections to it.

Norman Vincent Peale once observed in a sermon that the watchword of upper middle class protestantism is "Don't do anything to rock the boat." Well, an outpouring of the Holy Spirit with gifts and powers does exactly that.

MUMFORD

My thought is that there are several reasons, not the least of which is the

The FORUM panel this month consists of Don Basham, Derek Prince, Bob Mumford and Charles Simpson who together discuss the questions forwarded by interested readers. Readers are invited to submit a series of questions on one central theme for discussion by the panel.



Forum Guest . . .

The FORUM guest this month is Mrs. Phillip Conner of Hammond, Indiana. Her husband is associate minister of Hessville Christian Church where he is responsible for youth work.

The Rev. and Mrs. Conner are graduates of Cincinnati Bible Seminary where they met. They have two sons of one year and three years of age.

aura of snake-handling and Pentecostal emotionalism which rides in with the very mention of "speaking in tongues." This, the 'leading Church authorities' avoid like the bubonic plague.

Secondly, there is the problem of Church tradition. In a new book by F.F. Bruce, he quotes an existence of tradition in experience which clearly preempts the authority of the Holy Scriptures. This is a fairly common happening and truly binds us all to a "strong man" that needs to be broken.

Why do those who have the gift of healing today, not heal everyone they pray for?

BASHAM

This question brings another one to my mind, "If Jesus is the Son of God with power to save why isn't the whole world Christians?" The immediate answer is that salvation and healing are both dependent upon man's response to the gospel message.

PRINCE

Correctly, the scriptural phrase is "GIFTS OF HEALINGS". Both parts are plural. I believe that each healing is a separate gift. The impartation of these gifts of healings remains under the sovereign control of God Himself. The one who ministers makes himself available as a channel between God and the sick person. Each individual healing then comes from God as a gift through the channel. Thus the gift is not at the disposal of the minister. He cannot heal at his own will, but only as God imparts the gift through him.



"... tongues of fire are never mentioned elsewhere."

SIMPSON

As Derek says, no one can heal. The gifts (I Corinthians 12:7-11), are the **WORKS** of the Spirit (vs. 11) and **MANIFEST** the Spirit (vs. 7). Therefore He is the one who determines whether or not healing will be accomplished. Three important factors for which we are responsible are: repentance toward God, faith and forgiveness toward those who have offended us.

MUMFORD

An illustration would best clarify this. Once when under great consternation about my "batting average" (i.e. the number of persons clinically healed in ratio to the number I had prayed for), the Lord gave me a simple but effective lesson. Quietly, in my spirit, He said: "Quit striking at everything that



"Quit striking at everything . . ."

comes over the plate!"

Selectivity, preparation, God's purpose, the capability of the vessel to be used in the more dramatic miracles, plus several other factors are valuable if we are to maintain the effective ministry we so earnestly desire. It is my conviction that we shall see an increase in both the number and magnitude of physical healings as the Church comes into submission and scriptural order.

Why do people who have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit today not have the three miraculous manifestations as in Acts 2? (Sounds of rushing mighty wind, tongues like as of fire and tongues).

PRINCE

Personally, I believe that all people who receive a complete and scriptural Baptism in the Holy Spirit, do end up speaking in an unknown tongue. In every case where the book of Acts describes what actually happened when people were baptized in the Holy Spirit, this manifestation of an unknown tongue is mentioned. The other two manifestations, of the mighty

wind and tongues of fire, are never mentioned elsewhere.

Furthermore, these two manifestations occurred **BEFORE** the believers in the upper room were filled with the Holy Spirit. The speaking with other tongues occurred **AFTER** these believers were filled, and **AS A RESULT** of their being filled.

MUMFORD

I believe there is nothing to prevent their occurrence. However, the symbol is the wind which removes the chaff and fire which consumes it. This was given prophetically by our Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew 3:11, 12.

SIMPSON

I would agree and add that, there is a sense in which all of those miracles are experiences today. Notice Acts 2:2, 3 says "**LIKE**" wind and fire. Luke 3:22 says when Jesus was baptized the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily shape **LIKE** a dove. I do not believe a dove descended, but a dove best describes



Speaking in tongues is occurring all over the world.

how the **HOLY SPIRIT** descended upon Jesus. **WIND** and **FIRE** best describe the action of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The wind and fire were as evident to their spiritual eyes as the vision of John on Patmos (Revelation 1). Unbelievers did not hear wind and see fire. The third manifestation, speaking in tongues, is occurring all over the world. ➔

Is the gift of the Holy Spirit and the (Acts 2:39) Baptism in the Holy Spirit the same thing?

SIMPSON

Yes. In Acts 10, the Holy Spirit fell upon Cornelius and his house. In Acts 11 Peter describes the event to the leaders of the church in Jerusalem. In verse 15, he tells how the Spirit fell. In verse 16, he likens the event to John's prophecy that Jesus would baptize in the Holy Spirit. In verse 17 he calls this receiving the "gift". He also said that the experience in Acts 10 was just like the original in Acts 2.



"The two expressions were used interchangeably."

PRINCE

Further, from the day of Pentecost onwards these two expressions were used interchangeably by the believers.

How can I know if I've received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?

BASHAM

I have encountered Christians who seem to feel that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a blessing which God mysteriously and secretly bestows here and there and who wonder if at sometime in their Christian walk they received this blessing without being aware of it. I believe it is fairly safe to say to such persons, "If you doubt that you have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, then you haven't."

PRINCE

Ask yourself the following questions: (1) Am I a child of God? (2) Have I

come to God through Jesus Christ? (3) Have I asked God for the Holy Spirit? (4) Have I received the experience described in Acts 2:4?

If the answer to each of these questions is "Yes," then you may know that you have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

SIMPSON

Everyone born of the Spirit of God, knows the Holy Spirit. (Romans 8:16). The Holy Spirit is a gift to those who have already believed. (Luke 11:9-13). When the Holy Spirit comes to fill or empower, our experience should be measured by Scriptural experiences. (Acts 2; 8:5-20; 9:17; 10:44-48; 19:1-6). (1) An heightened awareness of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. (2) A subjective awareness of our total submission to His sovereignty. (3) A deep desire to worship and praise, which overflows with spiritual praise. The normal, Scriptural expression is speaking in tongues. (Acts 2, 10, 19). (4) The experience will result in a life centered around Jesus Christ, if one continues to follow the Holy Spirit in the Word of God. (5) Fellowship in the Spirit will increase your desire to fellowship with others of like experience.

What changes will the Baptism in the Holy Spirit bring to your life?

PRINCE

To what extent the Baptism in the Holy Spirit will change your life depends upon how far you yield to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is "the Spirit of GRACE." He is not a dictator. He will not force you to do things against your own will.

Here are some of the results that the Holy Spirit will produce, if you allow him to: Power to be a witness of Christ (Acts 1:8); Power and direction in prayer (Romans 8:26-27); Understanding of scripture (John 14:26); Spiritual fruit (Galatians 5:22-23); Abundant physical life (Rom. 8:11).

SIMPSON

My experience has been that depending upon how you obey the Holy Spirit when He comes to make Jesus Lord, the immediate change in your life is the evidence of praise, love, joy and peace. The centrality of Jesus in your life is the cornerstone of the life in the Spirit. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit should be put into "production" not mere "publicity." Let the changes speak for themselves.

BASHAM

I feel that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit brings several things, chiefly; It often brings rebirth and an assurance of salvation; It brings a further crucifixion of the old man; It brings the scriptures to life; It makes possible God's guidance in new and powerful ways; It gives more power in prayer; It opens our eyes to the reality of Satan and his power; It brings a concern for the salvation of others; It glorifies Jesus; It reveals the depths of God's love.

Are miraculous gifts genuine today and what are their scriptural basis? If so, why isn't the Word of God sufficient without the necessity for the miraculous?



"His teaching has played havoc . . ."

BASHAM

I believe we are dealing with "dispensationalism" in this type of situation. It claims that God has tried various expedients with man, each one having been completely abandoned before the next one was attempted so that divine

workings in one age do not apply to the next. This faulty teaching has played literal havoc with the faith of millions of Christians, deluding them into believing that the supernatural power of God which wrought miracles in New Testament days is not available today.

Rufus Moseley once wisely observed, "If those who insist the age of miracles has ended have lived in Jesus' day, the age of miracles might never have begun."



We cannot seriously doubt they are available.

PRINCE

Miraculous gifts were regularly manifested in the ministry of Christ and of the New Testament believers. This was one of the ways in which God bore testimony to their ministry. See John 14:10-12; Acts 2:22; Mark 16:17-20; Hebrews 2:3-4.

Furthermore, the Word of God clearly predicts that believers will continue to exercise miraculous gifts right down to the close of this age. See Acts 2:17-18; I Corinthians 1:4-8. Therefore miraculous gifts are in no way opposed to the Word of God. They are one way in which its truth is confirmed.

SIMPSON

To the first part of your question I would reply, yes. Throughout the Bible's recorded history God was a miracle workers, and He often used people. Hebrews 13:8 tells us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. God described Himself to Moses as the "I AM." He is unchanging. The Bible itself reveals that

the gifts will only cease when ALL prophecy is fulfilled, when we see (the whole revelation of God) face to face. (I Corinthians 13:8-12). When we see it all, have it all, and know it all, we won't need gifts of His grace anymore — but how necessary and precious now are His gifts. (Example: I Corinthians 12:10. The "discerning of spirits," is becoming more needed everyday. Thank God we can exercise this gift).

My answer to the second part is: The Word of God IS sufficient. One should NOT follow miracles, he should follow the Spirit of God and miracles (the supra natural work of the Spirit) will follow him. The Word and Spirit produce miracles, which testify that it's God at work. (Hebrews 2:1-4). (Mark 16:20). (Romans 15:18-19). The simple Gospel, when preached in the power of the Holy Spirit, will produce and accomplish its purpose. (Isaiah 55:11). Example: "He sent His WORD and (it) HEALED them." Psalm 107:20.



"He sent His word and healed them."

MUMFORD

The gifts of the Spirit are better known technically as the "charismata." That in theological parlance, means a special endowment for doing that for which God has called us to Himself. The Church has made much of separation, holiness, a setting aside for God's own use, neglecting to understand that this setting aside also brings with it His endowment of Holy Spirit given abilities to do what God desires here on earth. (Matthew 6:10). Cremer in his Greek lexicon explains

this beautifully.

When we see these gifts as 'tools' to do God's will we cannot seriously doubt that they are available today, and are genuine and God-given.

How do you receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?

PRINCE

A summary of the simple steps by which a believer may receive the Holy Spirit are clearly set forth in John 7:37-39. They are: (1) Be thirsty, (2) Come to Jesus, (3) Drink — i.e. receive within. After this there follows the outflow — "out of his belly shall flow..." The initial outflow is the supernatural utterance in an unknown language. See Acts 2:4; Matt. 12:34.

BASHAM

In one of my books I outline a procedure which has been helpful to some people: (1) Find a time and place for quiet prayer and meditation, (2) Re-read the scriptures where the Holy Spirit is promised, (3) Pray the prayer of invitation, (4) Receive the Holy Spirit within, (5) Receive and speak the language the Holy Spirit gives, and (6) Keep on speaking in faith.

SIMPSON

First, repent of self and trust Jesus for cleansing and new birth, that makes one an HEIR of God's gift. Then, ASK, (don't beg) for the Holy Spirit to come in power upon your life. (Count the cost). Believe that God is faithful to His Word. If you do, you can THANK HIM in advance with JOY. DRINK — BREATHE IN the Spirit. Continue — until you are aware only of Jesus, and His love for you. (John 7:37-39). This awareness will produce a desire to praise and worship. Go ahead — vocally. Lift your hands and tell Him how you really feel — do so from the groanings of your spirit.

Don't merely try to have an experience. Love Jesus in Spirit and in truth — with your heart and voice. THAT WILL BE AN EXPERIENCE!

During the next six months you will be witnesses to the greatest communication breakthrough this world has ever seen! Full color video teaching tapes and video cassettes, backed by study guides, will be major factors in bringing this to pass.

Every believer in our country will be affected. Every follower of Jesus Christ will have not only opportunity but responsibility to participate in this. Together we will see, worldwide, an effective outreach beyond belief. Together we will be witnesses to both new believers and saints being taught and grounded in the Living Word. This will not only enable us to stand in these end times, but to be overcomers, victorious, ever abounding in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many of us will have to re-evaluate our total lives, our abandonment to Him, our stewardship in giving — determined to have nothing less than the greatest eternal results for His glory. We will need to redirect some of our stewardship to cover the justifiable costs of video production. An hour of studio time for a finished color video tape of Bible teaching can cost a thousand dollars and more.

When you sit in a meeting and your heart is strangely moved listening to a Spirit-taught ministry, remember that these messages can and should reach the total church of Christ. Those words of eternal life need never die, but can go on teaching and reproducing life until Jesus returns.

From one master video tape many copies can be made at relatively low cost each costing but a few dollars. Though originally the man of God may speak in English, by dubbing translations onto the video tape in other languages and dialects this man may now be *seen* and his message heard by hungry hearts in other lands.

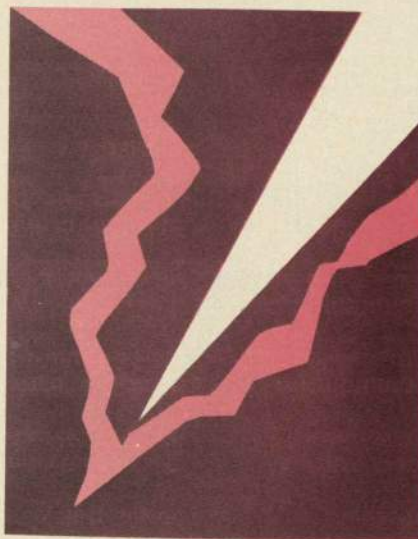
So versatile is the video player, it is possible to have two TV monitors, each using a separate voice track bringing the message in two different languages at the same time to two separate groups as they hear and *see* the

speaker. The power and unction of the original presentation comes through at a fraction of the cost of bringing the speaker there in person.

We believe the greatest need in the body Christ today is for Bible teaching: the “how to’s” — the practical out-working of the Word as it becomes “flesh.”

In the past it has been impossible for a speaker who has a word from the Lord to fulfill all the calls that come to him for his ministry. Now the Lord has made possible these “electronic Philips” — the video cassette players, the video ministries — to meet the Ethiopian eunuchs who desperately wait in the desert for someone to more perfectly explain to them the teaching of the Word.

This is not a day to merely multiply



*A concept
whose time
has come...*

by DONALD WIDMARK

words, but for finding and selecting those choice messages which the Holy Spirit is sending through His special messengers. Through VIDEO MINISTRIES (of Fort Lauderdale, Florida), video color cassettes, the message that the Holy Spirit is giving may reach the heart of every member of the Body of Christ.

VIDEO TEACHING NOW A REALITY

Pat Robertson and his television stations and production facilities on the East Coast have been preparing video tapes for this day. Ray Schoch the pastor of Faith Center and Channel 30 color television in Los Angeles caught the vision long ago and they have been capturing words of eternal life on video tape now ready to be released.

VIDEO MINISTRIES is concentrating on Bible teaching in color video with fifty-five hours of anointed ministry already produced and ready for release now. Christian resource centers are being set up across the United States for video and audio teaching materials. Early this fall the same teaching series will be distributed with foreign language dub-ins on the second audio tracks. Teachers like Derek Prince, Charles Simpson, Bob Mumford and Don Basham are available now. New programs scheduled for the youth — the Jesus people — with speakers like Winkie Pratney, Jeff Harkins and Mary Webster and others will be video taped soon.

We have just heard of a rather small church with a young pastor and a group of dedicated laymen qualified in the field of audio and visual in Simi, California, with a great vision, launching into a full color studio just to prepare Godly messages for this hour.

This is God's day and our greatest opportunity to fulfill the scripture of Matthew 24:13, “*This good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed to men all over the world as a witness to all nations and then the end will come.*” — Phillips translation. □

VIDEO MINISTRIES

Announce the appointment of the following distributors. New appointments in other areas are being made regularly and these will be announced in subsequent issues of NEW WINE.

IF ANY MAN THIRST (Contd.)

you do not have God's green light, don't talk about it — utter it not! 'See that you tell no man.'

So let us be sensitive to the Holy Spirit as to when to speak and when to be silent. Elisha had the very same revelation as the sons of the prophets; they weren't telling him anything new, but he knew how to hold his peace. This is an important lesson for us to learn, how to restrain these lips, to control this unruly member, the tongue. The Word of God says, "If you can control the tongue, you can control the whole body." So it was with Elisha, this revelation was something too precious to be talked about, so much was at stake, so much was involved. He said, "Yes, I know it, hold you peace, hold your peace."

If these men had been experiencing with Elisha a great yearning in the heart, a sense of compulsion, a pursuing after the master to appropriate what the master had, they wouldn't have talked in that manner. They would have been on their faces, or at least on their knees talking to the Lord. So often we spend time talking to each other, when we ought to be talking to Him. Do you recall the old negro spiritual? "You can talk about me as much as you please, I'll talk about you down on my knees." That's good! That's great! Elisha was determined to go through with God; a man prepared to pay the price, a man who obtained what he saw, then used what he had been given in such a wonderful ministry in the Spirit, that it left a chain of blessings behind him.

The pathway to power is down hill, as much for us, as for Elisha. Down hill from Bethel and ultimately to the Living Waters which are to flow through us to a needy world. □

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this principle threaded throughout the narrative of the two men. If we want a fulfillment of the blessing of God, it is in a close relationship with the Master. The whole Christian life is summed up in the words of Jesus, "Follow Me." It is so simple to say it and even to sing it, the difficulty is to carry it through — "Follow Me."

The Psalmist says, "My soul followeth hard after thee." Is that the cry of your spirit? Are you following hard after Him? If so, I want to tell you something, and I don't need to be a prophet to tell you, God has a great blessing for you.

Elisha had plenty of opportunity to stop by the way, because as the narrative unfolds, you will see the repetition of this same incident at Bethel and Jericho. He could with truth have said, "I have come a long way, I have made a lot of progress." And as that feeling of pride grew say, "I am really doing quite well." But had he settled down there, that is as far as he would have gone, and just at that point he would have missed the full blessing of the Lord.

The scripture says they went down to Bethel; it was a journey down hill. Later they went down to Jericho; that too was down hill. From Jericho they went down to the Jordan, which as you know is almost the lowest part on the surface of the earth; many hundreds of feet below sea level; the pathway to power is a journey downhill. A well-known American preacher was once addressing an English Keswick Convention, and began his address with these rather striking words, "The world says that the way up is up; the Word of God teaches us that the way up is down."

Jesus humbled himself, "Therefore God hath highly exalted Him. He that humbleth himself shall be exalted." The pathway to power is the path of self-humbling — the pathway that Jesus took. Perhaps in seeking power and blessing you have been moving in the wrong direction, trying to move up hill, to be somebody, to do something big for God, to achieve self-sig-

nificance. In that case the Lord is saying to your heart as you read, "My child, turn around and start going down hill with me." It is the quickest way, the other way will lead you into frustration, disappointment, maybe even to despair. The way up is down.

THE PLACE OF TRANSFORMATION

They went down to Bethel. This is a significant geographical place in the history of the children of God, it was specially revered because of its close association with the patriarch Jacob. Jacob, the younger boy, was a lad who was tied to his mother's apron strings. He never had a girlfriend; a plain man dwelling in tents, not the out-of-doors sporty type like Esau, but God loved Jacob and hated Esau. A harsh term perhaps, but that is how the Bible describes God's attitude. Nevertheless, God had some deep things to do in this young man Jacob's heart, because he had a twist in his personality. He had a deep love of number one; he suffered from that very common human disease associated with the perpendicular personal pronoun 'I'; the very prevalent cult of 'Me'. He didn't care about the other man, so long as Jacob got what he wanted. He was quite happy to ride rough-shod over other people, so long as Jacob's aims and objectives were accomplished. And yet, amazing and wonderful as it is, God loved Jacob in spite of Jacob. Isn't it wonderful that God loves you in spite of you?

Why did God love Jacob? Certainly

not because of what Jacob was or what he did. So that when we look at this great mystery we are prompted to ask, "Lord, why do you love me?" And His Word gives us the answer, "I love you because I love you." And there He leaves us shrouded in mystery. He loves me in spite of myself. God loved Jacob, and I am certain He knew what Jacob was. But he knew too what His grace and His power could make out of Jacob, to fit him for a task.

Time and again, God is significantly called not only the God of Israel, but also the God of Jacob. So the day came for Jacob when, because of his own sin and selfishness, he had to leave home. He had to kiss his mother goodbye, and set off on a journey. We think of him as the boy, the younger son, but he was 77 years of age at this point; he was ninety-one when Joseph was born. But God took him at 77 years of age and used him beyond his wildest dreams. Are you a senior citizen? Do you feel as though your day is done; that you have missed your opportunity? I want to tell you God can take you where you are, and re mold you, even restore to you the years the locusts have eaten. That is the kind of God we have!

Right where Jacob rested with a stone for his pillow, God broke into his life. In his sleep he dreamed of a ladder stretched up to heaven with the angels of God ascending and descending; and at the top was God, who spoke and revealed Himself to Jacob. In the morning when Jacob awoke he said, "Surely the Lord is in this place

The confession has to be made — "This is my name — sneak, supplanter;" there is no palliation. This is full and profound and agonizing repentance. Jacob had to get to the place where he willingly confesses before God the whole guilt of his usurping the birthright. "And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for thou hast striven with God and with men, and hast prevailed." The warrior of God is not the man of muscle and a strong jaw, but the man of unutterable weakness, the man who knows he has not any power, he instantly becomes a warrior of God.

—Oswald Chambers

and I knew it not. How dreadful is this place; this is none other than the House of God; this is the Gate of Heaven." So he turned the stone up on its end making it into a pillar, and poured oil upon it; it became the scene of his devotion, of his worship to God; Bethel, the House of God.

Have you ever come to Bethel? "Oh, yes!" you say, "I go to church every week." That is not what I mean. I mean is there really a Bethel in your life? There are so many people who go regularly to church, but have never come to Bethel. They don't know what it is to have a devotional life with God. God said, concerning His House, "My House should be called of all nations a House of prayer." But they are much too busy to pray, to spend time enjoying the Lord, in listening to what the Lord would say to them in the depths of their hearts, in the quietness of the sanctuary. We shall never go far with God if there isn't a Bethel in our lives.

Though the Lord may have filled me with His Holy Spirit, I shall see little of the outpouring of that blessing unless I realize the blessing obtained must be maintained. Maintenance involves a diligent life of communion and fellowship with God. There must be a Bethel! Did you hear about the man who used to come every week to church prayer meeting, and always prayed the same prayer, "Lord, fill me with the Holy Spirit! I want to be filled with your Spirit." There was a dear sister there who knew that brother; knew what kind of a man he was. One prayer meeting she just couldn't help bursting out, "Lord, don't fill him! He leaks."

Are you a leaky vessel? Here is one way I believe we relate to the blessing — by having a Bethel in our lives. I know a business man in the north of England in Lancashire, who owns a cotton factory. He has a busy life and great responsibility, but when he gets to the office in the morning, he just drops the latch of the office door, and the telephone operator of the factory knows that no calls go through to the

managing director for the first quarter of an hour. There he gets on his knees and turns that office into a Bethel. He communes with the Lord; commits the business of the day to God, that he might conduct it to God's glory. "Bless my employees, bless the people I have to speak to today. Use this factory for your glory, Lord." No wonder God blesses him and uses him, he's got a Bethel in his life. Have you? A Bethel in your bedroom, a Bethel in the office, a Bethel in the factory, a Bethel in school, college, hospital; wherever it is you find yourself day by day? Even a Christian sailor I once heard about, often found it difficult to find time for God in the midst of the rush and bustle on ship. He used to throw his wide sailor's collar over his head and be alone with God, to commune with and praise Him, to have a Bethel between decks, or on the mess deck, or wherever he was.

A Bethel for God is a wonderful thing. And so it was at Bethel that Elijah turned to Elisha and said, "Elisha, you have come a long way, you have come all the way from Gilgal. It's been a long journey to Bethel, surely you have come far enough. We have such great fellowship here at Bethel, so why don't you remain here?" But he replied, "Master, if you are moving on, then I'm moving on with you. If you are pressing on, then I'm pressing on, because I know that there is more to come."

POWER CONTROL

Just as they were about to move on however, the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came to Elisha, took him aside and began to whisper things in his ear. They said, "Elisha, do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" But he answered brusquely, "Yes I know all about that. Hold your peace."

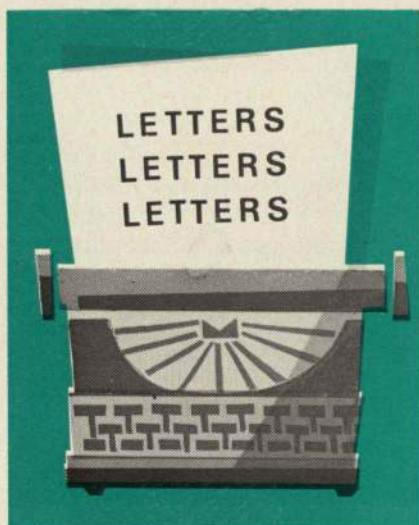
These sons of the prophets are the type of people who have a lot to teach us, but rather by warning, than by example. Here was a company of people who knew the Lord; they had

in measure experienced the Spirit. How did they know God was going to take Elijah away that day? They knew by the Spirit; they too had revelation; the Spirit of the Lord had come upon them. Yet it seems to me these men cut a sorry picture, they belonged to those who go so far and stop short. They belonged to "the might have beens." The trouble was, that what they did have, went to their heads. The Word of God specifically says in I Corinthians 6, "Knowledge puffeth up, love buildeth up." Knowledge can be dangerous; power can be dangerous — if there isn't love and humility.

It is not by accident, that God guided Paul by the Spirit to give us that wonderful spiritual sandwich of I Corinthians 12, 13, 14; 12 and 14 are the bread and 13 is the filling, the real meat. As long as love is central, then the gifts in 12 and 14 will be in their right place. As long as love fills my heart, the Lord will be able to entrust me with any gift or any manifestation, and it will be used unto edification and to the glory of His Name. Love is paramount. Knowledge without love will simply make me swollen-headed. So I believe these sons of the prophets had been given a revelation; they had something from God, but they just couldn't keep it to themselves, they had to make everybody else aware that they were 'in the know'.

Be careful how you talk about what God has revealed to you in the sanctuary; in the secret place. If you are the kind of person that can't be trusted with God's secrets, He will stop sharing them with you. There are times when we are free to share and God gives us revelation in order that we may share; that is certainly quite true with the revelation gifts of the Spirit. But sometimes there are things that perhaps we are to translate into prayer and intercession. Often we defeat the Lord's purpose; we frustrate His grace, and play into the hands of the devil when we indiscriminantly go babbling what God has said to us. If

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THE COMPUTER STORY

Dear Sirs:

I lost much faith in your magazine with the October issue. Your article "Computer Proves Bible Truth" says, "... Mr. Harold Hill . . . related the following development."

In November 1970 at a conference in Washington, D.C., Mr. Harold Hill spoke and completely denied this story.

I would think a magazine with outreach such as yours would check out articles before printing, especially when mentioning people by name.

Mrs. V.C.
Vienna, Va.

COMPUTER EXPERT VERIFIES

Dear Sirs;

We have been receiving New Wine now for a number of months and praise the Lord for its impact on our lives. We are one in the Spirit.

It is unfortunate, however, that you printed the computer article in the October issue since it is a hoax. I have been a computer professional for 15 years and when I first read of the incident two years ago, I thought it smelled fishy since a computer would have no way of finding out that its extrapolation was right or wrong unless it had some reference to check it

with (namely measurements taken at the time which we don't have). Extrapolations are always guesses.

Mr. I.K.
Norristown, Pa.

Ed— The editors sincerely appreciate the thoughtfulness of several readers who so rightly challenged the validity of the article in the October issue. Although NEW WINE did not editorialize on the subject and reprinted in good faith from a hitherto reliable source, in the light of subsequent events more care should have been taken to verify the facts before going to press.

It would seem on investigation that the whole subject is the figment of a rather vivid imagination. There are surely sufficient miraculous and supernatural events taking place today as God restores His Church in preparation for the coming King, without resorting to wishful thinking.

We apologize to all who wrote to us of which the two letters above are a token.

KEEP IT COMING

Dear Sirs:

We just wanted to drop a line to let you know how thankful we are for the New Wine. About two years ago our appetites were wetted for the fulness of Jesus. Many books and articles came our way at just the right time in just the right order. Among them was the New Wine which came at a time when we had many questions. Each article that month seemed to be written especially for us.

May you continue to be sensitive to His Holy Spirit so that others will find that He not only creates a hunger but also finds, as we have, that He also fills that hunger to overflowing.

We now appreciate the articles so much that aid us in our understanding the scriptures; that having begun in the Spirit we might also daily walk in the Spirit.

May His richest blessings be yours.
Mr. & Mrs. R.H.

Dear Sir:

Just a note to say how much this New Wine has meant to me. When I read it, it makes me want all of my loved ones to read it also. Please pray for me and mine.

Mrs. D.E.
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Ones in Christ:

Enjoy New Wine — keep it coming! I was real thrilled with "Selections from New Wine."

God bless all of you and here is wishing you a blessed and joyous Holiday Season.

Yours in Christ's Name,
Mrs. A.R.G.
Townsend, Ga.

BREAD AND WATER IN CANADA

Dear Brothers,

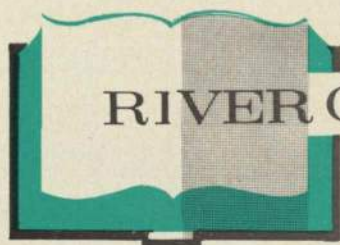
Glory to God!

I thank and praise Him for your ministry and the "bread of life" and "living water" which He is pouring out through your magazine New Wine; it is truly "new wine" for the Body of our Lord! The Body of Christ surely needs this food and solid teaching in these end times. His Church is really messed up, but by the grace of God, (through the Holy Spirit's teaching) it will be straightened out very soon. Jesus is coming back soon for a Church "without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Ephesians 5:27).

It is time to get serious and yielded to the Holy Spirit — for they that do not yield to Him will be passed by.

I thank Jesus daily that He has yielded vessels such as you that my family and I may become more and more yielded to His will and our lives being perfected in Him. Hallelujah!

We love you in Jesus,
L. & K. H.
London, Canada



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