

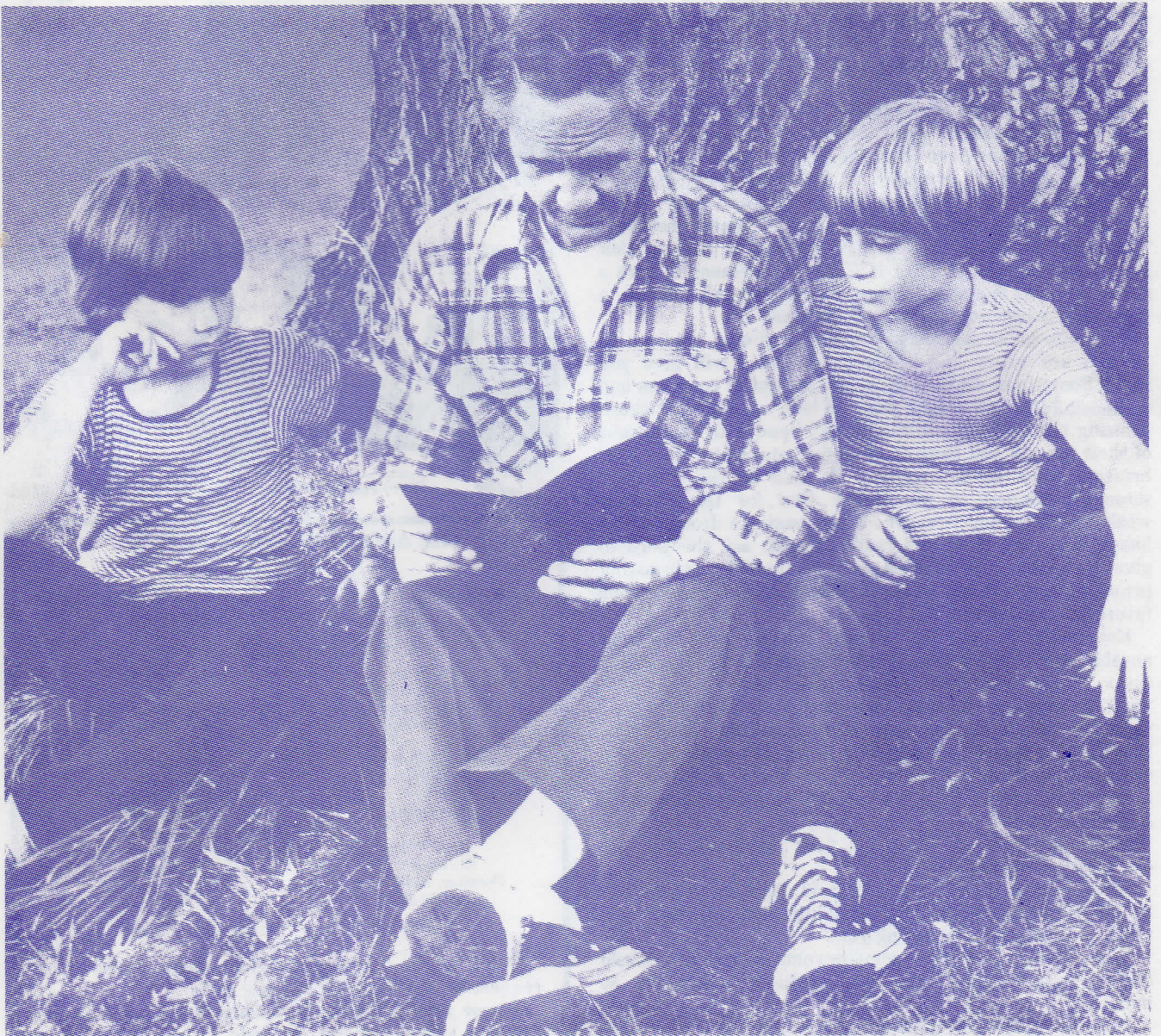
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Yearning To "Get Away From It All?"

We hear so much today about "getting away from it all." People are seeking new ways of escaping "life's daily hassels." Thus the "back to nature" movement is gaining momentum steadily. Highways are crowded with motor homes, mini-homes, campers and vans with their occupants leaving fine comfortable homes to "rough it" away from telephones, doorbells, people, business pressures, and daily routines. In dealing with people—family, friends, fellow church members, neighbors, job associates—one is never free of problems, friction or flak (a World War II word) in our relationships with others. But we must remember it's these same relationships that make our lives meaningful, fulfilling, and even at times bearable. What a dismal lonely existence would we have without the daily contact with others. I find my daily schedule of picking up after my family—the dirty socks, jeans, shoes and the general clutter, the cleaning, making beds, vacuuming, washing, cooking, doing dishes and ect. seems to be much less of a chore and more of a blessing when I stop to ponder what life would be without those I love so dearly to keep me busy. I then have to stop and thank God with tears in my eyes for being able to work and keep busy and share in their problems and have them there to tell mine to!

Senator Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. of Connecticut thinks he has found his "ideal hermitage" on the ocean floor. After spending three tranquil days in a government research "hydrolab" he said, "It's a beautiful world with no flak from your friends . . . try it." But confinement in such a small space is bound to grow wearisome and become a prison-like existence in a very short time.

God calls to our rushed weary world, "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." Sometimes we bend from the weight of concerns and responsibilities and need a stake to lean on. Just like those growing tomato plants in the garden bend with the weight of their growth and have to be tied to stakes to keep from bruising their stalks, we can be tied to the steadiest strongest support of all. Thank God for God! In our weakness He is our strength. If you begin to droop from a heavy load, feel tired and ready to quit, ask the Lord to give you help. He will stake you to His everlasting promises, and not one word of them has ever failed. Your future will be assured.

Evangelist Dwight L. Moody related the following parable about the way to approach monumentally awesome tasks. "There was once a clock pendulum waiting to be fixed. It began to calculate how long it would be expected to tick night and day, so many times a minute, sixty times that every hour, and twenty-four times that every day and three hundred sixty-five times that every year. It was awful. Quite a row of figures. Enough to stagger the mind. Millions of ticks.

"I can never do it," said the poor pendulum. But the clockmaster encouraged it.

"Just do one tick at a time," he said, "that is all that will be required of you." So the pendulum went to work, one tick at a time, and it is ticking yet."

When facing a job that seems beyond your strength and ability turn to our Lord who reduces mountains to molehills.

"Got any rivers you think are uncrossable?

Got any mountains you can't tunnel through?"

God specializes in things called impossible.

He'll do for you what no other friend can do."

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

(Rom. 8:37)

"Lord, help us distinguish the worthwhile from the worthless

The real from the unreal, the lasting from the passing." (selected)

Long to get away from it all? Spend some time in communion with God. He's the best restorer of body, mind, and soul you could possibly find, and He can do it all for you right where you are amidst all the hassels and flak. Can't beat that!

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I HAVE LEARNED, IN WHATSOEVER STATE I AM, THEREWITH TO BE CONTENT. PHILIPPIANS 4:11



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What Kind Of CHRISTIAN Are You?

(From The Pentecost
Evangel)

When Jesus said to the religious leaders of His day, "Ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered" (Luke 11:52), He made a very serious charge.

In effect He said those who ought to be the greatest help in spiritual things are sometimes the greatest hindrance.

There are four classes of Christians today who would come under our Lord's denunciation.

THE SPONGE

This is the Christian who loves to attend meetings and hear the gospel, but who is just like a sponge—merely sitting and soaking up all he hears. He never thinks of giving out of what he has received, either in prayer or in Christian service, but is content to listen, to taste, and to approve (or disapprove).

The sponge is not one of the metaphors used in the Scripture to describe the believer—such as a "well springing up," or "rivers of living water" which flow from the life of the true Christian. The sponge is a self-centered person who is concerned only about what he gets—never what he can give.

THE TRAMP

Another type of Christian is the spiritual tramp—the Christian who has no fixed place of abode. In his carefree existence he wanders wherever his fancy takes him, going from church to church, listening to preacher after preacher. If he doesn't like the preacher, song leader, choir, congregation, or someone or something else, he simply moves on.

Spiritual tramps avoid the responsibility of a church home. The only record they leave behind is of their "wanderings in the wilderness." And tramps seldom achieve anything. A detached Christian is about as much good to the body of Christ as a detached arm or leg.

THE FLIRT

What of the spiritual flirt? He is first cousin to the tramp. In the natural a flirt is someone who wants to get amusement, excitement, and entertainment out of a personal relationship without accepting the responsibilities of marriage.

There is, of course, an excitement in the Christian life—the thrill of big meetings, of listening to great preachers, of attending conventions. They all bring a certain enjoyment to the Christian, but to let these be an obsession is to make a travesty of the Christian life.

The spiritual flirt goes to church primarily to be entertained. He's not willing to accept the meat of the Word. He wants to live on desserts.

Marriage speaks of self-denial, sacrifice, and love. It speaks of a multitude of small things that fall under the title of "duty." It speaks of dusting, cooking, crying children, financial problems, restricted freedom. But these things are accepted by love and turned to good, for marriage speaks of giving.

The Christian life is a marriage—a union with Christ. There are aspects of that union which call for discipline—the laboring alone in prayer; teaching in the Sunday school; the abundance of duties that must be performed. The spiritual flirt steers clear of these things!

THE SNOB

The fourth type of Christian is the spiritual snob—one who feels he is so much better than others that he can look down his Pharisaic nose at saint and sinner alike. If, while reading this, you've been thinking of all the people you know who fit into the three previous groups, look out!

The self-centered spiritual snob shows himself as one who is more particular than the Holy Spirit and who stands ready to completely withdraw himself from any who do not measure up to his standard of spirituality—instead of trying to help them.

THE REAL THING

Thank God that the four types of Christians mentioned previously are in the minority. Most of those who are born again are striving to be truly spiritual Christians—Christians whose lives are patterned after the life of the Son of God. They make their own interests secondary and are concerned with filling their place in the body of Christ.

The spiritual Christian is the one whose love for God is seen in his actions, words, and attitudes. His love and respect for his brethren in Christ will not let him stoop to pettiness. He is the positive epitome of the attributes that are lacking in the sponge, tramp, flirt, and snob. Through his true Christian spirit he encourages the unsaved to accept his Master.

What kind of Christian are you?



Granby, Missouri

We enjoyed Bro. Amos Harris' revival April 24-May 1. The ministry of the Word touched hearts and God blessed. We had a basket dinner the last Sunday of the meeting. Paula Wilton, Anita Oakes, and Tammy Oakes came over from Joplin and helped with the special music. The last Saturday night the Keith Brothers came to sing for us. Our Daily Vacation Bible School is June 13-17. We are also looking forward to the Singing school in June at the Lost Pines Youth Camp grounds in Warda, Texas with Bro. Videt Polk and then our own area 4-State Camp starting Father's Day. Our ladies enjoyed going to be with the Baxter ladies Monday May 2 to hear Marcia Mitchell's testimony of how God miraculously helped them establish "The Little Light House" a training center for the visually impaired child. Mother's Day was a special time for us and we had several visitors, the Senior Bill Pattersons, the Houston Cook's three daughter's, two sons-in-law and two grandchildren. We honored our Seniors on May 15 after church in the fellowship hall.

Edwin Waterbury, Pastor

Taneyville, Missouri

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Ps. 103:2.

Such is the feeling among God's people in Taneyville as we have been witnessing a mighty surge of God's spirit in our midst. April 24 began a series of revival services with Rev. Earl Blansit of Ozark, Missouri. How our hearts have thrilled as we sat under the anointed ministry of this man of God, and as the Spirit led, 30 souls were added to the kingdom. There were many who came to consecrate and re-dedicate their lives to God. The meeting closed May 12, but revival fires still fill the air. Only God knows what is in store for us as a body of believers as we wait on Him.

The Youth for Christ's work at Forsyth and Bradleyville, Missouri High Schools have been very successful this school year, and we hope to continue a similar program this summer. Jane Dalton has been a tremendous asset in the work at Bradleyville, and God has opened doors that seemed impossible to us, yet He knew the way, so we followed.

We are Praising the Lord for all of His benefits that have already been given, and expecting even greater things as we continue in His work.

Shari Cook, Reporter
Reverend & Mrs. Winston Barker,
Pastors

Joplin, Missouri

Greetings to all of you. We have been bountifully blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ and have much to report! The first of April we were privileged to have with us Bro. Olen Bachler for a week of Revival services. It was well attended and the Lord blessed. We have had a good amount of rain lately and we're grateful and the golden sunshine comes to brighten each day. Bro. Lyndel Arnall recently brought us his slide presentation and three nights of lectures on Israel. We were very interested because it not only applies directly to everyone of our lives but it is the prophecy foretold and now fulfilled before our very eyes. It makes us very aware of how close it is to the return of Christ.

Neil Ragan, Pastor
Carla Nordberg, Reporter

Perryton, Texas

Thursday, April 21 was our Ladies Day here. Approximately 90 ladies representing 14 churches were present and it was truly a time of blessing. Our speakers were great—Barbara Myers, Balko, Oklahoma ministered concerning "priorities", our own Betty Lewis dealt with "our children," Carol Malone of Arnett, Oklahoma spoke about "attitudes," and Harrol Waterbury led a study on the "art of communication." Vicki Patterson's ministry in song was just that: "ministry," empowered by the anointing of the Holy Spirit! Our ladies furnished a fabulous salad luncheon and we had a wonderful day. We also enjoyed the Teacher's Clinic Saturday, April 30 at the Balko, Oklahoma Apostolic Faith Church. Kathryn Cornell demonstrated how to visualize stories, songs, verses and etc. as well as many other methods of teaching. Everyone brought their favorite method of teaching and a VBS handcraft to share with others. Registration was from 9:00-9:30 and it closed at 3:00 p.m. We all enjoyed another salad luncheon. This was a wonderful time of fellowship for us of this area.

Harrol Waterbury, Pastor

Bayard, Nebraska

Thanks be to God for His many blessings. The Lord has been meeting with us in a wonderful way, making His presence felt in every service. We have just completed painting the outside of the church. Our hardy thanks go to Frank Arnall and Billy Largent, who spent the week working with us on the project. Our thanks also to Ed Brenning and his sons for their help. All of these are from our nearest Apostolic Church, "Your Community Chapel," in Westminster, Colorado.

Our Revival began May 22 with Marlon Sparks. We appreciate his ministry.

We will all miss Sis. Ruth Laeger, who has been an active member of our church for many years.

Amos Harris and Alvin Buschman,
Co-Pastors

Hinton, Alabama

We "Praise the Lord" today that we can report victory. The signs around us tend to discourage some of God's people but they should rejoice, our redemption draweth nigh.

April was real exciting for our church. We had a Sunday School Workshop and Youth revival, both conducted by Bro. and Sis. David Lively. We saw some great victories gained and had two teen-age boys saved. We now have a water baptismal service planned for May 15th.

Debbie Fish has been working in our church for several months and is now our new Youth Director.

We ask an interest in your prayers in behalf of the work in this area and extend an invitation to the ministers and workers of the Faith to come by and worship with us.

Myrtle Carney, Pastor

Hardesty, Oklahoma

God has been so good to us. We have had the moisture we so badly needed, and spiritual showers from our April revival with Rev. Jerome Crowhurst. The special music was provided by local people, and we want to express a special "Thanks" to our school kids for helping out.

A training day for Sunday School and Vacation Bible School workers, and all other interested persons, was held in Balko. Sis. Kathryn was in charge.

The first week of May, the men and high school boys shingled the parsonage. Due to the help of many, the job took only two days.

God bless each of you, and we ask an interest in your prayers.

Jack Cornell, Pastor
Mary Lorraine Jones, Reporter

Modesto, California

Thanks for including our information about Dad (Bill) Briles in the Report. He is at home with us now and is doing pretty good. He started on a 6-month kemotherapy program last month. He has suffered some of the side effects but God has helped him. He has kept a good attitude. He enjoys the mail—cards and letters. Please continue to pray for him.

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50 TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Bro. & Sis. Clarence Peterson were honored with a reception to celebrate their Golden Anniversary May 15, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Peterson farm Perryton, Texas hosted by their children and grandchildren. May God richly bless them.

Alvin, Texas

A goodly number from our church have been attending the Bill Gothard Basic Youth Conflicts Seminar in Houston recently. Visitors during this time were James and Audrey Sharp, Roger, Kandy & Heather Sharp and Randy Wallis in our home. Visiting the Gail McClouds were Jack and Kathryn Cornell and Henry and Jo Alice Pletcher were visiting the Alvin Barkers. Don Haney was with us Sunday morning June 5. God has been good to us here.

James E. Wallis, Pastor

Katy, Texas

We thank God for a good revival recently with Bro. Bill Sparks, who brought some inspiring messages. And a special treat was to have Steve Davis of the Royalheirs quartet to minister to us in song. We enjoyed the church cantata on May 1, at 6:00 p.m. It was John Peterson's "Love and Kindness."

Jim Fox, Pastor

Galena, Kansas

We as a church just closed a wonderful revival with Bro. and Sis. Gale Miller of Woodward, Oklahoma, and we feel that our church is on the move for God, and that the Lord has great things for us in days to come, there were four saved and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. We still see the results of the revival. God is blessing in our services for which we do thank God. We are looking forward to Youth Camp and Camp Meeting for many other blessings for our people.

Rev. E. K. Cornell, Pastor

OUTLOOK

To look around is to be distressed.
To look within is to be depressed.
To look to God is to be blessed.

Look at self and be disappointed.
Look at others and be discouraged.
Look at Christ and be satisfied.

WHAT MAKES A CHURCH GREAT?

NOT soft seats and subdued lights
BUT strong, courageous leadership—past and future.
NOT the sweet tones of the organ,
BUT the sweet personalities that somehow reflect Jesus.
NOT the tall towers with the chimes and bells,
BUT the lofty vision of its people.
NOT just a big budget,
BUT big hearts in big people who love and serve.
NOT the amount of money received,
BUT the amount of service rendered in Jesus' name.
NOT just a large membership,
BUT God's presence and direction and power.
NOT what it has done in the past,
BUT what it is doing now and will do tomorrow.

Where did
Cain get
his wife?

Where did the
dinosaurs
come from?

CREATION FORMATION TION ION N

Who were the
"Spirits in Prison"
Christ preached to?

Was there
another race
of people?

By Dora Beydler
Canyon, Texas

There are many things in the Bible which are difficult to understand until we rightly divide His Word then that which we have not been unable to see before just falls into place. II Timothy 2:15 says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The Hebrew word which is translated to Adam in English is also translated into the English word man. Therefore many confuse the people of Genesis 1:27 with the man of Genesis 2:9 and woman of Genesis 2:22 because in both places they are spoken of as man. Let us therefore notice the sequence of God's creation:

The first day God said, "Let there be light: and there was light." He also divided the light from the darkness, calling the light day and the darkness night.

The second day He made the firmament and divided the waters under the firmament from the waters above the firmament and called the firmament heaven.

The third day He divided the waters under the heaven and let the dry land appear. He also caused the dry land to bring forth grass, herbs and trees.

The fourth day God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament," the greater light—the sun—to rule the day and the lesser light—the moon—to rule the night. He made the stars also.

The fifth day God said, "Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life." He also created great whales and every living creature in the waters. This same day He also created every winged fowl.

The sixth day God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth." After the cattle and beasts were created, God then said "Let us make man," and Genesis 1:27 reads, "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them."

The seventh day God rested from all His work.

Another translation for this word day in all the creation story reads, "period of time:" thus, "The evening and the morning of God's first period of time." II Peter 3:8 reads, "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." We therefore conclude that Genesis chapter 1 from verse 3 to the end of the chapter covers a period of six days of God's time or six thousand years of our time. Then God rested on His seventh day — or for a thousand years of our time.

Now we come to God's second week or the week in which we live. We must still count one thousand years of our time as one of God's days and in so doing; let us count the years back from the birth of Christ and we will find Adam, the husband of Eve, was formed four thousand years before Christ or on the first day of God's present week. All dates in the Bible and in archaeology findings place Adam's time at approximately four thousand years before Christ. This makes two different days in which God made people upon the earth. God's word, when we divide it rightly, makes a distinction between the two peoples so let us look at the differences.

The first chapter of Genesis says God created cattle first then created people, both male and female, on the sixth day. The second chapter of Genesis says God formed man from the dust of the earth, breathed the breath of life into his nostrils and he became a living soul. In verses 18-20 of the same chapter God said, "It is not good for man to be alone; I will make him an help meet," and God formed every beast and all cattle and fowl from the dust and brought them to Adam who gave them their names but there was no companion for Adam. God then took one of Adam's ribs and made woman whom Adam called Eve.

Our English word Create in Genesis 1:27 comes from the Hebrew word Bara which expresses the commencement of existence of a thing from nonentity to entity. The English words formed and created in Chapter 2:7 and chapter 5:1-2 both come from the Hebrew word Yatsar, which means the squeezing into shape or to mold into form. Therefore, we understand the people of chapter one, created on the sixth day of God's first week, were spoken into existence while the people of chapter 2 were formed on the first day of God's second week.

Now we can find the answer to the question so often

asked, "Where did Cain get his wife?" The created people were bidden to multiply and they lived on the earth for one thousand years before Adam and Eve were formed. Their bodies were similar to the bodies of the formed people except they no doubt also had qualities similar to Jesus' body when He lived among men on earth. Jesus had a body of flesh and blood yet He was able to appear and disappear, Luke 4:29,30; John 8:59. We have no definite information as to the type of body these created people had but they were enough like the formed people that they inter-married. Adam and Eve had no children until after they were driven from the Garden of Eden. Cain and Abel grew to manhood and in the process of time each built an altar and offered a sacrifice unto God. The Bible gives the account of how God accepted the blood sacrifice offered by Abel but refused the fruits of the land offered by Cain. Cain became very angry and God tried to reason with him but he refused to listen. Cain's jealousy and anger grew until he murdered his brother; after which God drove him from his parents' home and from the presence of the Lord. Cain went to dwell in the land of Nod. Genesis 4:14,15 speaks of other people who might want to slay Cain so God put a mark upon him for his protection. Let us notice, up to this time Adam and Eve had only two children, Cain and Abel, and Abel is dead. It had to be the created people from God's sixth day whom Cain feared. It was also one of these people that Cain married. Some believe Cain married one of his sisters but Seth was the third child of Adam and Eve. After Seth they had other sons and daughters. When Seth was born Eve said, "For God hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew." According to accepted dates, Cain's first child was born one year before the date of Seth's birth. Therefore the only answer to where Cain got his wife is that he married one of the created people of the sixth day.

These two races of people both lived upon the earth through the first day of God's present week and approximately six hundred fifty years of God's second day. God did not intend that these races should inter-marry but Genesis 6:1,2 calls the created race "Sons of God" and they married among the "Daughters of men" or the formed race. The offspring from these marriages became mighty men of renown and though the Bible does not state for what they were famed the following verse says, "The wickedness of man was great." These unions by marriage were one cause that brought or spread the sins of the formed race among the people of the created race.

Let us notice here that the people of the created race or the sixth day people were not under the curse of Adam's sin; it was the formed race or Adam's race that God said would die within a thousand years of age which is the length of one of God's days. Adam was nine hundred thirty years old when he died which was seventy years short of a full day of God's time. God had said, "For in the day that thou eatest thereof (the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil) thou shalt surely die." Methuselah was the oldest man ever and he was nine hundred sixty nine years when he died—still short of one of God's days. Therefore when the two races inter-married their offspring would inherit the curse of death yet they were also descended from the race who were not under that curse.

Genesis 6:6 says, God repented or was sorry He had made man and in the following verse He says, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the

earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them." God is speaking here of the fowls created on the fifth day and animals and people created on the sixth day. In verse three of this same chapter God says, "Yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years." That is the number of years it took Noah to build the ark.

When Noah had the ark completed he, his wife, their three sons and their wives entered the ark along with the animals and fowls which God had told Noah to take onto the ark. Chapter 7:2,3 says, "Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female. Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth." The animals which Noah was to take upon the ark that they might survive the flood were of those formed from the ground in chapter 2:19.

Up to this time no rain had ever fallen upon the earth. It had always been watered by a mist from the earth, chapter 2:6 but after God shut the door of the ark behind Noah and his family, He opened the fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven and it rained for forty days and nights. The flood waters covered even the highest mountains with fifteen cubits or approximately twenty-one feet of water. All people of Adam's race—the formed people—except Noah and his family who were safe in the ark died in the flood: but death had never been promised to the created or the sixth day people so God said in chapter 6:7, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth." Neither did these people have the promise of a saviour as that promise was made to Adam's race, Genesis 3:15, but in the compassion of a just God, He made provision for them also. II Peter 2:4,5 tells us they were delivered into chains of darkness and cast down to hell to be reserved unto judgment. (This place is not to be confused with the lake of fire spoken of in the book of Revelation where the wicked will be destroyed.) The original Greek for the verse in second Peter says, "cast them to the deepest abyss" instead of our English word of hell. Jesus prophesied in Matthew 12:40 that He would be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights. Ephesians 4:9 says he descended into the lower parts of the earth. 1 Peter 3:18-20 identified these created people as "spirits in prison" and says that Jesus went to preach to them. Then in 1 Peter 4:6 it says that these people, having the gospel preached to them, they will be judged the same as men of the flesh. We find in Jude 6 that this judgment will be at the great white throne judgment when they with all other people will stand before God. When Jesus went to preach to these people, or spirits in prison, it was not a second chance but their only chance to hear God's plan of salvation. This time of hearing the gospel was only for three days and three nights : (as we count time) while Jesus earthly body was in the grave.

The fossils of large animals and birds and even of most smaller unknown animals which are being found and placed in museums in these later years are of those created animals and birds of God's fifth and sixth days. God did not form any sea animals, fish or creatures of the sea from the earth when He formed the animals for Adam; neither did He destroy those He created on the sixth day as they were able to live through the waters of the flood. This explains why we have the large sea animals yet today while we can only find the preserved bones of the huge land animals from before the flood.



Obituary of Ruth L. Leager

A funeral service for Ruth L. Leager, age 44, of Bayard was held Thursday, May 5, at 2 p.m. at the Faith United Church of Christ at Bayard with the Reverend Alvin Buschman officiating. Burial was in the Bayard Cemetery.

Miss Laeger was born June 13, 1932, at Hemingford, Nebraska to Alva and Leona (Glass) Laeger. She moved to Bayard in 1936 with her parents and received her early education in the Bayard schools. She attended both Chadron State College and Scottsbluff Junior College. She attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas and became an ordained minister after graduation in 1955. Miss Laeger had taught school at Greenwood, Districts #13 and #73 in Morrill County, Hemingford, Potter, Lodgepole, and Kimball. She was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church in Bayard and the N.S.E.A. and N.E.A. Miss Laeger passed away Monday, May 2, at a Scottsbluff Hospital after an extended illness.

Left to mourn her passing are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Laeger of Bayard; two brothers, Melvin of Bayard and Duane of Platteville, Colorado, and one sister, Mrs. Edward (Alvera) Brening of Aurora, Colorado. She was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

Serving as pallbearers were L. A. Hrnicek, Al Combs, Lowell Ottosm, Robert Kellner, Amos Harris and Don Yung.

Plummer-Towne Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

I said, "Yes, Lord, I'll go where You call me
 And I'll do what you want me to do."
 But how could I know as I knelt there.
 That he'd ask me to stay here with you?
 I thought surely He'd call me to China
 Or to Africa's faraway shore.
 I would gladly have sailed o'er the ocean,
 But He whispered, "I need you next door."
 It's the far away task that seems brightest
 And the grass seems more green o'er the way;
 But how can He use me afar off,
 If I fail those I meet every day?
 It's so easy to look past my neighbor,
 Who has needs only God can supply.
 God forgive me if I, like the Levite,
 Have been passing some suffering one by.

The Harvest.

AFBC Superintendent Report

It's good to come by the way of the Apostolic Faith Report. As of this writing we have all but two of our teachers for this fall. I'm very happy with the people that have stated an interest in teaching and working in the school.

We're getting inquiries from students desiring to attend so we feel we are going to have a good year. We ask an interest in your prayers that the Lord will bless the school and give us a spiritual school with the young people finding the answers that they need for this day of uncertainty. We're living in a time that all of us need to be solid in the Word of God.

These young people who come to our Bible School will soon be our Pastors and Workers. If there ever was a time we needed good, dedicated workers, working untiringly..... it is today. Do pray much for us that the Lord will give us the wisdom and knowledge for the problems that will arise daily.

In Christian service,
 Howard Whiteley,
 Superintendent
 Logan, Oklahoma 73849

I request admittance into the Apostolic Faith Bible College for the fall of 1977:

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March 11-14 — Rockdale, Texas
March 20-23 — Gray, Oklahoma

April 6-10 — Laverne, Oklahoma
April 24-27 — Baxter Springs, Kansas
May — Joplin, Missouri

Jerome Crowhurst

January 2-9 — Hinton, Alabama
February 13-20 — Midway Church, Logan, Oklahoma
(Bible Lessons)
April 9-10 — Shattuck, Oklahoma
(Easter Services)
April 17-24 — Hardesty, Oklahoma
April 27 — Follett, Texas

O. A. Busch

January — Purcell, Missouri
March — Snell, Mississippi
Pine Hill, Alabama
April 3-10 — Cave Springs, Arkansas
April 17-24 — Midway Country Church, Logan, Okla.

Other Revivals

Johnny Scruggs

March 20-27 — Baxter Springs, Kansas

Paul Clanton

March 9 — Synder, Texas
April — Gray, Oklahoma

Amos Harris

April 24-May 1 — Granby, Missouri

Bill Sparks

April — Katy, Texas

Marlon Sparks

May 22 — Bayard, Nebraska

Olen Bachler

April 3-10 — Joplin, Missouri

We know there were many more revivals held. These are the ones brought to our attention. We need more such reports from our churches.

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SPEAK NO EVIL



John Wesley

"Speak evil of no man," says the great apostle: as plain a command as, "Thou shalt do no murder." But who, even among Christians, regards this command? What is evil speaking? It is not, as some suppose, the same with lying or slandering. All a man says may be as true as the Bible; and yet the saying of it is evil-speaking.

Evil-speaking is neither more nor less than speaking evil of an absent person, relating something evil which was really done or said by one that is not present when it is related. Suppose, having seen a man drunk, or heard him curse or swear, I tell this when he is absent; it is evil-speaking. In our language, this is also termed BACKBITING. Nor is there any material difference between this and what we usually style TALE-BEARING.

Evil-speaking is the more difficult to be avoided, because it frequently attacks us in disguise. We speak thus, out of a noble, generous, indignation against these vile creatures! We commit sin from mere hatred of sin! We serve the devil out of pure zeal for God!

O that all who bear the reproach of Christ, would set an example! Put ye away evil-speaking, tale-bearing, whispering: let none of them proceed out of your mouth. What a blessed effect of this self-denial should we quickly feel in our hearts? How would our "peace flow as a river," when we thus "followed peace with all men?" How would brotherly love continually increase, when this grand hindrance of it was removed?

What an effect might this have, even on the wild unthinking world? "See how these Christians love one another!" By this chiefly would God convince the world, and prepare them also for His kingdom; the Lord hasten the time! The Lord enable us thus to love one another, not only "in word and in tongue, but in deed and in truth" even as Christ hath loved us.

—Convention Herald



If I were starting my family again

By John M. Drescher (From The Pentecostal Evangel)

Father, you can determine the happiness in your home.

What should I have done differently? If your children were small again, what would you do?

These words burst from a guilt-plagued father sitting across from me. He was suffering the awful, empty feeling a father senses when his son has strayed. He felt he had failed.

And this father's words stay with me. What has experience in counseling taught me? Where would I put the emphasis if my children were small again?

I WOULD LOVE MY CHILD'S MOTHER

If I were starting my family again, I would love the mother of my children more. That is, I would be more free to let my children see that I love her. It is so easy for parents to assume love, to take each other for granted—and so let a dullness creep in.

When a child knows parents love each other, he gains security, stability, and sacredness about life which he gains in no other way. A child who knows parents love each other and who hears them expressing words of love for each other needs little explanation about God's character of love or the beauty of sex.

Psychiatrist Dr. Justin L. Green wrote, "In my 25 years

of practice, I have yet to see a serious emotional problem in a child whose parents loved each other, and whose love for the child was an outgrowth of their love."

To let my child know I love his mother I would seek to be faithful in doing little loving things for her. True love is visible. I would show special kindnesses, such as opening the car door for her, placing her chair at the table, giving her little gifts on special occasions, and writing her love letters when I'm gone from home.

I would take her hand as we stroll in the park. And I would whisper loving words about her in the ears of my children. I would praise her in the presence of my children.

Does all this sound sentimental? Then I am persuaded many families need more of this kind of sentimentalism. Love is like a plant. It needs nurture. We must do the things love dictates, or it will die.

I WOULD LISTEN TO MY CHILD'S CONCERNS

If I were starting my family over again, I would do more listening. Most fathers find it hard to listen. We are busy with the burdens of work. We are tired when we arrive home. A child's talk seems like unimportant chatter. Yet we can learn so much by listening to our children.

I would listen when my child shares his little hurts and complaints, his joys, and what he is excited about.

I remember, clear as the day it happened, the time my busy father listened to me, a first grader, when I came home frightened over a situation at school. His calmness and concern relieved my fears. I was ready to return the following day full of courage and confidence. Had he simply said my fear was foolish, or had he refused to hear me out, my fears would have grown.

I would try to understand what my child says because I now believe that the father who listens to his child when he is small will find that his child will listen to him later in life. The father who takes time to understand what his child says early in life will be able to understand his child later in life.

If my child were small again, I would stop reading the newspaper when he wants to talk with me.

One small boy tried to show his father a scratch on his finger. His repeated attempts failed to gain his father's attention, but finally the father stopped reading and said impatiently, "Well, I can't do anything about it, can I?"

"Yes, Daddy," his small son said: "you could have said, 'Oh.'"

In listening I would pay more careful attention to my child's questions. It is estimated the average child asks 500,000 questions by the age of 15. Think of it—a half million opportunities to help him understand the meaning of life.

These early years are the years for teaching. By the time the child reaches 15, parents have done most of their teaching. By 15 the child knows what his parents believe. From this point on, the parents' primary opportunity is to be available when the child comes for help.

I WOULD GIVE A FEELING OF BELONGING

If I were starting my family again, I would seek to use as many opportunities as possible to give my child a feeling of belonging which is so essential to his security. And when a child feels he belongs in his family and is of real worth there, it is not a big step to also feel accepted, loved, and of worth to others and in God's sight.

How are feelings of belonging generated? By doing things together. By sharing common concerns and trusting each other with responsibilities. Celebrations of birthdays, when the person rather than the gifts is central, create a sense of belonging.

A sense of belonging is built into the child when prayers are prayed on his behalf, when his opinions are valued, and when he is included in the serious and fun experiences of the family.

He feels he belongs when he is invited to be involved in the responsibility and work of the family. No part of child guidance is more essential than assuring the child by action and word that he is important for the family and he has a place in the affection of the family.

I WOULD PRAISE MY CHILD

If I were starting my family over again, I would seek to be more free to express words of appreciation and praise. Children are often reprimanded for making mistakes, but seldom hear words of commendation and encouragement when they do a job well or exhibit good behavior.

Will Sessions, discussing the topic, "I Had a Teenager," says: "I would bestow praise. If the youngster blew a horn, I would try to find at least one note that sounded good to

my ear, and I would say a sincere good word about it. If the theme paper was to my liking, I would say so, hoping that it would get a good grade when it was turned in. If his choice of shirt or tie, of socks or shoes, of any other thing met my liking, I would be vocal."

Probably no other thing does more to encourage a child to love life, to seek accomplishment, and to gain confidence.

I WOULD TAKE MORE TIME WITH MY CHILD

If I were starting my family again, I would plan to take time to do more things together. In every father's week there are 168 hours. He probably spends about 40 hours at work. Allow another 15 hours for driving to and from work, overtime, and lunch. Set aside 56 hours for sleep. That leaves a father 57 hours each week to spend elsewhere. How many are actually spent with his family.

A group of 300 seventh and eighth grade boys kept accurate records of how much time their fathers actually spent with them over a two-week period. Most saw their father only at the dinner table. A number never saw their father for days at a time. The average time father and son were alone together for an entire week was seven and one-half minutes.

Arthur Gordon tells of an interesting experience from his youth: "When I was around 13 and my brother was 10, Father had promised to take us to the circus. But at lunch there was a phone call—some urgent business required his attention downtown. My brother and I braced ourselves for the disappointment. Then we heard him say, 'No, I won't be down. It will have to wait.'

"When he came back to the table, Mother smiled. 'The circus keeps coming back, you know.'

"I know,' said Father. 'But childhood doesn't.'"

I WOULD LAUGH WITH MY CHILD

If I were to start my family again, I would laugh more. Oscar Wilde wrote: "The best way to make children good is to make them happy." I see now that I was too serious. While my children loved to laugh, I often must have conveyed the idea that being a parent was painful and a perennial problem.

I remember when I laughed with my children—at the humorous plays they put on for the family, at the funny stories shared from school, at the times I fell for their tricks and catch questions. I recall the squeals of delight when I laughed with them and shared in their stunts on the lawn or living room floor. And I remember the times they told of these experiences with joyful expressions, years later. I know when I laughed with my children, our love was enlarged and the door was open for doing many other things together.

In answer to the father who sat across the table I've jotted down these reflections. Like most important experiences in life, non of these are great ideas nor are they difficult to remember. These simple suggestions, however, can make relationships with one's children more meaningful and shape the future of a child more than things which demand a great deal of money or exceptional ingenuity.

Somehow we manage enough muscle to handle the big things of life but forget that life is largely made up of little things. So a father's thoughtfulness in the small things of life determines to a great degree the happiness of the home.

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