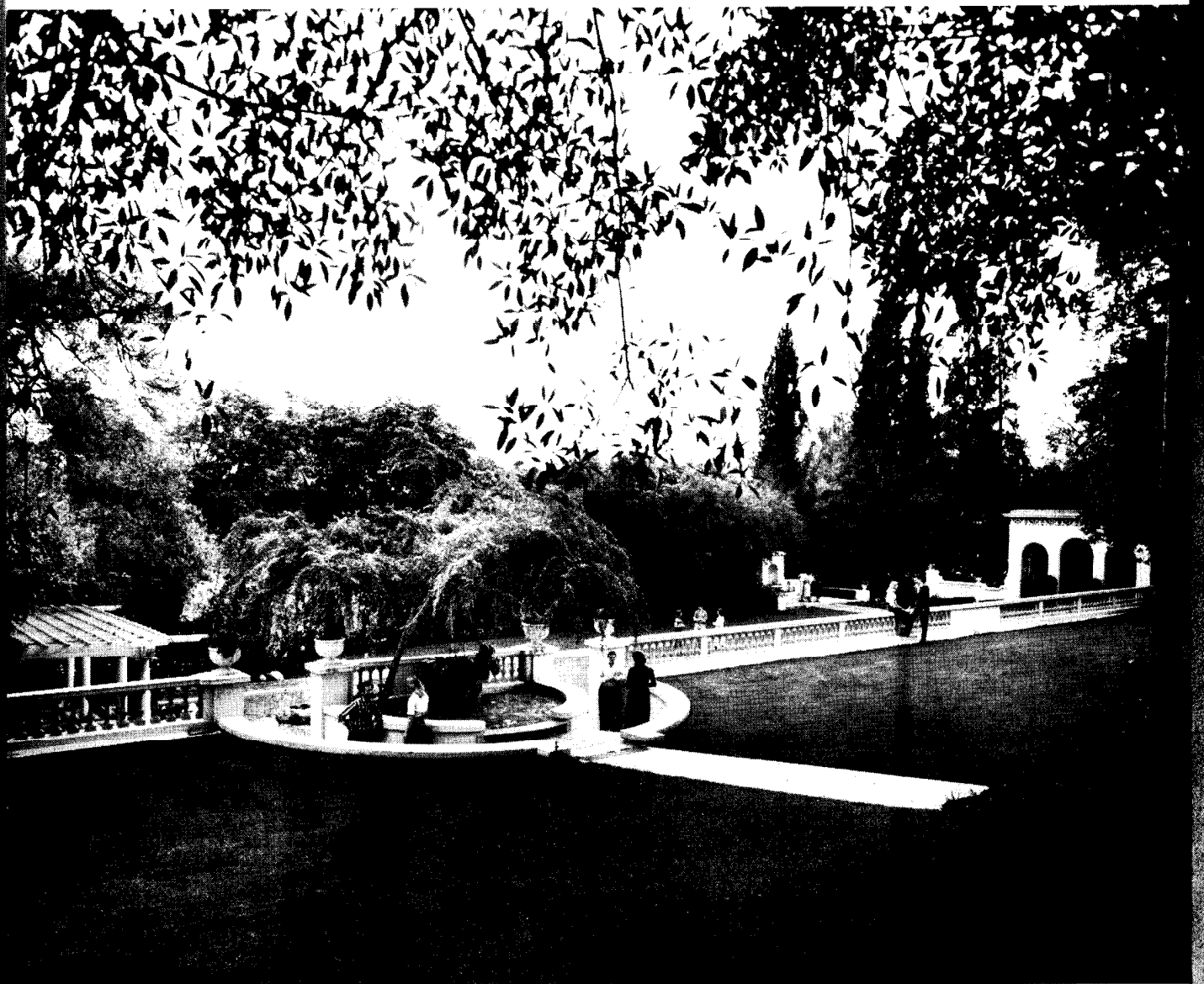


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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I must compliment the staff on 'The Bible Story.' My two eldest sons really enjoyed it. As I read it to them I explain as I go along so they can understand it better. They listen very closely and are very interested. I also enjoy it very much. It is made so plain."

Lady from Kerrville, Texas

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"I was recently allowed to read a copy of your magazine. As both a student in college and a pastor of a church I find myself challenged to think and seek rather than blindly accept. I was especially impressed with the reasonableness of the article 'How Long

Were the Days of Creation?'"

Minister from Fredonia, New York

### "Tell Her the Truth"

"Last night I heard you speaking concerning the date and birth of Christ. A very good woman was on hand. She squirmed at you saying no one knows the date, when so many are saying he was born December 25. She has a nice little girl, and because the child heard what you were saying, she chafed all the more. She came into the section of the house where I was and asked me what she should tell her little girl since you had said what you did. My advice was to tell her the truth as you had told us all. You are making many things clear that we need to know. As you said, we have been lied to so much about God and His Holy Word."

Minister from Hamlet, N. Carolina

### Husband Becomes Interested in God's Word

"I must tell you great news for which I thank God and you. In four years since I was awakened I've never been able to convince my husband of his need of God. One morning a week ago, he took one of your booklets to read on the bus on his way to work. He came home that night and told me: 'This man makes sense.' This time when he returned to his ship (he is a seaman) he took almost all of the booklets you sent me and has written me, asking me to save everything you send for him to read. If you only knew him, you would realize what a miracle this is."

Woman from Oneonto, New York.

### Overseas Listener Writes

"I have been receiving the magazine for three years and have not come across any other magazine so interesting, unique and easy to understand. I never grow tired reading the interesting and fascinating articles. Every time I find it helpful in understanding the Holy Bible. God's truths come to me like a revelation from Him. THE PLAIN TRUTH carefully and meticulously explains the prophecies of the Bible connecting them with today's fantastic world events. I must admit I did not learn about those vitally important truths

from other sources, although I came to know a lot of other denominational organizations. Words are inadequate to describe how grateful I am for your untiring efforts to help me and many others to understand the plain truths of the Bible in its truest meaning. God grant you more power.

"I would like you to know that I quit going to the churches of this world altogether. I found out they are not the true church of God after all. This unhappy state of affairs, over which is the true church, drove me to question their teaching and practices. Thank God, He introduced me to THE PLAIN TRUTH and The World Tomorrow broadcast."

Man from Tacloban City, Philippines

### A Minister Writes

"I have the booklet you sent. In my going through the booklet, I found that really the Sabbath day is the special day blessed by God to be kept holy. I have resigned from Sunday keeping with my 20 stations. Therefore we are in need of tracts and pamphlets. We are praying earnestly for you. I close with Christian greetings."

Nigeria, Africa

### Refreshed by Broadcast

"I am able to listen to your broadcast, of which the spiritual food has established myself and family. I am refreshed by your radio broadcast. Therefore sir, I pen to you, asking through your spiritual generosity to forward sir, some leaflets for distribution in this district. In Port Antonio proper I do own a mission capable of holding over 200 people."

A minister from Port Antonio, Jamaica, British West Indies.

### I'm Going to Preach the Truth!

"My dear friend. You will pardon me for keeping silent so long a time without replying. It is because I received booklets from you and found the things I have been preaching to people not quite true. When I read all this I went to my missionary in charge and told him that from now on I'm going to preach the truth to my people. I left them. I delayed reply because of

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# The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

Mrs. Armstrong's critical illness and healing; Mr. Armstrong's first miraculous answer to prayer, are among events covered in this 17th installment.

**W**HERE is the one TRUE Church today? That is the question that haunted my mind in the late spring and the summer of 1927. That is the question that perplexes thousands today.

I had just emerged from an unsuccessful six months' intensive research in the Bible, in history, and in religious literature in an effort to prove that "all these churches can't be wrong." Like most people I had been sure that the teachings and practices of the many large denominations were based on the Bible.

In early fall in 1926 that assumption had been rudely challenged. My wife had accepted the seventh-day Sabbath. To me this was humiliating fanaticism. I was proud. *What would my friends, relatives, and business associates think?*

Supremely confident that orthodox Church doctrines were derived from the Bible, I set out to *prove* to my wife, by the Bible, that Sunday is the day Christians are commanded to observe. I had never really studied the Bible before. But I felt completely certain all these churches could not be wrong. How many others, on blind assumption, feel the same way?

## Disillusioned and Confused

But six months devoted to almost night and day intensive study had left me sadly disillusioned. I had made the disheartening discovery that much—if not most—of the teachings of Sunday School days were at total variance with the direct and plain "thus saith the Lord!"

I had also studied evolution. I had begun to doubt—but then found scientific PROOF—that God exists. I had PROVED that the Holy Bible is the inspired revelation of God.

As mentioned before, I now had a firm BASIS for belief. The Bible had

proved to contain AUTHORITY!

During that six months' diligent research, I had run the gamut of disillusionment, doubt, confusion, frustration—and finally, the SURE knowledge, *proved*, that GOD EXISTS, and that the Holy Bible is His revealed Word. I remembered my mother's annual spring house-cleaning days when I was a boy. When she began the job, everything was in confusion, more upset than before—hidden dirt and waste emerging. But I remembered that Mother never became discouraged. All this temporary confusion was necessary to clean out the dirt. Finally everything was put back clean and in order.

I was merely experiencing what many others do. For a while I was all mixed up, in doubt and bewildered confusion. But I came to realize I was merely undergoing a mental, philosophical and spiritual house-cleaning. I was uncovering a lot of religious dirt—hidden error and superstition which had been absorbed because I had always heard it, been taught it, or read it. The people around me had believed it. I had been one to "go along." But once this doctrinal refuse was uncovered and swept out of mind, then order, peace, harmony and serene faith appeared for the first time.

Finally, sadly disillusioned about believing "all these churches couldn't be wrong," I began to ask, "*where is the one true Church today?*" I read, in Matthew 16:18, where Jesus said: "*I will build my Church.*"

Therefore I knew He *did* build it. He said the gates of hell would never prevail against it. It had to be in existence still. But WHERE? Which church could it be?

I had been astounded to learn that the BIBLE teaches truths diametrically opposite to the teachings of the large and popular churches and denomina-

tions today. I saw in the Bible the real MISSION of God's true Church. But these churches, today, were *not* carrying on the real work and mission of Christ.

The SOURCE of their beliefs and practice was *not* the Bible, but paganism! There was no recognizable comparison between them and the original TRUE Church I found described in Acts and other New Testament Books. *Yet somewhere there had to exist today that spiritual organism in which Christ actually dwelt—a church empowered by His Spirit—acting as His instrument—carrying out His Commission.*

But WHERE?

I was to be some years in finding it.

Actually, like almost everybody else today, I did not know, then, *what to look for!* I still had to sift out the real truth *a doctrine at a time!* Finally, years later, after clearing up enough of these, the WHOLE PICTURE emerged, crystal clear.

## The "Converted Jew"

Mrs. Armstrong and I began to attend many different churches. I wanted to check on each—compare it with the Bible. Also I continued to seek religious literature and religious magazines. I continued almost daily study at the Portland public library.

It was probably May or June, 1927, when I was baptized. One Sunday evening we attended a service at the Hinson Memorial Baptist Church. This church had announced the appearance of a certain well-known "converted Jew." After the service Mrs. Armstrong managed to get close enough to him to ask a question. She wanted to know what he, being a Jew, believed about what many people contemptuously designate as "the Jewish Sabbath."

"Sh—sh!" he hushed her up quickly, looking around anxiously in alarm. "I

can't talk to you about that here."

This really did arouse my curiosity. Now I was determined to know what a Jew who professed Christ would do with this Sabbath question. I made inquiries until I learned where he could be contacted. He was staying at a place maintained by one of the smaller denomina-

tions, on Portland's west side. I went there and sought him out.

They had given him a bare, unfinished and mostly unfurnished small room with a cot to sleep on. He had been taking a nap, but my knock on the door awakened him. In the privacy of this room, this Jew, whose name most of my read-

ers would recognize, admitted to me that he knew very well that the Sabbath had never been changed by God or by authority of the Bible, and that there is *no authority whatsoever in the Bible for Sunday observance*. But, he said, he did not dare confess this publicly or he would never be allowed to speak in the

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many churches where he was a publicized guest speaker. A "converted Jew" was an effective drawing card.

My disillusionment concerning preachers widened. And later, when I heard this same man speak out *against* God's Sabbath, and in favor of Sunday, I knew he was simply dishonest with the sacred Word of God. He covered a following and money more than the truth of God. I knew this by his own personal and private admission to me in our one personal talk. Yes, the MANY take the EASY road—the broad, popular road that leads to destruction—rather than the straight and narrow road of being persecuted.

### Getting Relatives "Saved"

One must not assume, from what has been written about my surrender to God, and the *change* that came with God's Spirit, that I had reached spiritual maturity and perfection at one quick bound. No one ever does. A human baby must creep before it learns to walk. It must learn to walk before it can run. And it stumbles and falls many times. But it does not become discouraged and give up.

The newly converted are mere babes in Christ. I had not learned much, as yet. Vanity was far from being eradicated.

Upon surrendering to accept God's TRUTH—as far as I had then come to see it—my first impulse was to share it with my family and relatives. Once the natural-born hostility to God and His Law had been crushed, the Bible TRUTH appeared as a glorious light—the most WONDERFUL thing I had ever known. I was suddenly filled with zeal to get this precious knowledge to all who were close to my wife and me. I wanted to get *them* converted.

Suddenly I began to feel so *unselfish* in this new Christian experience that I felt my own final fate was not important, if only I could get those related by blood or marriage ties into God's Kingdom.

But sad disillusionment followed every overture. I had absolutely no success whatsoever trying to cram "my religion" down their throats.

For a short while—perhaps two or three days—it seemed to me that it

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made no difference whether I, myself, were fully obedient—the first consideration, I began to feel, was to get all these *others* saved!

Humanly, without realizing it, as most humans do, I had swung to the opposite extreme. Instead of being completely self-centered, I began to feel that what happened to me didn't matter. I actually felt willing to sacrifice myself in order to save the others. Of course I realized that if I continued in sin, I would receive the death penalty.

But this trend persisted for only a very few days. Almost immediately I "happened" (was God guiding me?) to be carefully reading through the first two chapters of the Book of Romans. God began to show me that I was like the Jews at Rome.

Paul was saying to them: "Behold, thou art called a Jew, and restest in the law, and makest thy boast of God, and knowest His will . . . and art confident that thou thyself art a guide to the blind, a light of them which are in darkness, and instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge, and of the TRUTH in the law. Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? . . . thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonorest thou God? For the

name of GOD is blasphemed among the Gentiles (unconverted) through YOU!" (Rom. 2:17-24).

This Scripture opened my eyes—brought me to quick repentance of the course I felt a temporary impulse to follow. I saw that I could never be used to help others, unless I, myself, practiced what I preached. Unless I, myself, obeyed and believed—unless I were being saved myself—I could not be used to help or save others. On the contrary I would only blaspheme the very name of God before them, and thus bring inestimable *harm* to them!

### Facing the Tobacco Question

Then, immediately I was baptized, the matter of smoking had to be settled.

Of course the Quaker church, in which I had been reared as a boy, taught that smoking was a sin. But I had been unhappily disillusioned to see that in so many basic points the Bible teaching is the very opposite of that I had absorbed in Sunday School.

"I've got to see the answer to the tobacco question IN THE BIBLE!" I said to myself.

Until I found the answer *in the Bible*, I decided I would continue as before—smoking mildly. I had started smoking when 19 years old down in Wiggins, Mississippi. You will remember that I was forced, there, to work over company pay-roll books until midnight every other night, and until ten on alternate nights, rising at 5:30 every morning. I took up smoking a pipe to help me stay awake during those long night hours of work.

Then, after returning to the north, I had continued to smoke lightly, averaging three or four cigarettes a day, or one cigar a day. I had never been a heavy smoker.

Now I had to face the question: Is smoking a SIN?

I wanted the BIBLE answer, for I had learned by this time that Christ had said we must live by EVERY WORD OF GOD. The BIBLE is our instruction-Book on right living. We must find a BIBLE reason for everything we do.

I knew, of course, there is no specific command, "Thou shalt not smoke." But the absence of a detailed prohibition did not mean God's approval.

I had learned that GOD'S LAW is His WAY OF LIFE. It is a basic philosophy of life. The whole Law is summed up in the one word LOVE. I knew that *love* is the opposite of *lust*. Lust is *self-desire*—pleasing the *self* only. Love means loving *others*. Its direction is not inward toward self alone, but *out-going*, toward *others*. I knew the Bible teaches that "lust of the flesh" is the way of SIN.

So now I began to apply the *principle* of God's law.

I asked myself, "WHY do I smoke?" To please others—to help others—to serve or minister to or express love toward others—or only to satisfy and gratify a desire of the flesh within my own self?

The answer was instantaneously obvious. I had to be honest with it. My only reason for smoking was LUST OF THE FLESH, and lust of the flesh is, according to the BIBLE, *sin!*

I stopped smoking immediately. This beginning of overcoming was not too difficult, for it had not been a "big habit" with me. Once weaned, I was able to see it as it is—a dirty, filthy habit. And today we know it is a serious and major contributing cause of lung cancer!

God designed and created the human body. He designed the LUNGS to take in FRESH AIR to "fire" and oxidize the blood, and at the same time to filter out of the blood the impurities and waste matter the blood has picked up throughout the body. Befouled smoke, containing the poisons of nicotine and tars, reduces the efficiency of the operation of this vital organ.

The physical human body is, God says, the very TEMPLE of His Holy Spirit. If we defile this TEMPLE—this *physical* body—God says He will *destroy us!* God intended us, if we are to be COMPLETE, to live happy, healthy and abundant lives, and to gain eternal life, to *take in* HIS SPIRIT—not poisonous foreign substances like tobacco.

#### Mrs. Armstrong Stricken

I was now beginning to *grow* in Christ's *knowledge* and in His GRACE. His Holy Spirit had renewed my mind. I could now UNDERSTAND God's TRUTH as I studied His Word.

I had come to understand, *the hard way*, the truth about Law and Grace. I had come to understand the Bible teach-

ing about water baptism. I had come to see that I could not help others unless I, myself, were obedient and practicing what I preached. I had come to see the truth about tobacco. Now God saw fit to teach my wife and me another most important and useful truth. He let us learn it through severe experience, coupled with Bible study.

Along about early August, 1927, a series of physical illnesses and injuries attacked Mrs. Armstrong.

First, she was bitten on the left arm by a dog. Before this healed over, she was driven to bed with tonsillitis. She got up from this too soon, and was stricken violently with a "back-set." But meanwhile she had contracted blood-poisoning as a result of being stuck with a rose-thorn on the index finger of her right hand.

For two or three days her sister and I had to take turns, day and night, soaking her right hand in almost blistering-hot epsom-salts water, and covering her wrist and fore-arm with hot towels, always holding her right arm high.

The back-set from the tonsillitis developed into quinsy. Her throat was swollen shut. It locked her jaw. For three days and three nights she was unable to swallow a drop of water or a morsel of food. For three days and three nights she was unable to sleep a wink. She was nearing exhaustion. The red line of the blood poisoning, in spite of our constant hot epsom-salts efforts, was streaking up her right arm, and had

reached her shoulder on the way to the heart.

The doctor had told me privately that she could not last another twenty-four hours. This third sleepless, foodless and waterless day was a scorching hot summer day in early August.

#### Does God HEAL Today?

On this late morning, a neighbor lady came over to see my wife.

"Mr. Armstrong," she asked, out of hearing of my wife, "would you object if I ask a man and his wife to come and anoint and pray for your wife's healing?"

That sounded a little fanatical to me. Yet, somehow, I felt too embarrassed to object.

"Well, no, I suppose not," I replied, hesitantly.

About two hours later she returned, and said they would come at about seven in the evening.

I began to have misgivings. I began to regret having given consent.

"What if these people are some of these wild-fire shouters," I thought to myself. "Suppose they begin to shout and yell and scream like these 'holly-roller' or 'pentecostal' fanatics do? *Oh, my!* What would our neighbors think?"

Quickly I gathered courage to go to our neighbor who had asked them to come. I told her I had been thinking it over, and felt it better that these people did not come. She was very nice about it. She would start immediately, and ask them not to come. Then I learned she would have to walk over a mile to contact them. They were living in some rooms in the former Billy Sunday tabernacle that had been built for Billy Sunday's Portland campaign some few years earlier. This tabernacle was out beyond 82nd street, near Sandy Boulevard.

It was now in the heat of the day—the hottest day of the year. I began to feel quite ashamed to impose on this woman, by asking her to make a second long walk on that sweltering afternoon.

"I do hate to ask you to make a second trip out there," I said apologetically. "I didn't realize it was so far. But I was afraid these people might yell and shout, and create a neighborhood disturbance."

"Oh, they are very quiet people," she hastened to assure me. "They won't shout."

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After that I decided not to impose on this neighbor who was only trying to help us.

"Let's let them come, then," I concluded.

### The Meaning of FAITH

That evening this man and his wife came, about seven. He was rather tall. They were plain and simple people, obviously not of high education, yet intelligent appearing.

"This is all rather new to me," I began, when they were seated beside my wife's bed. "Would you mind if I ask you a few questions, before you pray for my wife?"

He welcomed the questions. He had a Bible in his hands, and one by one he answered my every question and doubt by turning to a passage in his Bible and giving me the Bible answer.

By this time I had become sufficiently familiar with the Bible to recognize every passage he read—only I had never thought of these Biblical statements and promises and admonitions in this particular light before.

As these answers continued coming from the Bible, I began to understand, and to BELIEVE—and I knew the same assurance was forming in Mrs. Armstrong's mind.

Finally I was satisfied. I had the answer from the Word of God. I believed. My wife believed. We knelt in prayer. As he anointed my wife with oil from a vial he carried, he uttered a quiet, positive, very earnest and believing prayer which was utterly different from any prayer I had ever heard.

This man actually dared to talk directly to God, and to tell God what He had PROMISED to do! He quoted the promises of God to heal. He applied them to my wife. He literally held God to what He had promised! It was not because we, as mortal humans, deserved what he asked, but through the merits of Jesus Christ, and according to God's great mercy.

He merely claimed God's PROMISE to heal. He asked God to heal her completely, from the top of her head to the bottom of her feet.

It was not a long prayer—perhaps thirty or forty-five seconds. But as he spoke I knew that as sure as there is a God in heaven, my wife had to be

healed! Any other result would have made God out a liar. Any other result would have nullified the authority of the Scriptures. Complete assurance seized me—and also my wife. We simply knew that she was released from everything that had gripped her—she was freed from the sickness—she was healed! To have doubted would have been to doubt God—to doubt the Bible. It simply never occurred to us to doubt. We believed! We knew!

As we rose, the man's wife laid a hand on Mrs. Armstrong's shoulder. "You'll sleep soundly tonight," she smiled quietly.

I thanked them gratefully. As soon as they had left, Mrs. Armstrong asked me to bring her a robe. She arose, put it on, and I walked slowly with her out to the street sidewalk and back, my arm around her. Neither of us spoke a word. There was no need. We both understood. It was too solemn a moment to speak. We were too choked with gratitude.

She slept soundly until 11:00 a.m. next day. Then she arose and dressed as if she had never been ill. She had been healed of everything, including some long-standing internal maladjustments.

We had learned a new lesson in the meaning of faith. Faith is not only the evidence of that which we do not see or feel—it is not only the ASSURANCE of what we hope for—it is the definite knowing that God will DO whatever He has promised. Faith is BASED on God's written PROMISES. The Bible is filled with thousands of God's promises. They are there for us to claim. They are SURE. God can't lie.

If there is any one attribute of God's character that is more outstanding than any other, it is God's faithfulness—the fact that HIS WORD IS GOOD! Think how hopeless we would be if God's word were not good!

If a man's word is not to be trusted, all his other good points go for naught—he is utterly lacking in right character.

### A Dumfounded Doctor

Shortly before Mrs. Armstrong had been confined to bed in this illness, she had taken our elder daughter Beverly to the doctor with a felon on her finger.

## WHY THE PLAIN TRUTH HAS NO SUBSCRIPTION PRICE

So many ask: "How can you publish a magazine, without subscription price, and without advertising?" The answer is simple. The GOSPEL must go to the whole world, and it must go FREE. It must not be sold like merchandise. "Freely ye have received," Jesus said to His disciples whom He was sending to proclaim the Gospel, "freely GIVE." Without money and without price, is God's way. We proclaim a FREE salvation. Therefore, we cannot put a PRICE upon the PLAIN TRUTH.

We have been called of God to conduct this work. It is not our work, but God's. We have set out to conduct God's work God's way. We rely, in FAITH, upon God's promises to supply every need. God's way is the way of LOVE—and that is the way of giving, not getting. God expects every true child of His to GIVE of tithes and offerings that His work may go FREE—that His true ministers may GIVE the precious Gospel to others. We simply TRUST GOD to lay it on the minds and hearts of His people to give of their tithes and offerings that we may be enabled to GIVE the good things of God's Word to the hundreds of thousands who hear the Message over the air, and the scores of thousands who read The PLAIN TRUTH.

Many times our faith has been severely tried, but God has never failed us. We must not fail HIM!

It had now been bandaged for some days.

The morning after her miraculous healing, my wife arose about eleven, ate a breakfast, and then took Beverly to the doctor's office to have the bandage removed. Incidentally this was the last time we have ever called a doctor for any illness in our family.

"WHAT are you doing here!" exclaimed the doctor, looking as if he had seen a ghost.

"Well," answered my wife, "do you believe in divine healing?"

"I don't believe Mary Baker Eddy has any more 'pull' with God Almighty than I have!" asserted the physician.

"But I don't mean that," Mrs. Armstrong explained, "I mean miraculous healing direct by God as a result of prayer."

"Well—yes—I—do!" replied the astonished doctor, slowly, incredulously. "But I never did before."

### Studying a New Subject

This awe-inspiring experience brought a totally new subject before me for study. And remember, I had plenty of time on my hands for Bible study. Only one laundry client remained. We were now reduced to real poverty. Although I had been beaten down and had made a complete surrender to God, giving my self to Him, yet without realizing it much of the self-pride and vanity remained. Of course God knew this. He was yet to bring me down much lower. I was yet to be humiliated repeatedly and thoroughly chastened before God could use me.

In those days we were constantly be-

hind with our house rent. When we had a little money for food we bought beans and such food as would provide the most bulk for the least money. Often we went hungry. Yet, looking back over those days, Mrs. Armstrong was remarking just the day before this was written that we were finding happiness despite the economic plight—and we did not complain or grumble. But we *did* suffer.

From the time of my conversion Mrs. Armstrong has always studied with me. We didn't realize it then, but God was calling us *together*. We were always a team, working together in unity.

And now came a new subject to study, and new enlightenment. We entered into it with vigor and joy. We searched out everything we could find in the Bible on the subject of physical healing. We discovered that God revealed Himself to ancient Israel, even before they reached Mt. Sinai, under His name "Yahweh-Ropha" which means "The Eternal our Healer," or "Our GOD-HEALER," or, as translated in the Authorized version, "The LORD that healeth thee."

He revealed Himself as Healer through David: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who HEALETH all thy diseases." (Psalm 103:3). And again: "Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. Their soul abhorreth all manner of food; they draw near unto the gates of death. Then they cry unto the Eternal in their trouble, and . . . He sendeth His word, and HEALETH them." (Ps. 107:17-20).

Then I made a discovery I had not read in any of the tracts and literature we had been sending for and gathering on this subject. Healing is actually the *forgiveness* of transgressed *physical* laws just as salvation comes through forgiveness of transgressed *spiritual* law. It is the forgiveness of physical SIN. God forgives the physical sin because Jesus PAID THE PENALTY we are suffering IN OUR STEAD. He was beaten with stripes *before* He was nailed to the cross.

What was learned on this subject of healing is today set forth in our free booklet, "Does God HEAL Today?" The reader is invited to request a copy.

### Experience of the Crooked Spine

After we had made some little prog-

ress in gaining Biblical understanding of this subject of healing, Aimee Semple McPherson came to Portland.

She held an evangelistic campaign in the Portland Auditorium. My wife and I attended once, and then I went alone another time. Unable to gain entrance, because of packed attendance, I was told by an usher that I might be able to slip in at the rear stage door if I would hurry around. Walking, or running, around the block to the rear, I came upon a sorry spectacle.

A woman and child were trying to get a terribly crippled elderly man out of a car near the stage entrance. I went over to help them. The man had a badly twisted spine—whether from arthritis, or deformity from birth, or other disease I do not now remember. He was utterly helpless and a pitiful sight to look upon.

We managed to get him to the stage door. Actually, I should never have been admitted, had I not been helping to carry this cripple in. He had come to be healed by the famous lady evangelist.

We were unable to gain contact with Mrs. McPherson before the service. And we were equally unable, after the service. I helped get the cripple back into their car.

"If you really want to be healed," I said before they drove off, "I would be glad to come to your home and pray for you. Mrs. McPherson has no power within herself to heal anybody. I have none. Only GOD can heal. But I do know what He has promised to do, and I believe God will hear me just as willingly as He will Mrs. McPherson—if only you will BELIEVE in what GOD has promised, and put your faith in HIM and not in the person who prays for you."

They gave me their address, just south of Foster Road. The next day I borrowed my brother Russell's car and drove out.

I had learned, in this study, that there are two conditions which God imposes. 1) we must *keep His commandments*, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight (1 John 3:22); and 2) we must really BELIEVE (Mat. 9:29).

Of course I realized that many people might not have come into the understanding about keeping all of God's Commandments—He does look on the

*heart*. It is the *spirit, and willingness* to obey. And therefore some who really BELIEVE are healed, even though they are not strictly "commandment keepers." But once the *knowledge of the truth* comes, they must OBEY. In this case I felt sure that God wanted me to open the minds of these people about His Commandments, and that SIN *is* the transgression of God's LAW.

Consequently, I first read the two Scriptures quoted above, and then explained what I had been six months learning about God's law—and particularly about God's Sabbath. I wanted to know whether this cripple and his wife had a spirit of WILLINGNESS to obey God.

They did not. I found they were "pentecostal." They attended church for the "good time" they had there. They talked a good deal about the "good time" they enjoyed at church. They scoffed and sneered about having to obey God. I told them that, since they were unwilling to obey God and comply with God's written conditions for healing, I could not pray for him.

### Was This an Angel?

This case had weighed heavily on my mind. I had been touched with deep compassion for this poor fellow. Yet his mind was not impaired, and I knew that God does not compromise with SIN.

Some weeks later I had borrowed my brother's car again, and happened to be driving out Foster Road. Actually at the time my mind was filled with another mission, and this deformed cripple was not on my mind at all. I was deep in thought about another matter.

Coming to the intersection of the street on which the cripple lived, however, I was reminded of him. Instantly the thought came as to whether I ought to pay them one more call—but at the same instant reason ruled it out. They had made light of, and actually ridiculed the idea of surrendering to *obey* God. Immediately I put them out of mind, and again was deep in thought about the present mission I was on.

Then a strange thing happened.

At the next intersection, the steering wheel of the car automatically turned to the right. I felt the wheel turning. I resisted it. It kept turning right. In-  
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# Is Tithing in Force Under the *NEW* Testament?

Here is part two of an eye-opening article on a much misunderstood subject. We have been asked, "Wasn't tithing just for the Jews of a long-dead past?" Or, "Was it a form of national taxation in ancient Israel?" Or, "Was it to supply material needs to the poor?" You'll find the answers in this article, continued from the February issue, enlightening, plain!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

**I**S "tithing" obligatory in *NEW* Testament times? Or has God left us to our own devices—for churches to resort to the old-fashioned oyster supper and ice cream socials, or to bazaars, entertainments, dances and church movie shows to raise money?

How should God's work be financed? Does God have a definite *system*?

## What the "TITHE" Is

In the previous article we found what God means by the word "*tithe*."

It is an old English word, commonly used in England three and four hundred years ago. Today it is seldom used, except in this scriptural connection. This old expression "*tithe*" has been preserved in the Authorized, or King James translation, of the Bible—translated in 1611.

The word "*tithe*" means TENTH. A tithe of anything is the tenth part of it.

In patriarchal times, TITHING was God's system for financing His ministry. Melchisedec was High Priest. The patriarch Abraham, it is written, knew and kept God's commandments, His statutes and laws (Gen. 26:5). And he paid tithes to the High Priest!

Tithing was God's law hundreds of years before the Old Covenant started. TITHING is revealed as *God's system* for financing His earthly ministry.

Since tithing is God's permanent, continuous financing system, it had to *continue* thru the Mosaic dispensation. During that period when the Levites were the ministers, their work and labors had to be financed. But when the priesthood was changed, God did not change his financing system.

Christians of Paul's day did not need

to be instructed that TITHING is an obligatory and permanent law of God. But they *did* need much teaching to make clear to them that the Old Covenant was dead—the Levitical Priesthood changed and replaced by that of Jesus Christ—the *Melchisedec Priesthood restored!* The only question was as to *which* priesthood tithes are to be paid *now!*

So now in the simplest of language, let me make plain to you the PRINCIPLE of tithing, as revealed in the Bible. Then we shall look to the Scriptures themselves, from which this explanation is derived.

## WHY God Retains the Tithe

But WHY does God retain *for Himself* the ownership of that *first tenth*—that TITHE—of your income?

Here again comes a TRUTH man would never know, and could not find out, except by God's revelation to man! *What* is man, anyway? WHY is he? Where is he going? GOD HAS A PLAN! God is working out a GREAT PURPOSE! He reveals it in His Word—His revelation—the BIBLE.

For the carrying out of His holy PURPOSE in placing mankind upon this earth, God has always had a PRIESTHOOD—a ministry, representing HIM, serving Him, carrying out His mission. Way back in the dim antiquity of patriarchal times, God's High Priest—His representative on earth—was Melchisedec.

During the national dispensation of Israel, under the Old Covenant, known as the Mosaic dispensation—those years from Moses until Christ—the tribe of Levi constituted the ministry of God,

known as the Levitical priesthood. Then later, when Jesus Christ arose from the dead, He ascended to heaven as a living HIGH PRIEST. Today He calls ministers as His true representatives in a darkened and Satan-deceived world, to carry on HIS PLAN. Today the Melchisedec Priesthood is restored, in Christ.

Now it costs money to carry on the work of God. God's ministers who devote their entire time to God's holy and spiritual purpose are prevented from earning a living in the usual channels. Yet they work. If they are *true* ministers, they are men of ability who WORK HARD, and long, observing no hours. Actually they *earn* a living—they have *worked* for their food, shelter and clothing and physical need—the same as the farmer, the laborer, the clerk or the merchant.

And so God, in His wisdom, has provided for financing His work, and for His ministers' living. In God's program, these true ministers work for HIM, and HIM *alone*.

In God's great Plan, HE pays His ministers. It is HE who "hires" them—He who *calls* them to their work for Him.

So, in order to provide for the financing of HIS MINISTRY, God has from the very beginning RETAINED for HIMSELF the *first tenth* of the income of every human being on earth. The OWNERSHIP of that first tenth of income is GOD'S.

## To WHOM Tithes Are Paid

But *how* can you pay God's tenth to Him? God is on His throne in heaven.

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inspired, apostolic Christianity.

"To a large extent the true way of stating the case is not that the teaching of the Reformers had made men worse, but, that it had *failed to make them better*. And it is here that the parallel between the Reformation and the first preaching of the Gospel breaks down" (Plummer, p. 189).

However, although they *completely failed* to restore the true religion of Jesus Christ, we may correctly say that Luther and the other reformers were used to accomplish at least two very worthwhile purposes. First, they freed men from the *binding authority* of the Catholic Church, and the superstitious *fear* under which they were continually held (Plummer, p. 136). And, secondly, misdirected as it sometimes was, they did give all men more real encouragement to *read the Bible for themselves*.

Even in the accomplishment of these two purposes, they were often aided by outside forces. The most potent of these was the *Renaissance*, which was already beginning to stir men to think for themselves even before the Reformation proper began, and the growth of *nationalism*, which was a powerful aid in breaking down *any* universal church authority.

We must acknowledge that in freeing men's minds from *some* error, the reformers added *much* error of their own devising. They did *not* turn men to the *truth*. Rather, they turned them to independent, *self-willed human reason*.

This has *multiplied* the already existing *religious confusion*. As we stated at the beginning of this thesis, the Protestant Reformation has spawned a veritable "babylon" of religious denominations, sects and religious movements.

This is *not* the "unity of the Spirit." This is *not* the one true Church Jesus Christ said He would build (Mat. 16:18).

Perhaps the only reason that Almighty God has allowed such confusion to exist in this age is so that the *true* Church of Revelation 12, Jesus' "little flock," may be permitted to carry the real *message* of Christ to the world just before He comes again.

For Jesus, the Son of God, said: "And this *gospel of the kingdom* shall be preached in all the world for a *witness*

unto all nations; and *then shall the end come*" (Mat. 24:14).

Meanwhile, God tells us that we *should strive* to recapture "the faith once delivered." We *should live* "by every word of God."

And in His Word, God describes this *apostate, divided* Catholic-Protestant religious system as "Babylon the Great." He commands us: "*Come out of her*" (Rev. 18:4).

God help you to HEED what you have learned from this article! If you are *not afraid* of the TRUTH, be sure to read the exciting sequel to this series in next month's PLAIN TRUTH. It will show you *what to do* about the knowledge which has been revealed to you. It will reveal FACTS about God's *plan*, about *prophecy*, about His *true Church* which you never understood before.

DON'T RUN from the *truth*! The END of this age is *near*! "The kingdom of God is at hand, *repent ye*, and *believe* the gospel" (Mark 1:15).

## Letters to Editor

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stamps, as I am not doing anything to help myself at present. I am preaching what I learn from you. Kindly help me with good books to conduct Bible studies with. People took all my booklets to study them."

A native minister in  
Rhodesia, Central Africa.

Is not this a wonderful, heartwarming letter?

## TITHING under New Covenant

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And "*no man*," said Jesus, "has ascended to heaven." You can't go there. You can't *see* God, or hand your money to Him *Personally*. How, then, can you pay Him HIS TITHE?

Well, some large corporations, perhaps in a distant city, cannot be directly contacted by their many customers. And so they send around representatives, *collectors*, to collect for them what you owe the company. The collector comes in the name of the company. When you

pay the money which really belongs to the company to the collector, you have paid the company.

God's system of collecting from you HIS tithe is just that simple. Since you cannot see God, or go to God's throne in heaven, God instructs you in His revealed Word to pay it to HIS REPRESENTATIVE, who, in receiving it, represents God just as a collector to whom you pay a debt represents the company to whom you owe it.

And when you pay such a bill to a collector, you consider you paid THE COMPANY—not that you made a personal donation of your own money to the man the company sent. You paid it as TO THE COMPANY. From there on it is the COMPANY'S responsibility what happens to that money, not yours. And the company pays the collector his salary. He does not consider that *you* paid his salary—he receives his salary *as from the company*.

This illustrates plainly God's true principle of tithing. When you pay tithes today you are instructed by God's directions to pay them to God's called and chosen representative—the true minister of Jesus Christ. But you pay it, *not* as a personal contribution of *your own money* to a minister—but AS TO GOD. The minister represents GOD—receives not your money but GOD'S money from you for God.

Here again so many in this modern world have lost sight of God's clear directions. When they give the tithe to a minister they seem to feel it is a special entrusting of *their own money*, and they make it their duty to try to supervise *how* the minister handles it—even, in some cases today, down to the supervision of what the minister and his family may eat, or wear, or have in their personal private family life!

### When YOUR Responsibility Ceases

But God's revealed principle is quite different. That first tenth of your income is *not yours*—never was yours! It *belongs to God*. And the method God himself instituted for your payment of His money to Him is to pay it to His called and true ministers.

When you have done that, *your responsibility for that money ceases*! You have no further concern, responsibility,

or direction in the handling of it than you have in money you owe the electric power or the telephone companies which you pay to their collector. Once paid, you have DONE YOUR PART—you have *acquitted yourself of your obligation.*

Of course you are expected to be sure the collector is the company's approved representative—not a thieving imposter *pretending* to be the company collector. And you should be equally sure you are paying your tithe to a called and TRUE minister of Jesus Christ. Satan has many more ministers today than Christ—and Satan's thieving imposters pose as ministers of Jesus Christ, put on sanctimonious airs, speak in pious and spiritual-sounding language! How are you to know? BY THEIR FRUITS, Jesus said, you shall know them! The FRUITS of God's Spirit, and of Christ's true ministry cannot be counterfeited!

So when you pay tithes to God's true and accredited spiritual representative, you pay it *as to God.* It is not a charitable gift from you to the minister. It is not *your* money—but rather it is God's way for you to pay to GOD that which BELONGS TO GOD.

And from there on, the minister who receives it *is accountable to God.* And you may be sure that GOD'S justice is PERFECT—that GOD Almighty will hold every minister *far more strictly accountable than you would be capable of doing!*

### What GOD Does With His Tithe

Once paid, so far as you are concerned, you have paid GOD'S tithe to GOD.

The question now is *what does GOD do with it?*

And the answer, which we will show by the Scriptures inspired of God, is that God uses it FOR HIS MINISTRY—for CARRYING ON HIS WORK!

Now the *nature* of God's ministry on earth has changed with changing dispensations. Not much is revealed as to how God's ministry was carried on back in patriarchal times. We know Melchisedec was High Priest—that He held rank equal to that of Jesus Christ, actually one of the Godhead! The ministry, then, must have been of a *spiritual* nature. New Testament writings reveal that the GOSPEL, God's Spiritual Mes-

sage, was preached beforehand to Abraham. All we know of those days of the dim distant antiquity is that the tithes were paid to Melchisedec, a divine Being, for the service of God's ministry for that time.

But beginning with Moses a new and different dispensation was ushered in. God formed Israel as a civil nation, and also as a church (see Acts 7:38). But between Moses and Christ under the Old Covenant, God's ministry was purely *national*, for Israel alone—and purely MATERIAL, not spiritual.

As a Church, or Congregation, Israel was given a constant round of physical ceremonies and rituals—animal sacrifices, meat and drink offerings, carnal ordinances (see Heb. 9:10) — which, NOTE IT!—means of a material, not a spiritual nature. Israel under the Old Covenant was not given God's Holy Spirit. They had no promise whatsoever of salvation, astonishing as that may seem! They were not commanded to go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to other nations. On the contrary, they were forbidden to have anything to do with other nations!

Consequently, the church ministry in Israel was one of ministering to *all* Israelites, and to Israelites *only.* There was no spreading of the Gospel. The ministry, rather, was largely a matter of physical labor—preparing animal sacrifices, meat and drink offerings, administering the different washings and physical ordinances and rituals. For this service, God Himself selected His ministers—the people had no choice as to who their ministers were. For this service, God took ONE WHOLE TRIBE of the twelve tribes of Israel—the Tribe of Levi. Every man born a Levite was a priest, or minister.

The Levites owned no land—had no secular source of income—devoted their entire time to the physical ministry of that dispensation. Yet, tho a physical ministry, this service was sacred and holy to God. And during these years from Moses to Christ *God Himself paid His Levitical priests by turning over to them all of His Tithe.*

Today, we are in the age of GRACE, the NEW Testament GOSPEL dispensation. Today, the Levitical priesthood is gone, and JESUS CHRIST is High Priest.

Today all true ministers of Jesus Christ are *called* by special spiritual call from God thru His Holy Spirit—not by flesh birth—not by self-desire to become a minister—not by selection, appointment, or vote of the people.

Jesus Christ came as God's MESSENGER, bearing a Spiritual Message from God to man. That Message of His GOSPEL—the Good News of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD, a kingdom of immortals which human flesh and blood can never enter! One *must be born again!*

### The Work of God Today Is Financed God's Way

And today, Christ's *commission* to all His true ministers is "Go ye into all the world, and PREACH THE GOSPEL" . . . "Go ye, therefore, and teach ALL NATIONS." And, for our day *now.* "This GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the END (of the age) come."

Today the ministry is a SPIRITUAL ministry—a ministry of PROPHECY—a ministry of SALVATION—a ministry of WARNING! Today it is not physical and national, but spiritual and *individual*—it is not for *everyone* in a single nation, but for a witness UNTO ALL NATIONS.

Today, in these critical, chaotic days approaching the END OF AN AGE, the carrying on of God's true ministry is a *world-wide* mission, which must reach MILLIONS of people, and *quickly*, for the "night cometh when no man can work."

Today Christ's true ministry is a huge undertaking. It requires, not the mere financing of the personal needs of a few ministers, but the employing of tremendous available facilities for PROCLAIMING THE WORLD-SHAKING WARNING—for PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM into ALL THE WORLD FOR A WITNESS UNTO ALL NATIONS!

And these super-powered facilities God has invented and made available for HIS PURPOSE—great, powerful radio stations, and the modern printing press—cost a great deal of money, because they reach vast multitudes of people never before possible in any past age!

Today, God has PROVIDED for the

financing of His powerful ministry by the same system He has used from the very beginning—His TITHING system!

Thus Almighty God has purposed that THOSE WHOM HE HAS SPECIALLY FITTED AND CALLED for this tremendous mission in this chaotic and dying world may be FREE to proclaim HIS TRUTH fearlessly, boldly, and with GREAT POWER!

They cannot be subsidized, controlled, coerced by men or organizations of men. They are not hired by, nor obligated to, men or any organized group or denomination. They are called by God, guided, protected, and empowered by God, financed by GOD'S OWN TITHING SYSTEM!—yes, by GOD'S OWN MONEY!

That is how THE PLAIN TRUTH is published—without subscription price, FREE to all who will request it for themselves.

That is how the true GOSPEL Message is going out in great power around the world.

That is God's way, carrying out God's Plan in HIS GREAT PURPOSE BEING WORKED OUT HERE BELOW! We—and all our co-workers together—are happy to be privileged by the Eternal God to each have our small part in so glorious a work for HIM!

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY

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stantly I applied all my strength to counteract it, and keep steering straight ahead. My strength was of no avail. Some unseen force was turning that steering wheel *against* all my strength. The car had turned to the *right* into the street one block east of the home of the cripple.

I was frightened. Never before had I experienced anything like this. I stopped the car by the curb. I didn't know what to make of it.

It was too late to back into traffic-heavy Foster Road.

"Well," I thought, "I'll drive to the end of this block and turn left, and then back onto Foster Road."

But, a long block south on this street, it turned right *only*. There was no street turning east. In getting back on to Foster Road I was now compelled to drive past the home of the cripple.

"Could it possibly be that an angel

*forced* the steering wheel to turn me in here?" I wondered, somewhat shaken by the experience. I decided I had better stop in at the cripple's home a moment, to be sure.

I found him stricken with blood poisoning. The red line was nearing his heart.

I told them what had happened.

"I know, now," I said, "that God sent an angel to turn me in here. I believe that God wants me to pray for you—that He will heal you of this blood poisoning to show you His power, and then give you one more chance to repent and be willing to obey Him. And if you will do that, then He will straighten out your twisted spine and heal you completely.

"So now, if you want me to do so, I will pray for you and ask God to heal you of this blood poisoning. But I will *not* ask God to heal your spine unless and until you repent and show willingness to obey whatever you yourself see God commands."

They were now desperate. He probably had about twelve hours to live. They were not joking and jesting lightly about the "good times" at "pentecostal meetin'." They wanted me to pray.

I was not an ordained minister, so I did not anoint with oil. I had never yet in my life prayed aloud before others. I explained this to them, and said I would simply lay hands on the man and pray silently, as I did not want any *self-consciousness* of praying aloud for the first time to interfere with real earnestness and faith. I did have absolute faith he would be healed of the blood-poisoning.

He was.

I returned the next day. The blood-poisoning had left him immediately when I prayed. But, to my very great sorrow and disappointment, they were once again filled with levity, and sarcasm about God's law. Again they were jestingly talking about having a "good time" at church.

There was no more I could do. It was one of the greatest disappointments of my life. I never saw or heard from any of them again.

You will read of astounding answers to prayer as we continue in these early experiences of the Christian life in the next issue.

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