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FESTIVAL SITE FOR 1969!

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More About Our Cover . . .

This month our cover features a wrap-around, panoramic view of the breathtakingly beautiful Golden Okanagan/Penticton area of central British Columbia, Canada, just a few miles north of the American border. Beginning on page 5 in this issue are a few of the interesting details about the new Canadian Feast site. IT'S OFFICIAL — It's Penticton for '69!

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What our READERS SAY . . .

Three Gross of Blessings

"This is my third tithe year. God doesn't stop with small blessings, but pours out more than we can receive. Last week (Friday), I scraped the barrel, and came up with \$20.00. So, I sent it in to the Work as an offering — the unbelievable happened. The very next day (God's Sabbath) I received a check in the mail for \$1,000.00! Also, my pay check this week was more than I had expected. My take home pay was the amount that I figured would be my gross!"

Arthur W. B.,
Denver, Colorado

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill G., Oregon

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Dennis C., Pennsylvania

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"I am a ten-year-old boy, and I have five dollars in tithes to send in for the Work of God. Maybe it will help pay the ministers their salary. I earned it picking beans. I have always sent it in with my parents' first tithes. So, if it will help, please make it help."

Roderick S.,
Oregon

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Are YOU Ready To Take The PASSOVER?

Another year has nearly passed! In just a few weeks the Passover will be here and another priceless opportunity to live through the panorama of God's annual Holy Days — His plan of salvation for you and for the whole world. Are you ready for this vital observance — are you ready to take the Passover?

by Albert J. Portune

IN JUST a few short weeks YOU will be sitting down with a very select few people on this earth to partake of the PASSOVER.

The Passover is a memorial of the death of Jesus Christ who is the Savior of the world. Partaking of the symbols of His broken body and shed blood mean that YOU have been selected to know and understand God's purpose. Being chosen as one of the ELECT to know God's truth carries sobering responsibilities. We cannot approach this event lightly.

Prelude To Holy Days

The Passover is the first event beginning again God's annual season of Holy Days. His Holy Days reveal God's plan of salvation for the whole world. That plan, hidden from the world in general, reveals why YOU cannot take this event lightly.

That plan reveals that YOU have been called to know and understand God's purpose — AHEAD of the majority of mankind. Jesus said: "It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given" (Matt. 13:11).

The world is not being called now! Only the Elect are being called now. God's Holy Days, revolving around the harvest seasons in Palestine, show that WE are part of the *early* harvest — representing the Elect. The rest of the world will not be given their opportunity until Jesus returns and the Millennium begins — the *late* or Fall harvest — (see Lev. 23).

The sobering truth is that we have been called in a special calling or time to qualify ahead of the world so we can be *used* by God and Christ to help bring knowledge and salvation to the rest of mankind.

God is vitally concerned with us as we approach this Passover, because of our important part in His plan. He is deeply concerned with our attitude. He wants to KNOW if we are totally surrendered to Him. Now is the time, just before the Passover to examine ourselves to see whether we are truly right with God and in harmony with Him and His plan.

Self-examination

Do you realize that at this coming Passover you *could* eat and drink DAMNATION? Do you realize how high are the stakes?

God inspired the apostle Paul to write: "Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup of the Lord, *unworthily*, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man EXAMINE HIMSELF and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh *unworthily*, eateth and drinketh *damnation* to himself not discerning the Lord's body" (I Cor. 11:27-29).

Brethren, this warning wouldn't be in God's Word if there were not mortal danger for YOU. This coming Passover is a vital time, whether you have taken the Passover many times or if this is your FIRST time.

What does it mean to discern the Lord's body? How can we eat and drink *unworthily*? How can we eat and drink damnation to ourselves? Let's understand.

Getting into focus

God wants us to isolate a very basic and elementary perspective each year at the Passover. He wants us to focus on that elementary concept as we begin again to relive His plan of *salvation* for mankind. That elementary concept is *salvation*. That's what His plan is all about whether it relates to us or the world.

Therefore, brethren, the Passover is a time for us to once again get down to the elementary precepts of our OWN salvation — our OWN relationship to God and His Work. It is a time to examine OURSELVES. A time to look at YOU.

We can get so absorbed in our work or in the "deeper things," the more *important* things, that we can forget WE have to *get* OURSELVES and *keep* ourselves right with God. That's what the Passover is all about.

There is never a time we can allow ourselves to get so busy or so important in our own eyes that we no longer need to get deadly serious about the elementary concepts of salvation that are so intimately associated with the Passover.

The elementary principles

No matter how long we have been in God's Church or how spiritual we

have become we are *still* human beings with carnal nature. Not one of us will ever come to a place in this life when we can afford to forget *what* we are. Just before the Passover we should take another look — a long, good look!

How did God make us?

"The heart [of man] is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9.)

"The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is *not* subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7).

Yes, this *is* the kind of *nature* God placed within *you!* And this is the time of year to especially remember that fact. It is also a time to rehearse and reaffirm what you have done with the knowledge that you have that kind of nature.

The truth of the matter is, God created human nature *alien* to Him and to His ways. Man's heart is wickedly inclined. He is deceitful, totally opposed to the ways of God. Most men have never seen themselves this way. Most men do not have the slightest awareness they have this kind of nature — but it's true.

Environment too

Not only is man's nature this way, but his environment is also virtually totally alien to God. Mankind does not know that this world is not God's world — yet. God is allowing Satan to rule this world for a time. He is allowing Satan to seduce man through man's carnal, evil nature to want and to imbibe in all the evil things of this world.

Satan is the ruler of this world at present and he is blinding men's minds to the truth that *you* have been given the privilege to understand. "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (II Cor. 4:3-5).

"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes,

and the pride of life, is NOT of the Father, but is of the world" (I John 2:16).

So, in our examination, let's realize what kind of an alien nature we have and what kind of a world we live in.

Light in Darkness

But, brethren, for us who are the Elect, light and understanding has come by the calling of God's Holy Spirit. Through God's infinite mercy YOU were called as one of His Elect to see yourself and your environment as THEY REALLY ARE!

This was a miracle in your life! Do you still realize it?

God sent His Holy Spirit to open your mind to real knowledge. The first thing He opened your mind to see was YOURSELF! You were led to see what human nature was like — what YOU were like.

You didn't like what you saw!

You wanted to be different. So you came to repentance — a change in yourself — because that's what repentance is. The words of the apostle Paul became your words: "For that which I do I allow not; for what I would, that do I not: but what I hate, that do I. For I know that in me (that is in my flesh) dwelleth NO GOOD THING; O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Rom. 7:15, 18, 24.)

So you came to repentance and you were baptized. You went through an outward SYMBOL of death. Baptism is a picture of death, burial and resurrection. You were immersed in a watery grave and brought up in a type of a resurrection.

"How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein? Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore are we buried with Him *by baptism* into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:2-4).

Having seen yourself for what you really were, you wanted to stop being

God's enemy. You wanted to stop being deceitful, wicked. You wanted to have all the past evil deeds and thoughts taken away. You wanted to become a new — a different person. You saw that Jesus Christ died for you. You saw *why* He had to die — to pay the price for *your* sins, for *your* evil nature. So you acknowledged Jesus as your own personal Savior. You asked God to accept the sacrifice of Jesus' life for YOUR sins and rotten nature. You openly before God showed Him by your baptism what you TRULY wanted — for your evil nature to *die* and to be changed into having the kind of nature that is no longer God's enemy.

When God saw this genuine, heartfelt attitude, He gave you His Holy Spirit and begot you as His own child.

Not The End

But that isn't the end of the story!

Now began perhaps the hardest part of all. Having crucified, in a sense, the "old nature," we soon found that the old nature wasn't dead. Though we wished for it to be destroyed, we found it still had life and vigor.

AND THAT'S JUST THE POINT!

God intended it this way for a vital purpose. God wants us to comprehend the REAL DEPTH OF EVIL, WICKEDNESS AND DECEITFULNESS that is in us. God is allowing us to live on WITH our carnal natures and in an alien environment to teach us how really, *profoundly* EVIL human nature is — and He wants us to AGREE with Him that it is — all through this entire Christian living experience.

We know that we have crucified the old man to the intent that the body of SIN (our very nature) might be destroyed (Rom. 6:6). We know that once we are resurrected or changed at Jesus' return, we will be freed from this kind of nature (verse 7). But, *until* that time comes, we must reckon ourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, and living the righteous life (verse 11). The struggle then begins to "let not sin therefore *reign* in your MORTAL

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IT'S OFFICIAL — IT'S PENTICTON FOR '69!

*Here are a few of the interesting details about Penticton,
our new Canadian Feast Site.*

by Paul S. Royer

Penticton, Canada
January 7, 1969

LAST December Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong flew into Penticton airport in our own jet. It was Mr. Armstrong's first trip, the third for Mr. Portune the Festival Director. Mr. Armstrong flew to Penticton to make the final decision on whether or not Penticton would be our next site for the Feast of Tabernacles.

Before Mr. Herbert Armstrong's trip,

Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong, Mr. Smith, Mr. Portune, and others made a business trip to our Vancouver office to include Sabbath services. On this trip, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Smith visited several important Radio Stations. Later we all met in Penticton for a review of Feast possibilities there.

Both Mr. Herbert Armstrong and Mr. Ted Armstrong were impressed with what they saw in Penticton. Penticton is a centrally located area

in British Columbia just 35 miles from the northern U. S. border. It is only 251 miles to Vancouver and 325 miles to Seattle.

Land of Sunshine and Tourism

Perhaps the biggest attraction in Penticton and the Okanagan Valley is the climate. When we think of Canada, we normally think of subzero temperatures. Amazingly, the yearly average low temperature, when computed from the monthly minimum average is only 38.61°. Penticton is favored by southeasterly winds from the desert, which account for the unusually warm temperatures.

They do have cool days, even below zero temperatures in the winter. However, they are the exception. The area boasts of its 49-year average of nearly 250 bright sunlit days each year. The weather in September and October should range from a maximum high of 72° to a minimum low of 39° in late October.

Two beautiful lakes border Penticton on the north and south. Lake Okanagan stretches to the north for 85 miles. If you like water skiing, you will have an unlimited course. Swimming, boating, canoeing, golf, fishing, horseback riding, camping, hunting, you name it, the Golden Okanagan/Penticton area has it. Mule deer abound in the surrounding mountains; in the high country you'll find trophy-size Big Horn sheep and even grizzlies. Good moose hunting is only 200 miles to the north.

The new Canadian site will be of special benefit to our Canadian brethren. Not only will the distance to the Feast be shortened, each Canadian will gain from the monetary exchange rate. The trip to Squaw Valley meant a six or



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One of the many activities available in Penticton is the camping facility right on Lake Okanagan.

seven percent exchange rate *deduction* in the Canadian dollar. As a result of the Canadian Festival site, members traveling into Canada from the States will gain a like amount as increase in exchange for the American dollar.

Grace and Favor

This recent visit brought a most pleasant business relationship with a number of the leading businessmen in Penticton. In talking to the mayor, members of the Council, and various businessmen, we let them know we had carefully observed Penticton before we made our presence known. We told them we liked what we saw and we had, after thorough examination into every facet of life in Penticton, chosen them for our neighbors.

We meant what we said. The people in Penticton are very warm and friendly. The mayor, the townspeople, were all impressed that we had so meticulously checked them out before we decided on Penticton.

Mr. Don Forest, full-time operating manager of the Chamber of Commerce, on his own, helped open doors by writing the following special information bulletin:

SPECIAL INFORMATION BULLETIN TO THE ACCOMMODATION INDUSTRY OF PENTICTON

GENTLEMEN:

The City of Penticton has signed contracts with the "Worldwide Church of God" from Pasadena, California, who will hold their Convention in Penticton September 26 to October 4, 1969.

The main purpose of this letter is to advise you that Mr. Richard Buerge (pronounced Burg-ee) will be calling on accommodation people for the next week or so to contract accommodation for their convention. We have this information for you:

- A. The Convention will be Penticton's *largest* — some 6 to 7000 persons.
- B. They are all family groups (very few singles).
- C. They will need all of our available accommodations, including tent and trailer areas.
- D. They will be coming back every year at approximately the same time (end of September) and each time for eight days.
- E. Each year, they will spend an estimated 1.2 million dollars on their Convention, which increases at a rate of 30% per year.
- F. This office recommends Convention rates.
- G. They are a worldwide organization with assets running into the millions of dollars.

H. *They* picked Penticton on their own. They came, they saw. They liked Penticton and decided on our locale for their convention.

We would appreciate all our Accommodation Industry giving Mr. Buerge every assistance to organize his needs. Although, at this time, he will not be able to contact every one, he will be coming back to finish up his business on the motels, etc. who are not contacted on this visit.

Any further information can be obtained from this office.
Phone 2-4103.

Yours very truly,
PENTICTON CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

After talking to the Parks Commissioner, who knew the radio station manager, he picked up the phone, and as a result of the call, we received ten free radio spot announcements informing the residents of Penticton that we were in the area. The announcement read in part . . .

... "The Worldwide Church of God has selected Penticton as the site for 1969 and again in 1970 . . .

Reservation of the Penticton Peach Bowl and the Penticton Memorial

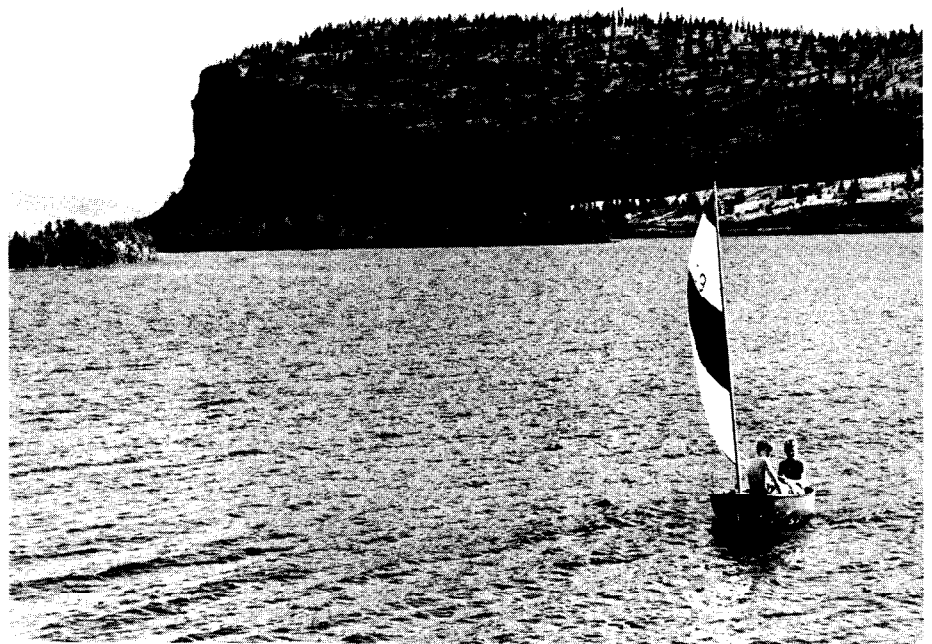
right over and see us. The Mayor introduced us to the editor of the *Penticton Herald*, and we received a very favorable write-up in the Wednesday edition.

God made it abundantly clear that He had chosen Penticton. Time and time again, doors were opened as He smiled upon the operation, directing the steps which provided and established this, our newest Feast site. Even the flight in, flight 12, had His special blessing and protection. Flights into Vancouver, B.C. had been at a standstill for several days. The airports in Seattle and Portland were crowded with travelers who were delayed as much as two days because of weather.

Without our knowing of this hazardous weather and the delays, we scheduled our trip from Los Angeles

Young and old may enjoy the thrills of sailing, boating or just plain swimming.

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have been made for September 26th to October 4th inclusive in 1969 . . . A tent is to be erected in Queen's Park capable of seating 7,000 people. Local facilities for accommodation and eating are to be used, with the possibility of an auxiliary feeding unit set up in the Penticton Peach Bowl . . ."

Mr. Buerge and I next called the Mayor's office. He was in another part of town, but he would be happy to come

to Penticton via Vancouver. On the *very day* that our flight was scheduled, the weather lifted in Vancouver. We were one of the first flights to arrive in several days. Flight 12 from Vancouver was the *first* flight into Penticton in over two days. After landing and departure, Flight 12 was the *last* flight

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Rejoice in God's Sabbath!

*You need to know HOW to keep the Sabbath as God intended!
Here are the ANSWERS to vital questions about the Sabbath that
many of you have asked.*

by Roderick C. Meredith

YOU MAY be missing out on some of the greatest blessings of life through *ignorance!*

In this chaotic, hell-bent age in which we live, man NEEDS a right understanding of the laws of *peace* and *joy* that Almighty God has set in motion. Many lack the enthusiasm — the zest for life — that would make their lives really full and complete. “Every day is the same old thing!” you hear so many people say.

But God has given us one blessing which doesn't make every day alike, which — when rightly used — will make our lives more *joyful* and *abundant*, and give us a *zest* for life we otherwise lack. This is the Sabbath day.

Once you fully understand and appreciate the *blessings* and *opportunities* afforded by this day, you will literally REJOICE in keeping it. Far too many converted people look on the Sabbath as a day when they “can't” do this or that.

But IF you really *want* to draw closer to God and do His will, then begin to look on the Sabbath as the day when you CAN take time for needed prayer, study, meditation, spiritual fellowship and rest. When viewed in this light the Sabbath is a *tremendous* BLESSING!

Sabbath Made to Serve Man

Christ said, “The sabbath was made for *man*, and not man for the the sabbath” (Mark 2:27). He didn't say it was made for the Jew, but for MAN — for *all mankind* in other words. And it was made *for* him a blessing.

Keep this principle in mind. It was made *for you*, to help *you*, to enable *you* to live a happier and more godly life.

God's true Sabbath is one of the greatest blessings that has ever been

bestowed upon mankind. It *signifies* that the Creator is our God and we are His children.

Our Creator knew that we would need a period of rest every seventh day, and this is one of many opportunities the Sabbath affords. Each of us tends to become overly absorbed in our daily cares during the week, but God foresaw this, and set aside the Sabbath as a time when we can completely forget our routine work and *get close to God* in *study*, *meditation*, and *prayer*.

The wonderful part of it all is that we can keep this period of rest and spiritual revival with complete confidence that God will *bless* and *prosper* us because we have done this! If we would quit working every few days and take a needed rest, we might naturally expect to get behind in our finances and material pursuits. *But* God has said just the opposite! So if we keep His Holy Day, we can rest assured that it will be *gain* instead of loss, even looking at it materially.

Do you realize what this amounts to? God is *giving* us a *paid vacation* every seventh day!

Human reasoning might not grasp this right at first. But God has *promised* this, and the *experiences* of hundreds of people have shown that God meant what he said. You may not be prospered *immediately* if you begin keeping God's commandments and paying your tithe faithfully as He has commanded. But in His way and time, God will begin to bless and prosper you in ways that you may never have expected.

In Isaiah 58:13-14, God inspired Isaiah to write that *if* we kept the Sabbath and delighted in it, we would remember Him and He would cause us to have life in abundance, spiritually and materially. Notice that we are not to

seek our own pleasure on the Sabbath. Yet, we are to *delight* in it. This means that we should be *so busy* doing good to others, and getting closer to God in prayer and study, that we will not even desire to seek any earthly amusements. We will be *HAPPY* because we are able to rest, to worship God with peace of mind, and because we have a special time to do good.

This same passage says we are *not* to *speak our own words* on the Sabbath. What does this mean? It shows that we should not spend the Sabbath in idle talk, but should be reading, discussing and meditating upon God's Word. Then we will be drinking in the ideas of God instead of mere human notions. What a privilege it is to have a whole day in which we can read and discuss the *way of life* that is revealed to us in the Bible!

In order that we may have our minds free from last-minute duties on the Sabbath, God has commanded that we prepare for it the day before. Exodus 16:22-25 shows that we should do any baking or time-consuming boiling before the Sabbath. Long hours of cooking and stewing should *never* clutter up God's day.

So do all your “sprucing up” and any heavy cooking on Friday, the preparation day. Then at sunset Friday evening, when the Sabbath begins, you will have put all worldly cares aside and will be able to enter the Sabbath in a spirit of rejoicing and worship toward God.

Duties on Sabbath

Your time should never “drag” on God's Sabbath! Some people experience this when they first begin to keep the Sabbath, but it certainly isn't the way God intended. When we understand it

properly, the Sabbath will be filled with *interest and joy*.

The true Sabbath is *not a negative thing!*

Christ set us an example of how to keep it. In Mark 2:23 to 3:5, Jesus showed that it was all right to procure food on the Sabbath *if it is necessary*. He told the Pharisees that He was Lord of the Sabbath — not Sunday! Then Christ healed an infirm man on the Sabbath, and showed that it is lawful to *do good* on that day.

What *kind of good* should we do on the Sabbath day?

God commanded in Exodus 20:10, that we should *not work* on the Sabbath. So the kind of good that we do on that day is not the kind of hard physical labor which we might do on other days. "Doing good" is not to be used as an *EXCUSE* for performing those material duties, however helpful to others, which can just as well be done some other day. There is one exception to this prohibition. That is in the case of an "ox in the ditch" (Luke 14:5). This refers to a *genuine emergency*, not some material duty you "put off" until the Sabbath.

The principal example of doing good on the Sabbath that Christ gave us was that of healing the sick or infirm *that came to Him* (Matt. 12:9-13). He did NOT go abroad seeking them. Also, we find that He was constantly meeting with others and teaching them God's ways on this day.

We can all use the Sabbath as a time to comfort and minister to those who are sick and infirm on this day. But this does not mean that we should burden ourselves with purely material services. Jesus didn't when he helped the sick according to their faith. Remember what he told Martha: "Thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41, 42). We should especially try to help those who are interested in the true teachings of the Bible, because in this way we can minister to them both spiritually and physically.

A Wonderful Opportunity

STUDY the word of God (II Tim. 2:15)! This should usually be your first duty on the Sabbath. *Then* you will be *ready* to answer the questions of those you are trying to help (I Peter 3:15).

Many of you brethren desperately NEED to spend *much more time* in earnest, prayerful Bible study. And most of you *want* to do it, but say that you "just don't find the time."

Well, learn to TAKE time on the Sabbath. In this day you have a wonderful opportunity to study *intensively*, to *pray* and not feel "rushed" or that you ought to be doing something else. USE this opportunity! Be THANKFUL for it!

The Sabbath is the day when you *can* and SHOULD study the Bible, study the Correspondence Course, and review the back issues of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. On this day you can discuss points of truth and Christian living with your wife or husband, and you can have a Bible study session with your *children*.

Yes, the Sabbath is the day on which you CAN do all these things that most of you *want* and *need* to do anyway — but *simply can't find enough time for during the week!*

Remember that the principal command is to *rest* from our usual routine on the Sabbath, and to *worship* God and remember Him as Creator. The Bible reveals that "doing good" on the Sabbath is serving others in a way that shows the *power of God* in our lives. Christ didn't *labor* for several hours to heal the sick on the Sabbath. Instead, He invoked the very power of the Creator to release others from the bonds of sickness. So we should NOT spend most of the Sabbath caring for the physical needs of other people. By drawing closer to God on this day, we will then be able to help others in a LASTING way through the power of God's Spirit.

"Sewing for charity" and other physical services may be worthy at the proper time, but such routine labor should not fill up God's Sabbath day.

Physical things will "perish with the using." So use the Sabbath primarily to learn *God's ways* and make them a part of your *character* — and help others to

do the same. The Spirit of God in you will last *forever!*

Rejoice in the Sabbath as a wonderful OPPORTUNITY for the physical *rest*, and for the *study, prayer* and spiritual *fellowship* you need!

A Commanded Assembly

In Luke 4:16, we find that Christ customarily met with others on the Sabbath and read from God's Word. And Hebrews 4:9 tells us, "There is a Sabbath-Rest, then, reserved still for the People of God" (*Moffatt*). Lev. 23:1-3 tells us that the Sabbath is to be a *holy convocation* for God's people. A convocation is a *commanded assembly*. God commands you to convoke or meet with other *true* believers *whenever this is possible* on the Sabbath.

However, this does *not* mean that you are to meet on that day or any other day with those who are blinded to God's truth and refuse to keep *all* His commandments. Paul commanded Christians in II Cor. 6:14, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: *for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness* and what communion hath light with darkness?"

Christian fellowship should be with other people ONLY through God and His Spirit. God gives the Holy Spirit to them that *obey* Him (Acts 5:32). So remember that you *cannot* have true fellowship through Satan, or his ministers, or his churches who refuse to obey God's commandments.

Christ told His followers, "Ye are the *light* of the world" (Matt. 5:14). How much the world needs people who will fearlessly show it the way out of this spiritual darkness!

But can you be a "light" to other people while continuing in the same man-made doctrines and practices they do?

No you can't! You must live by God's Word to show forth the true light that will eventually turn people from darkness. You must be DIFFERENT from other people by obeying God — by having his SIGN. Most people won't like you for doing this. Christ said in John 3:19. "And this is the condemnation, that *light* is come into the world, and

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Ambassador College Transportation Department

We live in an Age of Wheels. God's Work couldn't possibly be done in this age without the trucks, buses, autos and special equipment of the Transportation Department. Here are the feet of the Work (Read Isaiah 52:7). Here's an inside, pictorial view of that vital department.

by Robert Kuhn

DURING 1969 God's Ministers will drive over EIGHT MILLION MILES to do their job of visiting, counselling, preaching, teaching, helping the brethren! That's the equivalent of more than *eighteen* round trips to the moon!

The highways of the world are the "front line" of the ministers of God! More people by far died on the roads of America in 1967 than in the jungles of Vietnam — 53,000! Nearly *two million* suffered injuries. TEN BILLION DOLLARS were spent on accidents alone!

Our ministers average 35-50,000 miles a year — a grueling job all by itself. These miles are hard on them and their cars.

Maybe you have been among those who wondered why the ministers drive such fine new cars, many getting a new one every year. Or perhaps you, like the majority, would just like to know more about a very important part of God's Work — the Transportation Department!

It has already served you in many ways you never realized. And there are hidden facets of the department — all saving the Work many dollars — which will be of interest to all of you, and *more important: give you something more real and tangible to pray about!*

Transportation Department History

As with nearly every other part of God's Work, the Transportation Department started very small! — *one* young man and *one* old car! That was

in 1954. Its operation headquarters was in the basement of a student residence.

Since that time it has blossomed into a full-scale, constantly expanding department. At the end of 1968 it employed thirty-seven full-time employees and 19 students. Many are accomplished mechanics, skilled craftsmen, having 10-25 years experience in their specialty. Altogether, they amass over 575 years' experience in the transportation business!

Mr. Leonard Schreiber is the Head of the Transportation Department. Mr. Schreiber reports to Mr. Albert J. Portunc, Business Manager for God's Work. Mr. Schreiber has had experience in every conceivable facet of the automotive and trucking business from tractors on a farm to diesel engines in the Marines ("coincidentally" the same type as in our buses). He has also worked as service manager in an automobile dealership. Mr. Schreiber, a Local Elder, faithfully served the brethren in the San Diego area for many years before being called to Headquarters to take over the Transportation Department in 1967.

Mr. Schreiber's assistant, Mr. Dennis Stauffer, had been a chemical engineer working on propellant fuels for missiles before coming to Ambassador College. Though Mr. Stauffer has slowed down from missiles to automobiles, he is still busy propelling the department.

Let's now proceed to "tour" the Transportation Department by discussing each of its 5 sections: Dispatch,

Heavy Equipment, Vehicle Maintenance, Shipping and Receiving, and Fleet Operations.

Dispatch Section

The *Dispatch Section* now fills the need that originated the department. The dispatcher, Mr. Merle May (a deacon) coordinates the incoming transportation requests from the various other departments at Headquarters. He then dispatches vehicles for pickup and delivery. These requests are quite varied: airport runs for people, magazine proofs, film negatives, or parts ranging from electric motors to flowers. An average week will involve 175 trips — any one of which may combine upwards of four jobs. 12 vehicles are assigned to this section — many of which are radio controlled. Mr. May, having grown up locally, is reputed to know the freeways, streets and alleys of the Los Angeles basin like most men know the corridors of their home.

Heavy Equipment Section

The *Heavy Equipment Section* of the Transportation Department is headed by Mr. Lyle Sell — an Ambassador College graduate. It is responsible for moving household goods, printed material, and other cargo for the College and Worldwide Church of God. In addition this section operates the six college buses used for transporting students to various college functions such as academic field trips, cultural and sporting events, and to the Feast of Tabernacles.

This Section renders a little-known, but essential service to the Work. For

example, the shingles for the administration building at the new Lake of the Ozarks Feast site were hauled all the way from Oregon. 15,000 of you brethren will have the opportunity to attend God's Feast at this picturesque spot. When you're there, remember the Transportation Department!

Furthermore, most of the ministers who have been transferred within the United States during the past four years have been moved by this college department. Also, new employees — called to Pasadena or Big Sandy — have been assisted by the college vans. Anyone who has ever been moved by a commercial moving company knows the costliness of the operation. In most cases, the college can make the move for 40% of the commercial rate. Even more important, our own real concern and correct handling procedures assure the perfect condition of all material.

An old trailer initiated the college into the interstate trucking business. As the Work grew, this old equipment proved to be woefully inadequate to keep pace with our ever-expanding work load.

In 1966, a new tractor-trailer was put into service. It has since averaged about



Ambassador College Photos

ABOVE: Mr. Schreiber (seated) and Mr. Stauffer review two of the safety awards presented to Ambassador College by the National Safety Council.

LEFT: Mr. May lays out another day's work for one of his dispatch drivers, Mr. Olinger.



7,000 miles per month — amassing over 200,000 miles. 1967 saw 2 new trailers commissioned—one specifically designed for furniture moving.

With the high mileage factor, coupled with the fact that the equipment is away from the home terminal so much of the time, it is easy to see why *new* equipment — of efficient design — is essential to a professional operation. During the 300,000 miles thus far travelled, there have been *no* major problems. Time is saved — safety is increased.

In addition, these newer more powerful trucks maintain a better average

speed than the older units. This results in more work, in less time, for less money.

Vehicle Maintenance

With our automotive and truck fleets burgeoning, there arose the need for an experienced, thoroughly competent service manager. Little more than a year ago, a memo was sent to all the ministers asking them to scour the Churches for such a man. God had indeed provided him — and Mr. Archie Hall (also a deacon) was “shipped to Pasadena.” Over and over again, in every phase of God’s Work, we see the living proof of God’s omnipotent Hand, as He trains

planned, giving God’s Work even more self-contained capabilities.

If you ever have the opportunity to visit Headquarters, be sure to see the cleanest automotive and truck maintenance plant around. If you’re lucky, you might witness a huge bus taking a bath!

Shipping and Receiving Section

All shipments (literature and other supplies) from Headquarters to our field offices and representatives around the world are handled by the *Shipping and Receiving Section* — headed by Mr. Dave Simpson. Mr. Simpson — another Ambassador College graduate — has had

considerable import-export experience. He is a virtual self-taught expert — if Mr. Simpson can’t “work it out,” nobody can!

In 1968, we made 9,090 shipments consisting of 15,437 individual packages. This would be equivalent to 18 semi-truck loads filled with 1,600 packages each weighing 38 pounds — this totals more than 1,000,000 pounds! This represents a 71% increase over 1967!

Approximately 50% of the total weight was sent to foreign offices. Individual shipments may weigh 5-6 tons. These consist mainly of literature that can be supplied only by Headquarters — such as the monthly, air-freighted, French *PLAIN TRUTH* or the latest *CORRESPONDENCE COURSE* lesson. The remainder of the shipments contain ministerial supplies and miscellaneous assignments from all the departments of the college.

Shipping and Receiving is also the general receiving area for the entire campus. During 1968 over 10,500 shipments, consisting of over 37,500 packages, were received. They ranged from personal packages for students (“care packages” from home) to huge blocks of machinery. Once on campus, these packages must be delivered to the proper parties, and as the college ex-



Ambassador College Photos

ABOVE: The Transportation Department grew from one man in a basement to this modern, well-staffed facility in only a few short years.

RIGHT: Cleanliness — another important factor of our maintenance program.

men in the world, to use them in His Work.

Mr. Hall now supervises our new, ultramodern *Vehicle Maintenance Section*. Its facilities cover 25,000 square feet in which 15 cars and 4 buses (or trucks) can be serviced and repaired simultaneously. In addition, the College’s 23 electric vehicles — used for giving tours, delivering mail, security, etc., — are maintained here. Only the very latest techniques are employed. At present, a new “body shop” is being



pands, this becomes an ever-increasing task.

Finally, a warehouse is also maintained, housing nearly every imaginable item that God's Headquarters needs to store.

Fleet Operations Section

The final section of the Transportation Department is the one directly involved with the brethren in God's Church, The *Fleet Operations Section*, headed by Mr. Bill Evans (another deacon), acquires, manages and disposes of the automobiles used by God's ministers. Mr. Evans is eminently qualified for his position, having spent his entire adult life, some 25 years, in commercial transportation.

Our ministerial fleet started in 1962 with about 30 cars and grew at the familiar rate of 30% per year. At present, we have close to 300 vehicles. This figure must at least double within the next three years!

Some questions had to be answered before embarking upon this ambitious fleet program. Should each minister procure his own car and be reimbursed by the Work? Or should the Work provide the car? If so, should we lease or purchase? What brand should we choose? How often should we trade cars?

After weighing all the factors, cars



Ambassador College Photos

ABOVE: The Heavy Equipment section of Transportation in full regalia and military form lined up at attention in front of Pasadena's famous Rose Bowl.

LEFT: Dave Simpson operates the fork lift as another foreign shipment goes out to the Philippines.

RIGHT: Our preventive maintenance program keeps the big trucks rolling.



were leased from 1962 to 1966 due to the small cash outlay required. In 1967 we began to purchase our vehicles. Chrysler Corporation had made available a substantial per-car rebate to fleet owners. If each minister had purchased his own car, he would have had to spend many hundreds of dollars over our costs as a fleet buyer. It would also have required more time to buy and maintain his car. Dollars and time — Transportation Department saves both!

For 1969, it will again become more



economical to lease vehicles instead of purchasing them. As the various factors in the automotive field change, so the fleet operations of the Work must likewise change. Some cars we buy, some we lease. God will favor His Work so long as we do our utmost with His money — as profitable servants.

In choosing a specific brand, we considered such points as safety, dependability, service, fleet program, resale value, warranty and economy of operations. As a result of our survey, we chose the Plymouth Fury and the Chrysler. Chrysler Corporation has an extensive warranty system and our Department has received authorization to do our own warranty work in Pasadena — being reimbursed for parts and labor.

Please note that we do NOT at all advocate that all brethren drive Chrysler products; what holds true for us may not hold true for you. Many factors must be considered when purchasing your personal automobile. But you may even wish to consider purchasing your minister's well-maintained present car — when he gets his next one — IF it meets your specific requirements.

Fleet Operations maintains a constant vigil of the resale market. The optimum time to trade must be determined for each car based upon these fluctuating markets. The last two years we have been changing cars on a 12 to 24 month basis because of the economic advantage. The majority of our ministers drive 35,000 to 40,000 miles per year — some upwards of 70,000! (These huge mileages underline the necessity to pray for the safety of God's ministers.) At 50,000 miles the warranty expires, and should a transmission or engine need replacing, the Work would have to bear the expense. For this reason, we trade in our cars before the warranty expires — when the resale market is higher.

Working in conjunction with our resale program, we have recently acquired a car transporter — able to ferry 7 automobiles cross-country. God's Work is already capitalizing upon its versatility. Thousands of dollars are being saved as this transport eliminates the need of using 'drive-thru' companies

to return old cars to Headquarters, facilitating the disposal of our used cars by providing a quick means of transporting them to any area of the country where the used car market offers the highest price, and even picks up new cars directly in Detroit and then delivers them to our scattered ministers!

Safety

In conjunction with fleet management, the Fleet Operations Section provides an aggressive Driver Safety and Education program, involving the student in discussions of problems pertaining to driving today, as well as behind-the-wheel training. We screen all college employees who drive a college vehicle and all students who anticipate a field assignment. Our program is constantly improving: Last year we added the

National Safety Council's Defensive Driving Course.

There is an enormous furor over the war in Vietnam. Yet more people die in *one* week on the nation's highways than perish in four weeks of intensive jungle fighting! But we hardly hear about the 53,000 people who died in 1967, or the 1,900,000 disabled, or the more than ten billion DOLLARS lost — solely because of automobile accidents!

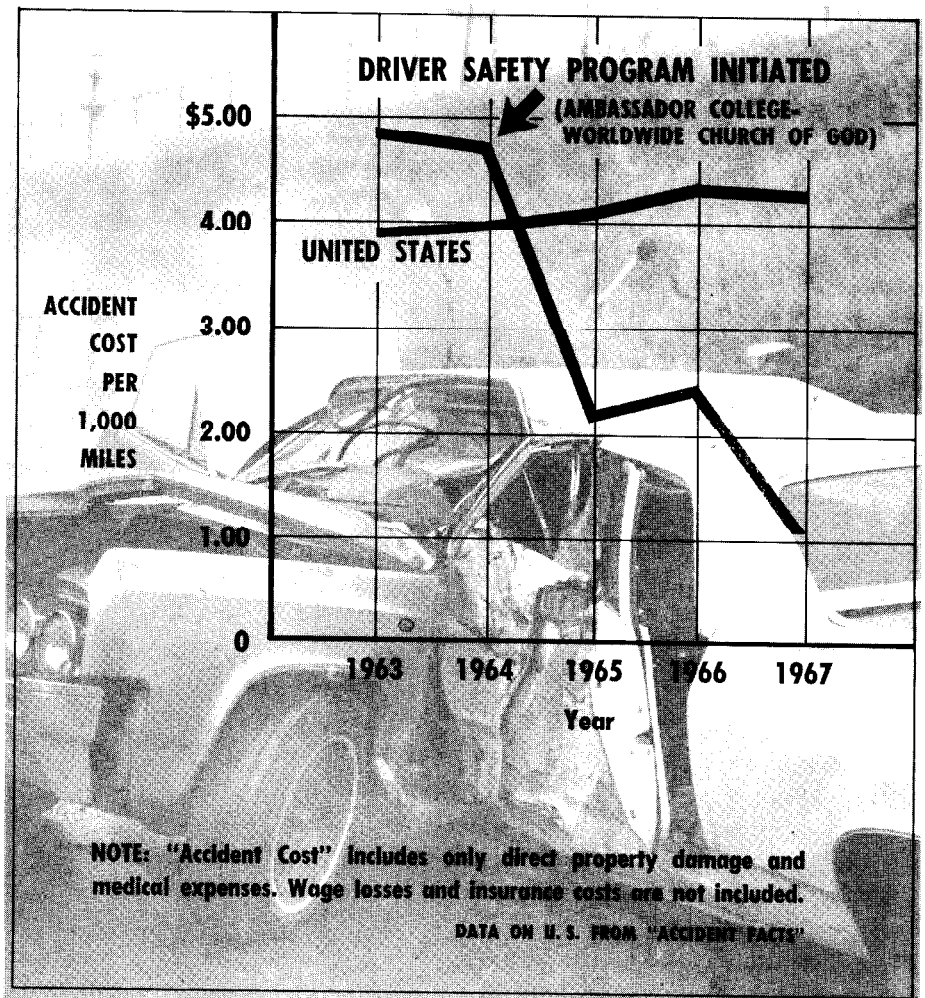
In view of these sobering facts, we can be very thankful for God's protection. However, God requires that we do our part. Driving an automobile is serious business! Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has repeatedly stressed the absolute necessity to drive cautiously, to wear our seat belts, and to obey the traffic regulations.

Human beings were not born with the ability to drive. We all had to *learn*. We know that driving is built by habits. Some of our driving habits are good and

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The chart below depicts the impressive effect a safety program has had on Ambassador College's driving record.

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New Appointments Announced During Conference Period

As God's Work grows, so do the new positions of responsibility. During the Ministerial Conference, several appointments were announced as God's Government expands to meet the demands of the fast growing Work.

In the early hours of Friday, January 7, Mr Ronald Dart was sound asleep at his home in England. A momentous phone call roused him from his sleep and changed his whole life. By late Standard Time, he was in Pasadena. His

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The Hall of Administration stands ready for occupation.

CITY APPROVES STREET CLOSURE

On January 7, the Pasadena Board of City Directors approved Ambassador College's request to close off most of Grove Street and Terrace Drive which run through the heart of the campus.

Yet to be negotiated are certain requirements the City of Pasadena wants Ambassador College to meet, such as emergency access routes for police and fire equipment and a public walkway through the campus. When the terms are reached, we can then vacate Grove street from Orange Grove Boulevard to Vernon Street, and Terrace Drive from Del Mar Boulevard to Green Street. Then the land will be redone to fit into the campus landscape according to the Master Plan.

Departments Move Into Hall of Administration

The week beginning January 26, 1969, was an historical one. Departments involving approximately 200 employees began moving into Ambassador College's unique Hall of Administration, the *finest* of office buildings. This event marks the culmination of over a year's work by the O. K. Earl Corporation which began construction following ground-breaking on November 28, 1967.

This ONE edifice gathers together segments of the Work heretofore scattered over the campus and will enable them to work together in *greater* harmony, unity, and efficiency.

The Hall of Administration is a far

cry from the *past* Administration Building which began as a two-story combination hay mow and horse stalls. When the day of the automobile arrived, this building was converted into a four-car garage, with servants' housing upstairs and on each end downstairs.

Needless to say, the old Ad

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These pages contain the main articles from the newspapers — The PORTFOLIO — of all three Ambassador campuses. We hope they will bring you closer to the students of Ambassador College and the Headquarters Work. The PORTFOLIO itself, of course, is a student publication not available to non-students.

New Appointments Announced

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new job — Deputy Assistant to Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong over the Foreign Work.

Back from the field ministry is Mr. Dennis Luker. He is now assisting Mr. Roderick Meredith in his many important responsibilities. Mr. Luker was formerly District Superintendent over the Oakland District and, just before he came back to Pasadena, the Minneapolis Church District.

Several new developments have taken place in the Publishing Division. Mr. John Butterfield has come from England to take up his new responsibilities as Director of Printing Worldwide. On Friday, January 24, Mr. Elvin Merk was appointed Plant Manager over the Pasadena Press Plant. He formerly was head of the Composing Room.

Mr. Herman Louter left for England for in-plant training on the Halley-Aller in England and in Sweden, to help in the set-up of the new English Plant, and work in many other areas. Mr. Loyd Hohertz took over Mr. Louter's job as Pressroom Supervisor, scheduling shifts and production.

Looking to the future and the vast job to be done, God's Work is getting in gear to do the job.

Administration Bldg.

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Building was horribly inadequate for a worldwide Work. The new building, a vital necessity, will help to fill these needs.

The Hall of Administration, basically designed by the Senior Staff Architect of O. K. Earl Corporation, Peter J. Holdstock, has four stories and a partial basement. Its 182-foot width by 104-foot length contains approximately 115 rooms.

The structure is unique in its spacious interior, in total contrast to the cramped interiors of most modern office buildings. Architect Peter Holdstock said, "It has been found possible to open the interior of the Administration Building to form two soaring light wells with balconies on all four sides, crowned by a sculptured ceiling with skylights and landscaped at the ground level with indoor plantings of considerable size. Seldom since the Renaissance Age in Architecture has it been possible to develop spaces as dramatic and gracious as those incorporated in this building."

The decoration of the building and offices is in keeping with the culture of its architecture. Dominating the lobby and reception areas of both the

north (Green Street side) and the south entrance, are eight metallic chandeliers, weighing about 1,000 pounds a piece, custom-made according to Mr. Armstrong's specifications by Donner Products of Los Angeles who also made the chandeliers in the music recital room.

First floor offices include those of Dr. Hoeh; Mr. Jack Elliot; Mr. Plache; and Mr. Herrmann. Communications and the receptionist are centrally located between the light wells.

Moving from the Press Building are the Letter Answering and SS Departments under Dr. Clint Zimmerman to the second floor. The office of Flight Operations under Mr. Jim Simpson and Mr. Ken Cox, and the Employees Lounge, are also on this level.

The Personnel Department under Mr. Paul Royer, the French Department under Mr. Dibar Apartian, the News Bureau under Mr. Gene Hogberg, and the Business Office Data-Processing Room are on the next floor. The News Bureau vacated the Editorial Building, and the Personnel Department moved out of a building that was once the Golden State Arms Corporation. Other offices will also be moving here.

The top floor includes a recording studio for the World Tomorrow Pro-



In February the steel girders were raised and in a few days the skeleton of the building began to take shape.

gram, the office of the Chancellor, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong; the First Vice-President and Speaker on the World Tomorrow, Mr. Ted Armstrong; Mr. Meredith, Second Vice Chairman; the Business Office under Mr. Albert J. Fortune, Controller; the office of Mr. Jon Hill; Foreign Educational Services under Mr. Ronald Dart; and a Conference Room.

This building is the fifth in Ambassador College's 12-million-dollar expansion program, and reflects the tone and character and cultural atmosphere that Mr. Herbert Armstrong has long stressed. It now joins the Student Center Building as part of a complex which will be completed with the planned construction of a new Auditorium as the sixth, and final, building of the present program.



Finally the old Mailing Department bit the dust — a victim of progress.

PASSOVER

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body, that you should *obey it* in the lusts thereof" (verse 12).

So, as we approach the Passover, we have had one more year to live with ourselves. God is now asking us once again to partake of the broken body and shed blood of Christ. Has this past year convinced you that you have come to the place that you no longer *need* the sacrifice of Christ? Or rather has it convinced you that you need it **EVEN MORE PROFOUNDLY** than ever before?

THIS IS WHAT DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY MEANS.

Certainly you have grown in personal overcoming of sin. Certainly you have grown in Bible understanding and spiritual knowledge. But have you grown in personally knowing **YOU** need Jesus Christ more than ever before?

Seen More Deeply?

When we are first baptized we are called "babes" in Christ. Notwithstanding we have come to miraculous and profound knowledge at baptism, we still are just *beginning* a life of overcoming. We need to grow and ma-

ture in understanding and perspective. "... As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may **GROW** thereby" (I Peter 2:2). "But grow in **GRACE**, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18).

As we grow in a deeper and more profound knowledge of spiritual things our ability to see *ourselves* becomes more acute. We see things about ourselves and our natures that *we never saw* at baptism. This is right! It is progress! It is what God intended.

When Paul received God's Holy Spirit and began to grow he found that his more profound knowledge of God's spiritual law made sin appear to become *exceeding sinful* (Romans 7:13). And so it is with us. The longer we live with ourselves in this flesh the more our knowledge of God's perfect spiritual law, that we are privileged to understand, convicts us of the exceeding sinfulness of the carnal human nature.

Each year God commands us to live through again His Holy Days which picture His plan of salvation for the world. Each year we begin again with the primary beginning — the Passover — the acceptance of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Each year we should be observing God's Holy Days with greater desire for the fulfillment of His plan because we should have seen the need for it more profoundly than ever before — for ourselves and for the world.

As we start the Holy Days again it should be with a *renewed* eagerness. It should be with a *more* fervent desire to take those precious symbols because we know far more deeply their meaning to us and to the world.

It's not with a hum-drum routine approach that we begin each year. We cannot come up to these days in a half-hearted apathetic approach. If we do we may eat and drink "unworthily" — eat and drink damnation unto ourselves. No one is "worthy." Totally understanding how *unworthy* of Christ's great sacrifice we are, makes us ready to partake of the Passover with full understanding!

God wants His people to approach the Passover with the most earnest and heartfelt desire for the forgiveness of Christ — individually and ultimately for the world. No other attitude demonstrates a true Christian who has grown as He should through the year.

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE PASSOVER?

No man who has lived another year

in the flesh with the presence of the Holy Spirit can approach the Passover without a more deep and sincere NEED for the sacrifice of Christ. No man can thus take the unleavened bread of Jesus' broken body and the red wine of His shed blood without, in spirit, falling at the foot of the cross before Jesus' bleeding, dying body and saying "For me, for me, Oh God, He died!"

"And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is *my body* which is GIVEN FOR YOU: this do in *remembrance* of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in *my blood* which is SHED FOR YOU" (Luke 22:19-20).

These words should be more living and personal for *you* than ever before. ARE THEY?

The Big Picture

Having thus seen the profound need for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ in our *personal* lives, we should also have a deeper and more acute desire for the same light and understanding to come to this lost, sin-sick world. Not just in theory, but in fact.

We begin again, with the Passover, picturing God's plan of salvation for the world. It's not just a personal salvation for you alone. There are a lot of human lives going down the drain all around us. The utter hopelessness of a dying civilization sends its groanings up into our consciousness every day.

We who have been given the knowledge of the ONLY way out for the world ought to groan within ourselves for the time they too can be delivered from the bondage of corruption of which we have been made so acutely aware. Each new year of Holy Day observances should be from a higher level of awareness, with a greater sense of earnestness for their fulfillment.

There is only ONE WORK truly working toward that end... THIS WORK. And you are a part of it.

Has this past year brought you to a deeper dedication? Are you behind

God's Work with your *very lives* and all that your lives can produce? Or, are the Annual Holy Days just another hum-drum routine again?

"God so loved the *world* that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "He that believeth on Him [in His purpose] is not condemned: but he that *believeth not* [in His purpose] is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (verse 18).

If you truly believe in God's purpose through Jesus Christ and are ALL OUT for that purpose in YOUR LIFE, then you are properly discerning the Lord's body and are eating and drinking eternal life unto yourself. But if your life and actions show a half-hearted, lethargic support and dedication to His Work — you are eating and drinking damnation to yourself — not discerning, not understanding the full meaning of the Lord's body.

EXAMINE YOURSELF!

Make it personal

Brethren, there is still time to examine yourself and make this Passover a personal thing between you and God. Look deeply into your life. Have you been just coasting? Were you going to let this just be another routine Passover? If this is true, then you desperately need the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the *lethargy* God's Holy Spirit led you to see in yourself — just as you should have been led to see many other things about yourself this past year.

For every growing Christian each Passover should be a more profound experience in which our Savior and our God grows more personal, more precious, more wonderful.

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE PASSOVER — WILL YOU BE READY?

During supper that Passover evening Jesus rose and girded Himself with a towel and began to wash the disciples feet (John 13:2-5). Peter, impulsive and naïve, didn't want to let Jesus

"stoop" to washing his feet. But Jesus said to him, "If I wash thee not, THOU HAST NO PART WITH ME!" Peter, of course *did* want to have a part with Christ and consented.

Jesus then said: "Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, YOUR LORD and *Master*, have washed your feet; ye also OUGHT TO WASH ONE ANOTHER'S FEET, For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than His Lord; neither he that is *sent* greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye IF YE DO THEM" (verse 12-17).

We *will* wash one another's feet on the Passover. But again it is an outward symbol of an attitude and action in our lives — one of serving the brethren and being willing to give ourselves in HUMILITY for the purposes of God.

Do you have a part with Jesus Christ? Are you in a footwashing attitude ALL YEAR. That's what the outward symbol of footwashing you will partake of truly means. Are you discerning the Lord's Body? Or, are you perhaps like Peter — not wanting to let the purposes of your God be the form of a servant. A growing, discerning Christian knows his God has called him to humble himself as a servant of brethren and mankind.

The Time Is Now

So, brethren, the time is NOW. The Passover is just ahead of you. You have had another year to live, experience and grow. The panorama of YOUR LIFE is there before you along with the tableau of the sacrifice of Christ.

"He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief... Surely he hath borne OUR griefs and carried OUR sorrows... But He was wounded for OUR transgressions, He was bruised for OUR iniquities: the chastisement of OUR peace was upon Him; and with His stripes WE are healed" (Isa. 53:3-5).

BE READY TO TAKE THE PASSOVER!

Rejoice in God's Sabbath

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men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." Men were so steeped in their own customs, then as now, that the true light of the Gospel offended them.

So you can see that real Christianity is not the way to be popular with men!

But doesn't this show what an important "light" your keeping of the Sabbath can be to others? It is a SIGN that sets you apart from those following the broad way that leads to destruction.

Your Special Problems?

It is easy to use the latitude and privileges of the Sabbath as a means to abuse it. You should *not* be overly strict or self-righteous like the Pharisees. On the other hand, we humans are usually inclined to "stretch" the freedom God gives us and begin doing our own work or pleasure on the Sabbath.

Taking a walk on the Sabbath is fine so long as it doesn't turn into a "hike." Some people ask about the mention of "a sabbath day's journey" in Acts 1:12. There is no special command *anywhere* in the Bible limiting travel on the Sabbath. This "sabbath day's journey" was a custom of the Jews and is not a biblical command. However, you certainly shouldn't walk or drive so far on the Sabbath as to tire yourself unduly or to interfere with your worship of God.

After sitting in church or studying for some time, a leisurely walk is very refreshing and beneficial. Also, a lengthy drive is sometimes necessary to enable you to meet with other true worshipers on the Sabbath. Within reason, this is not wrong. It serves to strengthen you spiritually and therefore glorifies God.

Here is another problem. Should you kindle a fire on the Sabbath day?

The command in Exodus 35:3 was inserted in connection with instructions regarding work on the tabernacle. It was chiefly intended to forbid the kindling of a fire to melt metals or sharpen tools. However, it certainly can refer to unnecessary work done in preparing food which could be prepared on the day before.

So it would *not* be breaking the spirit of the law to light a fire for heat in

wintery weather or to warm up a previously prepared food.

Feeding and watering stock is necessary on the Sabbath and permissible (Luke 13:15). *But* if you are raising so many cattle or chickens that your "chores" add up to three or four hours' hard work, then you had better cut down on the number of your livestock or else change occupations. Our age of "specialization," when a few farmers become virtual slaves to provide food for hundreds of city dwellers, is *not* God's way.

No man should be "tied down" to his occupation as so many are today.

DON'T try to justify breaking the Sabbath by saying that "your occupation requires it"! Remember that this worldly, competitive system is called "Babylon" in the Bible and you are commanded to "come out of her" (Rev. 18:1-4).

How to Instruct Children

God inspired Solomon to write "train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). This command would certainly apply to teaching your child to keep the Sabbath. However, you should remember that even sweet little children are by no means converted. They are basically selfish, and usually lack the understanding and willpower to keep God's law as an adult.

But they should be taught to rest from their routine work or play on the Sabbath as much as possible. They should be instructed in a kindly and straightforward manner that the seventh day is holy to their Heavenly Father, and that they can show their love for Him by refraining from their usual play on that day and by thinking and learning about God instead.

Your children should be taught these things gradually and only as their age makes it possible for them to understand. If trained properly from infancy, a ten- or twelve-year-old child should have enough respect for God's Sabbath that he does not spend his time reading "funny books" or watching TV on that day.

Love and chastening must go hand in hand in this training. But a child so

trained in God's ways would have a priceless advantage in his knowledge of life and its real meaning in relation to the Creator.

It Is HOLY Time

In Exodus 20:8, we find the original command. "Remember the sabbath day to keep it HOLY." Never forget that God has made the seventh day *holy time!* You and I are commanded to *keep* it that way.

We have already found in God's Word that we are not to do our own work, pleasure, think our own thoughts, or speak our own words on God's Sabbath day. To keep the Sabbath day *holy*:

You can't spend a lot of time in worldly visiting or "shooting the breeze," or even courting your girl.

You can't be running downtown for a cup of coffee or an ice-cream soda. That kind of procuring food is *entirely UNNECESSARY*.

You can't spend several hours watching worthless TV programs or reading the "funnies."

You can't wait until after sunset on Friday evening to begin your cleaning up and preparing for the Sabbath, unless, of course, a *genuine* emergency has interfered.

I could go on, but I think you should get the point and grasp the principle involved.

Let's NOT "kid" ourselves!

When God said to put the Sabbath day to HOLY use, He meant *exactly* what He said. But we should learn to be so happily employed in doing the good things prescribed for that day, that we will have no time or inclination to violate the prohibitions anyway.

So let's keep the Sabbath in a POSITIVE way! Use the Sabbath as a day to rest from worldly labor, to get closer to God in *prayer* and *study*. Take time to *do good* to others, to care for the sick, to visit the afflicted. Assemble with other *true believers* on the Sabbath if this is possible. Then you will truly be a "light" to those around you.

The Sabbath SEPARATES true Christians from this world's churches with their pagan holidays and "day of the sun." And it gives the true children of the Living God an opportunity for *rest*,

study, prayer and worship — for DIRECT and SUSTAINED contact with their Creator which they would otherwise not enjoy.

So KEEP HOLY the day God *made*

holy! REJOICE in the *blessings and opportunities* that the Sabbath affords, and remember that it is an identifying SIGN of *direct relationship* between you and your Creator.

giving unselfishly their portion and of their lives in sacrifice toward the soon-coming Kingdom. What anticipation they have as they, through giving, become a part of the Feast, its buildings, its meaning — the *Great Festival* that will when it comes in less than a fraction of a second, remove the tears, the sorrow the headaches of this life.

IT'S PENTICTON FOR 1969!

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out until *we* needed to leave again. After we left, no other flight landed in almost a week.

Contracts have now been signed, others are in the making. A large tent is being readied, our housing office is busy signing contracts as the wheels turn in preparing the newest Feast site for six or seven thousand members who will descend on Pentiction come next September.

Long Beach Cancellation

At the same time we were signing contracts with the city of Pentiction, we were cancelling our option to rent with the city of Long Beach. On receiving our letter of notification, Mr. Win F. Hanssen, managing director of the Long Beach auditorium, arena, and stadium wrote a very warm personal letter in reply. In the letter he expressed his sorrow that you, the people of God's Church, would not return to Long Beach this fall.

Knowing Mr. Hanssen, I can assure you that what he expressed was genuine and right from the heart. He really is going to miss having you in Long Beach come September. In his letter, Mr. Hanssen said that on hearing of our cancellation it came as "... a great shock to me, as we considered you (members) as our preferred customers. I know that the men (the arena staff) looked forward each year to your coming and, of course, all of us are very much disappointed ..."

The Tithe of the Tithe

At this point it would be good to briefly mention the tithe of the tithe, the funds necessary to plan, develop, and set in operation, the facilities for the Feast of Tabernacles each year.

I've had to sit in Mr. Portune's office going over the festival budget, and experience the disappointment of slashing needed facilities because of a lagging

interest and responsibility by some in paying the tithe of the tithe. One example of several cutbacks this year took place in the Lake of the Ozarks. Last year we safely projected the Feast budget based on growth and need. To our sorrow we found that some members are not contributing their part *at all*. Others evidently felt that *some other member* would pay their share; therefore, they stopped contributing. Others, we found, are very faithfully paying their share and in some cases more — and being blessed.

It has been some time since the tithe of the tithe has been mentioned. A number of new members have asked, "What is the tithe of the tithe?" The tithe of the tithe is 10 percent of each member's *second tithe*. It is the fund that makes possible the purchase, the development, the construction, the rental and operation of each major Feast site in the U.S.A. and Canada. Without the tithe of the tithe there would be no means by which a Feast site could operate unless money was taken from the Work.

As a result of a special loan arrangement we will be able to build the large, permanent metal assembly building in the Ozarks this year. We plan to duplicate the fine 16,000-seat auditorium that was erected in Mt. Pocono, in both the Lake of the Ozarks and Big Sandy, Texas. Now it is more important than ever for you brethren to be faithful in sending in your tithe of the tithe, because that money is already committed to pay off this needed loan.

What a shame some of our members do not understand the blessings and the joy of giving their fair share. Perhaps we fail to see the importance that God Almighty attaches to the Feast of Tabernacles.

What a pleasure it is for those who have their hearts in the Work, who are

A Successful '69 Feast Depends on You

Now just a word about the coming Feast in 1969. Last year we experienced, by far, the finest Festival ever in this era of God's Work. You participated, you saw, you were the recipient of the most wonderful Feast of our time. Attitudes were at an all time high, the weather was exceptional in every location around the world and that frightens us! Do you know why?

It's because we know why it was the best Feast ever. We know why the good attitudes and the weather. Prayer brought it about! We also know the tendency of human nature. After blessings come forgetfulness, lack of appreciation and a failure to pray.

This year can, should be, and will be even greater if we don't take God's blessings for granted.

Insure this year's success. Begin right now putting your heart, your prayers into the Work, the Feast. Then you have a guarantee that Jesus Christ will keep His Word — "whatever we ask in His name, He will do it that the Father might be glorified." Pray that all of us working in the Festival Office will continue to receive grace and favor with the men we must deal with in planning and administering the Feast of Tabernacles. Pray about the weather, the attitudes, the tithe of the tithe. Get your heart in the Work of God — ALL THE WAY!

If you are assigned to Pentiction, we know you will have a splendid Feast — God has surely blessed and provided a beautiful spot for His people attending from the Northwestern U.S.A. and Western Canada. The Festival Brochure now in preparation, scheduled for mailing in late May, will provide the details on Pentiction as well as our other Festival sites both here in the United States and overseas.

Transportation Department

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some of them are not. So, we must strive to strengthen the good ones and correct the bad ones. Many simple yet effective books on "Driving Safely" or "Defensive Driving" are readily available in every local area. Use them. Also, refer back to Mr. Robert C. Boraker's article in the June 1967 *Good News*: "Death on the Highways." Don't *just* read it — put the principles into action!

The program of Driver Education at Ambassador College is proving enormously successful. In its first year of operation (1964-5) our accident costs plummeted to less than one-half of their former level (see chart). 1967 evidenced the unbelievably low accident cost of \$1.13 for every 1,000 miles driven. This is less than 27% of the \$4.26 incurred by the general public. God's Work is learning the right way — accidents are being avoided, lives are being preserved, money is being conserved — and God's ministers are spending more time with YOU!

To highlight our safety record, the National Safety Council has awarded Ambassador College 2nd place (in its category) for fleet operation safety. This year we're shooting for first place!

We know that God is protecting His drivers, but we also know that helping each driver to do his part is a significant contributing factor. With all our care 98% of all *OUR* accidents have been due to driver error. This is what we can all combat by developing the right attitude and technique of safe driving. The Transportation Department is *totally* committed to God's Work — are YOU?

**Drive Safely — For the
Work's Sake!**

Why should we want to drive safely and remain alive, free from injury? To protect ourselves, our family, our loved ones? Of course. But brethren, this should NOT be our primary motivation! In the recently adjourned 1969 Ministerial Conference, Mr. Armstrong emphasized, as never before, that all of us in the Church of God are vitally involved in God's Work.

The irresistible success of God's Work must become our uppermost thought, our foremost goal, our pre-eminent preoccupation. God's Work must come first!

Each one of us is an integral part of the body (I Cor. 12:20). Our tithes and offerings are the very backbone of the Work, just as our prayers are the energizing force of the Work. The prayers of the brethren are enormously effec-

tual (James 5:16) — God hears them — He is moved — and He prospers His Work.

When any part of the body dies or becomes disabled, the whole body suffers.

Less money can be given and fewer prayers can be offered. God's Work suffers! Yes, automobile accidents can severely handicap God's Witness to mankind. So let's get our thoughts and concerns off our own personal bodies — and on the body of Christ, onto this very Work of God.

Drive safely — for the Work's sake!

Ten Commandments of SAFE DRIVING

- 1) Driving is a full-time job
Be alert
Concentrate on your driving
Think before acting
- 2) Observe road and weather conditions
Obey the local traffic laws explicitly
- 3) Get the big picture of the road ahead
Keep your eyes moving
- 4) Drive defensively
Watch out for the other guy's error
Make sure the other guy sees you
Always leave yourself an "out" for emergencies
- 5) Use your horn thoughtfully
Always use proper signals
Always wear your seat belts
- 6) Don't tailgate
Let tailgaters and speedsters pass you by
- 7) Use speed intelligently
Pass only when absolutely clear
- 8) Maintain your entire car in perfect condition
Be sure it's completely roadworthy
- 9) Be a courteous driver
Don't drive emotionally
Your "light to the world" must not be dimmed on
the highways
- 10) Don't repeat past mistakes
Perfect your roadcraft and car sense

“Try My Reins!”

*How obedient are you? Are you well trained under God's hand?
Here's a TEST for you plus instruction from God's Word.*

by David L. Antion

“GET ON and turn him around. See if he'll obey. Put him through his paces,” said George Moss, one of the foremen in the Ambassador College ranch program.

“Climb on and try the reins.” This was my instruction as I prepared to mount a quarter horse called “Bando.”

We were in Big Sandy, Texas, visiting the college. My wife and I thought we would look around the wide expanse of the college grounds and see the ranch on horseback.

I thrust myself into the saddle and took hold of the reins. I moved the horse forward then around to the left with a gentle but firm tug on the reins. He responded. But I could tell that he'd rather be back in the shade of the barn than in the hot Texas sun.

Soon my wife and son were ready. With Mr. Moss guiding us we combed several miles of the college grounds.

The horses obeyed us very well.

Let God Try Your Reins

How well do you obey God — respond to His commands? David wanted to know about himself. “Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; *try my reins and my heart*” (Psalm 26:2).

Would you say that to God? Are you ready for God to *try your reins* — your obedience to His direct commands?

Perhaps you should examine *yourself* first. God's admonition is: “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; *prove your own selves*. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?” (II Cor. 13:5.)

A few simple questions with honest answers can help you know how well you would respond to the reins in God's hands.

The Test

Answer the following questions with complete honesty.

How do you keep the Sabbath? Are you finished with your work prior to sundown Friday? Do you study each Sabbath and pray?

God gives us a direct command and admonition: “If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; *and call the Sabbath a delight*, the holy of the Eternal, honourable; and shalt honour Him, *not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words*; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Eternal; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Eternal hath spoken it” (Isaiah 58:13-14).

How about tithing? Are you faithful with God's money? Are you diligent with generous offerings — with an immediate response to each Co-Worker letter? Do you save the second tithe faithfully — are you careful to send in the “tithe of the tithe” as early as possible each year so the festival sites can be prepared for you?

Are you diligently applying God's ways of child rearing in your home? God commands that children be taught and *disciplined*. How well do you do it?

Do you gossip? God forbids it and condemns the person who goes about as a talebearer. How many times have you realized that God condemns gossip and yet because you wanted your own way turned from God's direction?

Wives, are you obedient to your husbands as God commands? Or do you fail to respond to the reins of government within your own home?

Husbands, do you love your wives? Do you show them this love? Are you thoughtful, kind, and considerate of them? This is God's command to you. How well do you respond to it?

What Are the Results?

Now that you have examined yourself, what are the findings? Do you find that you really are responsive to God's commands?

If you were a horse under the reins of a rider how well would you respond?

At the Gladewater Rodeo we saw various contests. One especially intrigued me. It was a contest of speed with proper maneuvers. The horses had to race out, go around three barrels and then race back across the finish line. They timed the horses and the fastest won.

However, a five-second penalty was given to each horse that knocked over a barrel. The horses streaked out of the gate, zipped around the barrels and thundered back to the finish line. But in haste, some knocked over the barrels. Each horse obeyed its master — went around the barrels — but some knocked a barrel over in the process. This cost the contestant five seconds.

Are you like these horses? Maybe you obey, but in the process do you knock over barrels? That is, you are not careful *how* you obey. You don't apply your mind.

For example: you tithe. But are you *diligent* about sending the tithe in *immediately*? Does the envelope lie on a table for days because you forgot to mail it?

God Tries the Heart

David not only asked God to try his reins, but he included, “*And my heart.*”

The reins are two long leather straps that attach to either side of the bit forming part of the bridle. These reins give control to the rider. They are his means of indicating commands to the horse.

However, the “heart” is in reference to the basic attitude. David asked God

not only to try his reins—how well he obeyed—but also to try his heart.

How's your heart? Are you under God's government *willingly*? God not only wants you to obey physically but also wants your devotion along with it. Today we say a person has "a good attitude" when he not only obeys God's commandments but also does it willingly—cheerfully!

It's a beautiful sight to see a horse respond gracefully to his rider's wishes. Alert every second for its rider's direction, the horse not only is submissive under the reins but his heart also is fully in accord with his master's. And the horse receives the blessings! His master combs and brushes him. He is well fed and watered. He is cared for. His master is concerned about all cuts and bruises. The horse is actually happier when under the hand and authority of his master!

As a horse with a master draws closer with constant contact, so we draw closer to God when we have more fellowship and contact with Him. God's object is for us to become *one* with Him—a part of His very Family!

David said, "Search me, O God, and *know my heart*: try me, AND KNOW MY THOUGHTS" (Psalm 139:23). David wanted to be closer to God. He wanted to be one with God.

God Will Try You

David had such a marvelous attitude that he wanted God to test him to see if he obeyed well enough. He also wanted God to look on his heart to see if he had the proper attitude and respect for God he should. Few of us do that enough.

But God will test and try you whether or not you ask Him!

Notice: "O let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: *FOR THE RIGHTEOUS GOD TRIETH THE HEARTS AND REINS*" (Psalm 7:9).

God will try the reins of His people. He also looks on the heart to see what *your* attitude is.

Notice Jeremiah 11:20. "But, O Lord of hosts, that judgest righteously, *THAT TRIEST THE REINS AND*

THE HEART, let me see thy vengeance on them for unto thee have I revealed my cause."

The Bible refers to God as the ONE who "tries the reins and the heart." This is part of God's nature. This is part of God's overall plan and duty. God is constantly searching the hearts of His people.

God says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Man's heart—his nature—is deceitful above all else. Who can really check this heart? Who can know whether it be willing to do God's commands?

God gives the answer. "I the Eternal search the heart, *I try the reins*, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings" (Jer. 17:9-10).

Judgment *now* is on true Christians. God is searching their hearts to see if they have the right attitude and a willing spirit and love for their Maker. God also tries the reins—to test them in their obedience.

What will God find out about you? If you were a horse would you stop when God said, "Whoa"? Would you go and go fast when God gave the word? Will you go straight—not turning right or left except by direct command? And *how long* does it take you to obey?

Brethren, God *is finding out* all these things about us!

God Knows Horses

The Bible pictures Jesus Christ symbolically riding a horse at His coming. God is the One who created horses. God, therefore, knows more about how horses act and their nature than anyone else. God's Word tells us that we put bits in horses' mouths to make them obey.

Furthermore, God knows how to handle a rebellious horse. "*A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back*" (Prov. 26:3). Ask yourself: "Does God have to beat me to make me mind?"

God would rather the fool "wise up." God prefers not to have to use the whip or the rod for the fool's back.

But God constantly is searching the hearts and minds of His people. He punishes every son that He receives and chastises everyone He loves. *He does it for their good*. He does it that they may come to a right and wholesome attitude for their own good—for their own happiness—for their own welfare!

God reveals this particular attribute of His as though it were part of His title. "...and *all the churches shall know THAT I AM HE WHICH SEARCHETH THE REINS AND HEARTS*: and I will give unto everyone of you according to your works" (Rev. 2:23). Jesus Christ is our boss, ruler, owner. How well do we respond to Him?

God Wants Character

God's Word has a lot to say about horses. He tells how to handle them, a little of their nature and usefulness. There are people on earth today that nearly worship this magnificent creature of God. A horse is so stately, and those who appreciate a beautiful animal certainly enjoy looking at horses.

But God's purpose is not with horses. God uses the analogy of a horse and his master that we may see a little clearer our duties and relationship to God.

But here's what God says: "I will *instruct thee and teach thee* in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. BE YE NOT AS THE HORSE, or as the mule, *which have no understanding*: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee."

God does not want dumb, brute beasts. God wants to teach us His ways. He wants us to use our minds and to see the marvelous purpose behind His laws. God wants us to understand—have insight into His holy commandments and ways.

God says further, "Be glad in the Eternal, and *rejoice*, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart" (Psalm 32:8-11).

God gives happiness and joy to the people in contact with Him. For God is not training horses with bit and bridle. God is teaching, training, rearing *sons* for His Kingdom!

