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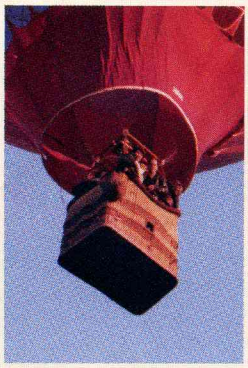
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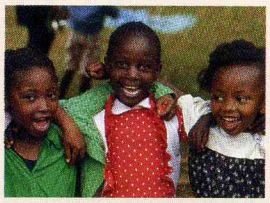


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GOOD NEWS PERSONAL

There's a New World Coming!

This magazine is called *The Good News of the World Tomorrow.* But why does there seem to be little good news in the world *today?*

Today's news is news of troubles and problems. We hear of war. We hear of terrorism. We hear of hunger and starvation. Of crime, of tragedy, of disaster, of human suffering. Seldom, it seems, do our newscasters have any really *good* news to report.

Have you ever wondered why?

It may surprise you to realize that this present world is NOT GOD'S WORLD! Its governments, industry, commerce, religions and education *are not God's!* They are all based on the ideas, thoughts, desires and wishes of men — apart from God. God's law is holy, just and good and, if kept, would bring an end to man's suffering. But it is *rejected* by a deceived world.

It began in the Garden of Eden. God created Adam, the first man. From one of Adam's ribs He created Eve, the first woman. God instructed them in His way of life — His code of conduct that would cause happy, abundant, peaceful lives if they would keep it.

But the arch-deceiver Satan approached Eve with another point of view. He lied to her about God's law. He convinced her that God was holding something back from her. He accused God of taking away her freedom of choice, her individuality. Her right of self-expression was being denied, the devil reasoned. Why should she take God's word for what is right and wrong?

Eve fell for it. She adopted the devil's philosophy that God had no business making all the rules — that human beings should have the right to conduct themselves in the manner *they* judge best. Eve then convinced Adam to rebel, also (though the Scripture says that he, unlike Eve, was not deceived).

God did not force Adam and Eve to obey Him. He allowed them to make the choice they did. Mankind has been making similar wrong choices ever since. God has never *forced* man to live according to His perfect law.

Mankind has had a *choice* all along. "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19). God *wants* man to choose His ways. But He *never* forces him to do so. Rather, God calls on wayward men and women to *repent!* "Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:6-7).

The day is coming when mankind as a whole will repent. Humans will acknowledge God as supreme Ruler, and today's *bad* news will be turned into tomorrow's GOOD NEWS!

Jesus Christ will return to this worn-out, abused old earth to restore the *perfect* government of God over all nations. He will *rule,* as King of kings, with countless thousands of spirit-born saints under Him — those who were washed clean in the atoning blood of Jesus Christ and *overcame,* keeping *God's* works till the end of their lives (Revelation 2:26-27). Then the world will be *filled* with the *good news* of the Kingdom of God. That is the message of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ!

This special Festival edition of *The Good News* is devoted to the Holy Day season that depicts the coming glorious time when Jesus Christ will intervene in world affairs to stop man from the ultimate disaster of *total annihilation* — and establish the wonderful world tomorrow! Read each article carefully. The plan of God is truly marvelous.

Joseph W. Tkach

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The Coming Utopia

Good News Beyond the Bad

Bible prophecy contains some sobering predictions for the near future. But the darkest hour is just before dawn!

By K. Neil Earle

"Why is there so much bad news in the Bible?" some ask. "Especially in Bible prophecy. Why is there so much gloom and doom?"

Perhaps *you* have felt this way.

Then it's time you understand why God chose to couch His precious revelation of future events in such a way.

Yes, there is horrible news ahead for humanity in the short term. World conditions are going to get worse, much worse (II Timothy 3:13).

But that is not why God inspired His prophets. The bad news is not the focal point of prophecy. Far from it. But the bad news of the world today and the immediate future does fit into God's overriding scheme of world events (Isaiah 14:26-27).

It's time we understand.

Positive prophecies

First, we should note that even alleged doomsayers like Jeremiah emphasized the glorious vision of utopia ahead: a world at peace under the loving rule of Jesus Christ.

Here's an example, in Jeremiah 31:12-13:

"They shall come and sing in the height of Zion, streaming to the goodness of the Lord — for wheat and new wine and oil [the world hunger problem solved], for the young of the flock and the herd [no more "beefing" about the price of beef]; their souls shall be like a well-watered garden [not withered and parched from the famine and thirst that stalk the Sahel], and they shall sorrow no more at all [good news for the mothers of Belfast, Beirut and Baghdad]."

But there is more.

Note this prediction of the social occasions of the world tomorrow, a time when ugly social divisions will be healed:

"Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old, together; for I will turn their mourning to joy, will comfort them, and make them rejoice rather than sorrow."

How's that for a burst of sensational good news from a prophet who has had a "bad press" over the centuries? The good news for Ethiopia is that the prophet Jeremiah foresees national prosperity just ahead!

Those who view God as rather ascetical and straitlaced will have to readjust their thinking in the world tomorrow. Jeremiah foresaw wheat, wine and oil, lamb chops and steaks barbecuing deliciously in some of the parched reaches of the present world.

Jeremiah's good news is also a refreshing encouragement for policemen, urban officials and town planners working in our inner cities: Social divisions will be healed at last. Jeremiah foresaw teens and senior citizens dancing together in the world tomorrow.

You think this fantastic and idealistic? Can you believe this, or is it just too good to be true? Is it but the pipe dream of a prophet carried away with the spirit of enthusiasm, or perhaps something else?

Good questions. But first, notice another slice of exquisite good news from the prophet Ezekiel, whose alleged "bizarre"

Illustration by Mike Cressy

activities bother some scholars (Ezekiel 5:1-4).

Safety in the land

Here is Ezekiel's vision:

"I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. . . . and I will cause showers to come down in their season . . . Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land . . . they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make them afraid" (Ezekiel 34:25-28).

What good news for youth leaders, camp counselors and educators struggling with a new "lost generation" of teenagers! They will "sleep in the woods." No need to fear marauding animals, irresponsible hunters or deranged motorcycle gangs. Just ahead, according to Ezekiel: young people camping out, learning to enjoy the great out-of-doors with no risk of crime.

What wonderful news for ecologists, environmentalists and all those concerned about the good earth: "The trees of the field shall yield their fruit." Ezekiel predicts that the environment will survive. There is no need to fear a silent spring when no birds sing. Ezekiel said so. "I will cause showers to come down in their season."

Inspired by God

When Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and the other prophets penned their prophecies, they claimed to be mere instruments, writing and speaking on behalf of the great Creator God of the universe (Amos 3:8). Ezekiel's message of nations at peace, of dwelling safely where no one is afraid, should be a beacon of hope to those who experienced the Cold War decades of the 1950s and 1960s.

To a generation scarred by the specter of the mushroom cloud, Ezekiel's words should mean a lot: "They shall dwell safely." What a promise to those indoctrinated by the dread lexicon of the nuclear age — *ground zero, strontium 90, fallout, overkill, massive retaliation, mutual assured destruction.* The grim vocabulary of human slaughter haunts all of us on this fragile planet. With jagged nerves and frayed emotions, millions sit fearful of the bombs that could go off and incinerate us all within 25 minutes.

> The prophets are right about the good news of the world tomorrow, because they spoke with unerring accuracy about the bad news of the world today! The good news is true because the bad news is true!

Ezekiel foresaw a time when ICBMs, cruise missiles and MIRVs would no longer bother the sleep of an entire generation: "They shall be safe in their land," Ezekiel promised.

Why should it be so hard to believe Ezekiel? Why would delegates to world peace conferences totally disregard the prophecies and projections of the Bible?

Simple. They don't believe that the Bible has any relevance today. They don't believe that the prophets' words really were the words of God. They discount God's servants having any authority. They refuse to consider that the prophets spoke as infallible scribes of the great God.

And that is a major miscalculation!

Don't you make the same mistake. Here is the whole point of this article: The prophets are right about the glorious good news of the world tomorrow. Why? Because they spoke with unerring accuracy about the bad news of the world today!

The pinpoint accuracy of Bible prophecy in foretelling the conditions that haunt us today proves the prophets spoke with authority. It proves they were inspired by God (II Peter 1:21).

In other words, the good news is true because the bad news is true!

The prophets chart the disease — the present world chaos — and give the prescription to cure it — the wonderful world tomorrow.

Conditions today prophesied

Here are just a few examples of the authority of God's Word:

In the eighth century B.C., speaking of human governments and systems, the prophet Isaiah stated: "The way of peace they have not known" (Isaiah 59:8). Was he right? Or more importantly, is he still right? Of course! That is an amazing, accurate insight into human government, given more than 2,700 years ago.

In Zechariah 14:14 the prophet predicted that the end-time alignment of nations scrambling for control of the Middle East will include the Jews: "Judah also will fight at Jerusalem." How did Zechariah know, from his vantage point in the sixth century B.C., that there would be a Jewish state established on May 15, 1948, in the Middle East?

The answer? Zechariah didn't. But his God who inspired him did.

Zechariah 14:2 says that "all the nations" will be involved in the dispute in the Middle East. The generation that lived through the Six-Day War in 1967 and the Yom Kippur War in 1973 knows that this is true.

But we have hardly scratched the surface.

Daniel 12:4 contains the startling statement that at the time of the end, "knowledge shall increase." That began in the 15th century with the explosion of

printing, and has so accelerated that 90 percent of all the scientists who ever lived are alive today!

Jesus Christ Himself was a prophet (John 4:19) — the greatest prophet. He looked down the long stretch of time from His own first century A.D. and predicted that mankind, under the sway of Satan, would so pervert the knowledge explosion Daniel predicted as to almost engineer human self-annihilation!

Notice Jesus' prediction of our age in Matthew 24:21-22: "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened."

There was a prediction of our frenetic, perplexed, distraught generation centuries in advance (Luke 21:25-26).

Revelation 9:16 predicts an immense army of 200,000,000 soldiers. Their source of origin? From the "kings from the east" (Revelation 16:12).

Isn't it astounding that an Associated Press release of April 24, 1964, related that the People's Republic of China alone could field an estimated 200,000,000 armed and organized militiamen?

Aren't these staggering predictions? They are definite, specific and minutely detailed. They are authoritative news releases given in advance by the very Maker of the universe!

And these sobering but amazingly accurate prophecies are convincing earmarks of the Bible's inspiration (II Timothy 3:16). They also demonstrate that the glorious good news, the positive projection of a soon-coming utopia to grip this earth, is true as well.

The good news is true, too

Jesus Christ and the early apostles were convinced that the utopia predicted in Bible prophecy was as certain as the rising of tomorrow's sun.

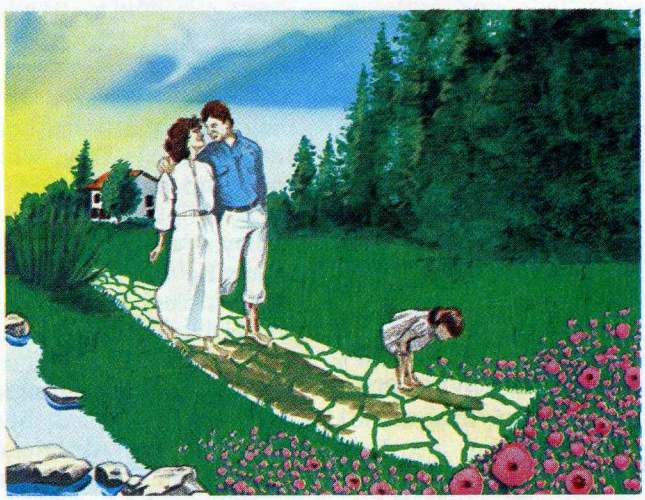
Here is the conclusion of a powerful sermon given by the apostle Peter:

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began" (Acts 3:19-21).

One reason Christ and His disciples knew of this coming Millennium was because they kept the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7). This festival is designed to keep God's true servants in perpetual hope of a golden age yet to dawn on this earth.

The Feast of Tabernacles

This annual Fall Festival, which the early Church observed (Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 18:21), is designed to be a living parable of the prosperity and blessings that will come under the reign of Jesus Christ. The Feast of Tabernacles in ancient Israel was intended as a microcosm of a godly community at work:



"You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven days . . . and you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your manservant and your maidservant and the Levite, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow . . . Seven days you shall keep a sacred feast . . . because the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you surely rejoice" (Deuteronomy 16:13-15).

Rejoicing — family rejoicing and togetherness — is the hallmark of this great Fall Festival. It is a foretaste of the coming utopia God has in store for all people. Isaiah wrote of this glorious good news beyond the bad news:

"And in this mountain [symbolic of the Kingdom Christ will establish] the Lord of hosts will make for all people a feast of choice pieces, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of well-refined wines on the lees. And He will destroy on this mountain . . . the veil that is spread over all nations [religious deception]. He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces" (Isaiah 25:6-8).

What a hope — what a promise — what a future!

Prophecy announces it, and the Feast of Tabernacles points toward it. God's true Church still keeps the Feast of Tabernacles today.

If you would like to know more about the Feast of Tabernacles, request our free booklet *Pagan Holidays — or God's Holy Days — Which?*

Yes, in God's great mercy and wisdom, the bad news of the world today really is — paradoxically — good news!

Because the collapse of this sin-soaked system, unraveling before our eyes, forms part of the birth pangs of a whole new age — the wonderful world tomorrow.

The bad news in the prophecies, now starkly coming to fulfillment, underlines the certainty that a new world is on its way.

And that's the best news anyone could ever hear! □



Seven Holidays of the Wor

All nations have holidays. God's Kingdom is no different. These days will be kept in the world tomorrow.

By John A. Halford

The United States commemorates its independence on the Fourth of July. In Mexico May 5 — Cinco de Mayo — is Independence Day. July Fourteenth is the national festival of France.

All the nations, states and kingdoms of this world have their special days on which they remember the important events of their history.

Jesus said His Kingdom was not of this world (John 18:36). Nevertheless, His Kingdom also has special days to remind its citizens of important events of the past — and the future. These days are so important that God *commands* His people to observe them.

Ancient Israel kept them for a while, but eventually forgot. Jesus observed these same days, and His followers continued to keep them after His crucifixion.

But today, most people, even those who claim to be Christians, have never heard of them. Instead, they have traditional holidays like Christmas, Easter and All Souls Day, which have their roots deep in paganism and which God never commanded us to keep.

Loyal citizens of God's Kingdom shouldn't be following the ways of this world. The apostle Paul made it clear in Ephesians 2:19 that a true Christian is a citizen of the Kingdom of God. That Kingdom is not yet established on earth, and until it is, its citizens are like foreigners or "resident aliens" — living *in* this world, but not *of* it.

Every year Americans living in Europe loyally observe the Fourth of July, and Mexicans in America still remember Cinco de Mayo. Should not those who claim the citizenship of the Kingdom of God observe the great national days of *their* Kingdom? So you need to find out more about them!

God's special days

You will find the special days of the Kingdom of God listed in the 23rd chapter of the book of Leviticus. They are, in order, the Passover, the Days



ld Tomorrow

of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks (or Pentecost), the Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, the seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles and the last (eighth) day of the Feast, which is a separate festival known as the Last Great Day.

They are the national days of the Kingdom of God, and they commemorate (or anticipate) the most important events that will ever affect the human race. Let's see why.

These Holy Days are observed at two seasons of the year corresponding to the spring and fall harvest seasons in the Northern Hemisphere. That makes sense, since they symbolize seven essential steps in the great national purpose of the Kingdom of God, the "harvest" of the human race. Maybe you have never thought of it quite like that.

At certain times in history, some nations have focused all their resources and energies toward the accomplishment of one great goal. For example, the early United States struggled to establish itself as a nation after its declaration of independence. Winston Churchill rallied the British people to stand fast against Hitler after the rest of Europe had collapsed in the early months of World War II.

God has dedicated the resources of His Kingdom to the greatest purpose of all. He has a plan to rescue the citizens of every other nation from certain death!

About now you may be saying, "Yes, yes, I know this — Jesus is trying to save the world." Millions of sincere people believe this. They think they are helping Him. They work tirelessly to preach in Jesus' name, persuading others to "accept" Him, to "give Him their hearts" and be "born again."

But there is one thing seriously wrong with trying to help Jesus Christ save the world this way.

Jesus isn't trying to save the world! Not yet.

Unfortunately, many have a muddled view of God's plan. They see Jesus locked in a race against time, desperately trying to pluck lost souls out of Satan's clutches before it is too late. If that is right, Satan is winning.

But it isn't right — it couldn't be more wrong. God, through Jesus Christ, is saving the human race according to a logical, carefully thought-out plan. That plan is right on schedule, and it is completely successful. God has not even begun to deal with most of humanity yet.

God explains the steps of His plan to save mankind through the annual festivals. When you keep these days, you know what is going on. Let's look at them one by one.

The first step

The Passover is the first great event the citizens of the Kingdom of God commemorate each year. It is observed on the anniversary of the day that Jesus was betrayed and crucified.

History has from time to time been changed because of the heroic act of a courageous leader. But the destiny of everyone who has ever lived was altered forever by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Remember that famous "golden verse"? It has become so well known that it is almost a cliché: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

This verse means what it says. God does love the human race. He has plans for us. He wants us — all of us — to live and share His glory forever. But all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).

Jesus Christ never sinned, so He never earned the wages of sin, which the Bible says is death (Romans 6:23). Jesus gave Himself up to an undeserved, cruel death so that others might live.

And so, every year, His fellow citizens observe the Passover. Quietly, gratefully and thoughtfully, they take the symbols of His sacrifice and commit their lives and loyalty to Him anew.

Preparing for the future

After His crucifixion, Jesus was resurrected and again took His place beside His Father in heaven. But God knew that Jesus was to be the firstborn of many brethren (Romans 8:29).

Across the centuries God has called a very few others out of this world to prepare to rule with Jesus in the Kingdom (Revelation 3:21). But first these called ones must overcome human nature with its greed, vanity and selfishness, for human nature,

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inspired by Satan the devil, is the cause of the misery and suffering among the kingdoms of *this* world. Those who are qualifying to rule with Christ must learn to put that way behind them.

That is the meaning of the next significant national feast of the Kingdom of God — the Days of Unleavened Bread. Obeying God's instructions for observing the Days of Unleavened Bread is a practical lesson in overcoming sin. One thing that becomes clear is that you cannot, of your own efforts, get rid of sin. You need help.

Jesus knew that His Church, however willing they were, could not even begin to do the Work of God, whether it was preaching the Gospel or overcoming human nature, by their own efforts. So He sent them help, which brings us to the next festival — Pentecost — and the next stage of God's great plan.

The firstfruits

Pentecost is sometimes called the Feast of Firstfruits. It symbolizes the "harvest" of the first group of people to be rescued from death.

On the Feast of Pentecost in A.D. 31, Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit to galvanize the early Church into action. You probably know the story as recounted in the second chapter of Acts. It was a vital step in the plan.

Because of what happened on Pentecost, those few whom God has called to be the firstfruits *will* be ready when Christ comes. Without the Holy Spirit, they could not be (Romans 8:6-8). But with the added power of God working in them, they can build godly character.

Thus they are uniquely prepared to help Jesus Christ as He begins on the next exciting stage of the Kingdom's long-range plan.

The invasion

With the next feast, the Feast of Trumpets, God's Holy Days move from commemorating things that have already happened into the realm of events that are going to happen. Paul called the Holy Days a "shadow of things to come" (Colossians 2:17), and a shadow is cast by something real.

God has allowed this earth to be ruled by Satan and the forces of evil ever since the Garden of Eden. The Bible calls Satan the "god of this age" (II Corinthians 4:4) and the "spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience" (Ephesians 2:2).

During His earthly ministry, Jesus qualified to replace Satan as ruler of the earth, but God's plan did not call for Him to take power at that time. Satan has been allowed to continue to rule the earth for a further 2,000 or so years.

But liberation from Satan's evil rule is on the way. That is what the Feast of Trumpets is all about.

This day looks ahead to a day, not far in the future, when Jesus Christ will return to this earth to rule for a thousand years. He won't be coming this time as a babe in a manger, but as a triumphant king.

There will be nothing quiet or inconspicuous about the Second Coming. Christ will return with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and a trumpet blast (I Thessalonians 4:16). It will be an invasion the like of which the world has never seen. And every eye *will* see this event (Revelation 1:7). It will be the great turning point of history.

Before the kingdoms of the world are liberated by the Kingdom of God, the human race will have come within a hairsbreadth of destroying itself. It will be the ultimate cliff-hanger — with a happy ending — and a great day to celebrate. The Feast of Trumpets celebrates this tremendous event in advance.

Another reason to celebrate is that this is a resurrection day for those who have been called by God through the centuries.

Some, like the patriarch David and the first apostles, have been dead for thousands of years. Others, including most of us called today, will be alive and waiting for that moment when, in a "twinkling of an eye" (I Corinthians 15:52), our human bodies, composed of physical matter, will be transformed into immortal, spiritual bodies, ready to begin eternal life. That will happen on the fulfillment of the Feast of Trumpets — something else to celebrate in advance.

Satan's last stand

Now you should be seeing why the feast days are so important to the citizens of the Kingdom of God. But there is more.

Every so often we hear that some dictator has been overthrown. There are pictures of people dancing in the streets, tearing down statues, rejoicing over the end of a hateful regime.

Today most people do not understand that Satan is the real ruler of this world. When Christ returns to earth to begin His reign of 1,000 years, He must deal with this archenemy.

At some time in the distant past, before man was created, Satan chose to become the adversary, rather than the assistant, of God. Since that time he has acted in ruthless and relentless opposition to everything God stands for. He has done his best to thwart God's great plan of salvation at every turn. He is consumed by vehement hate for humans, because they are destined to inherit all that he once tried to take by force.

When Christ comes to rule the earth, Satan has to go. The next feast day, the Day of Atonement, pictures that event. One of Christ's first acts will be to banish Satan to a place of restraint (Revelation 20:1-3). When the world comes to fully understand that, they will really celebrate.

Meanwhile, before that occurs, the citizens of the Kingdom celebrate that day of liberation in advance, looking forward on the Day of Atonement to the time when the world will be *at one,* not *at odds,* with God.

The Millennium

With Satan gone, the Kingdom

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By Ronald D. Kelly

Family Life in the Millennium

In this special Fall Festival edition of *The Good News,* you will read many exciting facts about the future.

God's annual Holy Days reveal the magnificent plan God is working out on planet earth. The autumn Holy Days place special emphasis on the coming Kingdom of God — the wonderful world tomorrow and what it will be like.



In keeping with the theme of this issue, we would like to share with you a glimpse into family life as prophesied in the pages of the Holy Bible. If you can understand how families will live in the world tomorrow, we hope you can be motivated to strive for that same happy life in your own family today.

Bible prophecy reveals a time to come when not only will war and poverty not exist, but strong, stable and happy families will form the backbone of society.

Many who read the Bible are familiar with Jesus' teaching regarding those who are raised from the dead to immortal, spirit life. "For in the resurrection," Jesus said, "they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven" (Matthew 22:30).

It is clear that those who are ultimately born as spirit beings into God's Family do not continue in the physical marital relationship. Marriage, then, is a physical union, designed by God for physical, human beings. Those made immortal are no longer physically male and female, but are composed of spirit.

Spirit and flesh

When Jesus Christ returns to the earth to establish God's great Kingdom, He will be assisted by spirit beings — the dead in Christ who will be raised from the dead at the last trump.

Notice how Paul described this momentous event in I Corinthians 15:50-52: "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed — in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

The next question is: Where will Christ and the resurrected saints be? Most professing Christians commonly assume they will be in heaven. But that's not what the Bible says.

Read it for yourself in Revelation 5:10: "And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign *on the earth.*" Yes, at the Second Coming of Christ, both He and those raised from the dead will be right here on earth.

Before the establishment of God's Kingdom the earth will be devastated by war. But not all humanity will be destroyed, as Christ revealed in Matthew 24:22: "And unless those days

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were shortened, no flesh would be saved [alive]; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened." God will intervene to end the folly that would bring about total human annihilation.

Jesus Christ will soon come as King of kings and Lord of lords. God's government will be established. There will still be many millions of humans alive at that time.

There are now more than five billion people on earth. Even if 90 percent do not live through the troublesome times to come, there will be 500 million yet alive. That is more than double the population of the United States today.

So there will be plenty of humans who need to learn God's way, and who will establish the wonderful millennial society so long anticipated.

The beginning of a new world

Prophecy shows that at the time of Christ's coming, the people of Israel will be in a national captivity. (If you have not read our book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy,* please write for it. It will show you who the modern nations of Israel are and what is prophesied for the future.)

Then, at the return of Christ, the captives of Israel will be led back to the Holy Land. Let's read the inspiring prophecy of Jeremiah 32:37-44: " 'Behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath; I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely.

" 'They shall be My people, and I will be their God; then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them. . . . And fields will be bought in this land . . .

" 'Men will buy fields for money, sign deeds and seal them, and take witnesses, in the land of Benjamin, in the places around Jerusalem, in the cities of Judah, in the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the South; for I will cause their captives to return,' says the Lord."

The rebuilding process will get under way immediately. Out of devastation will be built an entirely new society.

Jeremiah foresaw it: "It shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise, and an honor before all nations of the earth, who shall hear all the good that I do to them; they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and all the prosperity that I provide for it. . . . Again there shall be heard in this place . . . the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride" (Jeremiah 33:9-11).

At that time — for the first time in human history! — an entire world society will understand the meaning of marriage. And the joy of the wedding will last throughout their lives — unlike so many in today's world who are so unhappy.

In describing this utopian future society, the prophet Zechariah said: "Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each one with his staff in his hand because of great age. The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets' " (Zechariah 8:4-5).

What a wonderful world — a world where husbands and wives grow old in love together and watch their grandchildren and great-grandchildren happily at play in safety.

Peace and safety for all families

Perhaps you have noticed that the seal of Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God is derived from a passage in the Bible that looks forward to a better world yet to come.

This wonderful prophecy is found in Isaiah 11:6-9: "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

"The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

This is but a brief glance into family life in the coming Kingdom of God. But it is an inspiring glance. More than a glimpse into the future, it can be an example for you.

Of course, it is not possible to bring the Millennium about by our own human efforts. God will send Jesus Christ to do that. But we can now live our lives according to the laws of God, and in our own way experience some of what it will be like in the wonderful world tomorrow.

When you view family life from the perspective of the verses we have read, you clearly see husbands and wives spending a lifetime together. Sad to say, in today's world, many couples are not committed to a life together. If one grows tired of the other or doesn't like the way a mate is, they divorce and try it all over again with others.

In that world to come, the highest priority, after one's personal relationship with God, will be the family. Nothing is more important.

You can apply those positive laws now. And you can look forward to a time when you will help millions of humans learn how to live happily within the beautiful family structure established by God.

The Fall Holy Day season is a wonderful time to reflect on the coming Kingdom of God. It is also a time to dedicate ourselves to living that way of life now — to qualify to teach that way to others. □

TOMORROW'S CITIES

What Will They Be Like?

Bible prophecy offers an exciting glimpse at the magnificent cities to be built in the Millennium.

By George M. Kackos

Cities around this world are in deep trouble! Many of them just keep getting bigger and bigger, but they are certainly not getting any better.

Except for a few isolated examples, cities in general have developed haphazardly, without intelligent planning and vision for the future. And look at the results!

Disorganized growth produces more congestion. That slows movement and creates inconvenience within the city, which frustrates the residents. More pollution befouls the air and poisons the water. More urban sprawl destroys the countryside and overtaxes limited resources.

More crime robs people of their freedom, wealth and peace of mind. At the same time, workers may shudder and stagger as factories close and businesses move out. Neighborhoods decay and city services are cut back for lack of tax revenues.

With all these problems plaguing our cities, tremendous changes are desperately needed.

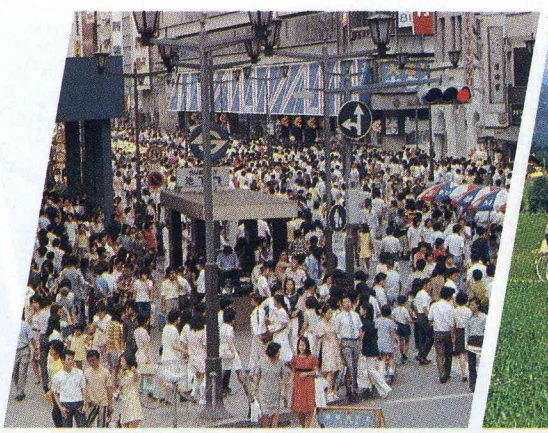
I fondly remember the small, picturesque California cities of my younger years. With their blend of city-meets-country charm, they seemed so appealing, so inviting. Their magnetic attraction always left me feeling uplifted and refreshed.

But things changed. More homes, businesses and factories invaded the countryside and destroyed the tranquility. Seeking refuge from ugly cities, people moved to more rural areas and began again making the same mistakes that had ruined the cities from which they fled.

The feelings these cities stimulated were no longer the same as before all the development. Of course, it was all done in the name of "progress." Isn't it always? But to me, it was a sad reminder of how man, steeped in the way of selfishness and competition, ruins cities rather than improves them.

Wouldn't it be exciting to see cities planned, built, maintained and used the right way? And there *is* a right way — it's revealed in the Bible!

God promises just such a transformation in cities. For a thousand years, during the time pictured by the Feast of Tabernacles, the entire world will be filled with beautiful, prosperous cities totally unlike most of the cities of this world today.





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New cities prophesied

Listen to these exciting prophecies:

"I will bring back the captives

of My people Israel; they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; they shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them" (Amos 9:14).





"Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'My cities shall again spread out through prosperity; the Lord will again comfort Zion, and will again choose Jerusalem' " (Zechariah 1:17).

But what will these cities be like? Where will they be built? How big will they be? Who will rule over them?

After the return of Jesus Christ, the world will be in shambles. Events during the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord, now shortly ahead of us, will leave cities and countryside alike in ruin.

Before rebuilding begins, the land will be prepared for its inhabitants. Under the direction of Christ, even mountains and valleys will be altered and made available for productive use (Isaiah 40:4, Zechariah 14:10).

Such changes will set the stage for the rebuilding of Jerusalem, God's world capital and model city for the entire earth (Isaiah 60:10-14). Through this magnificent city, God will set an example for other cities to be built throughout the Millennium.

By examining the Scriptures, we can learn a lot about this future Jerusalem. In many cases, of course, the Bible does not reveal every specific detail, and we are left to speculate. But since so many Bible prophecies deal with the coming Kingdom of God in a general way, we can get a pretty clear picture of how that coming world may be. Here is what the Bible reveals about several points relating to Jerusalem and other cities in the world tomorrow:

Jerusalem in tomorrow's world

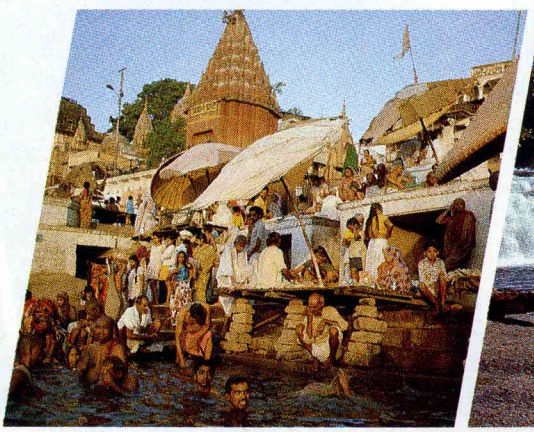
• *Ideal size.* Is there an optimum size for cities? Certainly, the sprawling, overcrowded, ugly metropolises of this world leave much to be desired. In Isaiah 5:8 God warns, "Woe to those who join house to house, who add field to field, till there is no place where they may dwell alone in the midst of the land!"

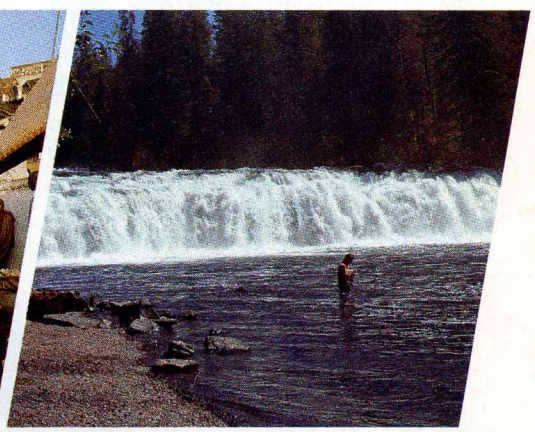
Some city planners feel that smaller cities, perhaps two to six square miles in size, with populations ranging from 7,000 to 30,000 people, are best. This size provides a sufficient population to support a variety of commercial and city services and job opportunities, yet it is small enough to foster close relationships, make travel easy and sustain an efficient government.

Since God opposes overcrowding, we know that the population of Jerusalem in the world tomorrow will be optimal, with plenty of room for comfortable homes and efficiently placed services. Jerusalem will have the advantage of ideal size and density. A strip of land outside the city will be left relatively open (Ezekiel 48:15-17).

• *Pleasant surroundings.* Understanding the effect that a city environment can have, positively or negatively, on the human psyche, city planners advocate green belts of farms, forests and other vegetation to separate cities so residents will not lose touch with the natural environment.

Such a green belt is planned for Jerusalem. To the east and west will be farming areas for the use of city residents (verses 18-19). To the north will be wilderness areas with rivers flowing from the Temple to the Mediterranean Sea and the (formerly) Dead Sea. The Dead Sea will become a living sea because of this new source of pure water (Zechariah 14:8)!





The waters will abound with fish, and riverbanks will be filled with animals and fruit trees:

"And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live [including animals]. There will be a very great multitude of fish . . . Along

the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all kinds of trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month" (Ezekiel 47:9, 12).





Camping out without fear of man or animals will be possible (Ezekiel 34:25). Animals will be tame — even the snakes will be friendly! "The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den" (Isaiah 11:8).

Such an environment will blend the best qualities of the city and countryside. No longer will people feel cut off from God's creation by huge cities, stuck in sterile surroundings of concrete, asphalt and steel.

• *Beautiful design and quality construction.* Today's cities, for the most part, lack intelligent planning and quality construction. Buildings clash with each other, facilities are inadequate, residential and business areas are overcrowded and structures are deteriorating.

Under God's government, these conditions will definitely not be permitted to exist. God is not the author of confusion — everything He rules over is done decently and in order (I Corinthians 14:33, 40).

Jerusalem will be supplied with the finest building materials: "Instead of bronze I will bring gold, instead of iron I will bring silver, instead of wood, bronze, and instead of stones, iron" (Isaiah 60:17). Quality craftsmen will then turn these materials into buildings that are both functional and beautiful (Psalm 50:2).

Ezekiel 41 and 42 offer glimpses of the Temple planned for Jerusalem. From these plans we can see God's concern for proper proportioning, focal points, interesting repetition and attention to detail. This same concern will be evident throughout the architecture of Jerusalem.

Homes and businesses will be properly located to complement one another. Adequate spacing between them will provide room for lush gardens, broad, tree-lined avenues, parks, sparkling fountains and imaginative sculpture to add aesthetic qualities. Unsightly billboards and gaudy signs will be eliminated. No more will our senses be assaulted and jangled as they are in cities today.

Through wise planning, an array of businesses will supply quality goods and services. Schools, libraries, museums, gymnasiums and theaters will provide exciting educational, recreational and cultural activities. Cottage industries will produce beneficial products such as farm implements (Isaiah 2:4).

Because of the cities' smaller size, elaborate transportation systems will not be needed. Walking or bicycling, for example, will easily get people to their destinations. Just think — no more bumper-to-bumper traffic jams! You big-city dwellers ought to appreciate that.

Communication systems will quickly spread helpful information throughout cities or between individuals. That which is harmful will not be allowed.

Pollution will be eliminated by the use of nonpolluting energy sources, the elimination of harmful substances and the recycling of waste materials (Deuteronomy 23:13).

Every development decision, from land allocation to the use of technology, will be based on what will be best for the people. The guiding principle will be that of Isaiah 11:9: "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain." Translated into action, this way of life will produce outstanding results.





• *Happy people.* Not only will the city of Jerusalem be transformed, so will its people: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My

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judgments and do them" (Ezekiel 36:26-27).

Think what this will mean! No longer will people be filled with lust and hate. No longer will they envy and fight each other. Love — the give way of life — will permeate relationships. Because of obedience to God, city life will be a blessing, not a curse (Deuteronomy 28:1-3).

Marriages will be happy. Children will be reared properly. The elderly will not be neglected. Everyone will live in harmony, truly enjoying each other. God's command to Adam to tend and keep the Garden of Eden will be applied to Jerusalem. Litter, decaying buildings and weed-filled lots will not exist. High standards of maintenance will be emphasized.

Those same qualities that will make Jerusalem a great city will be stressed in other cities, too. Huge, overcrowded cities, cut off from the natural beauty of surrounding countryside, will not exist. The problems of poor planning, decaying buildings, pollution, inadequate resources, lack of educational, cultural and recreational activities, crime and unhappy people will gradually be solved as new cities are built throughout the world.

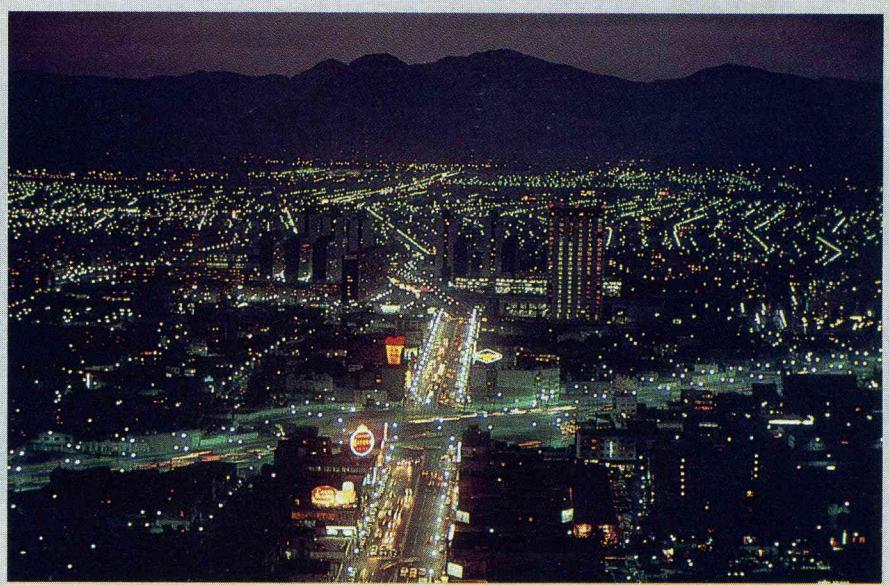
Who will rule?

But who will rule over these cities? Will it be human politicians, like in today's world?

Consider this: God promises true Christians that they will rule over the nations (Revelation

If You Were Mayor...

By Herman L. Hoeh



At night from the window of a landing plane, city boulevards look like strings of pearls. How wonderful, one might think, to be mayor in charge of such a beautiful community!

The reality becomes apparent usually before one leaves the airport terminal. Being mayor in today's society is a big responsibility. And as far as mayors being in *charge* . . . forget it. They are most often run ragged by city problems. They have little or no real authority to correct the basic causes of the problems of the modern city.

Mayors are asked to serve cities that others, long before, designed and built — or, perhaps better said, built without design and adequate forethought.

Under city streets, mostly invisible from above, are great tangles of utility lines — for gas, electricity, water, telephone. Their repair and maintenance are a headache to street maintenance crews.

And *on* the streets are all the signs of a modern, bustling society — blowing paper, cardboard remnants, hubcaps, smashed aluminum and tin cans, bottles green, bottles amber, bottles clear, and crushed bottles and bottle caps and clothing that blew out of some passing vehicle. And the mayor's job is to see that it is all collected by a department of the city. Then there is the trash from each household, apartment complex, business establishment.

Above the city streets are the decaying balconies, the broken windows, the roofs in need of repair, the tree branches grotesquely sawed off by the inexpert or in need of trimming by utility crews. The broken lights of lamp posts, the graffiti on walls, the . . . surely these are not the boulevards that appeared as strings of pearls from above at night? Ah, but they are — from close up.

And walking the streets and the alleys and inside the houses and apartment complexes are people. Their myriad activities, moral and immoral, are mostly beyond the reach of the office of mayor. Enter here the police, the lawyers, the courts, the clergy, the educators, the philanthropists, the clubs, the lodges.

A Babylon of confusion

Is it any wonder that when the Bible speaks of civilization, of religion, of business or politics that the name of an ancient city is chosen to describe it all? Babylon! The city of confusion!

That ancient city's site was at first called *Babel* in Hebrew and *Bab-il* in Akkadian. To the one it was confusion, to the other it was the gate of God. And that is exactly the problem today.

A city ought to be the gate of God, the

2:26-27). For some, this will involve being given authority over the cities of the nations (Luke 19:13-19).

By doing it this way, God will eliminate the problem of carnal human rulership, which has led to such tragic results. His own divine Family will hold power, ensuring that all things will be done right.

Those placed in authority will be born into God's Family at Christ's Second Coming. They will have the necessary love, wisdom and power to rule righteously (I John 3:2). They will eliminate the *causes* of problems before difficulties occur (Isaiah 30:20-21). It won't be as it is in this world, where people break God's laws with abandon and then vainly attempt to treat the resulting evil *effects*.

Knowing this ought to be exciting, because *you* could become one of these rulers! *You* could be given the responsibility of building these fabulous cities and helping their citizens live joyously! *You* could help establish God's way of life all over this earth.

To qualify for such a magnificent opportunity, you must diligently apply yourself to the calling God gives you. Faithfully perform your comparatively small responsibilities now, so you can be given big responsibilities later: "And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities' " (Luke 19:17). □

place one goes from the scattered villages of the countryside to see the beauty and creativity of the mind of God as it is expressed through man.

But humans long ago cut themselves off from contact with God — though they seem not to know it. And so the cities they build are thought to express God's pattern of civilization, as He would have man build it.

As one thoughtful businessman said, in reflection, "I wonder how pleased God is with the civilization we have built?"

Very displeased! For He is going to shake it all down and start over, from the ground up, and build an entirely new civilization in which mayors will have power and authority!

That is the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles.

There will be humans placed in authority over tens, over hundreds, over thousands — all reporting to those above them. And those above in turn reporting to the mayor, who *was* a human being, but who is now also a divine being. The mayor may even rule over and judge matters for several cities. And the mayors in turn will report to those above, over the tribe or nation, on up to the Messiah — Jesus Christ, King of kings over all the earth.

What a different world that will be!

Worth thinking about

It is worth thinking about, planning for, talking about, when we sit down, when we rise up, when we walk about. Of course, if the civilizations of this age could be reformed from within, if the cities as they now are could simply be remodeled, God would do it. But He is not going to do it that way. It will all have to start anew.

So, if you were mayor, what would you have to know? What would you have to think about? What matters would you have to judge? The subject is so vast that it is best discussed as table talk — daily, if we are going to prepare to be mayors. Anciently, of course, mayors were kings. You can read that in the book of Joshua. The world got away from that and mayors gradually lost the power and the authority to make necessary changes in a city. Their function has become largely ceremonial. Others judge. Even kings today reign rather than rule. Other people in government have taken power.

It is time we seriously thought through the problems facing today's mayors and their cities.

It really starts in the home. The Chinese wisely saw that millennia ago. Peace of mind in the individual brings peace to the home. Peace in the home leads to cooperation in the neighborhood. Cooperation among neighborhoods brings serenity to a city.

God's law enforced

Peace of mind comes through obedience to the spiritual law of God that defines right from wrong. The captains over tens, spoken of before, are the heads over households or extended families. Captains over hundreds are leaders in the neighborhoods. Captains over thousands are the leaders over the boroughs or wards that make up cities. They will, first, set the right example, then, second, teach and enforce God's laws. They will cooperate with those above them in authority, as they help in building God's civilization.

What a difference this will make in education. Children will not be walking to school past litter on the streets. They will learn, first, not to drop litter and, second, to pick up litter.

Children will walk beneath trees that are properly trimmed by their elders. They will learn through example how to do it themselves.

They will learn how to dispose of garbage — how it can be composted at home. They will learn the science of decomposition at school. They will learn how to recycle trash, through example, at home, and the scientific study of technology in the classroom.

And all of these activities that a child does externally will reflect his or her attitude internally!

Humans will learn to maintain their family inheritances, because the first major social act instituted by the Messiah will be to redistribute the land, just as Joshua did when Israel inherited Canaan. No more will the primary concern of mayors be with the decay of the inner city, where slum lords and renters (often broken families) mutually blame each other (usually correctly) for the deterioration of the environment.

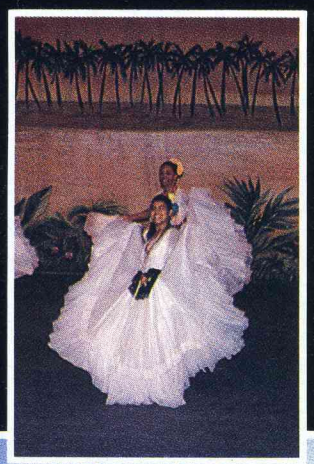
Humans will be taught how to build their houses in a manner proper to their environment. (Architects, take notice!) They will learn how to dress themselves in a manner proper to their environment. (Designers, take notice!) They will be taught the proper distribution of suburbs to agricultural lands. (City planners, take notice!)

No more trucking one's daily bread over great distances because the best soil nearby has been buried beneath housing and industrial parks. No more the use of political clout to drain water from distant regions to meet the burgeoning growth of cities that ought not be where they are. No more the . . . but this table talk could go on and on, as the problems are myriad.

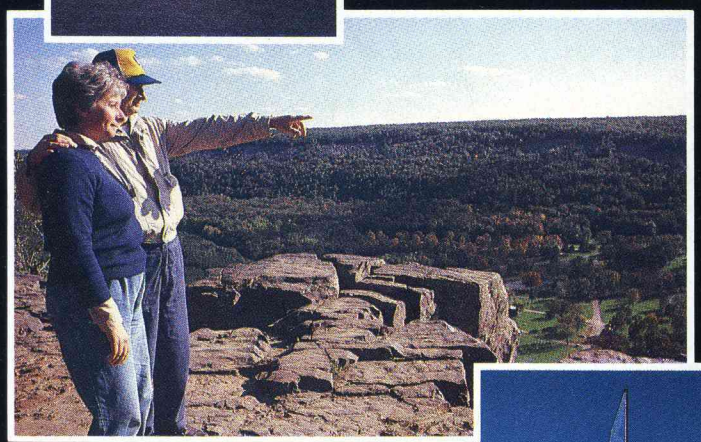
So why not, instead of finishing the conversation here, continue it around your table with your friends? What about transportation, agriculture, industrial technology as they apply to tomorrow's cities? What issues will need to be addressed? Think of all the examples in the prophets' writings. Ask yourself, what would you need to know if you were mayor? □

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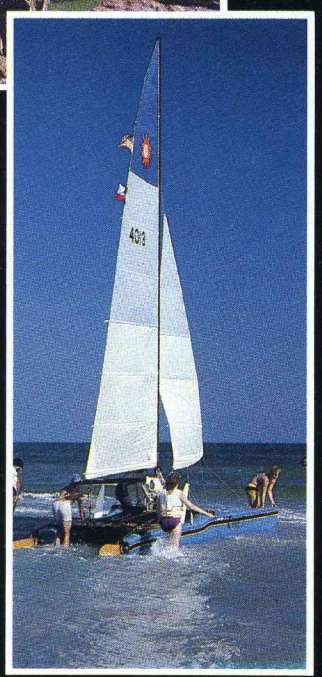
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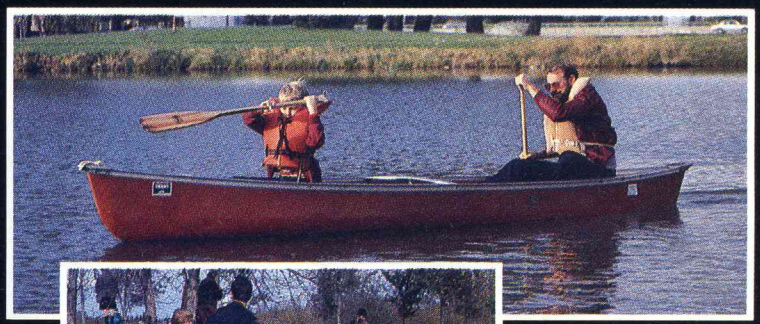
Spiritual instruction, family fun mark Feast. Top left: Acapulco, Mexico (photo by Charles Buschmann); right, St. Petersburg, Fla. (Sherly J. Togans Jr.). Center: Wisconsin Dells, Wisc. (David Malcomsin). Bottom left: Ocho Rios, Jamaica (Paul Kemp); right, Corpus Christi, Tex. (June Quinn).

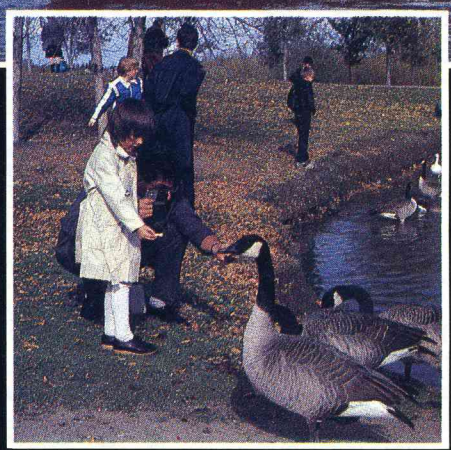


Each year the members of God's Church observe the Feast of Tabernacles at dozens of sites all around the earth. This year the Feast falls Oct. 18-24 on God's calendar.

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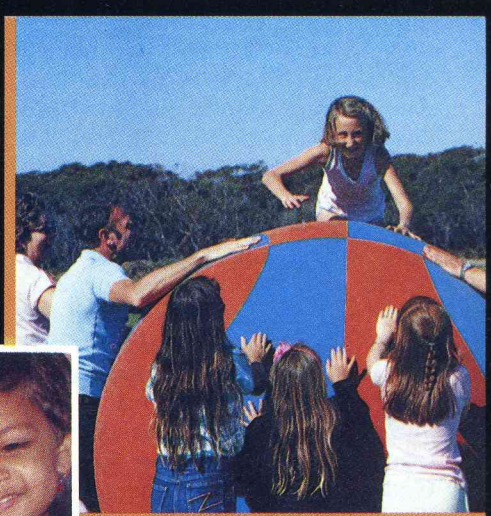








A picture of God's coming Kingdom. Center, from top, Legaspi City, Philippines (Ric Perez), Anchorage, Alaska (Alan Preston), Naro Moru, Kenya (Tom Purnell). Photo of earth from space courtesy NASA.





God's festivals, still in force now, picture the steps in God's master plan; the Feast of Tabernacles points to Jesus Christ's glorious rule on earth in the coming Millennium.

God's people rejoice. Top, Rapid City, S.D. (Doug Johannsen). Second row left, Regina, Sask. (Richard Schempp); right, Norfolk, Va. (Roger Meyer). Above, Ulladulla, Australia (Brian Hose). Left, Goa, India (J.P. Moses).



PREPARE NOW To Teach in the World Tomorrow

As amazing as it might sound, one day you can teach others the truth you are learning in this magazine.

By Earl H. Williams

"Who, me? A teacher?" That was my response when I first learned that God was calling me to be a teacher in the world tomorrow.

Perhaps you cannot imagine yourself as a teacher of God's way either. Yet, if God is really working with you now, God has imagined it and destined it for you!

The good news this magazine proclaims is that Jesus Christ is going to return and reestablish God's government over this earth. At that time the announcement can be made that, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" (Revelation 11:15).

God's government will solve the world's problems by teaching the world God's way of life. Right now God is calling a select few people like you and me to become "kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth" (Revelation 5:10).

What a stupendous truth! Yet no one except those few people with whom God is working now understands.

As a king you will administer the laws of God's Kingdom, but people must first be taught those laws. As a priest you will educate and motivate the people in God's laws and ways. For a thousand years you will assist Jesus Christ in teaching the people of this world the way to happiness. Eventually, "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

So let's examine God's teacher-training program for you. God's program is simple yet effective: Learn the truth, live the truth, then teach the truth. Read on, so you can teach on into the world tomorrow.

Learn the truth

Before you can teach the truth, you must learn the truth. Before you can be given power to rule over others, you must learn to *be ruled* by God's government. If you understand what you are reading right now, Almighty God is intervening in your life to reveal His truth to you — truth you did not understand before.

You have the Bible as your textbook. The Bible contains the

foundation of all knowledge. All other knowledge should be evaluated on the basis of the Word of God.

This Book of books is alive. Paul said, "The word of God is living and powerful" (Hebrews 4:12). The Bible is living in that its principles apply to all facets of life. These principles are ageless. They are the essence of God's own mind. They are just as relevant today as they were 6,000 years ago, and they will be just as relevant 600,000 years from today.

In preparing to be a teacher in God's Kingdom, you should study the Bible to grow in three major areas: knowledge, understanding and wisdom.

Knowledge is the accumulation of facts and information. To "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord" (II Peter 3:18), you must have the proper attitude toward God our Teacher. This is why Solomon said, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7).

If you fear God, look to Him with awe and respect, then He will reveal to you all the true knowledge you need.

But knowledge is not enough. You need the *understanding* of that knowledge. Understanding is the meaning and sense of how knowledge relates to people, places and things — how it all fits together. Pray and ask God to open your mind and give you His understanding. King David prayed, "Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments" (Psalm 119:73).

David also did something else to gain understanding. In verse 99, he said, "I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation." Take time to meditate, to think deeply on the knowledge you study, and God will give you understanding.

David also revealed another key used to unlock understanding: obedience. He declared, "I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Your precepts" (verse 100).

By living the truth you understand the truth. Some principles cannot be understood until you actually live them. As the saying goes, the proof of the pudding is in the eating. Or, as Psalm 111:10 states, "A good understanding have all those who do His commandments."

Then, seek *wisdom*. Wisdom is the ability to discern how, when and where to use the understanding of knowledge. How do you gain wisdom? "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally" (James 1:5). Ask God to guide you in your decisions and actions, striving to wisely apply knowledge.

Study the writings of wise King Solomon in the books of Ecclesiastes and Proverbs. Study the lives of the men and women of the Bible and learn from their experiences, both good and bad. Then exercise wisdom. Make and carry out right decisions, applying God's knowledge and understanding in different situations in your personal life.

Teaching techniques

How can you learn effective techniques of teaching God's truth now? The answer is simple. The way you study now will be the way you teach later. Let's examine some studying and teaching techniques.

Study progressively, from the simple to the complex. As the saying goes, you must crawl before you walk. Paul understood this principle. He talked about the "milk" of the Word (basic knowledge) and the strong "meat" (advanced knowledge) (Hebrews 5:12, Authorized Version). The simple truths you learn will form the basis for learning more complex truths.

Study the basic doctrines first, such as the Ten Commandments, Sabbath and Holy Days. Then study more complex subjects such as prophecy, later.

Another effective method is the "general overview" or "big picture" approach. The Bible was written "here a little, there a little" (Isaiah 28:10). This technique brings it all together. Use a concordance to look up all the scriptures, scattered throughout the Bible, on a particular subject. Put them all together and you will be able to see the big picture — what the Bible says, overall, about the subject. You can study history and prophecy effectively using this technique.

By contrast, you may study by specific facets. You simply take a specific subject and break it down into smaller facets. Then you take one facet and magnify it, making it clearer.

Take the subject of the Sabbath, which has many facets. One facet is the sixth day of the week as the day of preparation for the seventh-day Sabbath (Exodus 16:22-25). Analyze why God gave a preparation day, and how we are to use it. Turn it around and upside down, looking at it from every angle. Studying large topics by breaking them down yields abundant understanding.



Teaching in physical areas today helps you gain valuable experience to use in teaching spiritual knowledge in the world tomorrow.

By the way, our Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course uses all of these methods to make the Bible's meaning clear. More than two million students have already enrolled in this course! If you would like to

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receive the course — and, like all of our literature, it is free — just mail the request card in this issue or write to our address nearest you.

Studying the Bible by analogy is another way to make complex concepts simple. Jesus Christ was a master in the use of analogies. He brought heavenly concepts down to earth.

You can use analogies by comparing the physical to the spiritual. Perhaps you are studying the subject of unity. God wants His people working together in complete harmony. What works together in harmony in the physical world? An orchestra is one example. Each musician complements the others and they make beautiful music together.

See the world around you through spiritual eyes. When you see things in the physical world, compare them to the spiritual. Practice and later you can teach this way.

Cause and effect is a great way to study God's laws. It is easier to understand a principle when you can see it in action, and God's laws are in action all around you.

When you obey God's laws, blessings result, and when you disobey them, curses result. Take each of God's laws and look for the cause-and-effect relationship in your life and in the lives of the people around you.

The seasonal technique is another fine learning method. Jesus Christ commanded His ministers to give His people "food in due season" (Luke 12:42). He was talking about spiritual food being served at the appropriate time.

It is helpful to study certain subjects as they correspond to different occasions and seasons of the year. This helps your mind grasp the lesson by associating it in a current context.

For instance, God associates His annual Holy Days with the seasons in which they occur to enhance their meaning. This special October-November issue of *The Good News* focuses on the Feast of Tabernacles, celebrated October 18 through 24 this year.

You also learn through experience. God uses the experiences of Old Testament Israel to teach you (I Corinthians 10:11). As you go through the good and bad experiences of life, think about how you can use them to teach someone else one day.

Repetition gets the point across. Repeating a lesson over and over chisels it deeper and deeper into your mind. And each time you repeat your study of a certain subject, you see it in more detail and in ways you did not see it before. The more you look, the more you will see.

Live the truth

Once you have learned the truth, start living it. Before you can qualify to teach others, you must first live that knowledge out in your own life. People tend to learn by what they see rather than by what they hear.

Almighty God is giving you time, before His Kingdom comes, to perfect His knowledge in your life. Strive with all your being to live God's way. Put into practice the principles you are learning.

Jesus Christ tells us, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). So live the truth today, and you will be qualifying to teach the truth in the world tomorrow.

Practice teaching

Just as aspiring teachers must often "student-teach" first, Almighty God requires His future teachers of the Kingdom to practice now.

Husbands, God has given you an excellent opportunity to gain valuable experience teaching your wives (I Corinthians 14:35). This will keep you motivated to study God's Word as you strive to give knowledge, understanding and wisdom to your wife. This will also cause your wife to admire and respect you more.

Wives and husbands, teach your children (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

Grandparents, pass it on. God has blessed you with many years of priceless experience. Combine God's truth and teaching techniques with your life experiences, and teach your grandchildren.

Older women and widows, teach younger women. If they see your positive example, they will want to learn from you. Then you can teach them "to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands" (Titus 2:4-5).

Have you ever thought about practicing teaching techniques on your job? The work place is a ready-made classroom. Use the techniques described above to teach others how to do certain jobs. In teaching physical things today, you will be gaining experience to use in teaching spiritual things in the world tomorrow.

Practice teaching when others ask you questions about God's way of life. You should not try to convert others, because only God can do that (John 6:44). But you should "be 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" (I Peter 3:15, AV). Give your answer in wisdom, discerning how, how much and what to say. In teaching, how you give knowledge can be just as important as what you give.

The most important way to practice teaching is by example. Whether you realize it or not, you are teaching 24 hours a day, by what you do and say. Be conscious of your example. Live purposefully and teach those around you by the life you live.

It won't be long now until graduation and certification of the teachers of the Kingdom commences. Jesus Christ's return is imminent! Use every chance you get to learn the truth, live the truth and teach the truth.

If you do, in the world tomorrow, you will be able to help Jesus Christ teach God's way to the whole world: "Many people shall come and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths' " (Isaiah 2:3). □

LETTERS

June-July issue

I enjoyed Graemme J. Marshall's article "Why So Few Understand the Truth!" which appeared in the June-July issue of *The Good News*. With the help of the examples, the article did a superb job of explaining what happens to someone who is given spiritual understanding.

I wanted to share with others what I learned from the book *Mystery of the Ages* but it was to no avail. Even if someone listened, they didn't understand!

Thank you for providing the most beneficial reading material available. *The Plain Truth, Good News* and all the books provided by the Church are, no doubt, teaching the true Gospel in these last days.

Richard B. Harris
Altamonte Springs, Fla.

Thank you very much for the *Good News* magazine and your "Personal" about the truth in the June-July issue.

I just finished reading the article by Graemme J. Marshall, "Why So Few Understand the Truth!" It is very clear, and it made me very aware of how fantastic it is to be called by God to understand His truth and to be able to be used in His Work today on earth. Also how true it is that it is no use whatsoever to try to convince someone else of the wonderful things we understand.

Here in the Dutch-speaking area of Belgium and the Netherlands there are roughly 400 in 20 million people, or 1 in 50,000 who understand God's truth. A few indeed.

Tepke Klarenberg
Soest, Netherlands

I very much appreciated the June-July edition of *The Good News,* especially the articles on counting the cost by Mr. Aust and baptism by Mr. Kilough.

I was one of those persons who didn't count the cost, and all I did was get all wet in that baptism pool. When trials and problems hit, I just sank to the bottom. I have gone through many years of depression now on account of my error. We had a false minister who counseled me. I sat in his car one day and listened to a tape on Norman Vincent Peale's positive thinking and then he sold me a bottle of vitamins. Next week I was "baptized." I was so happy when God revealed the fraud . . . I don't know what my future holds in God's eye with me. But I do know now that being a Christian is a hard and difficult task. I also know I don't have the strength to overcome my sins.

If there is anyone out there who has considered getting baptized, by all means count the cost.

Mark Sarver
Sarver, Penn.

Many thanks for a very "good" magazine. I would especially like to let Mr. Herman L. Hoeh know how much I enjoyed his article "A Special Approach to Sex Education." Fortunately my son's inquisitiveness hasn't reached the levels the article discussed (he is only 4), but when he does we'll be ready.

I would like to add a book to your list of reference material: "The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding." It is put out by the La Leche League. They are a group of people dedicated to helping breastfeeding mothers everywhere. It's been two years since I was last in touch with the group. I would say, however, that you could obtain a copy by writing to them at: La Leche League International, 9616 Minneapolis Ave., Franklin Park, Ill. 60131.

When I was a nursing mother the league meetings and the book were my only support (other than my husband) to continue nursing my son. The world was and still is a self-centered one focusing on the self, so bottle feeding (deprivation of the mother-child bond that occurs at the first nursing) is the easy, convenient way to feed the baby.

Tina Fullem
Uniontown, Penn.

In the June-July issue of *The Good News* your article about "The Home of Abraham" was very interesting.

It really tells of the riches of the earth that God placed before man — and how, then until now, man has used them foolishly, how mankind had many things we have today and still looked to things such as astrology, magic and interpretations of dreams in their religions.

I am glad that God has showed people like Mr. Armstrong and his ministers and now Mr. Tkach how to show His called-out ones that these things are absolutely nothing compared to the great riches of the knowledge of God and God's world tomorrow.

Darlene Kingsley
East Wenatchee, Wash.

Sabbath keeping

I read the letter in *The Good News* about the man who said he was one of those idiots who lost his job for keeping God's laws. He is not an idiot, he is a man with some common sense. More power to him.

Florence Colene Young
Rockingham, N.C.

Standing behind us

I have been a member of God's Church for two years. My first contact with the Church was through *The Plain Truth* from a workmate in 1979 and I started attending services in 1980.

It was a thrilling experience to find that it carried plain and simple expression of the truth, just like its name. I was overjoyed also by the mere fact that such a magazine even existed. For long moments in the course of and after reading an article, I would stare at the name of the magazine on the cover, smiling at myself that it was telling it just like its name.

One thing . . . was high in my mind; Mr. Armstrong's way of telling it was more direct, clearer and simpler as I was understanding 100 percent for the first time what I was reading on the subject of religion. From then on I learned to expect surprises — growing in knowledge and understanding. . . .

Keep doing the Work, right on his footsteps. We here are with you standing tall behind you. Thank you very much indeed.

Duncan Konyando
Nairobi, Kenya

Congratulations and thanks

I would like to wish your new pastor Joseph Tkach hearty congratulations on his new post, and may God guide him in these perilous times we are now facing. I would like to thank the Church for sending me the copy of the book *Mystery of the Ages* by the late Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, and also the *Good News* magazines that are sent to me.

Rusiate Mataika
Fiji

Herbert W. Armstrong's last book, Mystery of the Ages, *puts together all the pieces of the jigsaw puzzle that is the Bible, to clarify the most important knowledge ever revealed. Interested readers may have a free copy of this book by mailing the literature request card in this issue or by writing to our address nearest them. A list of our addresses can be found on the inside front cover of this magazine.*

Your Title Deed to the Kingdom of God



Exercising strong, constant faith is a must if we are to qualify to be part of God's coming Kingdom.

By Gordon C. Graham

Allow me to introduce you to a lady named Dionysia, described as a woman of "set jaw and grim determination."

At one time in her life Dionysia lost a court case over a piece of land that she believed rightfully belonged to her. She was not easily discouraged, and she decided to appeal her case to a higher court.

She was not able to travel to the city where the appeal was to take place, so she sent the relevant legal documents with a trusted servant. Because of the value of the documents, she enclosed them in a stone box to protect them from any possible damage.

The journey was long, so her servant stopped at an inn to spend the night. Unfortunately, during the night a fire destroyed the inn, killing the servant, and the stone box was buried in a heap of ashes. Later, sand drifted over the ashes, burying the box even deeper.

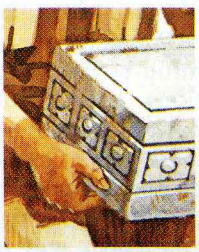
Two thousand years later, the box was dug up by a team of archaeologists. The documents it contained had been protected from the flames, the sand and the time that had passed over them. The box contained a letter, written by Dionysia.

"In order that my lord the judge may know that my appeal is just," she wrote, "I attach my hupostasis." *Attached to the letter were the title deeds of the land that Dionysia wished to prove belonged to her.*

This story was related by H.R. Minn in a brochure entitled "Living Yesterdays" and was included in K.S. Wuest's book *Bypaths in the Greek New Testament.*

The contents of Dionysia's 2,000-year-old stone box are of interest to us today because the Greek word *hupostasis* appears in a key Bible verse that defines the term *faith.* Since faith is so critical to our qualifying for

We can protect our faith from fiery trials and passage of time.



God's coming Kingdom, we need to make every effort to understand it more thoroughly.

The substance of things hoped for

Hebrews 11:1 states, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." The word *substance* here is translated from the Greek *hupostasis.*

This verse defines faith as our title deed to "things hoped for." The thing we should hope for most is the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth. That is what the Feast of Tabernacles pictures. The Kingdom of God was at the heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Announcing the soon-coming Kingdom of God is why the *Good News* magazine exists!

As you read Hebrews 11:1, you are drawn into a courtroom environment. Two legal terms are used: *evidence* and *title deeds.* A courtroom is a place where disputes and arguments are settled on the basis of evidence and proof.

Faith is needed to settle the many arguments and disputes that can rage in our minds as we face the trials and tests of this life. Without faith we will be filled with self-doubts, anxiety and guilt, and the peace of mind a Christian should enjoy will be far removed from us.

Had Dionysia's stone box made it to her court appeal, she would most likely have won her case and settled the dispute. The legal haggling and infighting would have stopped and peace would have been restored.

Faith should have the same impact on our minds.

Flames and sands of time

Dionysia's stone box protected her title deeds from the flames of the burning inn that surrounded them. Peter used fire as a type of the trials a Christian must face: "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you" (I Peter 4:12). Some Christians have had their faith burned up by the flames of trials.

The sands of time can also be

God knows what He is doing and will always take care of us.



a dangerous enemy of faith. If prayers temporarily go unanswered and hope is deferred, the heart becomes sick (Proverbs 13:12).

Fortunately, there are three steps we can take to encase our faith in a stone box that will not allow flames of trials or the passage of time to erode it away.

Protecting our faith

It will be easier to understand the first step if we use the analogy of a theatrical backdrop. Backdrops are used in theatrical productions to influence the way the audience interprets what is in the foreground of the stage. Changing backdrops can help us to perceive the action in a play shifting from the middle of a city to a desert island or to anywhere else the director wishes to move the scene. The first step we must take to protect our faith from fiery trials or the eroding effects of time is to *place our brief physical lifetime in front of the backdrop of eternity.*

"For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (James 4:14). The closer we come to using the same backdrop that God uses as He views our lives, the less vulnerable our faith will be.

As the earth slowly turns under the eyes of the great God who made it, God sees the overview of 6,000 years of human misery and suffering, of famine, war and disease. God is patiently waiting for a team of "relief workers" to be made ready, so they can be sent to rescue and comfort all humanity.

The suffering that God now sees and hears on the earth is no surprise to the Creator. He endowed mankind with free choice, and by exercising free choice to disobey God, mankind has brought the earth to its present state.

"Even the creation waits with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed. For creation was not rendered futile by its own choice, but by the will of Him who thus made it subject, the hope being that creation as well as man would one day be freed from its thraldom [bondage] to decay and gain the glorious freedom of God's children.

"To this day, we know, the entire creation sighs and throbs with pain; and not only so, but even we ourselves, who have the Spirit as a foretaste of the future, even we sigh deeply to ourselves as we wait for the redemption of the body that means our full sonship" (Romans 8:19-23, Moffatt).

God will not always deliver us from our immediate trials, because He knows they are necessary to make us ready to eventually free all mankind from its self-imposed suffering. God is not just there to make our lives more comfortable. He must stretch our capacity to cope with the passage

Illustration by Ken Tunell

of time. His unfailing love dictates that He must sometimes wait before answering our prayers.

That brings us to the second step needed to protect our faith from erosion by time. We must *learn to trust that God will always deal with us in the best manner.*

Nothing is more important to the Ruler of the universe than nurturing the development of the incredible human potential in each one of us. Every second of our lives, He is doing exactly that.

If you have been unaware of exactly what the incredible human potential is — of why you were born! — write for a free copy of our book *The Incredible Human Potential.*

When God occasionally waits to answer our prayers, it can serve to prepare us for eternity just as much as when God answers immediately. God already knows we have need of certain physical things, but His No. 1 priority is to get us to "seek first the kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33). Physical life is only a training ground for eternal life, and like all effective training programs, this life must take us to the limit of our endurance and strength.

We need to cling to the trust that God always knows what He is doing and that He will always take care of us.

Paul made a key, faith-protecting statement in Romans 8:18: "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." And notice verse 28: "All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

If we keep in mind that God must allow us to endure some heat to help mature us spiritually to the place where we can be used to stop the suffering of all mankind, our faith will be shielded from being destroyed by trials.

The third step needed to protect our faith against fiery trials and time erosion is *unconditional commitment on our part to live God's way of life for all eternity.*

We should be striving to grow to the place where "neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God" (verses 38-39).

With the help of God's Spirit, we will eventually reach a level of commitment to God that no force in the universe will be able to disrupt. However, achieving spiritual perfection (Matthew 5:48) takes time — time spent in prayer, time spent in faithfully waiting, time spent living God's way of life.

When we take these three steps, we encase our faith in a stone box that will protect it from fire and from the sands of time. We can have unshakable peace of mind, and the trials of this life can have no effect on our faith, except to purify it and help it grow (I Peter 1:6-7).

God is touched with our infirmities

By now we can better understand how different our problems look to God than they look to us. We could easily make the mistake of not wanting to bring any of our concerns or petitions before God's throne because we think they would seem so petty and small in His eyes.

But that would be a tragic mistake. Each human has the incredible potential to become a universe-ruling son of God! True, our lives are like a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away, but during this time we must come boldly before God's throne to find help, so that our immense potential can be unleashed (Hebrews 4:16).

We especially need God's help to protect our faith. God is more than willing to help, because not only can He see and understand the vast panorama of all He has created, but He can also see and understand the daily struggles His unborn children are passing through.

Jesus Christ divested Himself of eternal life and experienced the passage of time and the enduring of trials against the backdrop of our short and powerless physical lives. Christ thereby learned to be the perfect High Priest, able to intercede before God's throne on our behalf (Hebrews 5:7-10). Our prayers and problems are not dealt with lightly. God is deeply concerned, because so much is at stake.

When the court case in your mind begins to heat up, and questions, doubts and accusations fly back and forth, you should immediately ask God to strengthen and protect your faith, and grant you confidence and peace of mind. His Spirit will enable you to see your problems against the same backdrop He sees them against, and the questions and accusations will be silenced.

Claiming your inheritance

Jesus Christ will return soon now to set up the Kingdom of God on earth. That is the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles.

In Luke 18:8, Christ asked, "When the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

If you follow the steps in this article, Christ will find faith dwelling in you when He returns. The faith that has been placed in your mind by the Spirit of God is your *hupostasis,* or your title deed to the Kingdom of God.

The day will soon come when the powerful Son of God will descend and His eyes will pierce through you, "piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and [discerning] the thoughts and intents of the heart" — your heart (Hebrews 4:12)! He will be looking for something very precious: your legal claim to the Kingdom of God.

If He finds it still intact, you will then hear the words, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34). □

Are You Ready to Be BORN AGAIN?

God's Holy Days picture God's plan of salvation. For every human, salvation means being literally born again, into God's Family!

By Thomas Damour

"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. . . . That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:3, 6).

So said Jesus Christ. He was explaining to the Pharisee Nicodemus the process through which every human must go to fulfill the purpose of life.

But Nicodemus didn't understand. And neither do millions of sincere professing Christians today who have been led to believe, incorrectly, that they already have been born again!

Jesus was comparing the ultimate spiritual birth into God's Family and Kingdom to the physical birth of an infant. Just as a physical embryo must develop and mature before birth can take place, so, too, the spiritually begotten son of God must mature before spiritual birth into God's very Family can take place.

Our free booklet *Just What Do You Mean — Born Again?* makes this whole subject clear. Write for it and see for yourself. Don't judge before you've examined all the facts!

The human reproductive process pictures the process of spiritual salvation, which is actually God the Father reproducing Himself. Likewise, God's Holy Days show God's plan for saving mankind. But those Holy Days are understood and kept by infinitesimally few people. Let's examine this comparison between physical and spiritual birth.

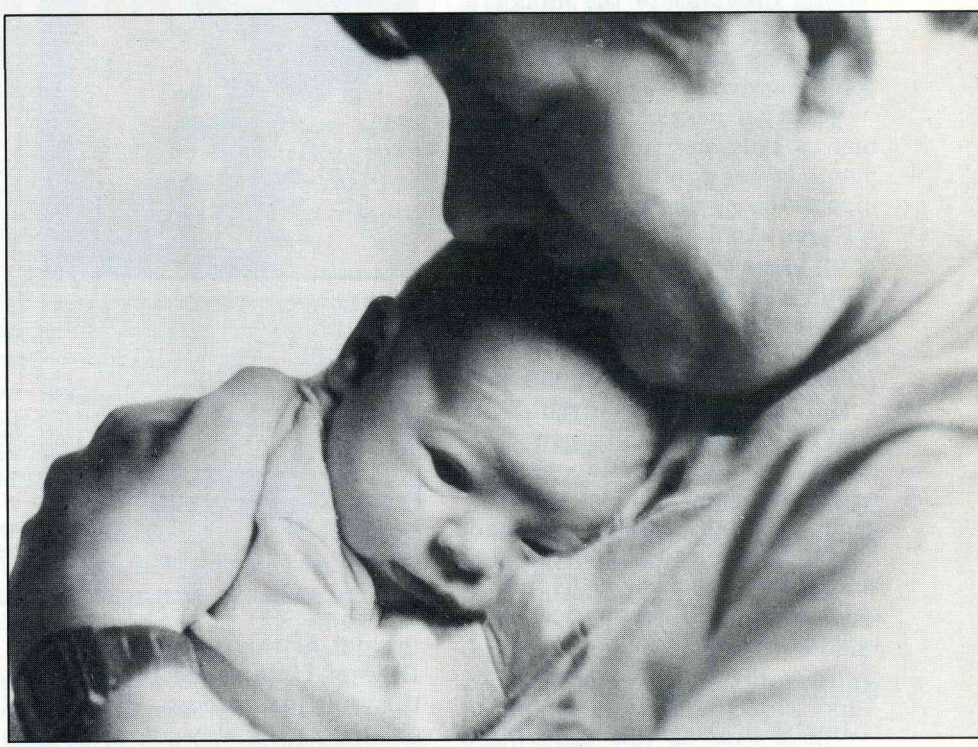


Photo by Sheila Graham

How a baby develops

Ovulation usually occurs about the 14th day before the beginning of the next monthly menstrual cycle in a woman's body. According to many authorities the egg must be fertilized during a critical 24-hour period.

Now the size of the period at the end of this sentence, the egg begins a journey from the Fallopian tube to the uterus, where it will implant itself. This is accomplished within seven days after fertilization by the male sperm.

Only 50 days after fertiliza-

tion our tiny friend — a living human — has a discernible heartbeat, arms, legs and a liver that is producing blood. The face of the embryo begins to round out, and a tiny neck becomes visible. This minute replica of humanity is, for the first time, recognizable as a human.

No longer called an embryo but a fetus (Latin for "offspring"), what remains is a perfecting of details.

By the first day of the seventh month the hearing mechanism of the fetus is fully developed. Loud noises from outside the womb can be heard and responded to.

Before the 10th day of the seventh month, oxygen is supplied to the fetus through the mother's bloodstream. After this time, however, the blood of the fetus changes to allow the circulation of oxygen to occur independently of the mother.

By the 15th day of the seventh month, the lungs of the fetus are completely developed. Should birth occur at this point, the child could survive.

Yet the physical creation of man is only part of God's great plan. He has determined that humans will one day become part of His spiritual Family, literally born again as immortal, spirit-composed God-beings in God's universe-ruling Kingdom. (Write for our free book *The Incredible Human Potential* for details.)

But before this birth into God's spiritual Family can take place, spiritual development is necessary. Now understand the cycle of God's Holy Days and how they picture the spiritual development process in a future child of God. The physical is a type of the spiritual.

Spiritual growth

Just as physical life is begotten on or about the 14th day before the next menstrual cycle, God's first festival occurs on the 14th day of the first month of God's sacred calendar. This day is called the Passover (Leviticus 23:5).

(We will send you, free for the asking, a copy of God's sacred calendar, showing God's Holy Days.)

Jesus Christ is our Passover (I Corinthians 5:7). Without His shed blood to pay the death penalty for our sins in our stead, we could never begin our spiritual development.

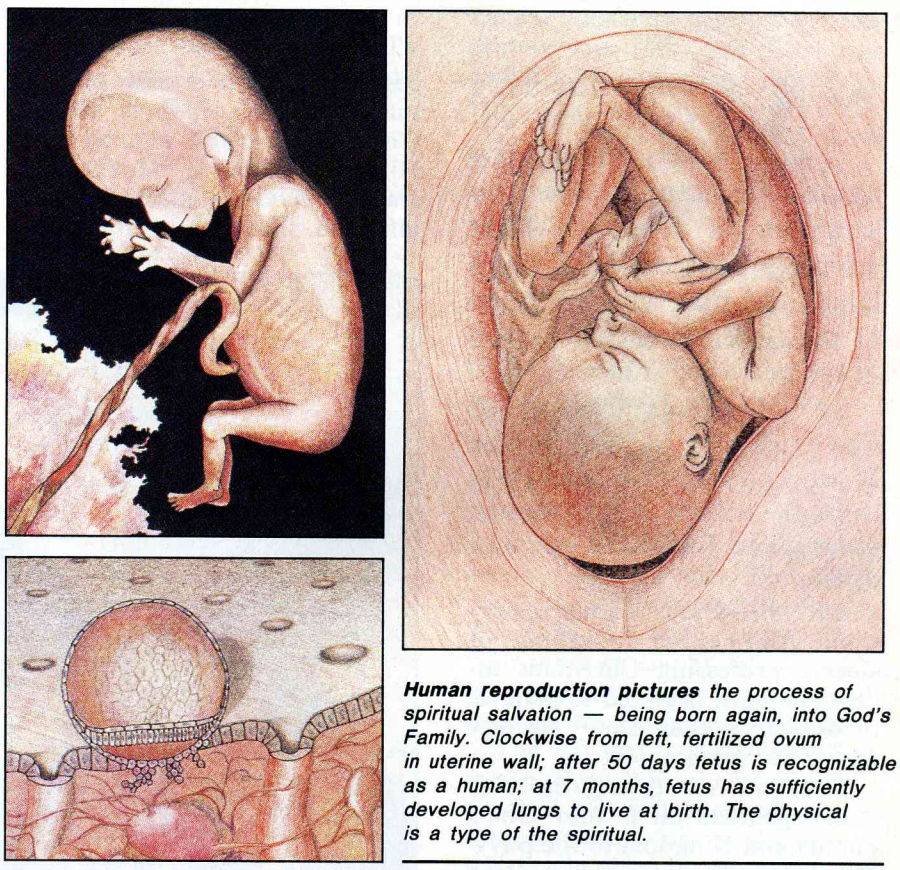
After fertilization, the egg journeys from the Fallopian tube to the uterus. This journey usually begins on the 15th day of the first month and takes up to seven days to complete.

A spiritually begotten son of God must not stagnate after being begotten. He must begin a journey that will end in his coming out of this sinful world. The Days of Unleavened Bread typify this spiritual process. Beginning on the 15th day of the first month and lasting seven days, the Days of Unleavened Bread picture the putting away of sin and coming out of this world (Leviticus 23:6-8). If this journey is not made successfully, a spiritual miscarriage will result.

The next Holy Day on God's calendar is Pentecost (verses 15-16). *Pentecost* means "count 50." After 50 days, a new physical life is no longer called an embryo but a fetus, or "offspring." It becomes, for the first time, recognizable as a human being. What remains in its development is a perfecting of details.

On the day of Pentecost in A.D. 31, the day the New Testament Church of God began, those who received the Holy Spirit became, for the first time, recognizable sons of God. From that day on they began to display the spiritual characteristics of God their Father (Galatians 5:22-23). Likewise, upon his or her conversion and receiving the Holy Spirit now, the true Christian is begotten as a child of God the Father and begins to develop the Father's nature.

But spiritual growth does not come overnight. Godly character takes time to develop. Although a Christian may have the germ of eternal life present in his mind through the Holy Spirit, time is needed for the perfecting of detail. God's Church nurtures the



Human reproduction pictures *the process of spiritual salvation — being born again, into God's Family. Clockwise from left, fertilized ovum in uterine wall; after 50 days fetus is recognizable as a human; at 7 months, fetus has sufficiently developed lungs to live at birth. The physical is a type of the spiritual.*

spiritual growth of those few "firstfruits" with whom God is working in this age (Ephesians 4:11-15).

During the final months of pregnancy the fetus will grow from about 12 inches to about 20 inches and will increase in weight from little more than a pound to about seven-and-a-half pounds.

By the seventh month, the ears of the fetus have completed development. The fetus can discern sounds outside the womb and respond to them.

In Leviticus 23:24 we see that the next Holy Day is called the Feast of Trumpets. In ancient Israel, trumpets were blown to warn of impending battle. Those who heard the warning were prepared to defend themselves, while those who ignored it perished.

The spiritually mature Christian must also have the ability to discern truth from error or perish. But it is not enough to just hear the truth. One must respond: "For not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified" (Romans 2:13).

The Feast of Trumpets pictures the return of Jesus Christ to this earth as a conquering king, to put down all opposition to His authority and to establish the Kingdom of God on earth (Revelation 19:11-16).

On the 10th day of the seventh month, the blood of the fetus changes to allow the circulation of oxygen independently of the mother. This is an absolute necessity if the newborn child is to survive after birth.

Likewise, the spiritually begotten fetus is protected from spiritual death by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Christ's sacrifice paid the penalty of eternal death in our stead. The death of Christ was necessary if man was ever going to have the opportunity to be truly born again.

It was also on the 10th day of the seventh month, called the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 23:27), that the high priest in ancient Israel sacrificed a goat (Leviticus 16:15-16). This sacrifice, performed once a year on the Day of Atonement, pictured a future event — namely the risen Christ figuratively taking His blood to the mercy seat at the very throne of God (Hebrews 9:24, 26, 28).

The Day of Atonement also pictures the binding of Satan, the ultimate cause of every evil in the world (Revelation 20:1-3). Satan will be restrained for a thousand years during which the earth will finally know peace. The world will finally be *at one* with God.

The Feast of Tabernacles

Jesus Christ has promised to return to this planet (Acts 1:11). Few have understood why, because they have not understood the meaning of the next Holy Day on God's calendar.

On the 15th day of the seventh month begins a seven-day feast called the Feast of Tabernacles (Leviticus 23:34-36). This Feast of Tabernacles, which this issue of *The Good News* focuses on, pictures the millennial reign of Jesus Christ on earth in the Kingdom of God.

The spiritually begotten sons of God will no longer live in temporal physical bodies, or tabernacles, but will be born again with bodies composed of spirit: "As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. . . . For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality" (I Corinthians 15:48, 53).

By the 15th day of the seventh month, remember, the lungs of the fetus have developed sufficiently to permit it to live should birth take place at this time.

Being "born again" into God's spirit-composed Family will occur, for the true members of the Church of God, at Jesus Christ's return.

How few understand what it really means to be born again!

What about the rest of humanity?

But what about those who have not had an opportunity to understand God's truth? Through the centuries billions of people have lived out their lives in ignorance of God's way of life. What is their fate?

There remains one more Holy Day in God's plan for mankind. It is called the Last Great Day. It takes place the day after the Feast of Tabernacles ends (Leviticus 23:39).

The Last Great Day pictures the time, after the Millennium, when this vast sea of humanity will have an opportunity, their first, to obey God and develop God's character. They will no longer live contrary to God's way, but humbly live in accordance with it. Their hearts will be changed.

These billions will then have their first opportunity for salvation — their first chance to be born again:

"And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened [the Bible]. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books" (Revelation 20:12).

The loving God wants all these people in His Family, just as He wants those with whom He is working now. The Last Great Day pictures the time when they will have their chance.

The great purpose for your life

God has a great purpose for your life. That purpose is revealed to us through the Holy Days, and the process of physical birth pictures the process of spiritual birth into God's Family.

The designer of the physical fetus is now molding and shaping true Christians, who will one day become His literal spiritual children. They will be born again as immortal spirit beings with the very character of God!

Surely we can say, as David did: "For You have formed my inward parts; You have covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:13-14). □

Illustrations by Dan Dowd



'Like a Breath of Fresh Air!'

By Clayton D. Steep

And how badly the world needs that these days!

He didn't have to say it. It isn't going to help his restaurant business at all.

He has no need of help; his prize-winning and widely acclaimed restaurant is already rated as one of the very top dozen or so restaurants in all of the United States.

Yet, while some departing diners were complimenting him on the fine food and service, he abruptly changed the subject. "We look forward each year," he interjected, "to the arrival in town of all you people from the Worldwide Church of God."

He went on to explain that throughout the year scores of conventions and excursions come to the area. And, of course, from these groups many individuals come to dine at his restaurant.

What a problem it is trying to protect the expensive furniture and antiques! So many people are unruly and inconsiderate, he complained.

To illustrate, he pointed to a valuable old saddle on display and showed how a threateningly sharp metallic object had to be installed in a strategic position to keep merrymakers from climbing up and sitting in the saddle. Some people are careless with ashes from cigarettes and cigars;

others drink so much they have to be ejected from the restaurant premises.

But, he asserted, when people from the Worldwide Church of God arrive in town each year to observe the Feast of Tabernacles, it's so different. It is, in his words, "like a breath of fresh air!"

That's good. That's exactly the way it should be, for God's people are representatives of the "fresh, living way" Jesus Christ has inaugurated (Hebrews 10:20, Moffatt). There should be a noticeable difference in the way they conduct themselves.

It is for good reason true Christians are compared to lights that stand out in a dark place (Philippians 2:15). It's not that they should make it a point to stand out or call attention to themselves, but the world has gone so far astray from God's laws that anyone who begins doing what is right will automatically be noticed because of the contrast between the futile ways society follows and the abundant ways of true Christianity. It is the difference between night and day (I Thessalonians 5:5).

The need for change

Let's face it. The world is in sad shape. One has only to glance at a newspaper or to tune in a news program to be reminded of that.

This planet is filled with unhappiness, wars, crime, injustice, sickness and suffering. Most people lead empty, purposeless lives. Like rudderless ships on turbulent waters, they are tossed and buffeted by circumstances and events in life over which they can exercise no control. Desperately, they grasp at whatever momentary pleasures come within their reach.

Wherever humans have attempted to build a society on the wrong foundation, the stench of greed and misery ascends like fumes from a garbage pit on a hot, windless day. This world desperately needs a "breath of fresh air." More than a breath, it needs a complete renewal, a restoration of the joyful way of life God originally revealed.

Such a restoration is coming. And soon.

It is pictured by the weekly Sabbath. After God worked at creation for six days, "on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed" (Exodus 31:17). In like manner, "there remains a sabbath rest for the people of God" (Hebrews 4:9, Revised Standard Version), because we are to portray every week a wonderful truth.

Just as each week six workdays are followed by a refreshing day of rest and rejuvenation, so six 1,000-year "days" of human civilization, in which humanity has toiled and labored in sin, will be followed by 1,000 years of rest — a Millennium of happiness, peace and prosperity for all.

The Feast of Tabernacles, too, pictures that very same thousand years when "the Lord shall be King over all the earth" (Zechariah 14:9), when the resurrected saints — those Christians who will have overcome human nature and the pulls of the world, who will have developed righteous character — will rule and teach with Christ.

"Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him" (Daniel 7:27).

Satan the devil, the spiritual ruler of this present age, will be bound, along with his demons. For 1,000 years Satan will not be allowed to deceive humankind and to promote evil. Then will be the time when "the whole earth is at rest and quiet" (Isaiah 14:7).

By God's power

The world could have had peace and contentment already. But long ago, the Israelites of old, just like humanity as a whole, rejected the government of God. "They have forsaken Me," God stated, "the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns — broken cisterns that can hold no water" (Jeremiah 2:13).

It's hard to believe that humans once knew about the way of life that produces happiness and that they spurned it. God had offered it to them, saying, " 'This is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest,' and, 'This is the refreshing'; yet they would not hear" (Isaiah 28:12).

But after humanity learns its lesson, living waters will again be available. In the Millennium, healing waters will flow out from Christ's capital city (Zechariah 14:8, Ezekiel 47:8-12). The waters symbolize the Holy Spirit, which will be offered to everyone (John 7:37-39).

It is, after all, only through the power of God's Spirit that a person can be converted — changed — made new (Titus 3:5). Certainly, the Feast of Tabernacles, which pictures a renewed world, is a wonderful opportunity to work at being personally renewed spiritually.

As you observe the Feast, be careful not to allow the Feast to become just a whirl of activities, causing you to always be on the run, doing this and doing that. Suddenly, before you know it, the Feast will be over and it will be time to head home.

The Feast is no time to let down on Bible study and prayer. The Bible says assembling to keep God's Feasts is to appear before Him. Why would a person appear before God? Primarily to strengthen and renew one's relationship with Him? Or mostly to indulge in physical pleasure?

The answer should be obvious. Paul exhorted Christians in his day to "be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and . . . put on the new man which was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness" (Ephesians 4:23-24).

This process of renewal is going to happen to the whole world in the Millennium. It should happen to us during the Feast as well as day by day throughout the year (II Corinthians 4:16).

Just think of what is going to be renewed and restored by Jesus

Photo by Hal Finch

Christ and His saints in that marvelous age soon to come!

Restoring the earth

The Millennium will dawn on a planet in ruins — the result of 6,000 years of human misrule topped off by a period of nuclear war and accelerated natural cataclysms. Those who are alive during the Millennium will have much work to do. Vast programs will be launched, for it will be necessary "to restore the earth" (Isaiah 49:8).

The proper application of the principles of agriculture, along with God's blessings, will change desolate landscapes into fertile fields (Isaiah 35:1, 7). "Then the earth shall yield her increase" (Psalm 67:6).

As the human population begins to increase, people will spread out around the world, renewing and restoring it God's way. "And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations" (Isaiah 61:4).

A tame nature will be restored to animals (Isaiah 11:6-9). Sickness and disease will no longer be a problem, for God says, "I will restore health to you" (Jeremiah 30:17, Isaiah 35:5-6). Even the Babylon of language confusion that has so long divided humanity, inciting people to misunderstand and distrust each other, will be no more. "For then," God says, "I will restore to the peoples a pure language" (Zephaniah 3:9).

The worldwide process of restoration and rejuvenation that will take place during the Millennium will be awesome indeed. We should be mindful of it throughout the Feast of Tabernacles, for the Feast, along with all else it signifies, is a celebration of that renewal.

After having just gone through another year dealing with the daily trials of living, this knowledge about the future and our part in it all should inspire, invigorate and energize us — like a breath of fresh air. □

Seven Holidays

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of God can begin its rule. This is celebrated — and how it is celebrated! — by the Feast of Tabernacles, which should be the high spot of the year for all who call themselves Christians. What a tragedy most haven't even heard of it!

God's instructions are to leave your own home and live in a temporary dwelling at a location where God has placed His name (Deuteronomy 16:15). In practical terms, in the 20th century, that means a hotel, motel or campsite. The members of the Worldwide Church of God do just that, at one of the dozens of sites in countries around the world.

The Feast of Tabernacles is an opportunity for travel, recreation, fun and instruction. If you carefully read the other articles in this issue of *The Good News,* you will see how God's people can observe the Feast of Tabernacles today.

It pictures the millennial rule of Christ on the earth, when nations will live in peace and harmony, working for each other's good, instead of living the way of rivalry and competition and selfishness.

Read the other articles on the Feast in this issue. You will see why the Feast of Tabernacles is the highlight of the year for those who keep it, just as the Millennium will be a highlight of human history.

The Last Great Day

There is one more great task for the Kingdom of God before the job of rescuing humanity is over.

Think about this for a moment: Most people have lived their lives without ever hearing the name of Jesus Christ, let alone His message. What will happen to them? Can they be saved?

Theologians have puzzled this question for millennia. Why? The answer is quite plain — when you understand the meaning behind the last feast day of the Kingdom of God. It is the eighth day of the Feast of Tabernacles, but really a separate feast with a different theme.

Once, when Jesus Christ was observing this Feast, He said something very significant. "On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink' " (John 7:37).

If *anyone* thirsts — that has not been possible before. No one can come to Christ until God calls him or her (John 6:44) — and God hasn't called most yet.

This Last Great Day pictures a time following the Millennium when the Father *will* draw all people to Christ. It will be their chance for salvation. They will be resurrected. They, too, will have to overcome, and be taught how to live in peace. Then they, too, will be given eternal life.

So there they are — seven annual festivals of the Kingdom of God. Other days may be celebrated during the Millennium. Individual nations may well have their own special days that commemorate historical events.

For example, there is the Feast of Purim, which remembers the miraculous deliverance of the Jews of the Persian Empire in the days of Queen Esther. The Jewish people celebrate that event to this day, and there is nothing wrong with that.

But these seven Holy Days are set apart by God as common to all mankind. One day, all people will understand how they commemorate or anticipate the events that led the human race out of the bondage of sin and death, and launched them toward their true destiny of eternal life.

This has only been the briefest of overviews. You can learn more by asking for our free booklet *Pagan Holidays — or God's Holy Days — Which?* You can learn even more if you begin to keep these Holy Days. They aren't an option. They are a must for those who are serious about their citizenship in the Kingdom of God. □

What God Wants Most RIGHT NOW

Do you know what is most important in the mind of your Creator at this moment? Is it the most important thing on your mind, too?

By Norman L. Shoaf

If you were given the responsibility — and the privilege — of writing an article for *The Good News of the World Tomorrow,* what would you write about?

What would you consider to be the most important thing you could say to the upwards of three million people who read this magazine every issue?

Surely, what *God* thinks is infinitely more important than what *you* or *I* think! So in this magazine, which exists to announce God's truth to the world, we need to consider what the Ruler of all the universe thinks is most important right now!

Today's world scene

In his "Good News Personal" in this issue, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach shows how, though this magazine is named *The Good News,* there is little good news to be found in the world today.

What does the great God see when He looks down from heaven at humanity?

I just picked up today's newspaper. Do I find good news? Not at all!

The top story tells how world outrage continues to grow over the negative situation in South Africa. The application of punitive sanctions against South Africa is being hotly debated in many nations. More violence and bloodshed seem inevitable.

The U.S. Customs Service has seized $29.4 million in cash believed to be the proceeds of illegal drug sales. The money was headed out of the country.

A nuclear-plant designer believes "human error" led to the accident at the Chernobyl atomic plant in the Soviet Ukraine, the worst disaster in the history of the nuclear power industry.

A White House spokesman reports "no tangible results to date" from efforts to free several American hostages held in Lebanon.

Two women died and two men and a child are reported lost in the capsizing of a pleasure boat at sea. A 9-year-old girl who clung to the boat wreckage for more than 12 terror-filled hours was rescued.

That's a sample. That's today's world scene. Violence, war, international tension, crime, poverty, starvation, drug abuse, family breakups and grief — that's the world in which you and I live.

That's what God sees when He looks down at the earth!

Yet, for every effect there is a cause. World troubles and personal heartaches do not just happen. What's wrong? Is there no hope for a different world, one filled with good news?

And what is foremost on God's mind as He views this ever-worsening world crisis?

The cause of world evils

God is love (I John 4:8), and love is outgoing concern. God cares about His creation. He doesn't enjoy seeing humanity suffer in the face of the multiple evils in today's world. God wants us to "prosper in all things and be in health" (III John 2). Jesus Christ came so that we might have life, and have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

So, to prevent unhappiness and suffering, God set in motion at the very beginning an inexorable law — a way of life guaranteed to produce every good and right result anyone could desire.

King David said: "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting

the soul . . . the statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart . . . Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward" (Psalm 19:7-11).

Keeping God's law would produce — *would cause* — great reward. But humanity as a whole has utterly rejected God's law, refusing to submit to God's authority. Many ignore God altogether; many claim to worship God but refuse to obey Him, claiming that His law has been done away with.

Keeping God's law *would cause* this world to burst forth into peace, abundant well-being, prosperity for all people, exciting hope for the future. Breaking God's law *has caused* every evil man suffers — and now world suicide threatens because of man's rejection of God.

Basis of God's government

God's law is the basis of God's perfect way of life. And God's law is the basis of God's government, by which He rules over His creation, constantly building, improving and beautifying.

God's government, based on His law, once ruled over this entire earth. And as long as it did, the earth was a beautiful, happy, productive place.

Longtime readers of *The Good News* understand how God placed the archangel Lucifer in charge of God's government on earth. But Lucifer rebelled (Isaiah 14:12-14, Ezekiel 28:12-15). He became Satan the devil. God's government was taken from the earth, and destruction followed. The earth became "without form, and void" (Genesis 1:2).

(For more information about this cataclysm that occurred before the creation of man, write for our free booklet *Did God Create a Devil?*)

So God re-created the earth, renewed its face (Psalm 104:30) and placed the first humans, Adam and Eve, here. Adam and Eve were given the opportunity to administer God's government over the earth in place of Satan, who had to remain on earth's throne until a successor qualified to replace him. But under Satan's influence Adam and Eve, too, rejected God, and decided to serve Satan instead. (Be sure to write for our free booklet *A World Held Captive* for more details.)

For the nearly 6,000 years of human history, every human has made that same wrong choice to reject God's way of life based on God's law. Romans 3:23 states, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

The sad world we live in is the result!

But, also for the past nearly 6,000 years, the great God has been working out a tremendous plan to redeem humans from the wrong choice we have all made.

What, then, is God's purpose now, and how is He working it out?

The No. 1 thing on God's mind as you read this magazine is to restore His government to the earth!

Of course! God's government — His way of life, based on His law, administered by God's ruling Family — produces every right and desirable result. Satan's way of rebellion against God and His law — the way nearly all humans follow today — has produced this ugly world.

Now, how is God going about restoring His government? Not one in a thousand people understands what you are about to read.

God's Holy Days

God reveals His master plan through seven annual festivals, the true Holy Days of God found in the Bible.

But, like other points of God's law, most people have rejected God's Holy Days — never heard of them — refuse to keep them — claim they are not commanded to be kept today.

Instead, people observe days like Christmas, Easter, Valentine's Day, New Year's — days that teach nothing about the true purpose of life — days God never commanded — days God says He hates (Isaiah 1:14)!

But God's true Church keeps His festivals. They are listed and commanded in both the Old and New Testaments.

In the spring, as viewed from the area of Palestine, comes the Passover, commemorating the death of Jesus Christ to pay the penalty for man's sins, making it possible for humans to have a relationship with God. Our sins separate us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2).

Immediately following the Passover come the Days of Unleavened Bread, picturing the resurrected Christ, who lives His perfect life over in those who are converted (Galatians 2:20). During the Days of Unleavened Bread God's people focus on the need to come out of sin and obey God's law, submitting to the government of God that will one day rule the whole world.

In early summer God's Church observes the day of Pentecost. On Pentecost in A.D. 31, God poured out His Holy Spirit on His called people, starting the New Testament Church of God. With the help of God's Spirit — God's very power and mind — we can understand God's truth and keep God's law.

The Feast of Trumpets, in the fall, pictures the return of Jesus Christ to this earth to put down all opposition to God's government and set up the Kingdom of God. Christ has qualified to replace Satan as ruler of the world. When He returns, those few who have been called and chosen by God throughout history, along with those of us who have submitted to God in this age, will be raised to immortal spirit life, born into the very Family of God (I Thessalonians 4:13-17). Then we will help reestablish God's government on earth and assist Christ in ruling all nations, finally teaching all the world God's true way (Revelation 2:26-27, 3:21, 5:10).

Shortly after the Feast of Trumpets comes the Day of Atonement. This day pictures the removal of Satan from the earth's throne, making man *at one* with God again. For 1,000 years Satan will be restrained from influenc-

ing people to rebel against God (Revelation 20:1-3).

Then comes the Feast of Tabernacles, the most joyous time of year for God's Church, the Festival that this issue of *The Good News* focuses on. The Feast of Tabernacles pictures the millennial rule of Jesus Christ and the resurrected saints on earth. God's government will be in charge. God's law will be enforced. This will cause universal happiness, well-being, accomplishment and, after 6,000 years of strife, world peace at last.

Following the Feast of Tabernacles comes the Last Great Day, picturing the second resurrection, the ultimate hope for the vast majority of people who have ever lived. All those who did not previously have an opportunity to know God's truth and become converted will be resurrected and taught the way to ultimate happiness (Revelation 20:11-12). They can then, like us, be born into the very Family of God.

Explaining God's Holy Days completely requires much more space. Be sure to read the other articles in this issue of *The Good News*. They give more detail and scriptural support. They focus especially on the wonderful world tomorrow under God's government on earth, pictured by the Feast of Tabernacles. And write for our free booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like.*

God's Holy Days are His blueprint for the master plan by which He is restoring His government to this war-weary earth.

Two alternatives

Listen! Right now you — whoever or wherever you are — face two alternatives: Either there does exist a living, supreme God who very soon will intervene in this world's tragic affairs and by supernatural power save man from himself — or man's extinction is upon us!

Fortunately, God *will* intervene — and soon now. The return of Jesus Christ is imminent.

This great Work — the Work of God's true Church — is now announcing to the world the coming Kingdom of God. That is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

God's Church is also preparing a body of believers, trained and experienced in living and teaching the government of God. At Christ's return, God's people will join Christ in ruling the world and teaching God's law and government to all humanity.

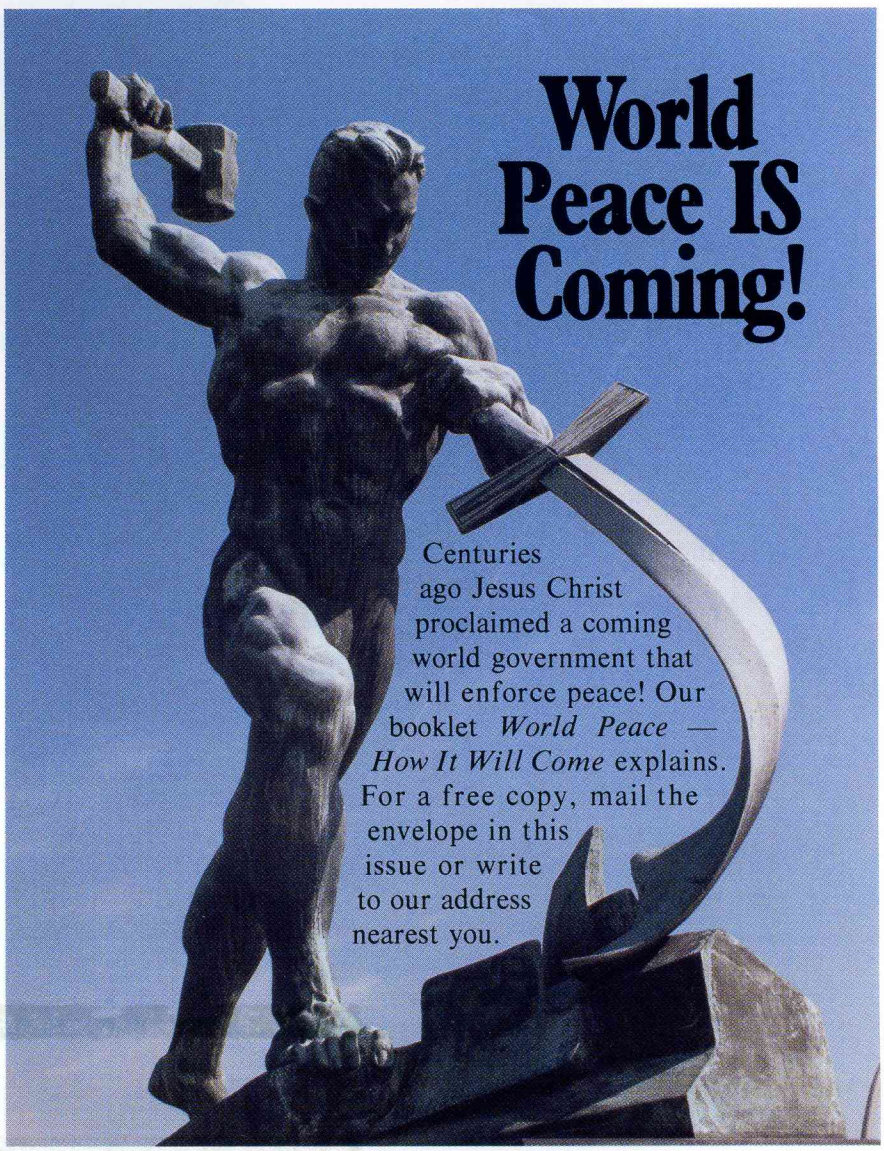
Those two activities of God's Church — preaching the Gospel and preparing teachers for the world tomorrow — are indispensable in God's mind pursuant to His No. 1 goal of restoring His government to the earth.

Thousands of people are understanding and responding to God's final warning message to this world. As Jesus said, "Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" (John 4:35).

After the final warning message has been given, God will punish this world for its sins. If you understand this message, you don't have much more time to do something about it!

The most important thing on God's mind right now is restoring His government to the earth. He is doing that, first, beginning with a small group of people in His true Church.

Is the restoration of God's government to earth and to every person's life — to *your* life — the most important thing on *your* mind? Are you conducting yourself accordingly? □



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A Model for Christian Fathers

The decline of the family is a major cause of the societal collapse taking place around us. This article illuminates the special part God says fathers must fulfill for children.

No Room at the Inn? No Way!

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