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The Feast of Tabernacles . . . DON'T MISS It!

Bigger, better, and more meaningful than EVER BEFORE, the Feast of Tabernacles will soon be observed by brethren around the world! To KNOW what is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, and how to really REJOICE in the Feast . . . read this important article.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

THOUSANDS of brethren will soon be meeting together — *rejoicing* in God's annual Festival—the FEAST OF TABERNACLES! This year, we're expecting a *full capacity* crowd in the big tabernacle near Big Sandy, with perhaps 8000 brethren attending! We will be literally *bulging at the seams* at Squaw Valley this autumn, with perhaps over SIX THOUSAND attending!

Just think of it! About FOURTEEN THOUSAND of God's own people will be meeting together, in two separate locations, in the United States alone! Additional *hundreds* of scattered brethren, unable to attend, will be observing this great Festival in their homes.

And Around the World

In addition, *hundreds* will be rejoicing together on Hayling Island, a wonderful resort location off the southern coast of England. Mr. Armstrong, together with the other ministers of Britain, inspected these fine facilities together. They found adequate auditorium space, dining halls, "booths" for housing, mothers' rooms with trained nurses to help care for children. There was every sport and recreational facility conceivable, providing a wide variety of activities in the little leisure time available between services.

In the Philippines, Mr. Ortiguero will again be meeting with about 600 brethren. Mr. Longuskie, administrative assistant to Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, will perhaps be spending a few days with the Filipino brethren. Mr. Longuskie, while not an ordained minister, is a graduate of both Ambassador College and the University of Washington, and an ordained *deacon* in God's Church. Let's not forget our brethren and fellow laborers in our prayers in the far-flung areas of the world during these coming Feast days!

Mr. Waterhouse, having just recently returned to Australia from the Philippines, where the allotted time on his visa had expired, will assist Mr. Wayne Cole; also a minister of Pastor rank, and help lead in services in the land "down under."

Our Australian brethren will be meeting again this year in Blackheath, N.S. W., a fine resort area in the foothills of the Blue Mountains, to the east of Sydney.

Mr. Leo Joseph will again conduct services for the brethren on the island of Santa Maria in the British West Indies, and Mr. Joseph Mwambula will be leading in the Festival observed by many hundreds in Northern Rhodesia, Africa!

Truly the Feast of Tabernacles is a WORLD-WIDE occasion today!

The Real MEANING of the Feast

As we assemble around the world, or as we look toward this Festival even in the privacy of our own homes, brethren, let's come to fully REALIZE the deep *significance* of these days!

God instituted these days, giving them to our ancient forefathers, to keep His true people in mind of HIS GREAT PLAN He is busily working out here below!

This world is not NORMAL today! Something drastic is WRONG! Political intrigue, new "hot spots" in the cold war almost DAILY, and many OTHER wars in scattered areas *around the world!* These are the things of which you read and hear, almost constantly! And Jesus Christ SAID it would be this way!

We are right now LIVING in the very times just on the brink of the GREAT TRIBULATION, just before the SUICIDE OF CIVILIZATION! The WEATHER seems bent on putting FRIGHTENING displays of GARGANTUAN force and destructiveness! These are mighty SERIOUS times!

Looking candidly at the world conditions, just as Jesus *said* we should (Luke *(Please continue on page 3)*)

Letters to the Editor

The Summer Educational Program Again

"Many, many thanks for the Summer Educational Program. Through the kindness of Mr. Carlton Smith, our son was able to attend. What a change!! He went away our little boy, and came back a young man, with patience, self assuredness, good manners, good posture, and appreciative of things he once took for granted (like a *clean*, white shirt ironed and starched). He talked for hours, telling of the things they saw, the various activities, the other campers and counsellors, and ever so often would interject with, 'I miss them, and I miss camp.' He seemed to enjoy every minute of camp. He said he had the 'honor' of putting the paddles away in storage. Like all growing boys, he was starving to death, but I was thankful that he experienced a bit of hunger. His eating habits needed adjustment as he ate often and too much. He is looking forward to going again next year. We shall pray that he can, also that many more can be accommodated next year."

Woman from Atlantic Highlands, N.J.

Summer Camp

"Please thank Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong for the "hi-Lites" from the summer camp, and for his accompanying letter. How *thrilled* I was to learn of the activities and training at the camp, and how *happy* I am for those children attending. I thank God that He has made possible such a *wonderful* opportunity for children in this "topsy-turvy" evil world where they are surrounded by wrong ways, and ideas! I know God's rich blessings will be on this phase of His Work as it is on all the others!"

Woman from Glen Burnie, Maryland.

Lost Publisher's Name

"Last year a magazine called The PLAIN TRUTH was coming into our household once a month. Recently, it has stopped coming. I miss this magazine very much and want it to start coming again. Please let me know the subscription fee or if the company that published it has gone out of business."

Woman from Utica, New York.

Flood of Blessings

"Enclosed is a check I had not expected to send, but I have been receiving money I had not expected to get. In the last two months I've been using my Bible as a guide for life. I've stopped smoking and drinking, started paying the tithes, and every time a new situation arises, I consult the scriptures and

plan my actions accordingly. In just the last two *weeks* my health has improved, I've started gaining weight, the ratings from my supervisors have gone higher than they ever have, and people with long forgotten debts are paying me back with interest and won't take no for an answer."

Man from Biloxi, Mississippi.

Eye Saved

"I wrote and asked for a handkerchief for my husband's eye which he was about to lose. Only the next day his eye was feeling better and three days later he was back at work. He had been off from work for two weeks before I sent for the handkerchief. Almost all the redness has left his eye now and he hasn't put one drop of his eye medicine in his eye since I put the cloth over it."

Woman from Brodhead, Kentucky.

Praise for Bible Story Book

"Thank you for The Bible Story book. No one will ever know the blessing we have received from it. I just felt like shouting all the way through it to know what a great and Powerful God we have. The author was truly inspired by God when he wrote it."

Woman from Ucluelet, B.C. Canada.

• So there *is* one more person besides Mr. Basil Wolverton who enjoys reading the Bible Story!!

Response From European Audience

"Today I was baptized by Mr. Marx and I am writing you right away, in tears. Don't get upset, I am only crying because Mr. Marx and Mr. Freibergs have already left. I wish I could have gone with them. They are such wonderful people. You also at Pasadena write me such wonderful letters. It is this total yieldedness to God that attracts me and the wonderful spirit that speaks through all of you, that is why I love so much to be with you people. So maybe you can understand some of my sadness now, to have to realize that all of you are so far away. But I am comforted by the thought that Jesus Christ has lead me to His Church and that I am therefore joined to all of you in spirit.

"If it is at all possible, I would like to see you. I am all alone here now and am having no more fellowship with the Adventists. They are afraid of me, avoid me, or become angry at me, only because I have answered the call of God. But that is the way it has to be!

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21:36) ought to really *sober* us, brethren. It should make us really **THINK!**

God gave His great Feast of Tabernacles to **PICTURE** to us the conditions on this earth in *the very next era just now ahead of us*. The time of the **reign of the KINGDOM OF GOD!**

He has commanded us to **COME OUT** of this world for these eight days, for the Feast of Tabernacles, and the Final Great Feast of the year, picturing the great **JUDGMENT** to follow. He has told us to dwell in *temporary* domiciles, *living together* in peace and harmony, hearing inspiring messages from God's true ministers, working, eating, listening, studying, praying, fellowshiping together—so we can learn a vitally important **LESSON**.

The real **MEANING** of the Feast of Tabernacles is to portray to us the **KINGDOM OF GOD**—the earth here below as it will be under the rule and reign of that Kingdom, which is the **GREAT RULING FAMILY OF GOD**, into which **WE MUST BE BORN!**

The Feast pictures **GOVERNMENT** on earth, **ORDER** on earth, **SYSTEM** on earth, **HARMONY, PEACE AND HAPPINESS** on earth!

How YOU MUST TAKE PART

What *is* idolatry? Have you ever really analyzed it?

Why did God place in the *order* as He did the first two commandments?

Because He knew these would be the very **FIRST** commandments men would tend to **BREAK!** You've heard of "matinee" idols. You have heard it said that **ANYTHING** that gets between you and God is an **IDOL**. But **HOW** do people idolize other people?

By **MIMICKING them!**

Notice little children. They want to "act" **LIKE** their heroes, their "matinee idols." American advertizers, recognizing this carnal trend in human beings, try to sell certain soaps, cigarettes or cosmetics to gullible hero worshippers by assuring the public their **IDOLS** use this particular brand!

That is **FALSE WORSHIP!**

But we are to *worship* **GOD**, in *spirit and in truth!* True worship is also *mimicking!* But it is mimicking God the Father and Jesus Christ His son! John said if we say we **KNOW** Jesus Christ, we should **LIVE** like He did! (I John 2:6.) Paul urged, "Follow **ME**, as I **FOLLOW CHRIST** (I Cor. 11:1). Peter said Jesus Christ had set us an **EXAM-**

PLE that we should *follow in His steps!* (1 Pet. 2:21).

God has ordained, in a sense, that we should **ACT OUT** a part of His **PLAN** in our observance of His Holy Days. By **LIVING** in the actual *conditions* He shows *will* prevail on earth, we learn to really **UNDERSTAND** His plan—**WHAT** the world will be like, and our part in it in the future!

We worship God by **IMITATING** Him. Jesus Christ is the very *image, substance, nature and character* of God the Father (Heb. 1:3). Jesus **KEPT** the Feast of Tabernacles! He shows **WHOLE NATIONS** will be under severe **PLAGUES** from God if they refuse to *keep* these Festivals in the millennium (Zech. 14:17-19).

Remember, God has **ORDERED** that we observe His Feasts! He **WILL NOT** accept weak "excuses" for staying away! God has said **YOU** simply **MUST** take an active **PART** in these Feasts! It is only in **THIS** way you can really learn the true meaning of the wonderful plan God is working out here below!

How to **REJOICE** in the Festival

God says, "But unto the place which the Lord your God shall choose . . . thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and your flocks, and there ye shall eat before the Lord your God, and ye shall **REJOICE** in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your household, wherein the Lord thy God has blessed thee" (Deut. 12:5-7).

God says we are to be truly **HAPPY** at the Feast. He wants us to **REJOICE!** But in **WHAT** way?

Notice. He included the burnt offerings and sacrifices in this section, when speaking to Ancient Israel. Today, as we know, Jesus Christ and His **ONE** sacrifice have rendered these offerings, which were *not only* a part of the *annual* festivals, but came on **EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR**, null and void. He was prophesied to *cause* these ordinances to cease (Dan. 9:27). These offerings were not an **ORIGINAL** part of the annual Holy Days of God when He called His people out of the land of Egypt (Jer. 7:22).

But **SACRIFICES ARE NOT OVER!** Today, **GOD REQUIRES** a **SPIRITUAL**, not an animal, sacrifice! Notice what God

inspired Paul to write in Romans the twelfth chapter, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye *present your bodies a living SACRIFICE*, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

A little later in that same chapter, Paul described the attitude of a truly converted person who would be "distributing to the necessity of saints, **GIVEN** to hospitality" (Vs. 13).

The *sacrifices* **YOU** should bring with you to the Feast, brethren, are the sacrifices God says He will **NOT** despise! Notice it! "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Ps. 51:17).

God says the **WAY** you can **PROVE** you really **LOVE YOUR BROTHERS** is to **LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE** for them (I John 3:16).

And you **CAN** be actively **PROVING** how much you really **LOVE GOD** during this Feast of Tabernacles. You can do it by **GIVING OF YOURSELF!** By **OFFERING OF YOURSELF** in service, in labor, in help, in whatever your hand can *find* to do, as you are directed by those in positions of responsibility—to make the Feast **MUCH** more enjoyable.

Not **JUST** a Vacation

Many find God says to **REJOICE** in the Feast. So—they decide to be obedient. They decide to really **REJOICE!** Some have said, "No thanks! Not **ME** volunteer for some job—**THIS IS MY VACATION** time!" But what a totally **WRONG** attitude, brethren! Let's really get it straight! God did **NOT** say He calls you to His Festival to **SIT DOWN**, and let others **WAIT** on you! He *does* want you to rejoice—to get a real *thrill* out of the Feast, to be truly **HAPPY** there! But the way to happiness is through *giving*.

What **YOU** ought to be doing, is *seeing how much you can contribute* to others!

See how much of your interest, your time, your energy, your concern, your warm smiles and words of encouragement you can sprinkle through the Feast. See if you can shake more hands, more warmly and more enthusiastically than you did *last* time. See if you can make it a point to **MBET** more of your brothers and sisters than you did last time. See if you can spend more hours working at straightening chairs, sweeping, dusting, cleaning, serving in **ANY** capacity than you did last time.

But suppose there are enough laborers in different jobs? Suppose **YOU** are not really needed in a particular duty to help serve, after all? What then?

Why, that's where the really **BIGGEST**

responsibility of ALL of us comes in. You can really serve by MAKING AS LITTLE WORK AS POSSIBLE FOR OTHERS! If you are CLEAN, NEAT, ORDERLY, and FOLLOW DIRECTIONS FAITHFULLY, you will be doing a real SERVICE to your brethren!

If you are *cheerful, cooperative*, humble, easy to be led, EASY to be directed, ALWAYS following suggestions and instructions from the deacons and their assistants, if you are ALWAYS really *illustrating* the very FRUITS of a totally changed, *converted life*, it will make your Feast IMMENSELY more enjoyable! And that joy will not only be yours, but that of your brethren as well!

Do you see? *That's* the way YOU can serve! By being as cooperative YOURSELF as Christ in you would be, and by offering to HELP others wherever possible—you will have a tremendously enjoyable time! I absolutely guarantee it! God *proves* to us we are *far happier* when we're DOING, WORKING, ACCOMPLISHING, GIVING, SERVING, than when we're *being served*!

What Is YOUR GOAL at The Feast?

Think carefully! Why are you GOING to the Feast?

Certainly NOT just for the scenery ALONE, are you? Are you going to the Feast to go hunting, fishing, boating or horseback riding? Are you so *looking forward* to some of these *activities* that they are becoming your primary GOAL in attending the Feast?

What about fellowship? Are you so *eager* to renew old acquaintances, and make new friends, that you are just *excited* about it? Are you making THIS your primary GOAL at the Feast?

If you are—YOU HAVE A VERY WRONG GOAL!

God HAS given us FINE facilities. He has added *many* additional attractions in the form of beautiful scenery along the way, and while we're attending, and in the form of fine recreational facilities. But these things are very much *secondary*! These things are just a few of the added little "fringe" benefits that God gives us as an ADDITIONAL blessing!

The really BIG REASON for your being at the place God has placed His name is, *first* of all, because GOD COMMANDS YOU TO BE THERE—and you desperately want to be OBEDIENT to HIM!

In explaining the PLACE where your second tithe is to be spent, God says, "And thou shalt eat before the Lord thy God, *in the place which He shall choose* to place His name there . . ." (Deut. 14:22, 23). But WHY? What is the PURPOSE? What is your GOAL in obeying this command? God answers ". . . THAT THOU MAYEST LEARN TO

FEAR THE LORD THY GOD ALWAYS!" (Deut. 14:23).

Let's face it, brethren. We don't learn to really FEAR God if we're spending TOO MUCH time on mere recreational activities—IF THOSE ACTIVITIES ARE KEEPING US FROM OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE IN BEING AT THE FEAST IN THE FIRST PLACE!

You will learn to FEAR God by being obedient to His commands—and by HEARING of Him, from HIS OWN SPIRIT, as HE, HIMSELF, inspires His own chosen servants to TALK DIRECTLY TO YOU!

THINK of it in that way! If you knew that GOD ALMIGHTY, and CHRIST HIS SON were going to be ON THE PLATFORM—PERSONALLY SPEAKING WITH YOU—would you be out in the camping area? Would you be boating, swimming, or fishing? Would you be horseback riding DURING SERVICES—if you KNEW GOD WOULD BE THERE?

If you have ANY shred of respect and awe for God—if you are even *remotely* converted—YOU CERTAINLY WOULD NOT! Rather, you would make it a special, vital, IMPORTANT *point* to be in EVERY service—*ahead* of time! You would be quiet, attentive, eager to learn! You would come equipped with a Bible with easy-to-read type, and a notebook of a more permanent nature so you can *keep* it from year to year, and you would be in your seat with pencil *poised*, to hear the words YOUR MAGNIFICENT CREATOR inspires—the definite, specific, *particular* words HE wants YOU to hear at just THAT particular time!

SO PLAN to be in EVERY SERVICE, brethren! THAT is the reason you are GOING to the Feast, isn't it? And, *frankly*, brethren—and I do write with the authority of Jesus Christ—IF YOU DO NOT INTEND TO BE IN THE SERVICES—YOU SHOULD NOT COME TO THE FEAST! YOU SHOULD STAY HOME—so you do *not* set the WRONG EXAMPLE for others who may be weak, and may be led off by a wrong influence!

Make it your aim to be in the services! Each one will be totally DIFFERENT than the one before! What a *shame* if the only sermon preached on child rearing, or family problems, or prayer, or prophecy would be JUST THE EXACT ONE YOU NEEDED SO BADLY—and you MISSED it because you let the cares of THIS PHYSICAL WORLD get in your way!

And by way of admonition, brethren of God's Church, there will be GOVERNMENT during the Feast. Any found lounging around the camping areas, or in their cars, or pursuing their *own* activities will be asked WHY by God's deacons and assistants. So let's show our Heavenly Father we really MEAN it this

year! Let's NOT MISS A SERVICE! We *will* fellowship together, but remember our FIRST fellowship is with God the Father, *through* Christ His Son, and *then* with the brethren, but only *in* and *through* Christ! (I John 1:3).

PREPARE Your Offering!

Remember, brethren—God commands us NOT TO COME EMPTY to His Festival, but to *plan ahead*, and be *prepared* to give a generous offering, according to the BLESSING He has given us!

"Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God in the place which He shall choose, in the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), and in the Feast of Tabernacles, *and they shall not appear before the Lord empty*" (Deut. 16:16).

God says each is to GIVE, as he is able (verse 17).

But frankly, brethren, *many* of you have been putting into the SPECIAL ANNUAL OFFERINGS at the FEAST what you *would* have sent in if you had remained home, in the *first* place!

Each year, our Business Manager, Mr. Mattson, notices a *sharp* decline in tithes and offerings *just before and during the Feast*! These weeks, and for about one month, becomes truly one of the most SEVERELY DIFFICULT times for God's work! The reason is self evident. Many, anticipating giving a large offering *at the Feast*, are saving money they WOULD have given as offerings ANYWAY, even if they could not have attended!

Then, even though we *have* made a truly *fine* showing with our offerings in past years—these special offerings, instead of bringing in this amount OVER AND ABOVE normal income—merely BRING INCOME UP TO NORMAL!

Let's NOT let this happen this year! Brethren of God! Jesus said where our TREASURE IS—that is where our HEARTS will be! WHERE WILL YOUR HEART BE FOR THESE NEXT FEW WEEKS—in your own hip pocket? Or in the WORK CHRIST IS DOING?

If you leave home, temporarily *discontinuing* your normal tithes and offerings as you journey to, attend, and then return from the Feast—then you have temporarily severed that vitally needed, CONSTANT flow of income that MUST keep coming in to keep this great and growing work going!

Even though giving a sizeable offering—IF that offering only represents what you would have given ANYWAY, with just a LITTLE over—then it will just barely help us struggle through another financial bind—but it will NOT
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Should You Welcome Visitors at Church

Some members still do not understand about inviting, or welcoming, visitors to our Church services or bringing NON-members to the FEAST OF TABERNACLES.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

RECENTLY a non-member came as a visitor with a member to the Sabbath service of one of God's Churches. The visitor was a neighbor of the member.

At the close of the service, another member took it upon himself to speak to the visitor, and, it was reported to me, in a not too friendly tone, tell him not to come again! Naturally the visitor was hurt and offended.

I do not have all the details. It could be, I suppose, that the visitor was hostile to the sermon and showing a wrong spirit—but even so the proper conduct for a member would be to keep friendly, and call the minister or an elder. I do not know whether the member who brought this visitor had asked his neighbor to come, or whether the neighbor had asked if he might attend. It was reported, however, that the visitor was a radio listener—perhaps a reader of *The Plain Truth*—and supposedly “interested.”

IMPORTANT You Understand

I had thought that all members understood the Biblical teaching on this point, and our church policy based on it—and *how*, and *why*, this policy differs from the practise of the churches of the world.

However, when we realize our membership is increasing at the phenomenal rate of 30% a year—doubling each 2 years and 7 months—it becomes apparent that many of you have come in since this policy was last explained.

It is IMPORTANT that every member understand.

The Worldly Custom

It is the custom of the churches of this world to invite the public to come in and “worship” with them. Often you see signs on church buildings: “Strangers Welcome.” Driving your car through the main street of a town on a highway, you invariably will see signs pointing to a church a block or two to the right or left—inviting visitors.

If it is a fundamentalist evangelical type church, its members will *urge* friends, relatives, and strangers to attend. This is their way—but not God's way—of “going into all the world to

preach the Gospel.” Instead of *going to* the world, as Jesus commanded, they invite and urge the world to *come to them*. They think their church services are the places to “get people interested,” or to “get them saved.”

First of all, it is *very important* that our members realize just how almost all people, outside the few of us in God's true Church, look at this. You need to know, and understand, how **THEY FEEL**, and how they are going to react toward us.

Since the custom—taken for granted by them—is to urge the public to attend regular church services—since it is CUSTOMARY to “*make strangers WELCOME*,” most people will take offense if we do not invite them, and make them welcome—that is, if they know we have a Church.

If a non-member *does*, for any reason, happen to visit one of our services and does not receive a warm and friendly welcome, can't you see he will feel offended? He will go away saying, “They certainly are a cold, unfriendly group”; or, “So I'm not *good enough* for them, huh?” or, “I guess I can take a hint—I'm not wanted, there!” Or, “Well, I sure don't want any of *their* brand of religion!”

The established custom of the world's churches says, in effect, “World, come and fellowship with us. We WELCOME the fellowship of the world.” Of course they do not realize God's Word says: “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be the friend of the world is the enemy of God.”

But REMEMBER—to the natural, unconverted mind, this worldly custom SEEMS RIGHT. And if a stranger does come to one of our services and receive a “cold shoulder” he will certainly think we are WRONG.

THEREFORE WE NEED TO KNOW, not only about God's Way for our own services, but also HOW TO TREAT THE OCCASIONAL STRANGER IN OUR MIDST. So read every word carefully.

How We Are DIFFERENT

Right here is a basic, fundamental *difference* between God's Church and

the worldly churches—between the BIBLE way, and the paganized so-called “Christian” way.

First, Christ's Great Commission is to *take* the Gospel to the world—“GO YE,” He said. Have you ever noticed that nearly all of God's churches have to assemble in rented halls, while nearly all professing Christian churches of the world have their own church buildings? Even a small local church of no more than 35 to 75 in regular attendance will have its own church building. God's Church, obeying Christ's command explicitly, goes to the world—by radio and the printing press. This costs money—a lot of money, now that we reach people *on every continent, world-wide*.

We, therefore, use God's money God's way—in the purchase of facilities for the mass spreading of the Gospel around the world. So far, we have not been able to do both this and build local auditoriums for meetings.

But the churches of the world do the exact opposite of what Christ commanded. Instead of *going to* the world, they invite the world to come to them. Thus their “churches” provide the place for the world to come, to hear their various gospels. They spend their money on local church buildings and ornate cathedrals.

Secondly, they regard these *buildings* as their *churches*. In their language, *the people*—including the invited strangers of the world—*go to* the CHURCH. To them the CHURCH is the *building*. They call the building “the church.” But the Bible calls the *people* the Church—that is, the people who have been begotten by God's Spirit. In God's true way, the CHURCH goes to the building, the rented hall, or the auditorium. In the world's way, the PEOPLE go to the CHURCH. See how the world turns God's Holy Word completely upside down?

God's True Way

Now I would like for every member of God's true Church to notice carefully:

The second primary function of God's Church is to feed its members on the true spiritual food, and to protect them. The Church is called “Jerusalem above”—the MOTHER of us all—that is, of all

God has begotten into His Church.

Just as the physical human mother protects her unborn child from physical harm, and just as it receives the physical nourishment by which it grows to be born through its mother, so with the spiritual children in God's Church. For this purpose God has set in the Church apostles, evangelists, pastors, elders, deacons and deaconesses, to feed and protect the Church.

But, once converted, we are commanded *not* to be conformed to this world, but *to come out from among them* of this world, and to BE SEPARATE.

We are to be no longer OF the world, although we must live *in* it, and have certain contacts with it in *going to* it with Christ's Gospel. But we are forbidden to have Christian fellowship with the world. "For what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" (II Cor. 6:14.) Again, "Ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord" (I Cor. 1:9), and "truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with the Son Jesus Christ"—and again, "if we say we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth" (I John 1:3,6).

Consequently, God's Church is called to a separate fellowship—*NOT* fellowship with the world, but with God and with Jesus Christ—and with one another only through them. For our worship services, therefore, God calls us to BE SEPARATE from the world.

The world talks about worshipping God "according to the dictates of your own conscience." But God will not accept that kind of worship. "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him *in Spirit and in Truth*" (John 4:24). You cannot worship Him "in Spirit" unless you have been converted, and received His Spirit. And God gives His Holy Spirit only to them that OBEY HIM (Acts 5:32). To worship Him "IN TRUTH" means *according to the Bible*—since Jesus said "THY WORD IS TRUTH."

Of the world's worship, Jesus said plainly: "IN VAIN do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men . . . making the Word of God of none effect through your tradition" (Mark 7:7-8,13).

Never Unfriendly

Now it becomes very evident WHY we must not—according to BIBLE TEACHINGS—invite the world to the services of God's Churches.

It is *not only* that they, being as yet unjoined to the Father and to Christ

through real conversion, could have no true fellowship with God *nor* with us—*not only* that we must "come out from among them and be separate"—but our own Church services *might offend*, and therefore *harm them* or *prevent their later conversion!*

Neither Garner Ted Armstrong nor I preach the same kind of sermons TO THE WORLD, on the air, that we do before our own congregations at Pasadena, or Chicago, or London, or the Feast of Tabernacles. The sermons of God's ministers before our own members are *not evangelistic!* In our own congregations we are not trying to get worldly people converted—we are not preaching to the world—we are trying to feed on the deeper truths *those already converted!*

We do not write the same kind of articles for *The Plain Truth* we do for *The Good News*. *The Plain Truth* is written for the WORLD! Its purpose is to proclaim Christ's Gospel TO THE WORLD, *as a witness*. As an example, you will NEVER see an article like *this* one in *The Plain Truth!* This is written for you CHURCH MEMBERS whom God has already baptized by His Spirit into Christ's Body, the Church!

The sermons at our regular Church Services—AND AT THE ANNUAL FESTIVALS—are entirely *too strong* for the unconverted of the world! They would only prove a stumbling block. They would offend.

BUT—in spite of all this, a non-member visitor does occasionally attend. What should then be our attitude?

NEVER should it be UNFRIENDLY! ALWAYS, once a visitor has come, *be warm in greeting, cordial and friendly.* NEVER make one feel unwelcome. Would that be obeying God's Commandment to LOVE our neighbors as ourselves?

This is a delicate matter, and great tact needs to be used. So NOTICE CAREFULLY how to follow God's way in this.

The Church Policy

We DO NOT, *ever*, want to offend or cause hostility—if we can avoid it.

Therefore, the lay members should LEAVE IT TO THE MINISTERS to know whom to invite to attend, and when. NEVER invite anyone not yet a member to attend either a Church service or an annual Festival or Holy day. On the other hand, be careful NEVER to directly *forbid* an interested friend to come—that is, NEVER OFFEND others or make them feel unwelcome. Never give the impression we are "high hat" or "too good for them" or a sort of EXCLUSIVE set. If you tell a friend or neighbor NOT to come—or if undiplomatically you say "we are told never to

invite outsiders," what are such people going to think? In *their* thinking ALL churches are supposed to be friendly and welcome visitors. So immediately they would suppose THE REASON we do not invite them is because we feel *better* than they—that they are *not good enough* to come with us—or we are "high hat."

Try to remember HOW *THEY* THINK—and *how your answer will seem to them!* They do not UNDERSTAND the Bible teaching on this point—so they will not understand WHY you don't make them welcome, and may be offended.

Always, if you can, let a minister handle such a situation.

Yet many difficult situations may arise. In many cases, many of you are persecuted by your neighbors. They may call you "Jewish" if they know you keep the Sabbath.

First of all, it is better if you do nothing to advertise the fact that you keep God's Sabbath. I do not mean that you should ever deny it. But, for example, if you women make Sunday your wash day and hang out clothes for neighbors to see—or, if you men do work around the house on Sunday, mowing the lawn, or pounding nails or sawing or something that makes noise. Whether this *really* causes your neighbors any discomfort or not, some of them may *claim* you are annoying them—creating a NUISANCE on their Sunday. That only shouts loudly at them that you are a hated "Sabbath-keeper." You may reason that Sunday is the only convenient day to do such things—but where there's a WILL, there's a WAY, and *you can find a way* to avoid antagonizing neighbors on Sunday. You CAN!—*so be sure you do!*

At Headquarters, all our neighbors adjoining the campus, of course, learned long ago that we keep the Sabbath. For years the Sabbath services were held there. And it does become necessary for some of our work crews to do various kinds of work on Sundays—even carpenter work. But we restrain our men from making loud noises until after 10 a.m. on Sundays, to avoid disturbing neighbors who might be sleeping late. We have always tried to go out of our way as far as possible to be considerate of our neighbors.

A Few Examples

But suppose you have a neighbor who knows you keep the Sabbath, and *is not* hostile. Perhaps this neighbor will mention some day that he (or she) has heard the broadcast several times, and asks you to explain a question about the Sabbath—why we don't observe Sunday, or hasn't time been lost? or

isn't the law done away—or some other question. What should you do?

Unless you *know* that you thoroughly know the subject, and have the ability to explain it plainly and convincingly, it would be better to hand the neighbor a booklet—or booklets—that explain the subject. If you don't have one to spare, explain that you will write our office and have one mailed to the neighbor at once. Tell your neighbor that this booklet will explain it so much better than you could.

In case you do feel qualified to explain it yourself (as you should be—though most of you are not), follow this method: First, ask the neighbor into your home, or go yourself to his. Have your Bible. When seated quietly, free from interruption, open your Bible, turning to proper Scriptures one at a time. Instead of reading it yourself, hand the Bible to your friend and have him read aloud each passage. Then *you* carefully explain and expound it, and turn to the next passage and have your neighbor read that, and so on.

If your friend does not know we have a local church congregation, avoid all mention of it.

But, suppose your friend does know, or asks you directly whether we have a Church. You cannot refuse to answer. You cannot lie. So here is where you must use real tact! Don't hesitate. Don't apologize. Immediately answer, "We don't have PUBLIC church services—or any local church—that is, we don't have a local *building* called a 'church'—but we do have our own meeting on the Sabbath—*may I ask our minister to call and explain that to you?*"

Try, immediately, to get your friend to agree to let the minister call. BUT NEVER TELL YOUR FRIEND THAT VISITORS ARE NOT WELCOME. Just try, tactfully, to AVOID inviting, if you can.

Now, suppose all this fails. Suppose the friend refuses the minister's call, and asks again if he (or she) may visit your church meeting? Should you, then, refuse, or say, "No, visitors are not welcome"—or "we never invite visitors"? NEVER! Never insult or offend your neighbor. Of course, *if* the neighbor is hostile and offensive, and is *demanding* that he come, for the pure purpose of causing trouble, then you must *insist* politely that it be taken up with the minister—then, whether the neighbor objects or not, call your minister and inform him of all the facts, and ask if he cannot call at once. He will know how to handle the situation.

But suppose the friend is *not* hostile, but is friendly, doesn't want the minister to call, but does want to visit the church service with you? If it comes to this, then perhaps you cannot—*should*

not—refuse. BUT, even in this last-resort situation, do not agree *without also EXPLAINING*. And how should you explain?

Try to make it plain something like this: Explain that, first of all, *we go by the Bible*. Explain how the Bible commands us to *go to* the world with the Gospel—but to be *SEPARATE, by ourselves*, in our own worship services. Explain that so far as WE are concerned, visitors most certainly are WELCOME—but we try to obey the Bible by meeting SEPARATELY, BY OURSELVES—and that often our ministers preach Scriptures before our own congregations that do reprove and rebuke the audience, and we are not sure whether visitors might not take offense, and we surely don't want to offend anyone—but our ministers DO preach pretty strong sermons.

Now, after that much explanation, if your neighbor is friendly and still wants to come, you have prepared the visitor's mind to expect pretty strong preaching, and explained that it is not intended to cause offense. That is the best you can do. BUT—in such a case, be sure you telephone your pastor *before* the Sabbath service, and explain, so he will immediately come to be introduced to your visitor *before the service*—and from there on, *just let your pastor handle it*. Continue to be friendly in every way—introduce your visitor to several friends, so that we do, in every way, show the visitor we are friendly.

If You Meet a Visitor

But suppose that although you, yourself, did not bring a visitor, another member does. You merely *see* a visitor there for the first time. WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?—walk away, and avoid meeting the visitor? NO! Go up, introduce yourself with a smile—BE FRIENDLY—make the visitor feel welcome!

But someone in every church is *sure* to go to the opposite extreme. Often we seem to have a member who will rush up to the visitor, introduce himself profusely, and immediately start EXPLAINING THE BIBLE to the visitor, or getting into a religious discussion. But DON'T!!! Never do this!!! To the one who does this, let me say candidly, this is one strong reason why YOU are not the minister! It is the minister's place to do any explaining. He has been trained to know how. God has called him, and therefore the Holy Spirit leads and guides him. DON'T TRY TO MAKE YOURSELF THE MINISTER, or the minister may rebuke you very strongly!!

You who meet a visitor at church service, just be friendly, smile, but *do not* start a conversation about the sermon, about religion, or about the Bible.

If the visitor asks about such things, *call the minister or assistant* or a deacon at once, with a smile, introduce him and mention the question—then let him take over, and excuse yourself to go meet and shake hands with others. And when introduced to—or introducing yourself to—a visitor, NEVER—and I mean NEVER take it on yourself to *either* say "Don't you ever come again!"—or, the opposite extreme, "I want to invite you to come again."

REMEMBER—it is not your place—but the minister's—to invite visitors either to come again, or to forbid them to come. Don't try to be a self-appointed minister when God has never called you! God may deal with you *through* the minister, if you do!

At Feast of Tabernacles

After the last Feast of Tabernacles, one woman member wrote that her non-member husband had attended with her. He had been somewhat "interested" before attending, but at Gladewater he saw a few things which he completely misunderstood—no one knew about it to explain the true facts to him—and "that finished him." He was completely turned against us. He was "disgusted." It came to my attention, and I tried to explain the true facts which he did not understand, and which should have caused no offense whatsoever. But once a natural-minded person becomes embittered, his mind is seldom any longer open to facts! He believes what he has decided he *wants* to believe!

I am sure that this situation has occurred many times. Many of you have husbands—or wives, as the case may be—who are not members. Some of them are hostile. If they are, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should they come to the Feast of Tabernacles, or any of God's holy Festivals. They will only find fault. Whatever they hear, they will disagree. Whatever they see, will be *sure* to be WRONG, as they will paint it. Some such husbands have brought their wives, left them at the Tabernacle grounds, then driving back to pick the wives up and take them home when the Feast is over. This, of course, is perfectly all right.

If you are a wife, and the only way you can come is to have your antagonistic husband bring you, then DON'T COME! And I am thinking of HIM—not the welfare of the Church. The Church of God will go right on and on—and keep GROWING, regardless, because it is empowered by the SPIRIT OF GOD. But it will make your husband unhappy. He won't enjoy it. He will see and hear only that which will appear WRONG to him.

If you are a husband, and your wife

is antagonistic against the Church and its doctrines and practises, DO NOT, *under any circumstances*, allow your wife to attend. If you are a man, *be a MAN!* God made you the head of your wife. God commands *you* to come. Therefore you *must come*, yourself! You must obey GOD. But you must, if necessary, make your wife obey you and stay home. If she threatens to leave you, you may have to decide between her and God. Will you obey her, or will you obey GOD? Your ETERNITY may be determined by your decision.

Anyway, regardless of tantrums and threats, I don't know of any wife who wants her husband to be a MOUSE, instead of a *MAN!* If you haven't been a MAN before, and ruled your own household as God commands, *it's time to start!* But be *kind*, not domineering. Remember, although many won't admit it, every woman, by nature, wants to be DOMINATED by a MAN! But *never domineered!* There's a tremendous difference. God teaches every husband to LOVE his wife—to be kind and considerate, *yet to be firm*, and to dominate, when necessary!

Let me tell you a little personal experience about one of God's ministers. Like many others, both this minister and his wife were Ambassador College students. This particular wife was one of our very finest girl students—a leader among girls. A few years after their marriage, I asked her, in a spirit of humor, and with a smile, whether she had ever succumbed to temptation and tried to "wear the pants."

She grinned. "Yes, I did, once," she replied.

"And," I pursued, "did you find out who was boss?"

Her eyes gleamed with pride. "Are you telling *me!*" she replied.

This young woman is a very competent minister's wife, and an efficient mother. But she could never hold her husband in the high esteem and respect that she does if she could dominate him. Thousands of people hold this particular minister in *very* high esteem and respect—but I assure you that, if he did not have the strength of character to obey God in being the head of his wife and family, he would not hold this high honor in God's Church that he does.

If your wife is so unreasonable and bitter that she really leaves you for obeying God, then read and obey I Cor. 7:10-15. Let her leave. Such an ending is a tragedy—but if *you* have obeyed God's instruction, in love and consideration, and cannot prevent it, it is the *least* of the evils.

But those of you who have the wife of your youth, who *believes*, and obeys God, and is with you in God's Truth,

have MUCH to be thankful for—as I have, in the lovely woman who has been my wife for over 45 years! Yes, this is the greatest material blessing God has lavished on me!

WHAT a blessing is a loving and competent minister's wife! One of the PROOFS that this is GOD'S CHURCH is the fact that every minister is blessed with a wife who is a REAL HELP!

But to you husbands with unbelieving wives, I say, BE CAREFUL never to give your wife any *just cause* for recrimination!

Unconverted Mates

Many of our members have mates who are unconverted or members of another church. Some of these are hostile—some are not.

But to all married members whose wives or husbands are *not* in the Church, I say—with emphasis—*try to avoid causing antagonism!* In entirely too many cases, all this bitter strife and hostility has actually been *caused*, unthinkingly, by our member. And how? BY TRYING TO EXPLAIN THE BIBLE, or to get the other converted, or to *talk about* religion or our religious beliefs!

DON'T DO THIS!! NEVER DO THIS!!!

Never try to explain any doctrines or beliefs, UNLESS your wife or husband is friendly, open-minded, and in such an attitude *asks you to explain*. Even then, make the talk loving—kind—and *watch* to see when your mate begins to lose interest or become tired—and STOP the subject, or *change* the subject, at that point as soon as possible.

Remember your husband or wife has just as much right to his or her religion as you have to yours! God made each of us a free moral agent. Each must *make his own decision!* And one thing you CANNOT DO—you cannot argue or talk anyone into seeing, or accepting God's Truth, or being converted.

TALK TO GOD about your unconverted mate, in prayer—never to the mate, except when asked in a good spirit. Intercede for them in PRAYER! NONE can come to Jesus Christ, unless the Spirit of the Father draws him. Your arguments can't draw him—only GOD'S SPIRIT can.

Now suppose you are a man with a hostile wife. When one of the annual festivals comes up, use all the tact you possibly can. PRAY over it. Ask God to give you wisdom, to say the right things to her. Try to be kind, considerate, loving. REALIZE that she probably is entirely sincere in being unable to see what you see. If God hasn't called her, she can't help that! Try to explain, kindly, that you give her the full right to her own religious views and actions—and that you have the same right to yours. As you are not going to allow

her to interfere with your obeying God and attending His Festival, you allow her the same freedom of religion you demand for yourself. Marriage is a *physical* union, not a spiritual one. You can be ONE FLESH, as God joined you to be together, in love and mutual tolerance, *without* religious INTOLERANCE.

Do all in your power to preserve your marriage in LOVE, in tolerant consideration for HER. Still, be FIRM—yes, calmly, but 100% *determinedly firm*—in obeying God rather than any human, and in being head of your wife and family. However, bear in mind that God makes you the head of your wife in the human and fleshly sense—you are ONE FLESH, *not* one spirit. You are NOT head over her *in her religion*.

Do not argue religion. Do not try to talk her into God's Truth—you can't. Just don't mention the subject. So far as possible, God teaches, be at peace with all people.

Now, finally, remember—never try to talk ANYONE into salvation, God's Truth, Bible doctrines, or being converted. So far as non-member friends and neighbors are concerned, just try to avoid all mention of our church services. Try to keep the subject from coming up. It is better if they do not even know about our services—then there is no embarrassment about not inviting them to attend.

Try to prevent non-members from seeing, or knowing about, *The Good News*. But NEVER do as one member untactfully did. This woman had read in *The Good News* that this paper is for Church members ONLY. The paper was left out in plain sight in her living room. A neighbor picked it up, started reading it. She grabbed the copy out of her neighbor's hand, saying—"Oh, we've been told not to let outsiders read this. You're not converted. You're not allowed to read this." Naturally the friend was insulted, offended, and decided she didn't want any of OUR religion!

If a non-member accidentally does see a copy of this paper, DON'T offend by telling them non-members are not allowed to read it. It is then too late for that. Let them go on reading it, but if they want on the list, tell them they can write and ask, but it is just our own Church paper for members, and not generally sent to non-members. But NEVER cause offense. Better just keep it out of sight in the first place.

But in all things, show LOVE, kindness, consideration. Be *friendly to people* in the world, even though we must not be *part of* the world. Always try to avoid offense. GOD is LOVE. God is merciful, considerate, compassionate. We must be!

WOMEN'S DRESS RULING

concerning too short and too tight skirts, and extra-low-neck dresses

by Herbert W. Armstrong

WHY does the Word of God confine His instruction regarding *modest apparel*, and the *adorn- ing* of the person with clothes, to the **WOMEN**?

Did God desire to discriminate—to make women uncomfortable—to show partiality to men? Does God intend for *men* to show off themselves in ornamental and gay attire, while He commands women to make unsightly scare-crows of themselves?

Of course we know better than that. There is nothing in God's instruction to make women appear ugly, or to make them uncomfortable. On the contrary, many, if not most, women will suffer any amount of discomfort in their worship of the goddess Dame Fashion.

God's REASON

God never shows partiality. He never discriminates against individuals, sexes, races, or whoever. Yet God's *Word* does carry specific instruction for *women* to be modest in their dress—and no corresponding instruction for modesty in *men's* clothing is given. **WHY?**

There is a reason! I think, candidly, that the girls and women in God's Church *know* the answer. And for that very reason some of them seem to want to violate God's instruction!

What I am going to say applies only to a *few*. Women in God's Church are different from those of the world. But a very few need severe correction.

I do not mean that even these few go to the extremes of ridiculous fashion so commonly seen in the world. You won't see any member of God's Church wearing artificially striped hair, green eyelids, and a purple mouth, decked out in outlandish dress design and overdone wacky jewelry. But, in the category of too short and too tight skirts, and in excessively low-neck dresses, some of you women and girls need a sharp rebuke from God's ministers!

Now **WHY** does God's Instruction Book contain admonition regarding modesty in *women's* dress, and *not* regarding *men's*?

In both colleges—Pasadena and Bricket Wood, England,—I personally teach a class in *Principles of Living*. This class includes God's instruction in regard to sex and marriage. Sex responses operate in the *mind*, and the male mind does not react in the same manner as the female mind in relation to sex. Sex consciousness, and arousal, in the male, is brought about much more quickly than in the female, and is

stimulated by sight, or even by imagination, in a manner that has little affect on females.

God made the female body to be attractive to the male. This attraction may be, and *should* be, one of sheer beauty. But also it may be, and under many circumstances often is, a stimulation of **LUST**. Especially when certain parts of the female figure are emphasized, such as the hips and buttocks by tight skirts, the low neckline exposing portions of breasts, or too-short skirts exposing more than is modest of the female leg.

I am quite aware that it is the current fashion, in the world, to wear short knee-length skirts extra tight around the hips. But the women in God's Church have *come out* of the world, and are *different*—or else they have not been put into His Church by God. *God's* daughters do not find it necessary to conform to this world, going along in its extremes of daring, or wrong, styles.

Candidly, when I see a female with a skirt tight enough to call attention to the shape of her hips, especially when tight below the hips and under the buttocks, I know that she is either careless and needs sharp admonishing or else she is wearing it deliberately to attract male eyes and arouse lust toward her in men's minds.

Do you want to know my personal reaction when I see such an example? It makes me feel that such a girl or woman needs either a good lecture driven home by a *sound SPANKING* of what she so brazenly displays, or to be classed as a fallen woman and a common prostitute.

THAT IS PLAIN LANGUAGE! I mean it to be plain, and I want the women in God's Church to know it is coming from God's Minister, who speaks by Christ's authority!

Recently some of our girls and women have been wearing skirts that are entirely **TOO SHORT!** Often I have felt I ought to speak personally to some of you. If this article does not quickly correct this evil—**AND IT IS AN EVIL!**—God's ministers will be instructed to begin speaking personally and in a manner that ought to cause a deep sense of shame and produce a very red face on any girl or woman who invites such sharp rebuke from a Minister of God!

When many of you women wear skirts as high as the knee, and which completely expose the knees when sitting, your skirts are an abomination in **GOD'S** eyes. I wonder, frankly, if God

doesn't blush when *HE* sees you! Are you women who do this, deliberately trying to tempt men into breaking the spirit of God's law against adultery? Are you trying to make yourselves adulteresses? Are you not breaking the very spirit of that law, *yourselves*?

In our instruction to parents in proper child rearing we teach that when you spank your child, it must be sufficiently severe to impress the lesson—painful enough that he will not want to cause it to be repeated very soon. In this instruction to the spiritual children in God's Church, your Pastor is making this correction to those who need it, I sincerely hope, plain enough and painful enough that it shall not need repeating!

Neither Extreme

God's Church does *not* teach, nor does God's Word when rightly understood, that women should go to the opposite extreme of wearing ill-fitting, overly loose skirts that drag the dust and pick up germs. I am not saying that your neckline must be so high that all the neck is covered. God is not the author of **UGLINESS**, any more than of confusion or evil. God is the Great Artist who has designed all the beauty of **nature**.

Consequently, in conformity with the Word of God, God's Church encourages women to dress neatly, pleasingly, attractively within the bounds of proper modesty and good taste, and even with sufficient becoming style to express personality and individuality. God Himself expressed perfect artistry in beautiful design in nature—in the lily—the rose—beautiful trees, shrubs and plants—in prize-winning livestock—and even in the beautiful human body, when healthy and not degenerated.

For women to dress becomingly yet modestly, there is no need to disguise the human figure by grotesque ultra-modern styles that make them look like lampshades, T-squares, or triangles. The world goes either to that extreme, or to the extreme of undue emphasis on breast, hips, and legs.

But it is in this latter category that some—yes, too many—or our women offend.

More than once I have seen a few of our women, in evening dress, exposing entirely too much female breast—with neckline cut so low as to show a goodly portion of breasts, with a crease in the middle. On one or two occasions, I

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More GROWTH in the *Body of Christ*

*Two more churches established! Offices now open in the Philippines.
Hundreds baptized around the world. And a new, four-year liberal
arts COLLEGE to be established!*

by Roderick C. Meredith

“FOR WITHOUT me ye can do NOTHING,” said Jesus. Someday—very soon—the world is going to realize that CHRIST is the One who is now *blessing, inspiring and empowering* the few of us to do the TREMENDOUS job He has assigned His “little flock” in these last days. It is HIS power which makes this work of God “tick” and go forth with ever-increasing strength!

It is HIS power that keeps the work of God’s Church growing at the rate of thirty per cent *every year!* It is HIS power which makes possible the addition of *more* radio stations, *more* churches, *more* ministers every year. It is HIS power which must CHANGE our lives in proportionate Christian growth!

Two Additional Churches

This may sound like a repetition of the last church news column, but there are now two MORE additional churches established! Last time we were privileged to announce the beginning of the churches in Vancouver, British Columbia and in Medford, Oregon. Now we are happy to announce the establishment of new churches in Tucson, Arizona, and in Indianapolis, Indiana!

This means that there are now a total of FIFTY-SEVEN local churches worldwide in GOD’S CHURCH today! This is in addition to several small Bible studies in scattered areas in Africa, the Philippines, and the British West Indies pastored by our representatives.

Our new church in Tucson, Arizona, is ministered to by Mr. David Jon Hill—assisted by Mr. Vernon Hargrove. A total of 67 people were in attendance for the first service. Prior to the establishment of this church, some drove 240 miles one way, to church!

Mr. Hargrove, recently graduated from Ambassador College, is an effective and dedicated leader in God’s Church. He spent a year of training in the ministerial field under Mr. Dean Blackwell in the Chicago area between his junior and senior years at Ambassador. He has been assisting Mr. Hill in the Phoenix Church before the present Tucson Church was established, and

will now visit the brethren through the week in both churches.

Indianapolis Church Established

Our new Indianapolis Church certainly started out with a “bang”! The following is a report of the first services from Mr. Carn Catherwood, new associate pastor of the church and graduate of Ambassador College:

“The first Sabbath here was a great blessing and joy to all of us, far beyond what anybody here had expected. We had put out chairs for 200 people, confident we could hold everyone, but people just kept ‘pouring in.’ Mr. Blackwell, I believe, gave you 353 as the final total for the first meeting; later, on re-checking, we found that one of the men who took the count had made a slight error in calculations, and the actual attendance was even *higher*—358 were in attendance at the very first meeting!

“For the second Sabbath service, this week, we were actually up one in attendance to set a second ‘attendance-record.’ The spirit of warmth and friendliness of these people here is really inspiring—some of the Kentucky people drove up here both times, a distance of 260 miles one way! So many of the people really show enthusiastic attitudes—wanting to ‘pitch in’ and help, set up chairs, assist in the parking lot, or aid others in finding rides to church. Everyone was very pleased and thankful for the good beginning God gave us, but at the same time, we realize there is still a great deal of work to be done and growth brought about, before our people here are really qualified and trained to be effective servants in God’s Kingdom.

“Several of the people here asked us to send their thanks to God’s Headquarters for blessing them with a local church, but at the same time, Mr. Kenneth Westby and I send our thanks to God’s Headquarters for having given us the privilege of serving people with the spirit and attitude of God’s people here. To be with God’s people is certainly one of the greatest blessings anybody could ever have. Since we were

bursting at the seams in the very first service in our hall, I am on the lookout for a larger hall in the city, that we can perhaps begin to use after the Festival. We already have several dozen prospectives in the area who are about ready to come to church, but, as Mr. Blackwell said, if we have many more come, ‘they’ll be hanging from the chandeliers,’ and so a new hall will probably be necessary after the Feast.”

Isn’t that TREMENDOUS, Brethren? Now we can begin God’s churches, occasionally, with over 350 in attendance! And in some such cases as this we have almost OUTGROWN the hall before we even start! Truly, “our cup runneth over.”

Ministerial Changes

As Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hammer are due to return to the States after a two-year stint in Australia, a number of switches in local pastorates is in the offing. Certainly the brethren in Corpus Christi and San Antonio, Texas, will be happy to learn that Mr. Tony Hammer—son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hammer who did so much work in helping pioneer the arrangements for holding God’s Festivals at Gladewater, Texas—will become their pastor soon after the Feast of Tabernacles.

Mr. Hammer and his wife, Natalie, will be returning to the States with their little girl after a very fine job of pastoring God’s church in Melbourne, Australia. Like his father, Mr. Tony Hammer is a very hard worker, and has an unusually warm and engaging personality. Mrs. Hammer was one of the most helpful girls on campus during her years at Ambassador, and is a very dedicated minister’s wife. Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hammer will be a tremendous asset to God’s churches in the state of Texas.

During the change-over period, for a few weeks before and after the Feast of Tabernacles, Mr. Cecil Battles will be taking the churches in Corpus Christi and San Antonio before Mr. Hammer arrives. Mr. Battles is Mr. Prince’s dedicated assistant in the Houston and Dallas churches, and his growth and service

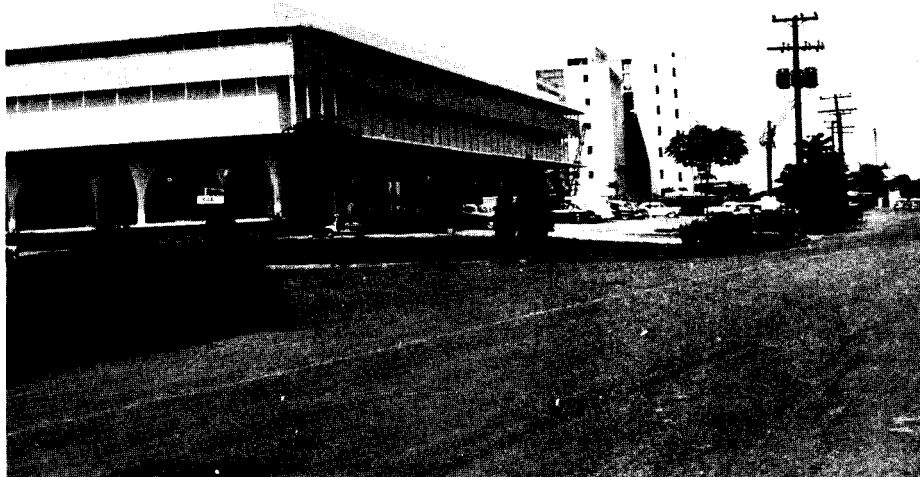
have been inspiring to everyone in those areas.

Leaving the Texas area churches, Mr. Roger Foster will be taking over the churches in Wichita and Liberal, Kansas. He will be replacing Mr. Bill Winner, who with his wife, Carolyn, will be journeying to the "land down under" to replace Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hammer in the Melbourne church. Only recently graduated from Ambassador College, Mr. Winner has already demonstrated to hundreds of the brethren in Kansas his prayerful dedication to God's Work. Many inspiring letters have already come into Pasadena from the area brethren because of this very factor. So the Australian brethren may look forward with anticipation to having him as their minister!

Latest Philippine Developments

Mr. Gerald Waterhouse has now been in the Philippines for several weeks, and has recently been joined by Mr. Frank Longuskie. As he reports, God has granted him *unusual favor* in the eyes of many and has opened up very fine offices for His Work in the Philippine Islands. In a recent report, Mr. Waterhouse personally describes the offices God has opened up for our use: "The 'CCC' building (Commercial Credit Corporation) has been opened just *(Please continue on page 12)*

The new offices in Manila, the Philippine Islands. Upper right, the CCC Building, with our offices in the northeast corner. Right, center, front of CCC Building, looking down archway. Right, below, artistic fish pool, which completely surrounds building, and miniature fountain. Lower left, interior view, workers adding finishing touches to office.



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more than one year and has just the space I think we need. The grounds around it are spacious compared to most office buildings, offering no parking problem. Surrounding the building is a fish pond about six feet wide with various trees and shrubs planted nearby.

"Even though the building has only two floors and a mezzanine, it is an attractive building for this area of the world. It is constructed more sturdily than the others. Also, it won an award from the Hawaiian Architectural Society for several features of its design. And it makes me wonder if God kept us out of the tall buildings and in this shorter, more sturdily built building for a reason—*perhaps He sees* there is going to be a terrible earthquake in the next few years. Maybe I am wrong on this assumption, but God surely caused these doors to close right before us.

"The crew doing the work (partitioning the office) started the day the contract was signed, July 31, and within twelve days it completed the initial work in the office space. Now, my first official work in this office is this article informing you of the WONDERFUL WAY Christ has established another overseas mailing office!"

Now, just on the heels of the announcement of the establishment of this fine new office, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong informed all of us here at Headquarters that God had opened tremendous new doors for broadcasting His message to the Philippines! Instead of just being on the network of stations there once a week only, The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast will now be heard on many of these stations SEVEN NIGHTS A WEEK—*right across the board!*

Thus, because of its long relationship with the United States, and because of the many Israelitish people living there, the Philippine Islands are now going to be BLANKETED by the preaching of God's truth before the yellow horde of Communism closes in!

Brethren, Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Longuskie are already encountering many difficulties in obtaining permission for permanent residence in the Islands to carry on God's Work. And Mr. Waterhouse has already suffered from a type of disease involving fever and dysentery. So because of the increasing danger of Communism, the danger of oriental plagues in this area, and the constant difficulties in establishing God's Work in a new land, be sure to *especially* remember Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Longuskie in your fervent PRAYERS to Almighty God our Father!

But as we pray, let us also REJOICE and give God THANKS for what He has already done in permitting His

Work to have such a good beginning in the Philippines.

Final Report—Baptizing Tours

The regular baptizing tours sent out from God's Work here—and around the world—have now come to a close. Nearly *five hundred* people *really* SURRENDERED their lives wholly and unconditionally to God and were baptized by these tours!

The tour directed by Mr. Carn Catherwood and Mr. Dennis Luker covered the east coast of the United States and up into Canada baptizing 145 out of 317 met. Mr. Hal Baird and Mr. Roy Holladay baptized 117 out of 344 met. Mr. Frank McCrady and Mr. Dave Albert baptized 96 out of 233 met.

The Negro baptizing tour directed by Mr. Harold Jackson and assisted, alternately, by Mr. Elbert Atlas and Mr. Eugene Dumas, baptized 13 out of 91 met and counseled with 76 others most of whom were members. Besides these tours, there were *many* other smaller tours out from local church areas and still additional tours conducted by our ministers overseas.

Reporting during the first half of their tour in Germany, Mr. Gerhard Marx and Mr. Frank Schnee write: "Though only half a dozen people will have been baptized by the time the trip is completed (Austria and Yugoslavia have not been covered) . . . it has, nevertheless, been successful, worthwhile, and very encouraging."

Latin American Tour

In another part of the world, Dr. Benjamin Rea has been conducting a baptizing and visiting tour through *Latin America*. The final report on this tour has not been received as yet, but the following is an excerpt from a moving letter of one whom Dr. Rea met and baptized on this tour:

"Dr. Rea almost got killed the day before on a street in Mexico. Something fell off a building and missed him with in a *few inches*. Satan really didn't want him to get to me, but he *did!*

"That evening he baptized me in the *bathtub* of his hotel room. He said to me, joking, 'I bet you are the only person to be baptized in the Hotel Costa Rica!' I almost didn't fit in; fortunately I am very small.

"If I am a Christian, I *must* conform to His will. It's been such a long wait, for baptism, and I am so grateful that it has at last come to me.

"It does make a *difference*, A BIG DIFFERENCE! It's only been two days, not even 48 hours yet, but I am somehow not the same.

"Oh, I don't mean that I don't still have my horrible old human nature.

It's still there all right, but something has CHANGED IN ME, something that really I can't explain.

"I just *know* that it HAS, that's all. Now I know that NOTHING ELSE MATTERS except the Kingdom of God. There is nothing else."

Here is GROWTH not only numerical but *spiritual!* Let us REJOICE in what God is doing through *this Work* in America, Britain, Germany, the Philippines, Australia, and now Latin America and *around the world!*

And Now—Another FULL Four-Year Ambassador College!

Mr. Armstrong recently brought *joy* and *enthusiasm* to the entire student body here in Pasadena by announcing the momentous news that, beginning next fall, another FULL four-year Ambassador College will open its doors to new students!

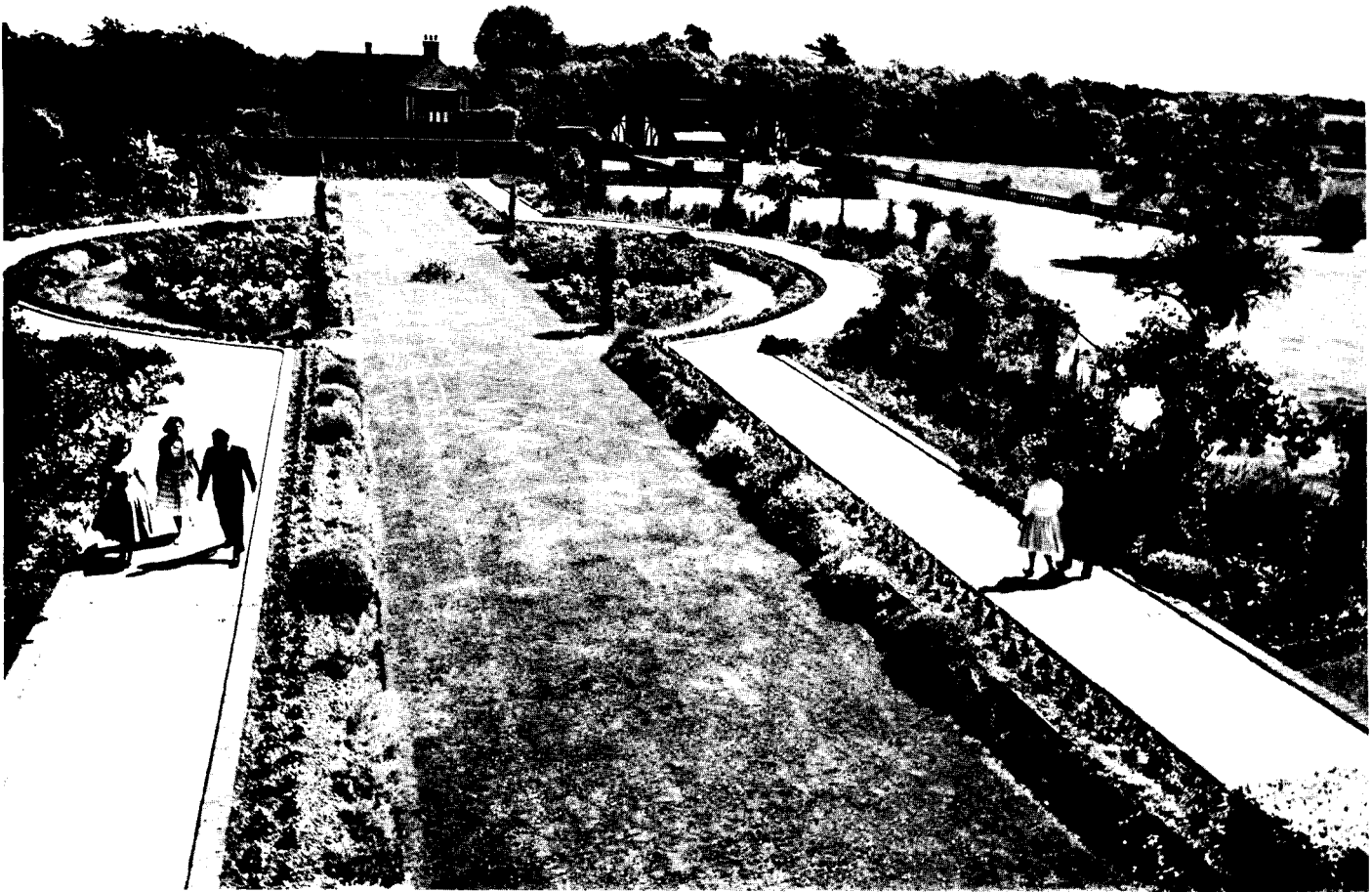
The reason for this is apparent. For the last several years, we have had to turn down an increasing percentage of applicants for Ambassador College here in America. This year, the proportion was almost three out of four applying who had to be turned down. Because of the price of land and facilities here in Pasadena—and because Mr. Armstrong does not want the college here to grow too large and lose its personal atmosphere—it has become imperative that we establish the additional college facilities elsewhere.

As many of you know, for some time it appeared that God would open to us a fairly well-known, long-established college in the Southeast which we would be able to take over. This may yet come about, but there are many difficulties attendant on such an operation.

However, it has become increasingly apparent to *all of us* that using our own properties—*already bought and paid for*—near Gladewater, Texas, on which to establish an additional Ambassador College would be an IDEAL solution to the present problem.

So just last week, Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong, Mr. Jack R. Elliott and Mr. Robert Ruxton winged their way to Texas to look over our entire property there with a critical eye toward establishing a full four-year liberal arts college on these properties adjacent to the buildings we are now already using for the Feast of Tabernacles. Mr. Elliott and Mr. Ruxton are both engineers and in charge of our building and maintenance crew here at Pasadena—having much experience in planning these building operations and working with architects on them.

Arriving back, they reported to Mr. Herbert Armstrong that by constructing only one or two classroom buildings



First, there was the beautiful Pasadena campus. Then, in 1960, with Music Hall in background. Now comes the news of a projected new campus on our own Tabernacle grounds near Albans, near London. Above is a view of its Sunken Gardens, Gladewater, Texas, to begin in 1963.

for next fall and by utilizing and improving many existing facilities we can begin classes in a really FINE institution near Gladewater this next fall!

There is a small but beautiful stream running through our property in Texas over which attractive bridges may be built, and along which attractive walkways may be constructed. Then, by constructing college buildings on each side of this stream near the gentle slopes going down to the rippling water below, we may achieve a truly *beautiful* and *inspiring* setting for Ambassador College, near Gladewater, Texas.

A full faculty and staff is already being selected and oriented, and our new college in Texas will apparently open its doors with *several* professors holding Master's Degrees from various universities and one or more holding Doctor's Degrees!

With all of us doing *our parts*, and by our continued *thanksgivings* and earnest PRAYERS to God this should be a *SPLENDID* institution of God in every way comparable to the Ambassador Col-

leges in Pasadena and in Bricket Wood, England.

As the prophetic events of which we know seemingly RUSH toward fulfillment, as we see more and more each year what GOD is able to do through

the few of us in His Body, His Church, today, let us earnestly HEED Jesus Christ's instruction: "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye BEAR MUCH FRUIT; so shall you be my disciples" (John 15:8).

Question Box

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

"I have so many things to do there just isn't enough time in a day to get them all done. How can one do everything that needs to be done?"

Did you know that God INTENDS that you have more to do each day than you possibly CAN do? Mr. Armstrong has said that he would need no less than a 72-hour day to thoroughly accomplish all the work he has to do! When

you have more to do than you can possibly get done, this *forces* you to CHOOSE—and to build CHARACTER. God is looking to see what you *choose* to DO with the time He has given you—whether you are using it to build character by choosing to do the *really important* things in your life—or whether you are just drifting, doing what comes "naturally," and placing

temporal values ahead of spiritual and *eternal* values.

Frequently, because of spiritual problems and lack of growth, we find it necessary to inquire specifically about how much time is spent in prayer and Bible study. The answer we receive is often, "Oh, I like to study 30 minutes every day and pray about the same length of time." But when we ask, "Yes, I know how much time you would *like* to spend in prayer and study, but how much time *DO* you spend?" there is often an awkward, embarrassing silence. The individual admits that what he would "like to" do is a far cry from what he actually *DOES*.

This problem of time slipping through our fingers is no respecter of persons. It makes no difference whether you are an older, retired person or widow with "time on your hands," a young mother with a house full of children, a father with a job that keeps you constantly busy, or in ANY OTHER KIND OF A SITUATION YOU CAN NAME, *YOU* have a battle on your hands to make sure you get the *really* IMPORTANT things in your life *DONE*.

Bible study and prayer are the *real* battleground—the *fighting front*—of our spiritual warfare—and the place where too many of God's people are handed shameful and ignominious defeats! You need to give Bible study and prayer the *choicest* part of your day—not whatever is left over after all the rest has been scheduled. It needs to be scheduled at a time of day which is least likely to be broken up even in a time of emergency. You can afford to miss an hour's sleep now and then, but you *CAN'T* afford to miss out on prayer! So give prayer and Bible study your *choicest* time—when you are most alert and least likely to have your routine interrupted.

Closely allied to Bible study and prayer is another important—but often *neglected*—part of our spiritual development. *MEDITATION*. As *The Bible Correspondence Course* mentions, to *meditate* means to *dwell in thought*, to *muse*, to *reflect*—*NOT* to *daydream*! The Bible shows that meditating on God's law (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3) and on His plan and creation (Psalms 77:12, 143:5) is a vital part of living close to God. The Bible tells you to "*ponder* the path of thy feet" (Prov. 4:26)—to take time to *think* about where you are going, and to really *examine* yourself to see if you are growing, overcoming, and *CHANGING*. In this day of high-speed, high-tension living—with the world *unthinkingly* plunging to oblivion—there is certainly more need than ever to *stop to MEDITATE*.

Important though Bible study, prayer

and meditation are, your day cannot be completely successful unless you properly schedule and *DO* the other activities that are basic human needs. One of these is *SLEEP*. Sleep is a necessity of life, but it needs to be *planned* to make sure you get enough—yet not *too much*. Seven to eight hours per night is a general average, and you will have to experiment with yourself to see if you need *more* or *less* than this average. Do not fool yourself either way! The vanity of "driving on through the night" and getting less sleep than you *need* simply *DOES NOT PAY*! When you are operating on less sleep than you need, your judgment is unsound and you do not see things in their true perspective. Like the alcoholic, you might *think* you're really driving yourself and getting things done—but you're not fooling anyone outside of yourself. This is to say nothing of the damage done to your health. Make sure you are getting *enough* sleep. But don't go to the other extreme and get *too much* sleep consistently. Sleep can be used as an *escape* from *reality and responsibility* just as surely as drink or dope (Prov. 6:9-11, 20:13).

Now consider *WORK*. You wives—especially with children—need to *schedule* your work time in order to insure that you spend sufficient time in prayer and Bible study. It is very easy for a housewife to let physical duties—necessary though many of them are—consume time that should be spent in study and prayer. Seek first the Kingdom of God, and you will have the time *and the wisdom* to complete your daily chores.

Time for *RELAXATION* is another part of each week's activities which is very important. How you spend this time will vary greatly and may include eating your meals, playing with your children, visiting, reading, playing a musical instrument or singing, spending time on a hobby, or anything else that *relaxes* you, yet that is profitable. Make sure that you *DO* schedule time for relaxation each week, but keep it in its proper place, making sure you don't spend too much time doing the things you "like to" do while neglecting those things you *ought* to do.

Letters to Editor

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They try to pester me, but that doesn't make any difference. All this just serves to make me realize all the more the incomprehensible grace that I have received from the Lord Jesus Christ. But it is just this separation from you people that makes me sadder than words can express. As Mr. Marx and Mr. Frei-

bergs were leaving, I called to them and said: 'Don't forget me!' And so I call to you, at Pasadena, please don't you forget me either!!!

"Yours truly,"

A member from Vienna, Austria.

"Since you have a Bible Correspondence Course I would like to know if you also have a School, where the plain truth is taught. I would like for my 18-year-old daughter, who is a believer, to go to a Bible school to prepare for a life of work for the Lord. In case she is too young, I would consider placing her in a Christian boarding school. Can you perhaps give me advice on this, or is it possible that my daughter can serve the Lord in some other way until she is old enough for a Bible school? I have looked all around here, but have not been able to find the right kind of school for her."

From an accountant in Hannover.

"I am thoroughly intrigued by your magazine. It gets more and more interesting all the time."

Woman from Weil.

"We are now convinced that you are teaching the only real truth of God."

Man from East Germany.

"I have been receiving your magazine regularly since 1961, and I would like to thank you very much for this. I would like to study your Correspondence course, although I am not convinced that your teaching is the right one. But I would still like to study the Correspondence Course anyway, if it is possible to receive this without cost."

Man from Essen.

"I am extremely interested in your Bible Correspondence Course. How can I get in on this?"

Reader from East Germany.

"Many times I had heard your program in the mornings on Radio Luxembourg and had wanted to write you for the magazine 'Die Reine Wahrheit'. But I could never understand the exact address. Somehow it was always unclear."

Man from Klagenfurt, Austria.

"Thank you very much for the magazines you have sent me. They are very valuable. I must say that in all of Germany there isn't another magazine that shows the relation between world events and the Bible."

Woman from Hannover.

"With great joy I received your articles on the Reformation. Yes, the truth is always simple! We human beings have complicated everything."

Reader from Berlin.

OBEY God by Attending His *Feast of Tabernacles!*

*There are more BLESSINGS than ever in store this year. You
NEED the fellowship and spiritual "meat" provided at God's
Festival!*

by Roderick C. Meredith

"BUT be ye DOERS of the word, and not hearers only, *deceiving your own selves*" (James 1:22).

You brethren in GOD'S Church know that He has *commanded* us to observe His annual Church Festivals, or Holy Days.

Jesus Christ told His brothers: "GO ye up unto this FEAST" (John 7:8). He was speaking of the *Feast of Tabernacles!* (Verse 2). Soon after—*setting us an EXAMPLE*—He Himself came up to the Feast and took part in it (Verses 10, 14, 37).

Are you willing to let the Living Christ live this SAME kind of life in you today?

PURPOSE of Holy Days

This world's churches have their man-devised "camp meetings" at a *time* and in a *way* that seems right to man. But we have proved in past articles—and will continue to do so—that the annual sabbaths or feast days God gave His people were commanded *and intended* to be kept *forever* (Lev. 23:21, 31, 41). Christ set us a perfect example in keeping them, and the apostles *continued* keeping them and even commanding Gentile converts to keep these days of God (1 Cor. 5:8).

The world is busy observing the *pagan* holidays of Christmas and Easter. Its camp meetings are organized and directed as *man reasons*—not as *God commands*. Then it sneers at the days God has *made holy*—at the festivals the Creator instituted to keep men in remembrance of His *true plan*. Carnal men scoffingly, sneeringly call these days "Jewish" and they ridicule them as the invention of a harsh, inconsiderate "God of the Old Testament." They seem to forget that Christ and the apostles kept these days in the *New Testament*. They ignore the fact that God calls these days "MY sabbaths"—*holy unto the Lord!*

These days are never referred to as being "holy to the Jews." But they are holy to the Eternal Creator who gives

you every breath of air you breathe. You are *defying Him* if you refuse to keep them! In so doing, you will lose knowledge of the true God and of *His plan* which is pictured by these days.

In their disobedience, the churches of this world have *lost* knowledge of God's plan of salvation. They preach many *different* gospels. They are in *confusion*—"Babylon" (Rev. 17)—and we are commanded to "come out" of this mixed-up, deceived churchianity (Rev. 18:4).

Many of you brethren have come out of this world, and then have found yourselves *unable* to have fellowship with any of God's people. It is often impossible to meet with other true brethren on the weekly Sabbath. You must simply worship God alone "in Spirit and in truth." BUT God's *annual* Sabbaths or holy days provide an opportunity to travel even some distance and have that needed fellowship with other members of the true church of God.

This Is God's Way

These festive occasions are commanded to be kept in the place that God should *choose*. Deuteronomy 16:16 shows particularly that the days of Unleavened Bread (with the Passover, verse 6), the day of Pentecost, and the Feast of Tabernacles were all to be kept *where God would choose*.

In *your Bible*, in Zechariah 14:16-19, God declares He is going to PUNISH Egypt or any other nation that *dares* to stay away from the Feast of Tabernacles during the Millennium! It is so important to God that He is going to *intervene in the weather patterns* and send a terrible *drought* if they won't come. Then, if they *still* refuse, God is going to send a horrifying PLAGUE on those who refuse to attend (verse 18).

God MEANS BUSINESS! And He says: "For I am the Lord, *I change not*" (Mal. 3:6).

With the end of this age approaching, with prophecies being *rapidly* fulfilled,

you should see more than ever the great NEED to attend the Feast of Tabernacles this year for YOUR GOOD.

More BLESSINGS this Year!

This year there will be more special attractions and blessings for those who attend the Feast of Tabernacles than ever before.

Most of you brethren in the United States have heard about the wonderful location God has opened up to His Church for use of the West Coast brethren for observance of the Feast of Tabernacles. Squaw Valley—the site of the 1960 Winter Olympics—is one of the prime tourist attractions in America today. Situated at 6200 feet altitude, only three or four miles from famous Lake Tahoe, it is one of the most beautiful and rewarding spots on earth. I have been there and I KNOW! The opportunities to *rejoice* before God which He commands us to do at His Feast are almost unlimited in this wonderful location.

The facilities for swimming, horseback riding, hiking, fishing and hunting, and just drinking in the *natural beauty* of God's creation would be hard to beat anywhere else on earth.

At Gladewater, Texas, this year additional recreational facilities for *swimming, horseback riding and softball games* are being arranged. Also, more efficient and enjoyable *children's activities* are being planned to take care of the children during the afternoons and give parents an opportunity for relaxation.

Also, the *Ambassador Chorale*—plus many other students—will be at Gladewater and present over again their splendid recital of last spring, including a special light opera type of production entitled, "Westward Ho." You will really *enjoy* yourself at God's Festival at Gladewater this year!

Have You the Money?

Except for the comparatively few who have recently been baptized and haven't

understood about God's Festivals, *every single one of you* should have SAVED a second tithe or tenth of your income—as God commands—to enable you to *keep and rejoice* in the Feast of Tabernacles. We have had many articles explaining this command in the past in the GOOD NEWS magazine. If any of you want further information on this, be sure to write us *immediately*.

But NOW, if any of you have *wrongly* "borrowed" from your second tithe or simply failed to save a full second tenth to attend God's Festivals—you should if at all possible *pay back* this tenth part of your income and OBEY God by attending His Feast of Tabernacles. If some of you newer brethren haven't understood about this command long enough or thoroughly enough to save this second tithe, then certainly God would *expect you* to use money from your regular income to attend IF it is at all possible and is not going to result in calamity for yourself or your family. The point is that Almighty God INTENDS that you be at His Festival!

There will be no miserable "excuses" accepted by Christ after He comes to personally lead us in keeping the Feast. We have already seen that revealed in Zechariah 14. And so—since Christ does not change, and since He is right NOW the living Head of the Church—*He will not accept any such excuses at this time either!* Unless illness or serious financial adversity would result from your attendance (and God knows what the situation *really is*), you should MAKE a way to attend the Feast of Tabernacles THIS YEAR! If you have genuine problems, write us about them immediately.

REJOICE at the Feast of Tabernacles!

Obedying these commands of God will bring greater blessings than you have ever experienced! Hundreds of you have written us asking, "How can we have fellowship with other true believers"? God in His infinite wisdom *knew* that His children should congregate for instruction and fellowship. That is *why* God *blessed* us by giving us His annual festivals.

Saving your second tithe will make the joyous privilege of attending these festivals possible. Because God has commanded this special tithe, He is *bound* to help you fulfill this command. If you do YOUR part, you can *know* that God will enable you to attend His Holy Festivals!

Do you realize what this means?

It means that God is commanding us, instructing us—and will BLESS us that we may take a *vacation* in joyous fellowship with His people! This is the

time to take *your* vacation. It is a time when God will make it possible for *all* His children to rest from their regular duties and to *worship and rejoice* together in His festivals.

So by all means *come to the Feast of Tabernacles!*

When? At the time God has set—at the Feast of Tabernacles, which begins this year on Friday evening, October 12 and ends on Saturday evening October 20.

How? By setting aside your *second* tithe regularly which God has commanded that you use in attending His Holy Days.

Why? Because your Creator knows that you *need* the spiritual fellowship made possible by these festivals. He has *commanded* you to attend.

Honestly, *you can't afford NOT to attend* God's festivals!

So, as we said last year: Come with an *open* mind and heart. Come with an *open Bible* and a *ready pen and notebook*. Come with a *warm handshake* and a *ready smile*. But COME—*obey your Maker*—and REJOICE!

DRESS RULING

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have instructed Mrs. Armstrong to speak to such women, telling them plainly that their necklines are too low.

Women's breasts, in plain language, were designed by God to nurse babies—not to be flaunted immodestly to arouse lust in men.

In the matter of too-tight skirts around the hips, the excuse often is that the girl has taken on weight—and she protests that she cannot help it. But she *can* help it, and if she is to remain in God's Church or enter God's Kingdom, *she must*—one of two ways: either don't remain overweight (fasting and proper diet will cure that quickly), or let out the seam.

We want our women to be beautiful—*naturally* beautiful, pleasingly attractive, in good style, *well groomed*—but not artificially so, and this may be accomplished WITH FULL MODESTY.

It is the *over-emphasis* of lust-arousing portions of the female body that MUST BE CORRECTED.

Feast of Tabernacles

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give us the big extra BOOST we ought to have at this time of the year!

So THINK about it, brethren. PLAN to give an offering, but SEND IN YOUR REGULAR OFFERINGS BESIDES! SURELY we are God's people! Let's keep PROV-

ING it to Him!

Don't Miss the Experience of a Lifetime!

Perhaps some few of you reading this are planning NOT to attend. Maybe there is a valid reason. Perhaps you are a *newcomer* to God's Church, and, even though faithfully saving your second tithe, you have not had enough to come simply because you learned of this principle of God too late. Perhaps you are a widow, who has been counseled not to attend this year, so that others may come.

But if there is NOT a *really* valid reason—then YOU SHOULD RECONSIDER VERY SERIOUSLY!

Brethren! If Almighty God were to APPEAR before you, and COMMAND you to do something—would you DO it? Think about it for a moment! *Would* you, really?

Many of you simply HAVE NOT TRAVELED much before. You are FEARFUL of travel to "far away" places. But will YOU GO TO PETRA WHEN GOD COMMANDS—LEAVING AND FORSAKING ALL BEHIND YOU—WITH NEVER A BACKWARD GLANCE? YOU SAID YOU WOULD, WHEN YOU STUDIED LUKE 14:25-33 AND DECIDED YOU WOULD COUNT THE COST!

Some have never been ON a bus, or a train, or an airplane. Some have older cars, and think they may not make it. Others need tires, or parts, or perhaps are fearful of traveling ALONE.

Brethren—*whatever* your problem—THINK IT THROUGH! Make sure your reason for thinking you might MISS this glorious Festival is a really VALID one!

Perhaps some of you, IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH SECOND TITHE OR OTHER MONEY TO GET TO THE FEAST AND RETURN HOME should *not* come. But be sure to write of your circumstances by *airmail, immediately*, and get wise counsel with your problem.

For *most* of you, attendance at this great Feast is only a matter of a little EFFORT, and exercising some real FAITH in God! It would be a real SHAME to have to miss these wonderful days of preaching services, special songs from really talented young people from Ambassador College. You would have to miss the student "fun" show, the finely done Ambassador Chorale concert (in Gladewater only) and all the jam-packed, fun-filled days of REJOICING together, as God's own people—away from the cares of this sin-sick world!

DON'T MISS it, brethren! PRAY about it—PLAN to come—ask God to MAKE A WAY for you to attend!

God willing—we'll all be meeting *together*, at the FEAST!