Over 5500 Attend Joyous
Feast of Tabernacles!

A thrilling and JOYOUS Feast of God has just ended! God’s
presence and POWER was felt in the huge new Tabernacle
near Gladewater.

by Roderick C. Meredith

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pause in the middle of a happy an-
nouncement until the spontaneous ap-
plause had subsided. This feeling of love
and unity was unusual even for the
Feast of Tabernacles! Many commented
that it was the best Feast in every way
that they had ever attended.

This was the SEVENTH Feast of Taber-
nacles to be held on God’s own property
near Gladewater, Texas, and God cer-
tainly BLESSED His people in an unusual
way this year! The sermons brought by
God’s ministers were the most inspiring
and powerful of any year so far. The at-
mosphere of love and spiritual brother-
hood was outstanding. Camping and
dining facilities turned out to be excel-
lezzt for most. And the weather was
almost perfect—resulting in fewer colds
and sicknesses than in any other Feast
of recent years!

“Booth City”

Hundreds of the brethren who camped
on our own grounds were housed in the
well constructed metal booths which were
rushed to completion just before the
Festival began. More than 200 of these,
plus two new sanitary buildings, formed
the beginning of the new “Booth City”
on a 142 acre tract, newly purchased, ad-
joining the campgrounds on the east.

Although the planned bunk type of
double-deck beds were not yet available
for most of the booths because of the
current steel strike, the brethren we in-
terviewed seemed to be very happy and
satisfied with the booths—and thankful
to live right on the festival grounds.

The “camp of Israel” was kept neat
and clean as a whole. Although there
were some infractions requiring correc-
tion and exhortation from Mr. Arm-
strong, the brethren as a whole dwelt
together in unity, decency and order.

To the casual visitor, the largest group
of these booths over in the new “Booth
City” mut have looked like a temporary
miniature city. Because of the haste with
which the booths had to be constructed,
the builder, Mr. Fleming, suggested that
the housing area be named “Sudden
City”!

Beside these fine metal booths, hun-
dreds of the brethren stayed in comfort-
able house trailers bought or rented for
the occasion, and many camped in tents
on the grounds. Hundreds of others
stayed in temporary abodes in motels,
hotels, and in rooms in private homes in
Big Sandy, Gladewater and other nearby
communities.

Our gathering this year was so large
and impressive that we received news-
paper coverage in three or four local
papers. Even the unconverted newspaper
writers—although they couldn’t under-
stand the real spiritual purpose behind
these meetings—were filled with ad-
miration for the enthusiasm and dedica-
tion shown by God’s people at His
Festival! We were a “light” to the world!

Outstanding Meals and Organization

Delicious and wholesome meals were
served in the smaller tabernacle under
the direction of Mrs. Roy Hammer. The
meals were of high quality this year, and
the service and organization was excep-
tional considering the huge crowd. In
addition, many campers as well as those
who stayed in trailer houses on the
grounds cooked some of their own meals.

A great deal of THANKS is due to Mr.
Roy Hammer and Mr. Don Billingsley
for their outstanding direction and or-
ganization of the large staff of deacons,
deaconesses and assistant deacons who
helped in the many tasks required for a
smoothly run Festival of Tabernacles. These
men had to think and plan ahead for
efficiency in the parking of cars, the
setting up of tents and trailers, the light-
ing, water and sewage systems, the seat-
ing of people and collection of song
books, the registration of everyone who
attended the Festival, and the “thousand

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and one other things that had to be taken care of to insure real orderliness and harmony at God's Feast.

And certainly we should all give God thanks for the hundreds of services performed by the entire crew of deacons and deaconesses who served so unselfishly during the entire Festival!

This year, there were several organized skating parties in nearby roller rinks for all "children" from ages 6 to 106! And many went horseback riding or fishing during the free afternoons. And, of course, much personal fellowship was enjoyed by everyone with scores of other brethren from all over the United States and Canada. It is an experience one does not soon forget!

Beautiful Music

Outstandingly beautiful music added a great deal to every single preaching service at this year's festival. In addition to his preaching, Mr. Ted Armstrong, Mr. Armstrong's brother, who has composed so many of the hymns we sing in our own hymn book. Mr. Dwight Armstrong displayed great feeling in his beautiful violin solo work. His wife, Karen Armstrong, thrilled the congregation with her beautiful soprano solos. Mr. Morgan Olson and Mrs. Ruth Plache both sang beautifully in their vocal numbers.

Miss Ruth Myrick displayed brilliance and color in her piano rendition of "The Holy City." And Miss Kathryn Meredith played beautifully and feelingly in her violin numbers.

Many exceptional numbers were offered by the Ambassador Chorale during the preaching services, and in a special concert given Sunday night during the festival. Mr. Leon Ettinger, director of the Ambassador Chorale, and Mrs. Lucy Martin and Mrs. Dorothy Williams were all with us during the first half of the festival to aid in the direction and accompaniment of the Chorale and special musical numbers.

Truly, the inspiring and uplifting atmosphere was greatly enhanced by the beautiful music which was offered during this year's Feast of Tabernacles. This was certainly a foretaste of God's millennium, when all men will REJOICE and praise God in the song and on musical instruments! (Psalm 150).

Ordinations and Future Plans

Regular ministers' meetings were held during and immediately after the festival. During these meetings, many plans were laid for the future of God's work and also for the improvement of the Feast of Tabernacles year by year.

As a result of these conferences, two new local elders were ordained in God's Church! They are Mr. Albert Portune, whom all of you will remember as our inspiring song leader during the Feast, and Mr. Dale Hampton, also an older man and dedicated student in Ambassador College who served God's churches

Part of the near-overflow 5500 who were in constant attendance for the eight days of the Festival. There will just be room enough next year to seat the 7000 anticipated to attend.
The beautiful, BIGGER, new Tabernacle which your prayers, efforts and special offerings have made possible. Observe the surrounding landscaping.

in the Chicago - Milwaukee area this summer. These men have proved themselves. Now God has placed them in the office of elder in His church, and you will be hearing much from them in the future in the service of Jesus Christ.

Also, in our meeting immediately after the festival, it was decided that we should raise three of our preaching elders to the higher rank of pastor in God’s Church! The three ministers now holding this higher rank are Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, Mr. Benjamin Rea, and Mr. Carlton Smith. This recognition of their progress in Christ’s ministry was a most happy occasion for us all!

Mr. Gerald Waterhouse has left with Mr. Ted Armstrong and Mr. Frank Longuskie to establish a branch office, and later a church, in Sydney, Australia. Many of you brethren will remember his dedicated service in God’s churches in London, in St. Louis and Springfield, and in Denver, Pueblo and Garden City. Let us pray earnestly for Mr. Waterhouse as he goes to the land “down under” to assume this most important post in God’s service.

Mr. Benjamin Rea, on temporary leave from Ambassador College, left immediately from the festival for Saltillo, Mexico. He is studying there at a university in order to earn his Ph.D. degree. We feel this to be both advantageous and necessary for the important jobs that lie ahead for Mr. Rea in God’s work and college. Meanwhile, he has had to make many Spanish broadcasts ahead which will be sent to the stations in South America where he is the voice in Spanish of “The WORLD TOMORROW” in that continent. Let us also pray for Mr. Rea in the arduous work and study he is now having to devote himself to in Christ’s service!

As many of you know, Mr. Carlton Smith left the festival for New York City where he will soon begin holding services in a local Church of God in that huge metropolis. His problems there will be many and varied—as is the nature of the people with whom he will be dealing—so pray for this servant of God also in the new post to which he has been called.

And let us REJOICE, brethren, that (Please continue on page 8)
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thirteen-year-old Girl Writes
"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I listen to you over Station KGO. I would appreciate it if you would tell me on what date all of God's Holy Days fall so that I can observe them. I fear that it would be hard for me to attend the meetings of the Church of God because of parental difficulties, so I will probably have to observe God's Holy Days in the home.

Girl from San Leandro, California"

From a 13-year-old Boy
"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I am 13 years old and very grateful to you. I formerly thought I was a Christian, a better than average behaving boy, and that I was getting about as much joy out of life as I could. From hearing your program regularly I discovered there is more to being a Christian than just going to Sunday School, and that while I may have been a well-behaved and hard working student compared to the other boys and girls and by the standards of the teachers, I still had plenty of improving to do.

"I am working to get rid of my natural nature and learn to be patient, kind, loving and cheerful; but I really need God's help. I know if I just keep on studying and praying, things will become clearer and clearer to me.

"I read in your autobiography that the way to save others was to show them more and more love, kindness and patience. Then I realized that I hadn't been acting in a Christian-like manner at all. Now I try always to act lovingly to others and to always honor my father and mother, and I pray constantly that I might always be able to do this. I also am learning to control my tongue and to speak kindly or else shut up.

"I have read what you said about children not being baptized until they are fully matured, and I hope that I don't turn out like some of the examples you gave; that is, being interested in the things of God now and of doing good, but then later changing and slip away from God and the Bible into evil and misery.

"Boy from Redwood City, California"

"I read in your autobiography that there was no meaning. Neither my husband and son looked after me because my husband and son said it had to be or I would lose my eye. But this time I had more understanding. I took God at His word. My eye was healed in less than three days. I thank God for His wonderful love and what He has done for me. Can you imagine what you gave without feeling of remorse."

"Woman from Winnfield, Louisiana"

"Beginning to Tithe"
"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"After reading your booklet on making ends meet, which I found interesting and, full of facts, I am enclosing my obligation to the Lord's work, which is given without feeling of remorse."

"Man from Northport, Michigan"

"Eye Healed Miraculously"
"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I had an infection in my eye and I wrote you to pray for me and send me an anointed cloth. My eye was healed before you had time to get the letter, but this is what I want to tell you: I had this infection in my eyes eight years ago. I have taken every kind of shot the doctors could think of to give me —because my husband and son said it had to be or I would lose my eye. But this time I had more understanding. I took God at His word. My eye was healed in less than three days. I thank God for His wonderful love and what He has done for me. Can you imagine how my husband and son looked after the things they said to me about that kind of 'faith stuff'?

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Don't Cheat Yourself!

Are you still cheating yourself out of some of God's blessings?
Many of you are and don't realize it. Here is why!

by L. Leroy Neff

God's Church has just celebrated the greatest Festival of Tabernacles since the time of the apostles. Thousands came to this great spiritual feast, and yet, in spite of this vast multitude, many were not there that should have been!

Cheating Yourself

God has commanded His people to attend the Feast of Tabernacles and to rejoice there. But, many of you are still cheating yourselves from enjoying these wonderful festivals.

God tells us many times in His Word that by obeying His commands, happiness and joy and all kinds of blessings inevitably result. There is a joy in serving God, and keeping all of His commandments. By obedience to God's commands, you will not only receive spiritual and physical rewards in this life and in the world tomorrow, but others of God's Church share in our blessings as a result of our obedience. But not all are obedient.

You may ask, "What am I disobeying?" Some of you do not follow God's vacation plan for His people. Most of you already know about this vacation plan, and have read about it in the GOOD NEWS Magazine. If you know to do it, and it is not sin!

Others of you have been baptized more recently and would not yet know about this wonderful plan. We need to examine God's Word on this vital subject so that we may all know and practice it.

God's Vacation Plan

God has commanded His people to assemble on His annual festivals. But how can we afford to go to these festivals? The answer is found in Deut. 14:22-27.

God here instructs you to save out for yourself a tenth of your income—a "second tithe"—for you to spend at His festivals. This second tithe is for you! It is a different tithe from the first tithe as explained in the July GOOD NEWS. The first tithe commanded of each Christian goes to the support of the gospel work. The first tithe does not belong to you! It is for the spreading of the gospel to the world as a witness before the end comes.

The "second tithe" is for an entirely different purpose. Notice, "Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year. And thou shalt eat before the Lord thy God, in the place which He shall choose to place His name there... and if the way be too long for thee... then shalt thou turn it into money... and shalt go unto the place which the Lord thy God shall choose" (Deut. 14:22-25).

Some say that the way is too far for them and do not go. God knew this. That is why He made provisions for those who live far away to turn their second tithe into CASH (verses 24 and 25). They are not to stay at home to keep these festivals. They are to use this cash to go to the place God has chosen and to rejoice there in God's presence with the brethren.

Yet, many of you did not go and rejoice as God has commanded you at this recent festival.

What was your excuse? You probably can think of a thousand and one reasons why you could not obey God, but the fact remains, it is only by obeying God in all of these things that we will receive the eternal reward and joy that comes from obedience.

Consider this test of your spiritual growth.

Are You Growing Spiritually?

Each year those on the baptizing tours come in contact with various scattered members of God's Church, who have been baptized in past years. They report that the ones who are not attending God's festivals are usually not growing spiritually.

Yes, they have all kinds of excuses why they don't come. And yet these excuses do not "excuse" them in God's sight! In a few cases, of course, it is not physically possible for a person to come to the Feast. God understands. But these few cases are exceptions.

God specifically commands all of the men in His Church to appear before Him (Deut. 16:16). They are given first responsibility of attending. But they are to go there and rejoice with their families.

In some cases, God has not yet called the husband, but has called the wife to repentance and conversion. Even in such cases, it is still possible for many of the women to come to the festival. Their husbands are not antagonistic and would willingly permit them to go to the festival.

On the other hand, some wives have husbands who are completely antagonistic to God's way of life. Such a man may not permit his wife to go to the festival.

God has called us to live at peace with all men where that is possible. He has also commanded that the women be in subjection to their husbands, in the Lord. Since God has not absolutely commanded all women to go to the festival, those women may have to remain at home if such a problem exists.

God has also called some of the poor of this world. As a result, a few of those in God's Church do not have each year an adequate amount of second tithe to pay the necessary expenses of going to the festival. It requires money to travel a distance, and it also costs additional money to supply family needs away from home. In such a case, where a man has faithfully saved all of his second tithe, if there is still not enough money, he should save this money and go the following year.

Don't Cheat Yourself

Others, however, should be saving this second tithe and do not do it. If you are such a one, you are cheating yourself!—and disobeying God!

You may believe that you have so many expenses that you are not able to save this tithe.

In other words, you feel that God has commanded something that is impossible to do. How wrong! God does not command anything from us that is impossible for us to do, assisted and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

If you have not been saving your tithe because of this reason, you need to sit down and analyze your problem very thoroughly. If you think you are not able to save a second tenth of your income, then you are living beyond your means. You have made a very serious mistake somewhere. Possibly you are living in a home which costs more than you are able to afford with your income.

Possibly you are spending too much for food. Many people are very wasteful with their food, and spend a lot of money on things which do not nourish them, and yet are very high priced. Such foods as prepared cereals, canned goods, expensive meat cuts, delicacies, and des-
serts should be eliminated by a person who cannot afford them. In fact, many of these things can be eliminated from everyone's diet, and better health would result. If you have been spending too much money on expensive "processed" foods, you should plan to spend your money for less "de luxe" living. Often, less expensive cuts of meat are more nourishing. Some families have been able to cut their food bills in half by just following these simple suggestions.

Others spend too much on clothes. By being a wise thrifty buyer, clothing expenses can sometimes be cut drastically. Where a person has a low income, he can often find satisfactory clothing, which still has much wear, in some of the used clothing stores.

If God has not yet prospered you, it may be because you are unwise in using the money that He has given you. Examine your budget, decide on a course of action and then carry it out.

There is no excuse for disobedience to God's laws. Your problems will not be solved by disobedience. They will be solved by obedience!

If you are one of those who do not come to the Feast of Tabernacles and yet could come, you should repent of this sin. How can you ever expect to enter God's Kingdom? You cannot grow spiritually and stay unrepentant.

If you do not go to the Festival, you do not receive the "spiritual food" which is very necessary to your Christian development and training. You are not learning to live together in peace and harmony with God's people. If you are not learning such vital lessons, how can you ever expect to be able to go to a place of safety? Then, you will have to live with God's people twenty-four hours a day for three and one half years! You need to learn how to get along with God's people now.

Some still ask the question, "If we save God's tithe, also the second tithe, how will we have enough money to buy our clothes? Who will buy our food, pay the taxes, our insurance, and all the other bills which nearly every household has?"

God very plainly and explicitly states in Matthew 6:25-34 that if you are seeking His Kingdom FIRST, then all of these physical necessities will be cared for. Yes, if you obey God, if you seek His Kingdom first, if you obey the first, second and third tithing laws, you will have what is needful. God will supply you with the food, clothing and other necessities that you need.

Faith WITH Works

Along with this faith you must have works, too. You cannot spend or budget your money foolishly, and still expect God to rain down money from heaven. Each of us must do our part. Most, if not all, people have been taught wrong economics in the home. Money is not spent wisely. Many are financially involved beyond their ability to pay.

Some are lazy and can't hold a good job! We need to repent of these grave sins, and put our financial affairs in order.

The problem that many still have is that they are trying to serve two masters. No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). Yes, some of you are still serving the god "mammon," that is money. Some still have the "love of money" (1 Tim. 6:10). Are you one of these? Is the love of money and what it will buy keeping you from obeying God in regard to the tithing laws? If so, and you do not repent, you may find yourself completely shut out of God's Kingdom.

New Testament Example for Today

The New Testament Church faced the same problem that we do today in regard to the support of needy widows by the third tithe of the people. You will find this mentioned in 1 Tim. 5:16. "If any man or woman that believeth not these things, let him not eat of the Eucharist till he repent." From this it is plain that the Church is responsible to care for the financial need of the widows who cannot support themselves by any means. This cannot be done from the tithe which goes to spread the gospel to the world. Nor is it to come from the "second tithe." It must come from the "third tithe" fund.

If you are new in the Church, you possibly do not know that God has commanded an additional tithe. It may seem impossible at first that God could expect so much from His Church. And yet it is very plain and clear. Notice Deuteronomy 14:28-29:

"At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates: And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest."

Here is a tithe that is kept just once in three years. It is for the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner who are unable to support themselves. This cannot in any way be confused with the first tithe which is given to God's work, or the second tithe which is used by each person at the festivals.

God has even made it possible for us to have two years to set our "financial house" in order before we must pay that third tithe during the special "year of tithing." He does not require this of the Christian for the first year. Now is the time to prepare, if you are learning about these commands for the first time.

At first it may seem impossible to save both of these additional tithes, since for some it seems almost impossible to pay God His first tithe. What a lack of faith! God has plainly instructed us through Jesus Christ (Matt. 6:25-34) how to make ends meet, how to receive our food, clothing and necessities of life.

Notice the example in Acts 6. Here is an account of the Church taking care of the widows. Since the apostles needed to spend their time in prayer and study, deacons were appointed to take care of this matter. Here was the administration of the third tithe in action. Here was how the New Testament Church took care of the widows. God still uses this third tithe to take care of the needy widows in His Church today.

Holy to God

In spite of the plain and clear scriptures regarding the third tithe, some have still refused to obey this command. They have not removed from their premises the "hallowed things," which are holy to God (Deut. 26:15). Are you one that has held back this tithe that is holy and sacred to God, keeping it for yourself? If so, you had better repent and tremble before Almighty God, until it is removed and you are obedient.

Read Deuteronomy 26:12-13, where you will see the seriousness of this command with God. I hope that you will obey God in this, so that you too can rejoice before God, and ask God for the blessings that come from obeying Him.

A Lesson to Learn

The second letter of Paul to the Corinthians gives us many lessons regarding this matter of tithing, and offerings. Paul recounts to the Corinthians in chapter 8, how the churches in Macedonia, in spite of their "deep poverty" were liberal in giving for the needs of the Jerusalem Church. This was in addition to the tithes that God had commanded.

Paul further mentions in chapter 9 that if we sow sparingly, we will also reap sparingly. Verse 6. We should not give of our offerings sparingly, nor our tithes grudgingly. God loves a cheerful giver. He owns all things, and He can bless us far more with spiritual and(please continue on page 9)
AUSTRALIA, at last!

At last God has OPENED THE DOOR to Australia! With the World Tomorrow program on the air six times weekly, it has been necessary to establish offices in Sydney, Australia. Here, FIRST HAND, is the exciting news!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

Sydney, Australia

Over nineteen hundred years ago, Jesus Christ said, somewhere, somehow, there would be a WORK OF GOD on this earth.

He said this work of God would be fulfilling His own commission to His Church to "preach the GOSPEL to every creature" (Mark 16:15). He described His Church as the "little flock," having but "little strength," but before whom He would set an OPEN DOOR! "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name!" (Rev. 3:8).

A NEW DOOR Opened

And now—God has opened another door before His work! For the first time in all history, the very Gospel Jesus preached is being thundered with great power to the great "down under" continent of Australia! That Gospel has been hidden from the eyes of men for over 1800 years! It hasn't been preached. It has all but been totally forgotten—buried under false doctrine, pagan customs and traditions—and has been neglected so long that today it sounds totally new, startlingly different to everyone!

But now God is sending the SAME gospel to Australia. Recently, our agents in New York were able to open time for the "World Tomorrow" program six times each week on nearly all of the network stations of the Amalgamated Wireless of Australia.

This means a tremendous leap forward—it means new listeners, increased mail, and many thousands of new readers of the Plain Truth magazine.

With this powerful new door of radio opened before us, it has become imperative to establish offices here in Sydney. And so, I have come here, together with Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, an ordained minister of God's Church, and Mr. Frank Longuskie, both of whom spent over two years in our overseas office in London. Both men are graduates of Ambassador College.

We are beginning preliminary groundwork toward locating and equipping adequate offices for receiving and distributing mail, sending out the booklets and the Plain Truth magazine, and the Bible Correspondence Course.

Sydney is a beautiful city, built around blue harbour areas, over rolling hills. It's a city of parks and golf links, beautiful beaches and scenic wonders. It's a lively, progressive city, the largest in Australia, and a major port of the world. As such, it is ideal for the offices of the very work of God! Here, we can have available all the printing, mailing, and broadcasting equipment and facilities we will ever need. God has miraculously led us to just the right people in beginning this most important office here—and we have found the Australian people to be warm, friendly, and very cooperative in every way!

As a WITNESS

But some may ask—"Why are you going over to Australia?" And the answer is simple! Jesus Christ told His true servants, "Go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel!" (Mat. 10:6). Australia is a part of ISRAEL! We are the same people! Not only do we have the same general customs, they have the same language! Here is a whole continent—as large as the United States—where a major part of ISRAEL is found!

But then, are we seeking to bring Australia a "new religion?" The answer is absolutely not! We are bringing the same religion of Christ, the religion of the Apostles, the religion of the Bible! Jesus said, "And as ye go, preach, saying 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand!'" (Mat. 10:7). His command was, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Mat. 28:19). And He said, "This GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come!" (Mat. 24:14).

Notice it! He said, "for a witness," NOT to bring a new "brand" of religion, NOT to begin a new "movement," NOT to try to "get Australia saved!"

World CHAOS Ahead!

We're living in frightening times! You've never seen times like these before—not in all this earth's history. Your Bible foretells a time of world trouble such as has NEVER before occurred—which is going to strike in YOUR LIFETIME! For this reason Christ has commissioned His servants to WARN His people of the impending disaster they are bringing on themselves!

The Australian people live in a vast, sprawling continent to the south of the teeming hordes of Communistic Asia. They have a slogan now, "Populate or Perish!" They know the inevitable outcome of present trends means the threat of millions upon millions of Japanese, Chinese, Mongols, Southeast Asians and others pouring into their land—bringing the slavery of Communism and the diseases of Asia with them. Most of the people live within the major city areas—principally Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra, the capital. New South Wales and Victoria hold the major portion of all the population. To the north, the vast, almost endless stretches of Queensland, Northern Territory and further to the west, of Western Australia, lie like a beckoning mat of welcome to the crowded Asiatic territories. The Australians are concerned. They know the horrible outcome might well be Communist domination! They are determined it WON'T HAPPEN!

But they haven't yet heard—from the very Word of God, what the surprising outcome is really going to be!

God is going to TELL them! "Ephraim shall be ASOLATE [Ephraim is Great Britain] in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel [Australia is a part of the tribes of Israel] have I MADE KNOWN THAT WHICH SHALL SURELY BE!" This startling prophecy was foretold by Hosea, hundreds of years ago—and not until JUST NOW has it ever begun to be fulfilled here in Australia.

God says He'll MAKE KNOWN to His people the facts about Australia in the DAYS TO COME. (Please continue on page 12)
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Feast of Tabernacles
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God is adding new ministers to His Church, and is giving increasing ability and power to many who are already in His service!

Inspired Sermons

Throughout the festival, the power and wisdom of God's Spirit was manifest in every sermon delivered by God's ministers!

It is certain that those who had attended other church "camp meetings" were impressed by the spirit of unity, of love, and of spiritual understanding exhibited in every single sermon. This unity and understanding comes from Almighty God whom we serve!

Mr. Armstrong welcomed everyone on opening night and demonstrated that we had hundreds of people present from all over the United States and from many foreign lands as well. In his opening sermon, "Why are we here?", Mr. Armstrong brought out that most people are just victims of circumstance and do not understand the real purpose in life. They do not understand that purpose because they have lost the knowledge of God's Holy Days which He then explained to us.

The first afternoon, Mr. Ted Armstrong brought an outstanding sermon entitled, "Who Was Jesus Christ?" He showed exactly how the people of this world have been blinded to the real Christ of the Bible.

Sunday, Mr. Roderick Meredith proved—point by point—WHY we must keep God's festivals and described their basic meaning and purpose. That afternoon, Mr. Herman Hoeh gave a revealing sermon on, "Why Does God Hide Himself?" He showed that whenever God did reveal Himself in olden times, men didn't like it! They pleaded to hear from a man instead. But when they hear only from God's prophets and ministers, then they make the excuse that they will believe only when they hear from God "direct!"

Setting the theme of the entire festival, Mr. Armstrong continued in his series, "Why Are We Here?" He showed that there was to be a great falling away in the last days from the truth, and that Christ was coming to restore the truth to this earth during the happy millennium. Later, he showed why Jesus went to heaven. Then he showed that Jesus will come again to restore the kingdom to Israel, to rule the nations of this earth and to restore the WAY of God on this earth which alone will bring us real peace, and joy and happiness!

Very helpful sermons on Christian living and the problems of overcoming human nature were delivered by Mr. Raymond Cole, Mr. Dean Blackwell, and Mr. Wayne Cole. Mr. Gerald Waterhouse brought out feelingly how we should rely more completely on the tremendous sacrifice which Jesus Christ made for us! Mr. Norman Smith delivered an outstanding message on family problems and the need for the proper spiritual atmosphere and the leadership of a converted father in every home.

On the final Friday night, Mr. Roderick Meredith brought a message showing in clear detail what it really means to be born into the very family and kingdom of God.

Through the festival, Mr. Ted Armstrong continued his messages with powerful sermons on prophecy, on the "experience" of really being changed and converted, then a message on the technique of training your children, and closed with a sermon entitled, "Let's Be One in the Faith!" In this message, he brought out dozens of clear examples of
God's government from the New Testament, and showed the real need of all you brethren in God's Church to follow your true ministers and spiritual leaders with love and zeal.

This year more than ever before, there was real mature and powerful preaching from the younger ministers. The reason for God directing His apostle to train younger men for the ministry was now more evident than ever. Maturity, wisdom and controlled power was especially evident in the sermons of Mr. Ted Armstrong. This is due both to his spiritual growth and also his experience in making hundreds of daily radio broadcasts which are now reaching millions of people around the world.

Plan NOW to Attend Next Year's Festival!

We cannot begin to give you in one article the real 'meat' of the sermons on prophecy and spiritual understanding which were delivered during this recent Feast of Tabernacles. But they were messages that every one of you needs very much!

Many of you scattered brethren have just not realized the tremendous importance of keeping the Feast of Tabernacles as God commands! But you are missing out in more ways than one if you do not attend.

So by all means plan NOW to attend next year's Feast of Tabernacles! Begin right now to save a second tithe of your income as God commands and as we have explained many times in this magazine to you brethren. Thousands of other brethren from all walks of life have found they CAN save this second tithe—and that they are blessed for obeying their God!

Every one of you can do the same! Start planning right now to attend next year's wonderful Feast of Tabernacles at our own tabernacle grounds near Gladewater and Big Sandy, Texas. If you wish, write us here at God's headquarters for information about motel, cabin, or hotel reservations. Or plan to buy or rent a trailer for the occasion. Or bring your own tent, with suitable blankets and other provisions.

This wonderful, happy, God-commanded occasion pictures the joyful millennial reign of Jesus Christ on earth. It will be one of the highlights of your entire life to attend! God does not command you what you are not able to perform! But He does command you to keep His annual festivals—including the Feast of Tabernacles.

So be there next year—and receive God's blessing!

Don't Cheat Yourself!

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physical blessings than we could ever expect, or ask.

Have you proved these promises of God? And have you proved to God that you will be obedient to Him in all of these things? It is time now to obey God in the second and third tithing laws.

Prepare Now

It is almost a year until the next Feast of Tabernacles. Will you be there? Or will you be one of those who will have all kinds of excuses why you cannot obey God and not grow spiritually as you should?

Will the widows, and the fatherless who need help from your third tithe be there to rejoice with you? It depends on you.

Put God to the test, obey God regarding these tithing laws, and rejoice with us the next great festival of tabernacles. You will never be sorry you did!
How to Win Friends and Influence People

What is your part as a layman in God's Church? How can you effectively influence others in the RIGHT WAY is revealed here by the Supervisor of our Letter Answering Department.

by Robert C. Boraker

Did you ever try to show God's Truth to a member in your family or to a friend? It is a natural tendency for a newly converted person—a mere "babe in Christ"—to desire to share the truth of God with family and relatives.

Most realize before long that there is absolutely no use trying to cram "your religion" into their minds. You cannot argue friends and relatives into conversion. You cannot argue or talk ANY-ONE into conversion!

This is what you cannot do, but here's what you CAN do as a lay member in the Church of God!

You Are A "Light"!

Christ compared His disciples to a "light" in a darkened world. Just as a city on a hill cannot be hid, so also is a lighted candle seen by all in the house unless it is covered, "under a bushel." With this illustration, Christ goes on to say, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your GOOD WORKS"—not your good arguments or constant preaching—and glorify your Father which is in heaven (Matt. 5:14-16). As the disciples of Christ today, we are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." Are we effectively "saling" the earth and does the world see our "light?"

When we realize that no man can come to Jesus Christ unless he is called (John 6:44), we see how futile and useless it is to try talking someone into conversion. It is by good works that you carry out God's will and attract people to the Bible way of life. Throughout his epistles, the Apostle Paul stressed this need in the lives of God's people. He instructed Timothy to be "rich in good works" (1 Tim. 6:18). He told the Galatians not to be weary in well doing and to do good unto ALL MEN (Gal. 6:9-10). He also told Titus that God's people would be ZEALOUS of good works and that those who believe in God would be careful to maintain good works (Titus 2:14; 3:8). We are to do GOOD! (Rom. 3:13).

Along with this instruction, Paul cautions by saying, "But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain" (Titus 3:9). In verse 8, Paul had said that it was the good works which were good and PROFITABLE unto men. It is not our words that influences anyone, but it is our WORKS—the kind of life we live—that brings results.

Be an Example in CONDUCT

Along with good works, we are also instructed to be an EXAMPLE of the right way to live as taught by the Word of God (Matt. 5:4). Paul told Timothy, "Be thou an EXAMPLE of the believers, in word, and conversation [correctly translated CONDUCT or BEHAVIOR], in charity [love], in spirit [attitude], in faith, in purity" (1 Tim. 4:12). Notice that we are to be an example in CONDUCT. How we conduct ourselves in every phase of life is the key in how to influence unconverted people.

It is so easy to tell people how they ought to live, but it is much more difficult to live that way ourselves—to practice what we preach. It takes constant overcoming, correcting of bad habits, and changing from the way we once lived.

Once we are converted, a change should take place in the conduct of our life. The Apostle Paul describes this in Ephesians 4:22-24, "You must lay aside your former habits, your old self which is going to ruin through its deceptive passions. You must adopt a new attitude of mind, and put on the new self which has been created in likeness to God, with all the uprightness and holiness that belong to the truth" (Goodspeed translation).

Knowing that we are to let men see our good works, to set a good example, and to become "holy in conduct" (1 Pet. 1:15—the word "conversation" should be translated as conduct), just how does a person accomplish these things in his day-to-day life? Perhaps many of you have read these same Bible scriptures many times, but have not known how to apply them to your life. Here, then, are concrete examples:

One easy way in which you can be an example and can apply the principles of Christian living, is in personal appearance. A true Christian will keep himself well-groomed and his clothing will be neat and clean whenever possible. The principle of cleanliness is taught throughout the Bible and it is the responsibility of God's people to be clean in both body and dress.

This principle of cleanliness should also be carried over and applied to the appearance of our home and property. The home of every real Christian will be one that is neat, clean, and orderly. Do we put things back in their proper place after use and do we train our children to do the same? Or do we carelessly leave everything everywhere where we last used it, thus teaching our children by this wrong example to do likewise—creating clutter and confusion.

God is not the author of confusion (1 Cor. 14:33), and our homes and property should be kept in good appearance so that our unconverted friends and relatives can see God's way of life practiced and, thus, be glorified.

The conduct of our children is another way by which we can set an example for others. Children should be taught to honor their parents by being courteous, speaking politely and being obedient. A child should not be allowed to "sass" or speak rudely and disrespectfully to his parents. Parents and children alike should eat with proper table manners and even at those times when guests are not present.

When children and young people are taught good manners and proper etiquette so that it becomes a habit with them, a striking impression is made on those in the world who are accustomed to seeing disobedient children, children who are disrespectful and "rowdy" and the delinquents fostered by today's society. When a saleswoman of a Pasadena store commented recently about the students from Ambassador College, she especially noted that they were "very mannerly." May all of God's people be thought of in the same way.

A working man can be a "light" by applying the principle of working with all his might at whatever job he has to do (Ecc. 9:10). He should work diligently, fervently, and do work of the finest quality. A man should respect his...
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Question Box

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

How should we view the American custom of celebrating Thanksgiving Day?

The Thanksgiving holiday was established in comparatively recent years. It is, of course, not mentioned in Scripture—but the principle of attending and celebrating national holidays is made clear in scripture.

Thanksgiving Day was established by the early colonists, not by any divine authority. But this in itself does not make it wrong to celebrate with good fellowship. Notice the example of Jesus Christ. In John 10:22 we find that Christ attended the "Feast of Dedication," which was established by the Jews years before to commemorate the purification of the temple at Jerusalem. That day was celebrated on the anniversary of the day that the reestablishment of Divine worship occurred after Antiochus Epiphanes had been vanquished and the temple purified about 165 B.C.

Jesus' attendance at that annual holiday clearly illustrated that it is not wrong to attend or celebrate a national holiday established for an honorable purpose. There was nothing wrong in the Jew's celebrating the dedication of the temple and giving God special gratitude on that day. God led Esther and Mordecai to celebrate this holiday any more than we do their religious pursuits. Certainly don't neglect your study and prayer, but remember also your obligation to your husband. Love him by being willing to satisfy his desires and needs. And by all means do not condemn or look down upon him as being reproachful and the lowest of sinners, or lift yourself up because you may think you know more truth than he.

He is unconverted, yes, but so were we all at one time. We show a wrong example by continually voicing our disapproval of the world and its people, abominations and sinful ways. These opinions are best kept to ourselves.

Peter also instructs husbands to be considerate of their wives—to "dwell with them according to knowledge"—not foolishly or on impulse—"giving honour unto the wife as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life" (1 Peter 3:7).

A man must be careful not to force his unconverted wife into accepting the truth of God. Instead of force, a husband should use love, AFFECTION and CONSIDERATION, realizing that she has her rights and freedom of belief.

Many other points could be given on family relations if space permitted, but these will be helpful until we can have more articles on this subject in the future.

Expressing Love to World

In all these things we can set a good example by living according to every word of God. In our contact with the people in the world we should remember the command which says, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Rom. 13:9).

This is our responsibility and is the best way to influence people. No good is accomplished by giving God's Word to those not interested or by casting the pearls of salvation before those who will trample them in the mire and
turn against us with persecution” (Matt. 7:6).

We certainly are not to fellowship with the ways of the world and worldly people. We also should not have a “superior feeling” or a bitter feeling of antagonism and critical cynicism toward them! Just as God loves the people in the world and sent His Son to reconcile them to God (John 3:16), we also should love them and not hate or despise them because of their sins.

LOVE your unconverted relatives, friends and neighbors—but do not fellowship with them in their own worldly ways! It is all right to fellowship with them by being an example of right living instead of arguing with them or condemning them for their carnal ways! Try to help them gain understanding of God’s way by your example—not by criticism and finding fault.

Have you ever wondered how to express love toward your unconverted friends and relatives? Remember that unconverted people are still carnal, and they express love to each other in a material way. They express love and affection in this material way by giving gifts during the Christmas season and on birthdays. After repenting of these pagan customs and dispensing with them, how many of you want to the opposite extreme and now don’t give gifts at all? As a result, what do your unconverted friends and relatives, or mate, who understand your love by receiving a gift, think of you?

It’s not wrong to give gifts! Certainly don’t give them on the pagan holidays and birthdays, but give them at other times during the year and that will help unconverted people to better understand your love toward them. By doing this, you will show them that there is a better way and time to give gifts—a time when it can be done out of real love and affection, rather than because of obligation.

Answering Questions

Besides setting a good example and loving our neighbor, we also have the responsibility of being “ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” (1 Pet. 3:15). Paul further instructs, “Use wisdom in dealing with outsiders, making the most of your opportunities. Always put your message attractively, and yet pointedly, and be prepared to give every inquirer a fitting answer” (Col. 4:6, Goodspeed).

Notice that the emphasis is on answering questions when they are asked you! If you really are living by every word of God, setting the right example, this new and different way of life will provoke questions from unconverted friends and relatives with whom you are in contact. It is our duty to be able to answer questions in a tactful way that will arouse interest in the truth of God. If we have the wisdom and common sense that God gives us, they will have confidence in our ability to answer their questions and help solve their pressing problems.

Yes, this will require study of God’s Word and prayer to have the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It will take persevering effort in order to be an outstanding example and the best neighbor in the community and to continually show love toward others through good works. When unconverted people see our good works and the example of God’s way of life, some will have a desire to share God’s blessings. And if they ask us questions about the purpose of our life and why we believe in living this way, only then should we explain the truth of God—only when it’s welcomed and when they want it and are willing to open their minds and receive it. Don’t generally talk about religion unless they, the unconverted, bring it up.

But we must be careful, brethren, that we don’t go to the opposite extreme and say nothing to unconverted people. We shouldn’t participate with them in their worldly pursuits, goals, and sinful ways, but we should be concerned with their welfare and try to help them in every way we can. We should always have the attitude of wanting to do some good deed for them and give of our time and effort that others may benefit.

To arouse an unconverted person’s interest, we can talk about world events in the news and bring to their attention what is happening in the world because of the wrong goals of men. If they seem interested in finding the answers to the world’s problems, we can suggest that they listen to The World Tomorrow broadcast and read The Plain Truth magazine. If God is calling them at this time and is granting them repentance (Acts 11:18), they will have more questions for you to answer and their interest in the Word of God will grow from then on.

Besides faithfully paying tithes and giving offerings, and laboring in prayer, the Church of God has a responsibility in being an example to a world which has forgotten God and is living in the depths of sin! Our calling is to reach human beings through our love toward them. If everyone in the Church does his part, the life and example of God’s people scattered throughout the earth can be an impact on the world and a powerful witness of God’s true way of life!

Let’s ALL live God’s WAY!

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AUSTRALIA, at last!

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own people—Israel—what shall surely be! And now He’s opening the way to make it known to the people of Australia!

Just a Beginning

But this is only the bottom rung of the ladder! From here, it will be a long, uphill climb to fulfill the very commission of Christ!

Before I leave Sydney, I hope to have just the right office location picked out, and fully equipped and ready to serve the Australian people. Perhaps later, God will grant such an increase of listeners and readers that we will even have to print Australia’s own edition of the Plain Truth! This is now becoming vitally necessary in Great Britain!

With six-times-a-week broadcasting, and the real hunger for God’s truth that is evidenced here, Mr. Waterhouse, Mr. Longuskie and I all feel the work of God will go forward with great leaps in this great island continent.

Formerly, it usually took many weeks for the Australian people to receive literature they had requested. Now, we hope to deliver it to them in just a very few days. Where they weren’t able to look forward to a visit from one of God’s own ministers before—now they can! It’s going to mean long, hard hours for these men whom God is sending here—and great personal sacrifice, but they’re really happy to have this wonderful opportunity! I hope it makes all of you just as happy!

Yes, this is only the beginning here. It’s beginning just like all things of God do—very small. But, just as the little grain of mustard seed becomes a great plant, so the birds roost in it—so we know the work of God “down under” will grow and grow and grow in this really good news—and thank God for the part He has given us to do!