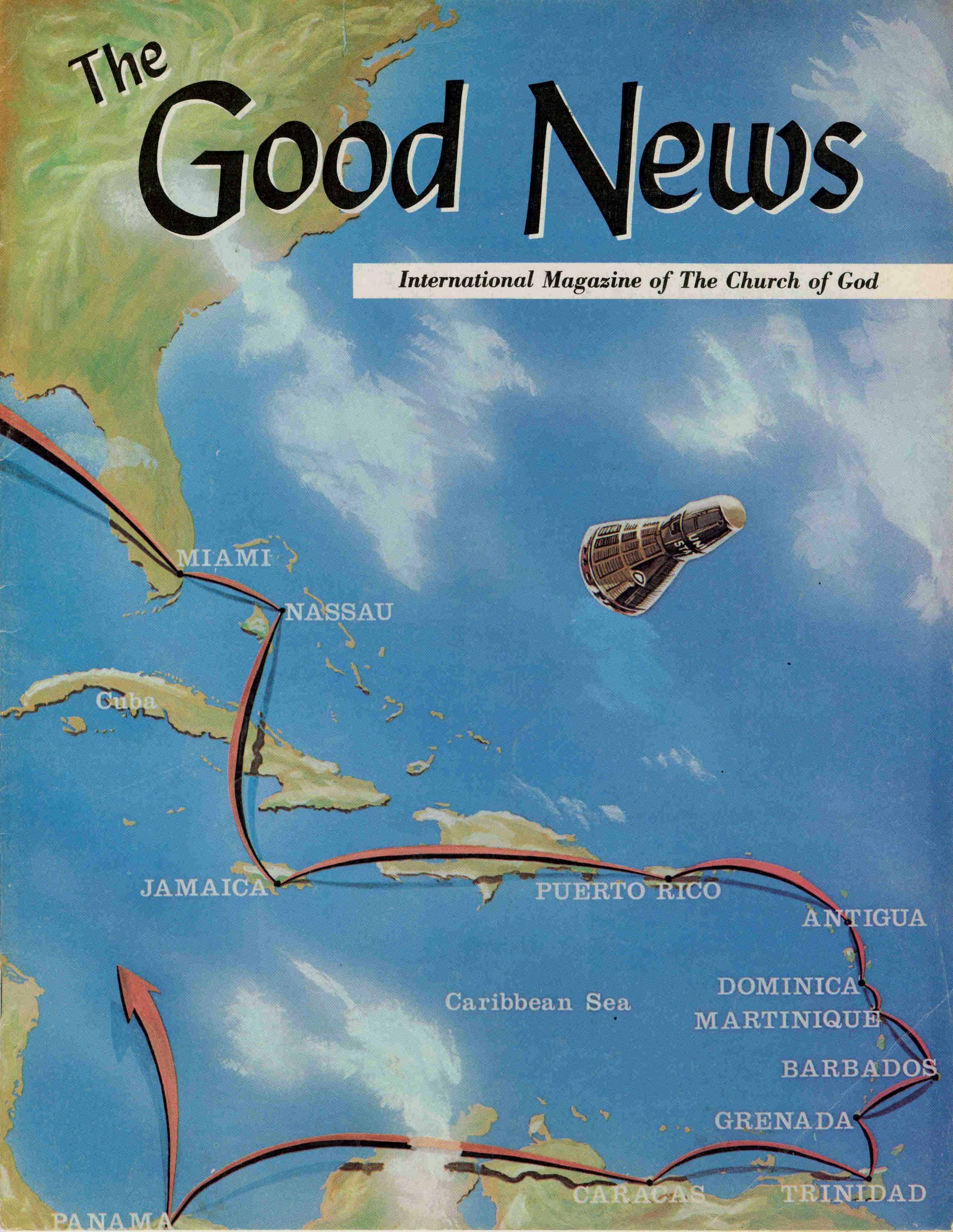


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More About Our Cover...

An intriguing artist's concept presents a unique map of the area covered in a recent baptizing tour of the Caribbean Islands. As you look at the map you can imagine yourself circling the earth like the astronauts in the spaceship pictured here . . . looking down to see a portion of the earth you will inherit. Be sure to read Mr. Apartian's personal account of this baptizing tour, and of the new Local Elder ordained in Martinique—beginning on page 5.

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What our READERS SAY...

God Speaks Out...

"I have received my copy of GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality,' and I can only say that in the space of a week our marriage has taken on greater meaning and happiness than my husband and I previously experienced in 9 years of marriage. Also, my silly guilt feelings about our relationships have gone. First you show us God's way of rearing our precious children and now how to find complete married happiness, as well as a textbook on which we can completely rely in educating our children. I can never express my gratitude enough. You are indeed God's true stewards and ministers. I also rejoice that I have found someone to whom I may pay God's tithes with complete confidence that they will be put to His use."

Woman, Glenbrook,
New South Wales, Australia

Envoy

"Today I had my first opportunity to see the 1965 ENVOY. It is beautiful. It's hard to believe that next year's ENVOY could be an improvement over 1965, but I know it will be. I thank God for providing His people around the world with a 'personal book' of the three colleges. Prayer is much more meaningful when we can use *The EN-*

VOY as our guide when praying for the faculties, students, and their overall charge."

Miss Susana A., New Jersey

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"I received *The ENVOY* the other day and I am overjoyed with it. It gave me lots of inspiration by just looking through it. It almost brought tears to my eyes to think that here is a book that sums up a year's activity in God's Work—another year closer to our ultimate goal. I thank God and you very much for this book."

James R. T., Kentucky

- Have you ordered YOURS yet?

Coming Out of Darkness

"I am enclosing the remainder of my tithe which I withheld to use in the freewill offering at a local church. We had not gone in such a long time that we were unprepared for the change that had slowly come over our lives from Bible study, hearing your broadcasts, and reading *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Here's what happened: We walked into the church and were greeted very kindly and cordially as we expected. I hear we went to 'God's Sanctuary.' Between the crying babies, talking, coughing, and shuffling of feet, we could barely hear

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the speaker (not an ordained minister, a speaker). About that time everyone stood up. So did we, but we didn't know why. Carnality? Then about half of them answered a plea from a moaning, whining voice to come up front and testify. This took about five minutes for various testimonies. Then they admonished us all to pray for our sins. A good idea, no doubt, but when it began to sound like a cattle roundup or worse, a stampede, with people rolling on the floor, shouting and screaming, I quietly took my family and led them out. I don't know what else went on there in that 'church.' We never will because we could never go back, but had I not been exposed to God's true Word through *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *The WORLD TOMORROW*, I might have thought, 'Well, if this is God's religion, no thanks!' So if anyone wants to know if God has the power to change lives—I know He does. My wife and I were on the verge of divorce. In our ten years of marriage, the only Commandment we did not overtly break was 'thou shalt not kill,' and maybe we did that according to God who said if we broke the least we were guilty of the greatest. Now we are perfect? You know better. But you know something else, too. True to His Word, God has forgiven us as we have forgiven others. No faster, no slower. No bolt of lightning came down from heaven and changed me. But each day I am given new strength and new ability to comprehend, as though God were teaching me to crawl before I walk, and walk before I run—slowly, but surely and I hope, permanently."

Charles E., Ohio

Practical

"I am not a baptized member of the Church of God, but I have read your article on budgeting in *The GOOD NEWS* and have begun to put it into practice. Already it has been easier to deposit more money in the bank to prepare me for whatever God has in mind for me, and also it is beginning to teach me control over my charging clothes, etc. Really, it hasn't hurt me not to have everything I want at one

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time, so truly, God knows which way is right and which way is wrong."

Miss Connie L. S., Missouri

• *You keep applying the laws you learn, Connie, and you will probably soon be baptized.*

From Barbados

"Mr. Armstrong, do you know what is going on in Barbados? Since the people are speaking of your preaching so much, they're being told not to listen to you, that you are a hypocrite, but it's only what they said about Jesus, about Paul and all God's true servants. Even the people from my church keep coming at me. When I tell them I am not coming back, they tell me I am deceived."

Keith B., Barbados, British West Indies

• *Read Mr. Apartian's article in this issue for the latest news of the Work in the British West Indies—and Martinique.*

From France

"I attentively read your article entitled, 'Should You be Baptized?' I have also read your booklet 'All About Water Baptism,' and, in the light of the Bible, it is clear that yours is the only baptism instituted by God. What a contrast between all the false teachings of the world—which I was taught as a

child—and God's Truth revealed in the Bible. After praying to God, I am turning to you in all confidence, because you are proclaiming the Truth. Please put my name on your baptizing list."

Man, Chaumont, France

Miracle

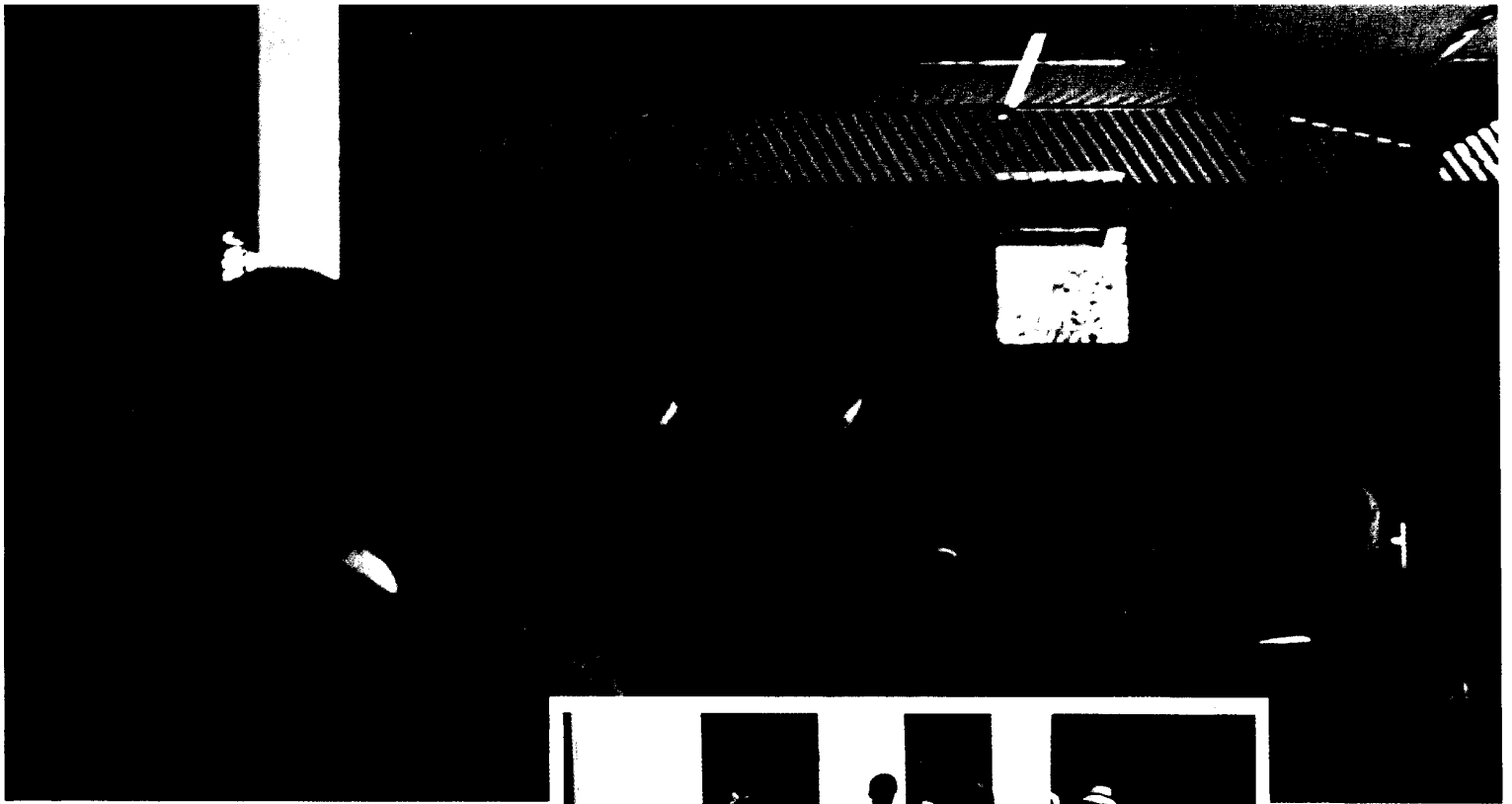
"From the moment I placed the anointed cloth on my daughter's forehead, a real miracle took place. She had a violent fever of about 104 degrees, followed by chills, then vomiting. But now all her sickness has disappeared; she walks almost normally. Those around her who knew her during her suffering laugh at the thought of a miracle, not knowing what happened. People just would not believe in God's intervention for anything, but I am overwhelmed by such goodness. Thank you with all my heart for answering so soon. I constantly pray to God that He will always show us the way we should follow."

Woman, Marseille, France

Picket Duty

"After standing picket (for strike) twice and committing myself for a third time, Mr. Valden White, our Local Elder, set me straight on this. I did stand picket duty three times, total, but I REFUSED to a fourth time, in line

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ABOVE: Mr. Apartian preaching in French.
CENTER: The children attending the new church
in Martinique. BELOW: Mr. Jubert, his wife and
their two children.

Ambassador College Photos



GOD'S CHURCH IN MARTINIQUE

*Many baptisms, a church established, a local man ordained—
read this interesting account of the recent Caribbean tour.*

by Dibar K. Apartian

THE MERE mention of the *Islands* of the "Caribbean" gives one a nostalgic desire to travel. It probably brings to your own mind the dramatic pictures you might have seen of these *exotic* islands that seem to have been planted haphazardly between the U.S.A. and South America. These are islands with green, abundant vegetation, tropical rains, romantic moonlight, and year-round sunshine.

But behind this natural beauty there lies a gloomy morbidness! *Sickness, misery* and *poverty* lift up their ugly heads as uncontested witnesses of man's 6,000 years of *degeneration*. Everywhere on these islands you can sense and feel nature's urgent cry for the *restitution* of all things . . .

The baptizing tour Mr. Kelly and I took through the Caribbean Islands didn't allow us much time to do any sight-seeing. What it did give us was the opportunity to mingle with the natives, talk with them for long hours, get acquainted with their way of life, their problems, difficulties and hopes.

Seen from this point of view, what we found was most *disheartening*.

The Standard of Living

The average British West Indian family is composed of *eight children!* They sleep together on the floor, side by side, in a room which is hardly big enough to contain a sofa and a couple of normal-size chairs. In fact, the dimensions of an average "home"—if that word can be used to describe dilapidated shacks or mud huts—are *25' by 25'!* This box is divided—without partitions—into sections that are supposed to represent a bedroom, a living room and a kitchen. The great

outdoors, of course, provides the convenience of the bathroom!

These battered straw- or bamboo-covered huts have no windows, no doors. Most of them are without gas or electricity. In fact, it wouldn't be exaggerated to claim that many *stables* in the U.S.A. offer more comfort.

The average West Indian wage earner does plantation work, mostly in *sugarcane* and *banana* fields. He takes home approximately two dollars a day with which he has to support his large family. Naturally, his meager income does not allow him to add variety to his diet which consists, primarily, of tropical fruits, rice, bread and some vegetables.

The PACE is *slow*—desperately slow—on these islands! You get the impression that the people *don't know* where they are going and don't want to get there! Years of such lazy and indolent living have caused the natives not only to lose the desire to work, but also the habit of *thinking* or coordinating their thoughts. For instance, we soon discovered that it was useless to ask a waiter to bring us all at once a cup of coffee *with* sugar and cream; he would make three trips and slowly bring one item at a time.

On most islands, the few existing roads are completely out-of-date. Built for mules and horse-carriages, they have to accommodate today the ever-increasing number of cars, which are mostly composed of fast-driven and overpriced taxis.

"*Why* haven't the British built better roads and more of them on these islands?" asked an American tourist we met at Antigua. He himself was in the road construction business in Miami,

and assured us that he "sure would like to move out here and *straighten* up a few things."

This man didn't know, however, that "straightening up a few things" couldn't possibly solve the problem. Like everywhere else in the world, not only a *few* things, but practically EVERYTHING man has done ever since creation needs to be straightened up.

Memorable Highlights

For weeks, prior to our departure, Mr. Kelly had been *diligently* making the necessary *plans* and *reservations* for our sixteen-day trip. But Mr. Kelly didn't know that even airplanes, on these calypso-swayed islands, follow the *slow pace* of the people who dwell there. Indeed, many a time, we contemplated a change of itinerary because of unexpected change in airplane schedules. However, *God saw to it* that we always met our appointments—even if it meant spending sleepless nights!

One evening, at Nassau, we were scheduled to get on the 7:30 p.m. BOAC jet to Jamaica. But the last minute we were told at the airport that the plane would have a "slight" delay. By 10:00 p.m. the "slight" delay was extended two more hours, and the restaurant manager—where BOAC graciously offered us a *free meal*—requested that everyone vacate the premises because it was closing time.

Mr. Kelly and I walked out in the dark, tired and wondering how we could spend those two additional hours of waiting. It was hot, sweltering hot! Flies and mosquitoes seemed to be enjoying our company. After a full day's counseling and talking with peo-

ple, we were too tired to do anything creative, and the city was at quite a distance from the airport.

But the worst was not over! At midnight, we were told that our plane would have a *new* two-hour "slight delay" . . .

When we arrived at Jamaica, it was 6:00 a.m., and we hardly had time to freshen up before meeting the ten persons who showed up at the lobby of the hotel.

I don't think I'll ever forget the comments one of the British passengers made as we boarded, at dawn, the plane at Nassau: "I say, we had a fabulous trip," he interjected. "Traffic jam—you know! We spent more time circling over New York awaiting instructions to land, than we did traveling from London to New York. Any wonder we were late in getting here, old chap? Nevertheless, it was a fabulous trip. . . ."

So it was—for us, too—because we baptized three persons in Jamaica!

At another occasion, we landed three hours late on a small island called GRENADA. We feared that we had missed all of our appointments at the hotel, for no one would wait that long. Yet, to our delight and amazement, instead of finding the four persons who were scheduled to meet us, we found a *group of twelve* people—kindly and patiently waiting for us. It sometimes *helps* to be accustomed to living at a slow pace!

During our tightly scheduled tour, missing a plane meant bypassing a certain island—thus canceling our appointments there—because oftentimes there was but one daily flight to our destination. However, despite all our handicaps — including last-minute *changes* in plane schedules, *misinformation* given to us by airport employees, and even *flat tires* while rushing to the airport in a taxi—God saw to it that we never once missed an appointment.

But the most *unforgettable* incident is perhaps the BAPTIZING we did in Jamaica. When we told our taxi driver what we had in mind, he informed us that he knew of an "ideal" place, *nice and quiet*, where we could go and baptize people. It was dusk as he drove

us to a "river"—which would be more aptly described as a swamp—where we baptized our *three natives* who had surrendered their wills to God.

Never before have I seen filthier and more infected waters. Never have I seen—or been *bitten* by—so many mosquitoes! Even while we were laying on our hands, Mr. Kelly and I had to keep moving constantly to chase away the voracious intruders.

That night, upon our return to the hotel, Mr. Kelly had to anoint me for what he called "the worst case of mosquito bites" he had ever seen.

But today, as we look back at these memories, and remember the grateful eyes of those we met during this baptizing tour, the help *God allowed us* to give them, the JOY they expressed at meeting us—our nightmarish experiences vanish into oblivion!

We had projected to meet only 53 persons. However, 96 showed up, and we baptized 22.

God's People in Martinique

Martinique is a colorful French island where the natives enjoy a *relatively higher* standard of living. Moreover, those whom God has called seem to be in every respect much better off than the average islander, and certainly enjoy the peace of mind true Christians know.

Our Church members in Martinique are far from being rich or wealthy, but they do *live comfortably* and are BLESSED with good *health* and lovely children. Unlike some of the islands that form the British West Indies—where illiteracy sometimes reaches over 50 percent of the population—nearly everyone in Martinique can *read and write*.

It was most inspiring to us to spend a Sabbath with *God's people* in Martinique and to expound the Bible to them. On this special occasion—a "feast day" as some called it—we had morning and afternoon services. As it was, I had to do nearly all the preaching because no one could understand Mr. Kelly's French . . .

But he—just like Mr. McCullough a year ago—felt perfectly *at home* among these French-speaking natives whom God has called.

It is hard to describe just what you feel when you spend a Sabbath, *thousands of miles away from home*, among people of different race and language, but who worship the GOD of the Bible!

It is hard, yet easy, because you feel at home among them. Somehow you feel *closer* to them than you do to your own relatives who are *not* converted.

Think of it! There's a group on the island of Martinique who assemble together, every Sabbath, to faithfully *worship* God. They, too, begin their services with two or three songs and an opening prayer. They, too, have a short sermonette, a few announcements, followed by another hymn—then the main sermon. They, too, close their services asking God to *bless* and *protect* those He has called all over the world.

Yes, just like Mr. Kelly and me, you would have been thoroughly moved by seeing these people, assembled with their *Bibles open* on their knees, and holding a *pencil* and a *notebook* in their hands.

Even though we held morning and afternoon services, in addition to the Friday night preaching, our people still wanted to hear *more* of God's Word expounded to them. Therefore, I had no choice but to start, right after the afternoon services, a BIBLE STUDY which lasted past 7 p.m.—thus extending well into "the first day of the week." It somehow reminded me of the apostle Paul's long preaching, except that, in this instance, no one fell from the third-floor window. But then, in the assembly hall in Martinique, there is no third floor—and there are no windows!

Mr. Louis Jubert Ordained

Two or three times in the past, I have already written in *The GOOD NEWS* about the leader of our group in Martinique—Mr. Louis Jubert. He is a *graying* gentleman in his sixties, the father of four children, two of whom are married and live in the U.S.A.

For nearly twenty-seven years, Mr. Jubert had been an elder in the Adventist Church when, one morning he heard our broadcast *Le MONDE A*
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REJOICE – But Rejoice SAFELY

Here are practical principles you can apply to make the coming Festival of Tabernacles profitable both physically and spiritually.

by Dr. Wilmer Parrish

MOST OF GOD'S people have been anxiously watching their calendars for the day when they can leave their daily routine behind, bind their second tithe in their hand, and go to the place where God sets His name, and rejoice!

This is the time to enjoy the fellowship of God's begotten children, to be filled with the best of physical food and drink and, most important, to be fed lasting, God-inspired *spiritual* food.

God's Way Eliminates Confusion

The days spent wherever God's Feast is kept can be happy, joyful, and uncomplicated. Remember that God is *not* the author of confusion (I Cor. 14:33). He does want things done in an orderly manner (I Cor. 14:40). Countless hours of advance planning, working, and preparation have gone into the physical arrangements for your personal comfort. If you look to and *submit* to the rules those in authority have set in motion, *you* will have a wonderful Feast.

God's Organization

Providing for the needs of several thousand people living in tents takes a great deal of planning and organization. This plan is revealed in Exodus 18:13-27 where Moses appointed able and God-trained men to be rulers or captains over ten, fifty, and one hundred for administrative purposes. Administration requires authority. Without authority, it could not function. But the authority is Godly authority as Christ defined in Luke 22:25-26.

These captains are here to *serve, help, and assist* YOU so you can have a more happy, carefree and joyous Festival. Only by this method could you have almost immediate access to the highest authority at God's Festival, should that *need* arise. Jethro suggested this principle to Moses, because Moses was swamped with minor problems and couldn't clear time for the really big ones. God's plan of authority eliminates this problem. It is an instrument to make your Festival more successful. Obey the rules and cooperate fully with this organized system.

Health and Safety Is Necessary

God gave ancient Israel *rules* pertaining to health and sanitation. They stressed cleanliness and quarantine designed to protect Israel from diseases. These were especially needed at that time because the nation was on the move. The conditions of crowded living and of roving camps produced all the factors needed to cause a widespread and fast-moving epidemic that could have wiped out the whole Israelite nation. That is one reason why God emphasized that if He found the camp of Israel unclean, He would withdraw His protective presence from the camp (Deut. 23:14). It is of interest to note these very principles are still fundamentals of public health instruction.

These same laws are applicable to modern Israel. We are living under very similar conditions during our stay here. The two main parts of God's instruction are the same now as then. They are: *Be Clean* and *Isolate the Sick*.

If your child *does* become ill with fever or some infectious or contagious disease such as chicken pox, measles, or a sore throat—*stay in your tent* (booth, motel, room), isolate him from others, and make him comfortable. In doing this for your loved one, you may prevent the illness from becoming more serious or complicated. You should report the situation to the appropriate captain, requesting an Elder for anointing. Your part is done. God will then do His.

Would you want others to bring their sick children to services or crowded meetings? No, you would not! Show the same loving concern for others that you want them to show you by not exposing them if you or a member of your family is sick. Stay away until you are sure you are not dangerous to others. Don't trifle with God's health laws.

The most important reason for isolating the sick is that carelessly exposing several thousand people to a contagious disease could result in that disease being carried over a dozen states or even into other nations. We are being watched and we are going to be persecuted for obeying God's laws. This we can't help, but let us not *bring persecution* upon ourselves by carelessly breaking God's health laws.

There are many facets of health and safety in relation to camping that could be covered, but a few safety hints and camping hints in general will be offered to help you have a happier Feast.

Sanitation

Sanitation is a form of cleanliness and the physical cleanliness of the

grounds is *every* person's responsibility. STOP and THINK before you clutter up the grounds with everything from cracker crumbs to newspapers. Multiple hundreds of hours have gone into the planning to protect you and your family. Brethren, paper towels, sacks, cups, disposable diapers, and worse things *flushed down the commodes* play havoc with our plumbing and sewage system. As a result, you are depriving yourself and others of much-needed bath and restroom facilities. Incidentally, *you* could be one of the crew assigned to remedy this unpleasant situation. Be considerate. There is a proper place or receptacle for anything you might wish to discard. USE THE PROPER ONE!

Sleeping Bags

You probably started checking your camping gear early with the intention of getting everything in perfect working condition. In your eagerness to have everything clean, fresh, and neat, you may have caused a potential danger. If you cleaned your sleeping bags, take heed. When sleeping bags are cleaned, the cleaning agent is usually naphtha. In the last few years, a few children have *died* in the United States because the *bag was not aired before use*. Be sure that if you have had the bag cleaned, you air it a day or two before use. *The life you save may be your own child's!*

Another hazard to children is that of *plastic bags*. Very often these are used to cover suits, protect mattresses, and as other protective coverings around a camp because of their convenience.

These are dangerous!

They will not allow air to pass through. The advantages of such a waterproof and dustproof cover harbor the hidden enemy of also being airproof. The thin plastics can cling like a mask to the face, causing the person to suffocate. When finished with these, roll them up, *tie knots in them*, and discard them in the garbage can.

Cooking Utensils

More recently people have been using cooking utensils that under certain conditions are dangerous. Some

people buy surplus pots and pans for camping from army and navy surplus stores. If you have done so, use caution because the electroplated chemical coating used in some wartime utensils to keep them bright and shiny was cadmium. When an acid food such as lemonade is left in one of these for a period of several hours, this chemical dissolves and when ingested causes severe stomach and intestinal symptoms. The shelves from refrigerators also have this material on them to prevent rust and when used as a grill, the heat causes cadmium oxide to be given off as fumes. These fumes are *toxic and dangerous* when inhaled.

Teflon-coated pans are wonderful. The food doesn't stick, they are easy to clean, and real time- and work-savers for "Ye Olde Cooke." What a wonderful advantage teflon gives when wisely handled. Teflon is a non-dangerous substance as a rule, but when heated to a fairly high temperature, *it gives off lethal fumes!* Beware of leaving teflon-coated pans on a stove. They may overheat and become a hazard.

Fire Prevention

Through the ages, fire has been a priceless asset to man. Don't let this valuable asset become a curse because you were not cautious or careful in its use. NEVER LIGHT LANTERNS OR STOVES IN BOOTHS OR TENTS! Never *cook* in booths or tents. Never *store combustible fluids* in your living quarters or your car, but DO keep them *out of the reach of children*.

If you ARE *foolish enough* to light a lantern or stove inside a tent and it bursts into flames, try to get it outside fast and throw *dirt or sand* on it to extinguish the flames. That is, unless you have come well-prepared and have a small extinguisher for putting out *gasoline-type* fires.

What if you see a tent suddenly burst into flames? The very first thing is *not* to take the contents out, but to *collapse the tent*. This is done by loosening the guy (stay) ropes and letting the tent fall. Be sure the *people* are out first! The tents on either side should be collapsed, especially on the downwind side. When a tent is on the

ground, it is much easier to put out the flames. Also it is harder to catch on fire and spark danger is easier to control.

Again let me emphasize, *do NOT light heaters or lanterns inside a tent*. Light them outside, adjust them, and then take them inside. Do not put them outside or turn them off before going to sleep.

Tent Hints

A few minutes picking up rocks, sticks, and other debris from where the floor of your tent *will be* pays with many hours of comfort later. If your tent will be on the down slope of a drainage area, make a *ditch* on the uphill side to divert the water around it. Control that flood *before*, not *after*. You should remember ropes and canvas tighten up after a rain; therefore, loosen the stay ropes a little if it rains. Otherwise, you may come back from services and find half of your tent down. When everything is dry, you can then readjust the tension in these ropes.

A canopy over the tent acts both as insulation and insurance against leakage during a rain. This could be large enough also to extend out from the front of the tent to form a porch-like arrangement. This provides a pleasant place to sit, visit, and have a cold drink with a brother during your free time.

You should keep in mind *a new tent will leak a little at first*, but this type of leakage seals itself after a little seasoning. Remember that when you touch a tent or push something against the inside surface during a rain, it will leak.

Clothing can be hung on hangers by drilling two one-quarter-inch holes through the ridgepole, twelve, eighteen, or twenty-four inches apart. Galvanized or aluminum wire can be placed through the holes and a rod or pole placed in the wire loops to hold the hangers.

Food

Germes like dirt. Germes like food. Therefore, no matter how carefully you prepare your food, it will only be

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The Work of God Continues To Grow in Canada

*From a small insignificant beginning over four years ago the
Work of God in Canada has grown at a fantastic rate.*

by Dean R. Wilson

IN FEBRUARY, 1961, the Canadian work had progressed to the point that we were on three Canadian stations covering an area as large as the continental United States with a population of around 19 million people. The mailing list had grown to approximately 5,000 as the result of U. S. stations that could be heard in Canada and the three Canadian stations.

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong decided in February, 1961, that it was time to open an office in Canada to serve the Canadian people. Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong journeyed north to Vancouver, British Columbia and located suitable office space in the beautiful new United Kingdom Building in the heart of Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Prather were sent to Vancouver to manage the small conservative two-room office space that had been leased. In the summer of that same year Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pinelli were added to the office staff to assist in the growing work.

The Vision of Growth

The work continued its small but yet insignificant growth on into 1962. In March, 1962, Mr. Ted Armstrong wrote to Mr. Prather, "Have you thought at all about obtaining additional office space—about the future need of it—or analyzed the rate of growth so as to have any idea whatsoever about the time when we MIGHT need additional floor space in that building? I know that the present volume would certainly look as if such expansion would perhaps *never* be needed—but bear in mind that we still have virtually *no* radio outlets in that area!"

Since that letter was written the office space requirements have grown from those small two rooms to cover

over 38,000 square feet and almost half of one entire floor of the United Kingdom Building. The office staff has grown from three full-time employees to nine full-time employees. The mailing list has grown from around 5,000 to well over 20,000.

God has also opened the door of radio to the booming voice of *The WORLD TOMORROW* program. The Canadian work has grown from three stations to the point, as of the time of the writing of this article, *The WORLD TOMORROW* can be heard daily on 26 of Canada's finest stations located from Vancouver Island in the extreme West to Newfoundland in the extreme East.

The First Canadian Church

Along with progress and growth of the office mailing list and the radio broadcasting came the small but usual calling out of this world by God of some Canadian people. At first this was handled by means of the summer baptismal tours sent out from Ambassador College. In February, 1961, Mr. Jimmy Friddle started a small Bible study in Vancouver, British Columbia. By June, 1962, it had progressed to the point that there were around 40 in attendance at that Bible study.

It was decided that my family and I should move to Vancouver in June of 1962 to manage the growing office and to begin the first Church of God in Canada. So June 18, 1962, Mr. Roderick C. Meredith, who was visiting the Pacific Northwest at the time, officially began the church in Vancouver.

Since June, 1962, God has continued to call more and more of the Canadian people into His Church. An outstanding example of the growth is demon-

strated in the recent Feast of Unleavened Bread. The first Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread was held in Canada in 1963 with 72 taking the Passover and 121 attending the Feast. In 1965, 477 took the Passover in Canada in three locations and almost 1,000 observed the Holy Days. God is continuing to add to and bless His Work all across this tremendous expanse of space here in Canada.

From that small church of 40 in Vancouver in June, 1962, God has allowed to be raised up two more churches—Edmonton, Alberta and Toronto, Ontario—and three Bible studies—Victoria, B.C., Kelowna, B.C. and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan—with a combined attendance of around 950 regularly.

The Growth Continues

The demand for more churches and Bible studies is becoming evident with every passing week. For example: Mr. Richard Wilding and I are taking the baptismal tours in Western Canada this year and in the process are holding Bible studies for the scattered members in various areas. The same thing was done last year and in a small town by the name of Moosomin, Saskatchewan, 70 zealous members of God's Church attended the Bible study, and in a city of one-half million people, Winnipeg, Manitoba, another 70 attended a Bible study in 1964. This year, 1965, 94 assembled in Moosomin, Saskatchewan, for a similar study and a fantastic total of 222 attended a Bible study in Winnipeg. The demand for churches and Bible studies in Canada is accelerating to the point that at the present, if we had

the ministers, at least five new churches could be established immediately with an undetermined number of bimonthly Bible studies in various areas.

As the result of this fantastic growth, the scriptures in Matthew 9:36-38 take on a much more deep and significant meaning to those of us in the Canadian work. God's people in Canada truly are fainting and are scattered abroad, as sheep without a shepherd. The need for shepherds is crying out in Canada as it never has before. The harvest is truly plenteous, in fact it is running over. God is blessing the Canadian work with unprecedented growth in every field and area and God lays a responsibility upon you as God's people to, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

MARTINIQUE

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VENIR, as I was speaking about the *Millennium*.

The Truth hit Mr. Jubert right between the eyes. After carefully checking in the Bible what he had just heard—and studying the booklets we sent him—Mr. Jubert resigned from his church and turned to God's Church. "I surrender *unconditionally* to God," he wrote me, over four years ago. "I have been so very wrong and so very deceived. May God forgive me for having misled others into darkness."

That was the beginning of a *true and sincere* REPENTANCE which led him to his ordination on August 7, 1965. At the time, Mr. Jubert's sudden resignation from his former post caused a split in the Adventist Church in Martinique. A group of some thirty to thirty-five adults followed him and have been keeping faithfully, ever since, GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.

For over four years now, Mr. Jubert has been receiving instructions from Headquarters and faithfully following them.

The Church in Martinique now assembles in a hall which, until last year, was Mr. Jubert's own workshop. But today it is completely transformed and converted into a very *attractive hall*. Mr. Jubert, who is a carpenter by pro-

fession, has worked hard, together with some others in the group, to transform his old workshop into such a nice assembly hall, now holding between 60 to 70 persons.

On this Sabbath day, having previously obtained Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's approval for ordaining Mr. Jubert, Mr. Kelly and I watched him carefully, surveying nearly every move he made. We noticed that he holds the deep *respect* of every member of the Church. We saw him clean and dust the hall between morning and afternoon services. We heard his sermonette about the *purpose of life*. We observed the way he *rules* his family.

We had *no doubts* that Mr. Jubert was called by GOD *to be ordained*.

How can we ever forget the awe-inspiring silence that followed the ordination announcement I made before the whole congregation? How can we

forget the surprised but joyful expression on all their faces? How can we ever forget Mr. Jubert's almost unbelieving look?

"Who, me—ordained?" he whispered to me in a broken voice. "That is the *last thing* I would have expected in my life."

It probably was. In fact, that is one more reason why Jesus Christ has called him to *serve* in His ministry.

And now, brethren, whenever you pray for GOD'S CHURCHES *around the world*, remember the small group in Martinique who now have an *ordained LOCAL ELDER* whose name is Louis Jubert!

Remember MARTINIQUE, a small island in the Caribbean Sea, where a handful of "chosen" people assemble every Sabbath to worship the *true* God, to pray for His Work, *for you and for me*—and for God's KINGDOM to come!

The Bible Answers Your Questions

Please address any questions YOU would like answered
in this column to the Editor.

I have a problem—I can't memorize scriptures. It's laborious for me to sit down and try to learn all those figures. Can you help me?

Learning and memorizing certain basic scriptures *has* been a problem to some in God's Church—but *needlessly so!* There are *definite steps* we can take in order to make the study and memorization of God's Word easier.

Anyone who has a problem memorizing scriptures which he ought to know should first of all *examine his attitude* to see if he really, joyfully WANTS to learn from God's Word enough to memorize it. Then he can work from there.

We CAN memorize those basic scriptures we ought to know. God says so! In Phil. 4:13 He inspired Paul to write, "I can do *all things* through Christ which strengtheneth me." It is possible through God's help to do those things required of us, to learn

His Word—yes, even to memorize exactly where the *basic* scriptures are found. We must come to deeply know and believe *it CAN be done!*

But *after* obtaining the right attitude and approach to God's Word, what then? How should you actually go about memorizing?

Too many have made the mistake of trying to memorize *too many* scriptures all at once. You should start *little*—start with only a few basic scriptures and learn those. Set a *small goal* for yourself (say, five scriptures) and memorize them.

Write them down. Read the context around the scripture—know first of all the BOOK where it's found, *then* the chapter, *then* the verse. Start general—*then* get specific.

Remember the *point* of the scripture—not necessarily all the quaint phraseology of the King James language—don't be a modern Pharisee.

Next REVIEW—USE those scriptures
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STUDY GOD'S WORD MORE EFFECTIVELY!

Are you taking FULL ADVANTAGE of the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course? Here's what you should be doing to make the MOST of each vital lesson.

by Richard H. Sedliacik

NOTICE the Apostle Peter's admonition to all Christians: "Be ready *always* to give an ANSWER to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you" (I Pet. 3:15).

What about you?

Would you be able to *explain* the truth about the Sabbath to someone who asked for it? Or *convict* a gain-sayer who challenged you about some other point of Bible doctrine?

Or would you be EMBARRASSED because you couldn't go right down the line, *step-by-step*, in explaining God's Truth to someone!

If you're taking full advantage of the *Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course*, then you'll "be ready *always* to give an answer..."

Purpose for God's Course

"This course," says Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong to each new student in his editorial for Lesson 1, "is a totally new, *different* kind of Bible study course, designed to *lead* you, by the study of your own Bible, to the UNDERSTANDING of the meaning of today's world-chaos, of the purpose being worked out here below, of prophecy, of salvation, of this ENTIRE TREASURE-HOUSE of knowledge, which is God's Word—the truth."

God *inspired* the *Bible Correspondence Course* to be designed for *both* the converted and unconverted alike. It helps the converted to become *thoroughly grounded* in basic Bible

doctrines, and it leads the unconverted to *saving knowledge*.

This fascinating, yet thorough Bible course is literally changing the lives and bringing increased happiness and understanding to *multiple thousands* in every continent on earth!

Over 72,000 students are presently enrolled *worldwide!* Thousands have written to us expressing their joy and gratitude for the Bible knowledge and understanding the course has *revealed* to them.

Course Was Sole Teacher

Mr. Wayne Cole, God's Evangelist in Australia, learned just how *effective* the Bible course really is when he visited 18 people in New Zealand who requested baptism.

These people weren't privileged to hear *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast. Yet Mr. Cole found them *thoroughly grounded* in the basic Bible doctrines and THOROUGHLY REPENTANT!

The reason?

He *emphasized* that it was because they had diligently studied the Bible with the *Correspondence Course!*

They had been led *step by step*, in their Bibles, to the knowledge of salvation and repentance by the *Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course*.

The knowledge and understanding which the *Correspondence Course* reveals to you in the Bible is something very precious!

Much of the Truth has been written and published in *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *GOOD NEWS* magazines, and in various booklets. But it has never before been *systematically organized* to give God's complete message in clear, simple, understandable terms, laid out step by step, as in each of these lessons.

Each lesson—because of its carefully *concentrated knowledge*—is a compact "book" of extremely vital, spiritually revealed truth you need to be THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH!

Lessons Help You Study

Mr. Armstrong often says that a Christian should PRAY *at least* one-half hour and STUDY his Bible one-half hour each day, to *continue growing* in God's spiritual character, and remain in the right attitude.

Are you doing this?

Here's where the *Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course* will really *help* you in your Bible study.

God's course is designed to MAKE YOU STUDY—to "keep your nose in the Bible!" Christ instituted the *Bible Correspondence Course* through His Church to help feed all the flock EVERY DAY—just as our local congregations are fed by their ministers each Sabbath day.

Remember that in signing up for the course you agreed, *covenanted*, PROMISED to take it "*the way*" the instructions stipulate.

So don't just *quickly read* over each

new lesson. Always be sure to LOOK UP the verses in the Bible and take the time to WRITE OUT *every scripture!*

If you always make the most of each lesson, Jesus Christ will *see* that you're not taking His Truth and the efforts of His called ministers for granted. You'll show—*by your actions*—that you really appreciate the tremendous value of His course!

Here are some more helpful suggestions which you'll also want to put into practice.

Schedule Your Study Time

To really benefit from the course, each student *must* devote at least one-half hour EVERY DAY to studying the Bible with his lessons.

That one-half hour *whizzes* by before you know it! And you will have already spent one-half of the one hour, or more, you really *ought* to be spending in Bible study every day.

If you're like many *zealous* students, you'll become so engrossed in your study that you won't want to quit until you have studied an *additional half-hour*—or MORE. One lady wrote us that she once studied until about 2:00 a.m. in the morning, before she realized what time it was!

God says the profitable servant goes *above* and *beyond* what is expected of him by God and man! Therefore, as you're able, try to spend *extra time* studying the Bible.

Of course, you won't always be able to spend extra time studying every day. But what's vitally important is that you schedule a *minimum of one-half hour* EVERY DAY for studying the Bible with the *Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course!* Then you'll keep in the *habit* of regular Bible study.

Review Your Lessons!

Being human, we all tend to forget much of what we learn. So if, after you have completed your latest lesson, you find that you have a few days to wait until the next one arrives, why not take full advantage of this extra time *by reviewing past lessons?*

This is *NEVER* A WASTE OF TIME!

Unless we're careful, it's easy to slip into the "Athenian frame of mind." In the Apostle Paul's day, they were only interested in hearing and telling something *new* (Acts 17:21). They thought previously learned knowledge was "old hat"—*not* to be reviewed again!

In his letter to the *Hebrews*, the Apostle Paul admonished them for not being thoroughly grounded in the basic Bible doctrines. When they should have gone on to the "meat" of God's Truth, they *still needed to be taught* AGAIN the "milk," or basic principles, of God's Word! (Heb. 5:12-14.)

Can *you* explain the basic doctrines of the Bible as you ought—even to your children? If you can't, *reviewing* the *Correspondence Course* occasionally will help implant these basic truths so firmly in your mind, *you'll never forget them!*

God stresses *repetition* throughout the Bible as being the best way to learn. Our yearly observance of God's annual Festivals is a good example. Year after year we keep the same Feasts and hear many basic sermons. God wants to THOROUGHLY INGRAIN His plan and purpose in our minds so we'll never forget!

So take *advantage* of each opportunity to review. Better still, *MAKE the opportunity often*—in addition to your regular study with the latest lesson!

Make sure you understand every section of each lesson you have completed. *Review* your notes and *RE-STUDY* any parts you may have forgotten.

Also carefully review Lesson 4 for additional helpful hints about getting the *most* out of your lesson review.

Guard Against Laodicean Attitude

It is a known fact that a few long-standing members in God's Church have been *extremely negligent* in studying the Bible with the *Correspondence Course!*

And *unbelievable* as it may sound, some few who attend Church *STILL*

HAVEN'T EVEN ENROLLED IN THE COURSE!!

You need to enroll *IMMEDIATELY*—if you're one of these few, and begin receiving the newly illustrated lessons! You need to *STUDY* the Bible with the *Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course every day*—one-half hour or more!

Just because one might attend a local congregation, he *doesn't already* know and understand perfectly all that is presented in any *Correspondence Course* lesson! Without realizing it, one with this *pathetic attitude* is actually saying he's "rich and increased with goods"—or spiritual knowledge—just as the lukewarm Laodiceans! (Rev. 3:14-17.)

God makes this valuable daily method of Bible Study available to you *through His Church*. If you don't take full advantage of it, then you're *neglecting* a priceless opportunity *JESUS CHRIST makes possible!*

He expects you to make the MOST of it!!

Your Reward To Be Great

The most wonderful words we can ever hope to hear will be Christ's at His return: "Well done, thou good and FAITHFUL SERVANT: thou hast been faithful over a *few things*, I will make thee *RULER over many things*: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Mat. 25:21).

Yes, if you have been "faithful" in making the Bible a *PART of your very being* with the help of the *Correspondence Course*, then you will be qualified to teach these same truths to thousands—perhaps millions—of people in the Millennium!

Later, you'll also experience the joy of teaching these same truths to friends and relatives who will be resurrected in the Great White Throne Judgment.

So take *full advantage* of the *Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course* by making the *MOST of each vital lesson!*

The way you study the Bible with the *Correspondence Course* *NOW*, will *definitely affect* your future in The World Tomorrow!

WHY Does a Christian Have TRIALS?

*Few really know how to cope with the trials of a Christian life.
Very few, it seems, have learned what attitude they should have
toward their trials!*

by William F. Dankenbring

TRIALS—everybody has them! Unconverted people and converted people alike have trials, troubles and problems! Financial problems, family problems, frustrations and complexes plague people of every walk of life.

WHY?

Do you understand why YOU have trials? Do you know what you should DO about them? Do you know why God permits them to occur in your personal life?

Very few, in this age of unbelief, really know the answers to these questions. But your Bible reveals the answer—plainly, simply, so a child could understand!

What Usually Happens

First, notice what usually happens when trials come into the lives of people. You have probably experienced this yourself, in the past. Notice the example of the Israelites during the days of Moses.

Almighty God intervened and performed gigantic miracles to deliver His people from bondage in Egypt. He opened a path through the Red Sea, and then led them into the wilderness of Sinai. At this time—after Israel had seen God's great POWER—*trials began to come.*

First, a water shortage developed. Then, the people grew tired of living on manna—and craved flesh to eat. These things developed into FULL-BLOWN TRIALS! The people began to lose faith in God—they accused Him of not loving them, not being concerned for them, and they began to accuse

Him of not having the power to provide for their needs!

Gripe, gripe, gripe—grumble, groan and complain! "Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt!" the people raved. "Would God we had *died* in this wilderness!" they bitterly lamented.

Complaining led to further mischief, and soon they were plotting to REBEL against Moses and return to Egypt! "Let us make us a captain, and let us return into Egypt," they whispered among themselves.

Obviously, the Israelites did NOT know how to deal with their trials and problems! Their trials led them *away* from God! As a result, they tempted God, refused to believe His promises—and DIED in the wilderness! (Num. 14:11, 22-23.)

Isn't this the usual carnal-minded reaction, when trials occur? Don't trials usually cause people to begin to moan and groan—begin to feel self-pity—and soon begin accusing God, bitterly assailing His servants, and even ridiculing His Word and His promises?

The next step after complaining is false accusation—and then comes open REBELLION!

You and YOUR Trials

What about the trials in YOUR life?

How do YOU react to trials, tests and troubles? Do they drive *you* into a bitter attitude? Do they make *you* resentful or angry? Are YOU following the SAME PATH the Israelites plunged down—the path of complaining, grumbling, resentment and final rebellion?

Or, have you, personally, learned

WHY God permits trials to come into your life? Do you have the right attitude toward them?

Too often we fail to remember that the experiences and examples given in the Old Testament were written for OUR BENEFIT! In I Corinthians 10 we read, "Now all these things happened unto them [the ancient Israelites] for ENSAMPLES: and they are written for OUR ADMONITION, upon whom the ends of the world are come" (Verse 11). Paul wrote the Romans, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for *our learning*, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" (Rom. 15:4).

Notice again, then, the example of the Israelites. What was *their* BASIC MISTAKE?

Simply this: Regardless of the miracles God had performed in their behalf, they LOST FAITH in God and DISOBEYED His commandments! Lack of faith and disobedience go hand-in-hand. They hardened their hearts against God (Heb. 3:8). They could not enter the promised land because of UNBELIEF (Heb. 3:19).

They heard the WORD of God. But "the word preached did not profit them, not being MIXED WITH FAITH in them that heard it" (Heb. 4:2).

Can we see the lesson?

The Israelites apparently thought, since God was supposed to be with them, they would have an EASY time leaving Egypt. They thought the journey through the wilderness would be comfortable, pleasurable. Therefore, when TRIALS struck, they were com-

pletely caught off guard. They were shocked—overwhelmed—surprised beyond belief!

"If God is with us," they wondered, "how could He let us go without water?" "If God is love," they queried, "then WHY does He give us this old manna all the time?" They could not understand *why* God let them have trials and troubles. That was not what *they* wanted. They wanted the BLESSINGS God promised, but not the *trials* God permitted them to experience!

How does this apply to YOU?

Your Personal TRIALS

Too few realize the DIRECT PARALLEL between the example of the ancient Israelites and true Christians, today. It is inescapable!

True Christians are those who have been delivered—not from physical bondage—but from SPIRITUAL slavery. We have been delivered from bondage to SIN!

The Israelites' going through the waters of the Red Sea was a type of baptism (I Cor. 10:1). The Christian baptism, however, is a SPIRITUAL matter. Through baptism and receiving the Holy Spirit, we are set apart as God's people. We become His spiritual nation (I Pet. 2:9-10). We are purchased with the shed blood of Jesus Christ! (I Cor. 6:20; 7:23.) We become *His!*

And, like ancient Israel, God has given US certain wonderful, glorious PROMISES! Like them, however, there are conditions involved to receiving these spiritual promises—the TWIN CONDITIONS of *faith* and *obedience!*

God, to see if we really BELIEVE Him—if we really have FAITH in His Word and His promises—puts us through trials and tests. The questions in God's mind are: Will we remain faithful? Do we really BELIEVE Him? And, are we willing to OBEY Him, regardless of circumstances?

Therefore, just as in the case of the ancient Israelites, God puts TRUE CHRISTIANS "under the gun"—under the whiplash of trials and tests. These tests reveal the true character, the true "colors" of a person. Is he "for real"? Or is he just "making believe" he is a Christian?

Reaction to TRIALS reveals the answer.

Consider this fact, the next time YOU are undergoing a severe TEST of faith!

What Is Your Trial?

In what area of your life has God been putting YOU to the test? What is YOUR trial? Do you feel you've just about reached the "breaking point"?

Are you about ready to say, "All right. Up to this point, it was okay—but *that* did it! Now I've had it! That's enough for me!" Are you about ready to cry, "Enough!" and give up—throw God's Word out the window—and reject His promises?

Have YOU just about "had it"?

It is far too easy, when trials come, to take our eyes OFF Christ and stare at the trial itself. Just like Peter. When he attempted to walk on the water, he took his eyes off Christ and stared at the howling winds and raging seas. Fear seized him! Faith vanished, and he began to sink into the swirling waters.

But, unlike the Israelites of old, Peter knew what to do when TROUBLE came. He cried out to Christ, "*Lord, save me!*" (Mat. 14:28-30.) Jesus reached out and caught him and delivered him.

Sometimes, however, God does NOT deliver us right away. Sometimes He tries our faith—our willingness to rely upon Him—by allowing the trial to REMAIN for some time.

In certain cases, God might allow the trial to remain—until DEATH!

Even in such a case, are you WILLING to trust God, rely upon Him, and in simple FAITH trust Him to rescue you, deliver you, protect you, heal you, restore you, and provide His promised blessing?

Notice a few examples—a few trials—experienced by some of God's people. Perhaps one of these examples applies directly to YOU!

One family lost their little daughter in an automobile accident. In another case, the little son died while the mother was away, attending God's Festival.

Sorrow and grief are natural. Our hearts go out to those who lose a loved

one in death. But should even a trial like this cause us to lose faith in God and forsake His Word? Or should such a trial actually cause us to draw CLOSER to God and learn to depend on Him more completely?

There are cases of illness, where God for some reason known to Him alone delays healing. Sometimes the illness—or the particular affliction—lasts for YEARS! Yet, plainly according to God's Word, He promises to HEAL those who put their trust in Him. He does not promise to heal immediately, when we call upon Him, however. The *time* and the *way* God keeps in His own hands.

If YOU are sick, or afflicted in some way—are YOU willing to trust God regardless of how long He puts the TRIAL OF FAITH upon you? Are you willing to BELIEVE HIS PROMISES to the end—even though the answer may not come for years, or even until the resurrection?

Are you, therefore, willing to EN-DURE *in believing faith?*

Perhaps your trouble is financial. Since tithing, you have for some reason sunk deeper in debt. Do you blame God? Do you call Him a LIAR since He promised to bless the faithful tithe-payer? (Mal. 3:8-10.) HOW LONG will you trust God? How long will you endure in faith, striving to do your best to use your income wisely, prudently, and pay off your backlog of debts? Are you willing to be PATIENT with God, and wait until He sees fit to bless you?

Remember, God does promise to BLESS the faithful tithepayer. But you must BELIEVE! And you must continue to OBEY His laws!

One more example—what about the *trial* of those who do not have mates—those who are separated and living alone because of a divorce and re-marriage situation? In some cases, God may intervene to reunite a particular couple, even though they have been separated for years. Such a couple should be deeply thankful for God's blessing!

But what if He doesn't? What if a person cannot be reconciled with his or her mate for the rest of this life? Should this particular TRIAL cause you

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THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM IN ISRAEL

Can you prove that God's Law was in force BEFORE sacrifices were given? Do you know which laws were "added" and WHEN?

by Ernest L. Martin

THE APOSTLE PAUL tells us that the sacrifices, washings and carnal ordinances given to ancient Israel are no longer necessary. (Heb. 9:9-14.) These physical laws were imposed upon Israel until the time of reformation—until the coming of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

All of these physical rituals foreshadowed, in a variety of ways, the coming of Christ, His sinless life, His atoning power, His resurrection and glorification. They prefigured the working of the Holy Spirit, and showed, in symbolism, many other important spiritual principles.

Truly, these physical rituals *were* all very important for the Old Testament Church—the congregation of Israel. They did reveal the workings of Christ and the Holy Spirit which were to come. However, the physical rituals lost their importance and were not needed when the realities came which they portrayed.

The true Christian today does not need the physical and ritualistic relationship with God that the carnal-minded Israelites of old required. We worship God in spirit and truth (John 4:24). We seek to obey His commandments and laws without the imposition of physical rituals and sacrifices. Yet we *do* need to understand.

The World Misunderstands

The attitude of the orthodox ministers of religion concerning the Old Testament is well known. Most of them brush aside the question of the Old Testament by simply stating that the Christian is freed from the Old Cove-

nant and is not required to perform the commandments and laws mentioned in the Law of Moses.

Unlike the inspired writers of the New Testament who plainly taught that the **ONLY** laws which were imposed only *until* the coming of Christ were the "meats and drinks [sacrifices], and divers washings, and carnal [fleshly] ordinances" (Heb. 9:10), the majority of false ministers today boldly assert that the whole worship system given to Moses—including *all* the commandments and laws—was done away when Christ came.

Thus, people are taught that no one today is really obliged to keep the Ten Commandments—except in principle—whatever that may mean! People hear in the pulpits that it is not necessary to observe the weekly Sabbath or the seven annual Holy Days of God, even though these institutions were ordained **FOREVER!** They are also told that the *dietary* laws and the agricultural laws governing the use of the land are all abolished. And so to most people today the entire Old Testament is represented as having been *completely done away!*

No scriptural authority is given for such assertions. There is none given, *because no such authority exists!*

In some cases, many modern ministers will flimsily apply for their authority the statements of Paul which clearly refer only to the rituals and sacrifices, in order to have some excuse for their fallacious interpretations of Scripture (II Peter 3:15, 16).

Brethren, let us **RIGHTLY** *divide* the

Word of Truth and come to understand the facts regarding this important matter!

Sacrifices Not at First Commanded!

Where so many people go astray, is in believing that every commandment of God is associated in one way or another with sacrificing or with some ritual, and is *likewise* abrogated. This is pure nonsense! There were evening and morning sacrifices on every day of the year (Ex. 29:38, 39). *Does that mean that all days of the year have been abolished?* Of course not!

Likewise, sacrifices were offered on the Sabbath. Just because the sacrifices have been done away does not mean the Sabbath goes with them (Mark 2:27, 28; Mat. 24:20).

Let us understand this! And we can—from the Bible itself.

A very important scripture concerning the starting of the sacrificial system in Israel is Jeremiah 7:21-23:

"Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh. *For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices: but this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.*"

Did you notice that carefully? Jeremiah was plainly telling the Jews that

God had told their forefathers about the ways He wanted them to walk and that He had given them commandments that they were expected to obey BEFORE HE SAID A THING TO THEM ABOUT SACRIFICES.

In other words—sacrifices *came later*. God revealed many commandments and laws BEFORE He gave them sacrifices. This particular scripture *alone* is enough to prove that.

Did Jeremiah receive this information by divine revelation apart from any written records? Was this a special revelation to Jeremiah that no one knew of before? Or was this *common knowledge* among the Jews of Jeremiah's time and God was simply calling attention to the known facts that all Jews knew?

The plain truth is that Jeremiah needed *NO special revelation* concerning this fact of history. It was common knowledge to all the Jews who read the Law of God and the history accompanying it.

Yes, in the Bible itself are plain statements that the sacrificial system, the sacrifices mentioned by Moses, was not begun in Israel for a considerable time AFTER the children of Israel left Egypt! And clearly revealed are many commandments which were given BEFORE the rituals and sacrifices began.

You will be amazed at what some of these commandments were. Jeremiah certainly knew what he was talking about when he said that God had revealed His true spiritual way to Israel *before* giving them sacrifices.

When DID the Sacrificial System Come Into Force?

This may come as a surprise to some of you brethren, but nevertheless what follows is absolutely true. The sacrifices and rituals mentioned in the books of Leviticus and Numbers were not officially ordained for observance until the month of Nisan in the SECOND YEAR AFTER Israel came out of Egypt!

To be exact, the Bible shows that it was *eleven months and fifteen days* after coming from Egypt—to the very day—that the sacrificial system began.

This means that *nearly a full year passed before official sacrificing began*.

This is a very important truth, for in that near one-year period there were many commandments given to Israel—some of which were ordained FOREVER. And by virtue of being ordained BEFORE sacrifices or rituals, they take on a new distinction, a new importance.

How Did Sacrifices Originate?

To understand this whole subject adequately, it will be necessary to realize that sacrifices did not originate with Moses or the children of Israel. We are told in the Biblical record that Cain and Abel offered sacrifices in the days of Adam (Gen. 4:1-7). Later when Noah left the ark, he built an altar and sacrificed (Gen. 8:20). From the time of Noah, peoples all over the earth began to offer sacrifices of one kind or another.

All the records of ancient nations show their knowledge of sacrificing, either to the true God or to pagan deities of their own imagination. It was customary to offer "thank" offerings when particular blessings would come. Also there were "propitiatory" offerings if a person thought he offended God in any way.

We are told that Abraham built an altar and sacrificed to God (Gen. 12:7). Also Jacob (Gen. 35:1). Jacob undoubtedly taught his twelve sons the necessity of sacrificing. And, even in the days of Moses, we find that sacrificing was no new thing to the Israelites in Egypt. They were sacrificing while they were in Egypt. You will notice that Moses told Pharaoh that he wanted to take the people of Israel into the wilderness three days' journey and *sacrifice* (Ex. 3:18; 5:3).

But wait a moment!

Jeremiah said that God did *not* command the Israelites to sacrifice when they were coming out of Egypt, and yet we find that Israel wanted to go into the wilderness expressly to sacrifice. Is there a contradiction here? Did Jeremiah really know what he was talking about?

Of course, Jeremiah *knew his history*. He was fully aware that sacrificing was *no new thing* to the children of Israel.

He knew they were sacrificing long before they left Egypt. And he also knew they wanted to go three days' journey into the wilderness in order to sacrifice.

Then what did Jeremiah mean?

The answer is quite plain! Jeremiah is saying that God did not give them a *sacrificial system*, with rules and regulations for sacrificing, when they came out of Egypt. The Israelites were sacrificing before they left Egypt and they sacrificed after they left Egypt and even BEFORE the sacrificial system was established by God. But let us understand an important difference between the sacrifices offered BEFORE the sacrificial system was inaugurated and those sacrifices which came AFTER the sacrificial system was enforced.

The difference is this: *ALL the sacrifices offered BEFORE the establishment of the sacrificial system were VOLUNTARY SACRIFICES*—offered at the sole discretion of, and in the manner most suitable to, the offerer himself.

WHERE IN GENESIS DOES GOD COMMAND *HOW* SACRIFICES WERE TO BE OFFERED OR *WHEN* THEY WERE TO BE OFFERED? Sacrifices were well known, but there was *NOT* a sacrificial system!

The sacrifices of Noah, Abraham, Jacob, and even the sacrifices of Moses and the children of Israel BEFORE the sacrificial system came into effect, were *strictly voluntary*. There are no elaborate rules about sacrificing in Genesis.

The Building of the Tabernacle

After being told that an official sacrificial system was to be commenced in Israel, Moses was again called back onto Mount Sinai. God began to reveal more and more about that sacrificial and ritualistic system that He was going to start in Israel.

God told Moses that one of the first things he was to do was to make a Tabernacle as a central place of worship for all the people. Moses was told that it was in this Sanctuary or Tabernacle that the sacrificial altar was to be placed. The command to make this Tabernacle as a Sanctuary for God and for the central place of worship is found in Exodus 25:1-9.

The remainder of Exodus 25 is God's instruction concerning the con-

struction of the *mercy seat* and the *ark of the covenant* which Moses was to make and put in a particular section of the Tabernacle. Then in Exodus 26 comes the command to make *curtains* for the Tabernacle which would separate certain areas from others in the Sanctuary. And, in Exodus 27 we find the directions for making the *altar of sacrifice*.

Then, in Exodus 28 Moses is told that Aaron and all his descendants are to be the priests of Israel. *This is the very first indication that Moses had concerning the priesthood being given to Aaron and his sons.* Moses had no idea, until now, that his brother and nephews were to be the priesthood for Israel.

In Exodus 29, Moses was told how the priests would be consecrated and ordained when the time would come. And lastly, in Exodus 30, Moses was told to make an *altar of incense* which was to be placed near the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle.

It was in Exodus 31 that God told Moses whom He had chosen as the masterworkmen for the *building* of this Tabernacle and all its furnishings. However, we find that even before Moses returned to camp to notify the workmen, the people rose up in rebellion against Moses. Aaron made a golden calf. The next three chapters reveal the indignation of God at this rebellion, and the intercession of Moses on the people's behalf, and finally the repentance of the people for the evil they had done.

Then in Exodus 35 and 36 we find the workmen beginning to build the Tabernacle. The materials for the Sanctuary were collected and it was finally built (Ex. 37). Then the altar on which to sacrifice was constructed (Ex. 38). And lastly, the clothing for the priesthood was made and finished (Ex. 39).

The Raising of the Tabernacle

Now we come to a most important chapter for the proper understanding of this subject—Chapter 40. When you read the contents of this chapter, you will understand why it has been necessary to carry you through the book of Exodus chapter by chapter.

Why is this particular chapter important? Because it is in Chapter 40 that we have the record of *WHEN the sacrificial and ritualistic system began in Israel.* Let us notice the beginning of this chapter *carefully!*

"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, *On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation*" (Ex. 40:1-2).

Note the second verse in particular. Moses was commanded by God not to raise up the Tabernacle until a particular day of the year. True, they were to have everything *ready* for the erection of the Tabernacle. They were to have all the furnishings completed beforehand. But, the Tabernacle could not be officially raised and set up as the central Sanctuary for Israel until the first day of the first month in *THE SECOND YEAR* after the children of Israel came out of Egypt.

Now notice that *on that exact day*—and not before—Moses was told to set up the *altar of incense* (Ex. 40:5) and also the altar of burnt offering (Ex. 40:6). In Verse 10 Moses was commanded to anoint, or officially consecrate, the altar of sacrifice. Then in Exodus 40:12-15 Moses was instructed *to ordain the priesthood.*

If there is any further doubt when all of these things took place, notice Exodus 40:17: "And it came to pass *in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up.*"

The following verses in Exodus 40 show that Moses put everything into the Tabernacle and officially consecrated everything pertaining to sacrifice and ritual. And Moses officially ORDAINED the priests to their offices *on that day*—NOT BEFORE!

Why Is This Important?

Brethren, the above information clearly shows that up to this time the Israelites had *no Tabernacle* in which to offer sacrifices, *no altar* on which to place them, and *no priesthood* to officiate at the sacrifices and rituals. This was all done on the first day of the first month in the *SECOND YEAR* AFTER they came out of Egypt. This is the very day that God commanded the

Israelites to begin their official sacrificing to Him—*not before!*

Jeremiah certainly knew what he was talking about when he said that God did not command the Israelites about sacrifices when they left Egypt. It was almost a complete full year before the sacrificial and ritualistic system began!

Sacrifices Could Be Offered Only At the Sanctuary

Once the official sacrificial system began in Israel, God commanded that no sacrifices of this ritualistic system could henceforth be offered *except* at the official altar in the Sanctuary. This is important to note, for in times past, the people could individually, without a priesthood, offer their sacrifices just *anywhere* they pleased.

But now notice the instruction of God. In Leviticus 17:2-5, God says that if an Israelite did not bring his sacrifice to the one official altar which was at the door of the Tabernacle, that person would be cut off from among his people. And we further read in Deuteronomy 12:13, 14: "*Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou seest: but in the place which the Lord shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee.*"

This fact, that all the sacrifices in Israel could only be offered AT THE SANCTUARY, or ON THE ALTAR IN THE SANCTUARY, proves how important it was to sacrifice correctly and at the one Sanctuary. It shows how important the altar and the Sanctuary were to God. This shows why the altar and the Sanctuary HAD TO BE BUILT and SANCTIFIED BEFORE the sacrificial system could begin. And certainly, there had to be a PRIESTHOOD established and ordained before the sacrifices could commence. It was a gross sin ever to offer a sacrifice without a priest at the altar sanctifying the offering.

Now it becomes quite clear why there had to be a Sanctuary, an altar and a priesthood *before* the sacrificial system could begin. And the children of Israel had none of these until the

beginning of the *second year* of their Exodus!

Israel Did Offer Sacrifices Before the Sacrificial System Began

The differences between the *voluntary* sacrifices offered *before* the official system began, and the commanded sacrifices within the official system should be sufficiently understood by now. If the fundamental differences are understood—that one was *voluntary* and the other *commanded*—then we will have no difficulty in comprehending any text of Scripture between Exodus 12 and Exodus 40 which might be a little obscure on the surface.

For example, you will notice in Exodus 24:1-8 that Moses and some of the children of Israel *offered sacrifices* when they agreed, the first time, to observe the Old Covenant that God made with them. Now let us clearly understand that the Sanctuary had not been raised up, the altar was not yet built, and there was yet no priesthood to offer official sacrifices. To put it plainly, *the commanded sacrificial system had not yet come into effect*. What kind of sacrifices, then, were these?

Let's note carefully the text itself: "And Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the Lord hath said will we do. And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and rose up early in the morning, and builded *an altar* under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel" (Ex. 24:3, 4).

This particular altar that Moses built here WAS NOT *THE ALTAR* that was to be put in the Sanctuary. That altar was not even completely *described* until Chapter 27, and was not built until Chapter 38, not put in the Sanctuary until Chapter 40—or in the second year of the Exodus. Moses simply built this particular altar to offer some *voluntary* sacrifices in order to have the necessary blood for the ratification of the Covenant. These sacrifices were NOT a part of the official sacrifices which came later.

Let us go on a little further with the text: "And he sent *young men* of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the Lord" (Ex. 24:5).

Now notice a significant fact in this verse. Observe that these offerings were not offered *by priests* as commanded in the Law, but by *YOUNG MEN* of the children of Israel. Why "young men"? Simply because there were, as yet, no official priests in Israel. Aaron and his sons were not ordained until the day the Tabernacle and altar were set up—the day the *commanded sacrificial system* began.

It would have been wrong for just *anyone* to offer sacrifices AFTER the beginning of the second year of the Exodus. *But before this time*, God did allow voluntary offerings to be sacrificed by *anyone* in Israel and on individual altars which were not located in any Sanctuary.

Why shouldn't God allow this? Noah built an altar and sacrificed on it (Gen. 8:20); so did Abraham (Gen. 12:7); Jacob (Gen. 35:1); and even Moses when the children of Israel were coming out of Egypt (Ex. 17:15). And so, here we find Moses offering *voluntary* offerings to God like those which had been offered centuries before.

There was no priesthood or Sanctuary established, so there was nothing wrong in this. It was only AFTER the Sanctuary had been built that God forbade sacrifices by anyone, except a priest be in attendance. It was only AFTER the sacrificial system began that God forbade offering sacrifices anywhere but on the altar in the Sanctuary.

Another "Difficult" Point?

There seems to be a difficulty in Exodus 33:7-11. Here the Bible plainly states that a tabernacle had already been set up before the beginning of the second year as mentioned in Exodus 40.

Is there a contradiction in Scripture?

The answer to this "difficulty" is apparent when we understand the original Hebrew in these verses. The Hebrew word "*Haobel*" used here and translated "Tabernacle" can just as

easily be rendered "tent"—a common *residential* tent. But when speaking about the Tabernacle in which the *altar* was placed, and where sacrifices were offered, it is "*Hammischcan*," a totally different word.

This tent being described in Exodus 33 was merely a temporary place of worship to fulfill an emergency need. Notice, *Moses* called it "The Tabernacle of the congregation"—not God! This tent was not the official Sanctuary commanded by God at all. Besides, there is *no mention* of any sacrifices at this temporary worship tent. To explain clearly, we might call this Moses' temporary home, office or Headquarters. No problem or contradiction here! And remember, even if they had sacrificed in this tent it was still allowable to do so, as explained.

Another Point That Needs Settling

It is quite clear in the Bible that the Aaronic priesthood did not exist until the beginning of the second year of the Exodus. Yet in Exodus 19:22 and 24 there are direct references to "priests" being in Israel even before the Ten Commandments were given to Moses.

Actually, every nation of antiquity had its religious priests. Usually it was the head of the nation, clan or family who acted as the religious intermediary between them and God. For example, when Noah, Abraham, Jacob and the others officiated at their individual altars and offered sacrifices, they were acting in the capacity of priests. They were the heads of their families and directly responsible to God for the spiritual welfare of those families.

We read that Job, as head of his family, officiated as a priest for his household by offering sacrifices *before* there was a Sanctuary established for the people of God (Job 1:5). Also, it was common for other nations to have their own priesthoods. We can also notice that the father-in-law of Moses was the priest of Midian (Ex. 2:16). This office of his father-in-law was held in respect by Moses, for it represented Jethro as head of the Midianite people.

So, like all other peoples, Israel
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with Mr. White's instructions, which I followed. After I refused to stand picket duty, the strike came to an end! Coincidence? Perhaps, but Mr. White and some others did not think so. I don't REALLY know, but I am inclined to go along with Mr. White and believe that perhaps God was testing me." George E. L., Washington

Big Sandy Visit

"In the latter part of May of this year, while we were on vacation, my family and I drove to Big Sandy to visit the college there. I was greatly surprised by the spaciousness of the grounds, by the beauty of the grounds and especially the homes and classrooms, library—all were so neat and clean. I could see that you do indeed teach cleanliness and beauty and that the students are taught how to live and enjoy life. My wife and I were very pleased with the friendliness of both the faculty and students. Mr. Braden was very kind in taking us on a tour of the classrooms and grounds. I was made to realize that this truly is a different work than ordinary school or business. Other schools, etc., do not take the time to show people their establishment with the gracious, friendly manner that Mr. Braden did. Please thank him again for us."

Harold E. M., Missouri

Learning Early

"This is the first time I have been able to send in my tithe. I am 11 years old. It is only 15 cents, but I feel good that I can help God's Work a little bit."

D. J. O., Michigan

Repentant

"I feel so bad. I want to apologize to you and the Church of God for some of my letters in the past trying to correct you. I thought I really knew I was right, but for the past few months I have begun to realize just HOW WRONG I really was. We are very low, miserable and sorry we waited so long to listen to God. WE REPENT! We have turned

around and we are trying so hard to go the other way. We need HELP. We need the Holy Spirit of God. We need to be baptized by one of God's own ministers. One of your teams came to see us once. We realize now why we were not baptized. They knew we were not ready. May we have another chance?"

E. E. S., Tennessee

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WHY TRIALS?

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to lose faith in God, call Him a harsh monster, and bitterly rebel against His Truth?

Some, faced with this problem, have rebelled. Some count a temporary physical relationship as MORE IMPORTANT than entering the Kingdom of God as His very own SON for all eternity!

How would YOU decide? What would YOU do?

The Key—Attitude

What is YOUR biggest trial? Stop and think about it for a moment. What has your attitude been toward it—about it? Has it really tested your faith—your perseverance?

Is your trial teaching you to TRUST IN GOD and rely on Him—all the way? Is it building FAITH? Is it teaching you PATIENCE?

Or does doubt begin to creep in, does discouragement sneak in, do self-pity and remorse take over? Do bitterness, hostility and hate replace the LOVE and JOY of God's Holy Spirit?

Remember, whatever your trial, GOD KNOWS IT. He knows ALL ABOUT it. And He is deeply CONCERNED for you, whoever you are! If He wanted, He could lift the trial off your back in an instant—the very fact that He DOESN'T do this shows plainly that He sees the trial is GOOD for you—that you need it, in order to develop the character of Christ!

God knows YOUR problem. It is not hid from His eyes! He wants you to commit it to Him and trust Him with it. He wants you to learn to RELY on Him, in patient, living FAITH! At

the same time, He wants you to continue growing spiritually, doing YOUR part in overcoming yourself, yielding to Him, and obeying His commandments.

In due time, He WILL DELIVER YOU! That is His Word—His promise—and it cannot be broken (John 10:35; Tit. 1:2). But you must trust in Him—patiently, perseveringly, with thankful JOY, with gratitude and humility!

Remember the Israelites of old! Don't follow them in sour, disgruntled rebellion!

WHY You Have Trials

There is a reason for every trial! *God is not dead.* He is very much ALIVE, and very much CONCERNED for you! Trials do NOT mean God has lost interest in you. Don't worry—you have not been "lost in the shuffle." God knows every hair on your head (Luke 21:18). He knows all about YOU!

But why, then, do you have trials? Basically, trials come for ONE reason: YOU ARE NOT YET PERFECT! If you were already perfect, you would need no trials. But since you still have a ways to go, before attaining perfection, God gives you trials to HELP YOU ALONG!

Trials, troubles are usually due to coming short of the mark—that is, SIN. We usually suffer as a result of sin somehow creeping into our life, deceiving us, and causing us to make unwise decisions. Sin brings trouble, trials—and eventually, if not repented of, DEATH!

Therefore, when we stumble into sin, God PUNISHES us to wake us up and bring us to repentance. When we disobey God, we reap the curses mentioned in Leviticus 26! When we repent, God's blessings are POURED out upon us!

But, that is not the whole story. *Human nature* itself is greatly responsible for many of our trials. It is full of deceit and wickedness—vanity and hostility (Jer. 17:9; Rom. 8:7). It is full of SELF!

Therefore, to help us OVERCOME the downward pulls of human nature, and get RID of self, God gives us trials. He chastens and punishes and corrects us

(Heb. 12:6). God's chastening is PROOF of His great LOVE for us! But often the chastening takes the form of a *trial*.

Why, then, do we have trials?

Because we NEED them! They teach us important lessons of FAITH, humility, reverence and worship for God! They show us how incapable we are, of ourselves, of working out our problems! They refine and purge, purify and strengthen our CHARACTER! They help us change from being carnal and inwardly centered to SPIRITUAL and OUTGOING in our concern!

They change our CHARACTER! The selfish dross is purged away! The spiritual nature of Christ is implanted! In this way we grow to "the measure of the stature of the *fulness of Christ*" (Eph. 4:13).

Notice what God told the Israelites, our forefathers: "And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to HUMBLE thee, and to *prove* thee, to *know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldst keep his commandments*, or no" (Deut. 8:2).

That is the very reason God gives YOU trials! What has God learned—about you?

Rejoice in Trials!

How does GOD say you should "take" your trials?

James wrote, "My brethren, *count it all JOY* when ye fall into divers temptations [trials]; knowing this, that the *trying of your faith worketh PATIENCE*. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be *perfect and entire, wanting nothing*" (Jas. 1:2-4). Do you count trials as all JOY? Why not?

Notice what Peter said: "Beloved think it not *strange* concerning the FIERY TRIAL which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: BUT REJOICE, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be GLAD ALSO WITH EXCEEDING JOY" (I Pet. 4:12-13).

How contrary to human nature!

Peter wrote also, "That the *trial of your FAITH*, being much more PRECIOUS than of gold that perisheth,

though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (I Pet. 1:7).

How PRECIOUS are the trials of a Christian! How necessary—how vital to spiritual GROWTH!

How *thankful* we should be, for each one of them! You should stop and THANK God for your trials! Give Him praise for being so concerned about YOU!

But—HOW?

But wait a minute! Trials HURT, don't they? They bring misery, suffering, heartache and heaviness. HOW, then, can we ever learn to really REJOICE in them?

Of course God does not expect us to consider the actual trial—the pain or sorrow—as joyful. That is not the point! Although the trial itself may bring suffering, we need to realize that the RESULT—the FRUIT—of the trial is what should cause us to rejoice and be THANKFUL!

Trials themselves, while we endure them, can cause heaviness and sorrow (I Pet. 1:6). The Apostle Paul wrote the Hebrews, "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, BUT GRIEVOUS" (Heb. 12:11). How true!

But Paul explained, "Nevertheless *afterward* it yieldeth the peaceable FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS unto them which are exercised thereby" (Verse 11, last part). Notice!—"AFTERWARD"! When the trial is over, good fruit is borne—the fruit of patience, faith, humility, and RIGHTEOUSNESS.

When we consider the wonderful reason why GOD, in His supreme love, gives us trials, we truly should be thankful and REJOICE! Rather than mope around shrouded in a cloud of intense GLOOM, we should REJOICE! "Wherefore *lift up* the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees," the Apostle Paul exhorts. Don't be depressed, disillusioned or discouraged. Lift up your head, and praise God for His everlasting concern and mercy!

PRAISE GOD for giving you a character-building trial!

This is the attitude you *should* have! Those who gripe and grumble in their trials are MISSING this vital lesson

of character development! They are missing out on the real lessons their trials should teach them.

Remember: through your trials, you are becoming more and more like Jesus Christ in character, in nature, in compassion and love! It is through suffering ourselves that we learn to have COMPASSION on others who suffer! We can sympathize with others who have trials, because we ourselves have had them! We know what they are like! We have been *through* them, ourselves!

Expect Trials!

The next time you are tempted to feel sorry for yourself because of your trials, stop and consider the example of Jesus Christ, "Who for the joy that was set before him *endured the cross*, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For CONSIDER HIM that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be *wearied and faint* in your minds" (Heb. 12:2-3).

How many more trials did Christ have than you? How much more suffering did He go through? He bore the griefs of ALL people on His shoulders. Rejected, despised, spit upon, beaten and bloodied, mocked and ridiculed, and finally, after all that, nailed to a stake and crucified!

Have you ever gone through trials approaching those of Christ?

Consider what He went through, for YOU—and *be thankful!*

Yes, be THANKFUL for your trials! Remember what the Apostle Paul wrote, "We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). Remember, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (II Tim. 3:12). Remember, as David wrote, "MANY are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him *out of them all!*" (Ps. 34:19).

Learn to EXPECT trials. Do not be surprised when they come. Realize how VITAL they are to your spiritual growth. Thank God for them—rejoice in them—and commit them into God's hands, trusting Him for deliverance from them, according to His mercy and compassion!

Rejoice At Feast

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as clean as your cooking area. You should clean the stove after use and not leave food or refuse lying around. You can keep garbage in sacks or a small covered pail until it is emptied into the receptacles provided. **BUT DO NOT LET IT ACCUMULATE.** Take care of it after *each* meal.

You should keep food in sealed containers. Incidentally, coffee cans with plastic lids or metal cracker boxes are excellent to store such things as sugar, flour, or other such items. *Small* plastic bags with soft wire fasteners are also very good for this purpose. If you do these things, you will find you will have fewer unwelcome visitors in the form of flies, ants, and other insects.

Food that can spoil should be kept in an ice chest. Such things as potato salad, chicken salad, or tuna fish *spoil very easily and can cause SEVERE FOOD POISONING!* You should use these at the meal prepared and then *throw the remainder away.* Don't let illness due to careless food handling mar your stay at God's Feast!

First Aid

In a camping area, minor accidents can and will happen. A first aid room will be maintained for real emergencies, but many minor injuries can be treated in your own area.

Abrasions, scratches, and cuts should be cleansed with plain soap and water to remove any debris present. The wound can then be cleansed with an application of dry wine (Burgundy) and an appropriate size band-aid applied.

Ice packs or cold packs are of value in the immediate treatment of insect stings or bites. These are applied for about two hours over a bicarbonate of soda paste applied to the bite. Sprains can also be treated with cold packs for the first twenty-four to thirty-six hours combined with use of an elastic bandage as a support.

If, in spite of all precautions, some-

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one does get burned, a fast, convenient, and competent method of treatment is to immerse or plunge the burned area into cold or even *iced* water. This relieves the pain immediately and diminishes the eventual burn damage. The burned area may have to be kept under water for a period of thirty minutes to several hours. The area can then be bandaged or preferably, if it can be *kept* clean, left open to the air. Following this, A & D ointment as an emollient may be applied two or three times daily until healing has taken place.

The above first aid hints are *physical* actions we may take. We should keep in mind that God is our Healer (Ex. 15:26). These suggestions are only the practical, common sense, mechanical, *physical* things we can do for ourselves—things *God expects* of us! In case of

serious illness or injury, we should follow the instructions in James 5:14.

Be careful! Do not *tempt* God by taking unnecessary chances (Mat. 4:7).

You Can Rejoice

Brethren, we are here at God's commanded Festival and it is a change of pace—a change of living. A change that leaves us physically tired but relaxed. A sensation of feeling better from just being here.

The very meaning of camping on God's grounds, acting out the coming Millennium, will inspire, invigorate and rejuvenate you. The real Living God whose Spirit is here wants YOU to enjoy the Feast. Obey the rules—TEACH THEM TO YOUR CHILDREN—use WISDOM—COMMON SENSE—CARE—and you *WILL REJOICE* during God's Festival.

into a conflict with my conscience. I know that I rob myself and my family of all the blessings which could be ours. I pray that God will bring my wife to obey His will."

Man from Cologne, Germany

God's Way Good

"Enclosed please find our freewill offering. This offering reflects a recent pay raise for my husband. Since we met and married I have noticed the blessings he has received in his work. He was promoted from running a machine to being over the entire office. He was able to take his vacation at the time of the Feast of Tabernacles, and is able to observe the Sabbath with no difficulties. So, obeying and living according to God's laws is good and it's fun, not drudgery. We are happier and our lives are most interesting."

Mr. and Mrs. Eric A., Illinois

What Our Readers Say . . .

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Happy

"I canceled my Blue Cross Insurance and my Traveller's Insurance and am tithing those premiums to the Work of God. Man, oh man! I never had it so good."

C. R. M., Texas

Proof

"Our business has been slow and a few days ago when our Correspondence Course lesson arrived we were particularly discouraged. After reading 'The Man Who Couldn't Afford to Tithe' we decided we would take our last \$12 and send it in as a tithe, and if someone would come out and buy something we would continue to tithe. In less than 3 hours we had a \$50 sale and in the mail an inquiry for another \$50 sale. This was after having gone for almost 3 weeks without selling a thing. The check for the \$50 cleared the bank so here is our tithe (the \$12 and \$5). Needless to say, we will continue to tithe—we can't afford *not* to!"

L. W. H., Oregon

From France

"It was with the greatest joy that I filled out my answer sheet to the Correspondence Course test. I just hope

that my grade will permit me to continue, because I would hate to have to give it up now. I am filled with admiration for the marvelous way in which you organize and lay out your course. Thanks to you, the Bible is becoming clear and intelligible to me—and God seems so much closer."

Lady from Combes, France

Too Weak to Be Blessed

"You tell your readers to observe the law of tithing, and thus give God what is rightfully His. Unfortunately, I do not have jurisdiction over my income because my wife does not share my opinion. For 25 years I have given all my income to my wife. It would cause strife and quarrels if I should try to change the procedure all of a sudden. In this case, I think there should be harmony between married couples, because God doesn't want anything that is not given joyfully. If I were free to decide over my income—God knows I would have already given what is His a long time ago! But to my shame, I must admit that I belong to those who rob God. Yes, I admit that through studying your literature I have gotten

Jobitis

"This coming June I will be 80 years old and have never been married. I was saved at the age of 9 and my life has NEVER been stained by sin. I spent 12 years in religious institutions, 15 years in the ministry, and 15 years caring for my aged parents, seeing them off to Heaven. I never read any unholy magazine in my life and never darkened the door of a movie. My Bible has been, and is still, my greatest treasure. I am trusting Jesus and His word to be my guide to the end of my earthly pilgrimage."

Miss J. D., Louisiana

• Read I John 1:8

Even Behind Bars

"I must let someone know that I know God's financial law is real. Since I have been tithing I have gotten a better job, more money here at the prison and received 2 raises in 5 months, plus the opportunity to learn a trade, so that I won't ever have to steal again in life."

Prisoner, Connecticut

Young Co-Worker

"Thank you for putting me on your special Co-Worker Mailing List. I know God will perform surprises because I have seen healings in our fam-

ily with my own eyes. I know the money is used wisely so I give offerings, tithes and my time to God's Church. I agree with you in many ways. I am 10 years old."

L. A. (age 10), California

Third Tithe Year Increase

"I am now in my third tithe year and thought that I would have a decrease or even have to cease my special offering to the Building Fund as a result, but God has truly blessed us. I can't explain how ends meet but they do, and it seems to be easier than before, this special year, even though I have not had to decrease my special offering."

Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. S.,
Texas

Grace and Favor

"Some time ago I wrote a letter to you asking how I, in the military service, could possibly obey the Fourth Commandment. The reply I received from one of your ministers was exactly what I had expected all along—to keep the Sabbath holy at all costs, even if it meant punishment from my superior officer. Well, I took your advice, prayed fervently several days for faith and grace, and one morning submitted my request. The result shocked me! God had truly intervened for my sake. No one questioned me or asked for any Biblical proof (even though I was prepared to give some). Neither did I get any punishment for obeying God instead of man; I was simply GIVEN the day off! Yes, God does answer prayer. 'Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it,' is the truth.

P.S. My superior officer is a Catholic chaplain!"

Christopher L. S., California

Bible Questions

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you've memorized. TALK about them. TELL them to someone at the proper time and in the proper manner. THINK about them. If you can't remember the exact verse, try to remember at least the *book* where it's found, *then* the chapter. If you happen to forget

the verse, you can always check it later.

The more you USE and REVIEW the basic scriptures you learn, the longer you will *retain them* and the more they will actually become a PART of you!

Finally—from time to time have someone *test* you on the scriptures you've learned, but CAUTION—our purpose for learning and memorizing basic things from God's Word is not to become a walking "Bible encyclopedia." Don't know the Bible to be able to "show off" your knowledge, but "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..." and "...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you..." (Col. 3:16, and I Pet. 3:15).

Ask God in prayer to help you memorize for the *right purpose* and with the *right attitude*. Ask for the help to *grasp, use, and review* what you've learned, and see if your memorization of God's Word doesn't become a more *joyful, rewarding* experience.

How could the earth possibly hold all the people who have ever lived — all during the 100-year White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:5, 11, 12)? The earth is too crowded even now.

This world in its present state can hold few more people. The streets of many cities are pitifully crowded. Farmers are desperately searching for new tillable land. Ten thousand starve to death *daily*—and there are only a few over *three* billion people.

How could this *same* earth hold approximately *forty billion* MORE people—ten to fifteen *times* the number of people living on earth today?

The key is this: they will not live in *this* world, *this* age, *this* society. They will be resurrected after a thousand years of renovation by God's Government (Rev. 20:4-5). Let's examine some of the physical changes this government will effect:

"Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made

straight, and the rough places plain" (Isa. 40:4).

Much of the world is pockmarked with gigantic mountain ranges which are too high and forbidding to be of use. These mountains will be miraculously lowered to a tillable altitude, and valleys below sea level will regain a sensible altitude above sea level. There will still be the beauty of rolling hills and *variety* in God's Creation, but no more useless areas such as the Himalayas, Antarctic ranges, and the higher Andes.

"The desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly" (Isa. 35:1-2). Only about *ten percent* of the earth's land area is being used *today*. Why? Mainly because deserts or polar iceboxes monopolize each major continent. "The parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water" (Verse 7). When God restores the right climate, these areas will all begin to blossom with a beauty unseen in this present world.

These changes will take time, but God and His transformed saints have 1,000 years to prepare every square inch for these multitudes.

After these centuries of preparation, God's relatively small "Task Force" will be organized and ready for the climactic moment: the resurrection of *forty or fifty* BILLION bodies, each one healthy and whole.

Now the question is: will the earth's land *hold* all these people? Simple mathematics, forty billion people divided by fifty million square miles of land surface, gives us a roomy five-acre plot for each medium-sized family of four to six members.

This is the PERFECT size: large enough to feed a family and give plenty of "elbowroom," but small enough to discourage large-scale, greedy profit-farming. This fits in perfectly with God's prophecy in Micah 4:4: "But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid."

God's Word stands wonderfully true under any test.

SACRIFICES

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while in Egypt had certain heads of families to act as priests until a priesthood could be officially inaugurated in Israel by God Himself.

Notice what Dr. John Davies of Princeton University, a well-known scholar on antiquity, has to say about this. "Before the organization of a priestly class, priestly functions were exercised by the patriarch in behalf of his household, and by the prince in behalf of his people. The natural head of a body of people acted as priest. *There were those among the Israelites at the time of the Exodus who possessed this prerogative by natural right.* When the Tabernacle was projected, a priest was needed to minister at its altar. Aaron and his sons were appointed to that office, and the priesthood was made hereditary in the family, and restricted to it" (Davies, *The Illustrated Bible Treasury*, p. 328).

It should be quite clear that the priests mentioned in Exodus 19:22 and 24 were *not* from Aaron, for it was about a year later when the official Aaronic priesthood was begun.

What Does This All Mean?

When we understand that the sacrificial and ritualistic system established under the Old Covenant was not brought into force until the beginning of the second year of the Exodus, then we have an important KEY to know what was done away with in the time of Christ. This KEY will show us what belonged exclusively to the sacrifices and rituals, and it will show us what was separate and distinct from them.

Also, we now have proof, by studying the Biblical history, of what commandments the Israelites were commanded to observe *BEFORE* the sacrifices and rituals were ever commanded. Understanding these things will show us some important commandments of God that were never a part of the sacrificial and ritualistic system—and these commandments are *obligatory for the people of God today!*

Commandments Israelites Kept BEFORE Sacrifices

You will notice that the Sabbath command was understood in Exodus 16 before the Ten Commandments were given on Mount Sinai. Notice that there is not a word about sacrificing!

Also, when God's Eternal Law, the Ten Commandments, was later stated in a codified form (Ex. 20), there is still *not even a hint of sacrificing!*

Also notice that God's annual Holy Days were commanded in Exodus 23:14-17. And here again, *not a mention of sacrificing!* And too, God made a special covenant with Israel in Exodus 31:12-17 in regard to the Sabbaths—weekly and annual—as being the *ONLY REAL SIGN* between Him and His people that they are truly His chosen ones. Again, *not a word about sacrifices!*

In fact, the children of Israel were commanded to keep all of God's commandments, statutes and laws (Ex. 15:25, 26) before Moses knew anything of a sacrificial or ritualistic system. It is a matter of history that the children of Israel *KEPT EVERY ONE OF THE SABBATHS AND HOLY DAYS for one whole year* before the sacrificial system was introduced.

Of course, when the sacrificial system was finally ordained in the second year, sacrifices were offered on *every* day of the year. And, we should not be surprised that the weekly Sabbath, because of its solemnity, would have *more* sacrifices than ordinary days. Also, when the important annual Sabbaths would arrive there would be a corresponding increase in the physical sacrifices to point out the holiness of the annual Sabbaths. This is the reason you find sacrifices mentioned on the Sabbaths and Holy Days in Leviticus 23. That part of Scripture was intended primarily for the instruction of the priests and it describes how sacrifices were to be offered on the High Days.

The Passover Sacrifice

Mention ought to be made of the sacrifice of the lamb at the Passover time. Was this sacrifice a part of the sacrificial system established later? No! This particular sacrifice is totally un-

like any other mentioned in the whole of the Old Testament. This is one sacrifice which was eaten by the offerer *as a meal in his own residence.* It did NOT have to be offered in the presence of a priest nor did it have to be killed on the altar in the Sanctuary. The Passover sacrifice was a *family* responsibility.

It is clear that the Passover sacrifice was unique in itself and that it was NOT an integral part of the sacrificial system, for it was ordained *almost a year before.* And it was totally unlike any of the sacrifices mentioned in the book of Leviticus. It was NOT a sacrifice to atone for any particular sin. Rather, it was *symbolic* of the Messiah who was to come and His sacrifice for our sins.

In fact, the Passover sacrifice *has not been abolished today.* It has only been CHANGED. Instead of the lamb we now have the bread and the wine. That is the reason Paul tells us that the lamb is not our Passover anymore, but rather, *Christ is our Passover* (I Cor. 5:7). That is, we now partake of Christ—figuratively, His body and His blood. The body of Christ, not the lamb, is our Passover!

None of the sacrifices in the sacrificial system, however, were changed by Christ like the Passover—which was NEVER a part of that system. There is no question about the fact that the Passover was a unique sacrifice completely separate from the sacrifices of the commanded sacrificial system.

Conclusion

In this article, we have seen that Jeremiah certainly knew what he was talking about in Jeremiah 7:21-23. God NEVER commanded the Israelites to sacrifice at all *until* the start of the second year of their Exodus!

We are thus assured that the commands to keep the Ten Commandments, the weekly Sabbath and the annual Holy Days were in force for a whole year *BEFORE* the sacrificial system began. And so, we can confidently say—with absolute PROOF—that *what was not originally a part of the sacrificial system did not vanish away with the sacrifices when they found their reality in Christ.*