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Opening Ceremony by Pastor Ken Matthew

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# Women's Column

By  
**Gladys Gorton**

have said to God, "Not them Lord, they don't deserve Your blessing," but God has greatly blessed them. God is sovereign in all His ways, but because we are confined to human limitations we try to measure God's thoughts and actions by our own.

"For the love of God is broader  
Than the measures of man's mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind."

When we think of the mind of God, the "measure of man's mind" is like the minutest pebble compared with the Rock of Gibraltar. His thoughts: "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 5:8, 9). "The measure of man's mind," can be likened to: (1) The ant which crawls along the ground and only sees its immediate surroundings; (2) The busy bee which buzzes from flower to flower; (3) The bird which flies into the air; (4) The pilot who can fly over the roof of the world. Yet the ant can see what the bee, bird and pilot cannot see. The same with the bee, bird, and pilot, each can see that which cannot be seen by the other three. From this we can learn that our judgment however right and just it is, is only according to what we know and understand, whereas God's thoughts are not our thoughts. He is **all wise** and just. Therefore if we go about things according to the instructions given in His Word we can receive the mind of Christ, and be enabled to do what He would do, and say what He would say.

(The next day Jimmy forgot all about his prayer concerning his grandfather, for he was as affectionate as ever toward him).

## GOD'S THOUGHTS ARE NOT OUR THOUGHTS

**L**ITTLE JIMMY had been very rude to his grandfather, and his mother was very cross with him. He and his small sister Jane had beds in the same room. When his mother put them to bed that night he refused to say his prayers, slipped down under the bed-clothes to the bottom of the bed, and remained a hump there. His little sister felt very good; she could say her prayers all right. In smug piety, tinged with self-righteousness she said them perfectly. When she came to "God bless grandfather," a muffled voice from under the bed-clothes at the bottom of the bed interrupted, "Cross him off the list God." And as Jane continued with her requests for blessing upon other members of the family, Jimmy shouted out in disgust, "God, cross them **all** off the list."

Now supposing God had answered this impetuous prayer of Jimmy's, what then? Thank God He has no favourites, but is rich in grace to all. O the unsearchable riches of the grace of God. One can well marvel at it, because there are times when one would

## ELIM RADIO BROADCASTS

SHORT WAVE: 19.9, 26.5, 30.3 metres

May 28th, 1957

**TUESDAY**

10.30—10.45 p.m.

Programme: "Men and their Message."

Preceded by a programme of Gospel music.

### IBRA, Radio Africa, Tangier

SHORT WAVE: 19.9, 26.5, 30.3 metres

May 29th, 1957

**WEDNESDAY**

10.15—10.45 p.m.

Programme: "This is Life."

Speaker: **Pastor F. Shadlock** (Hastings)

Subject: The Question that is Bigger than War.

Musical items are provided by the following choirs:—

Gloucester Male Voice Choir  
Ulster Temple Choir  
Guernsey (St. Peter Port) Choir  
United Male Voice Choirs  
London Crusader Choir

MEDIUM WAVE: 321 metres

May 30th, 1957

**THURSDAY**

10.30—10.45 p.m.

Programme: "This is Life."

Speaker: **Pastor H. W. Greenway**

(Field Superintendent)

Pastor W. M. E. Plowright is the Soloist

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# “The Trumpet Shall Sound”

Although world tension has eased a little the prospect of world peace is still uncertain. However, whatever may develop in the near or distant future, one thing is absolutely certain, the trumpet **will** sound, indicating the return of the Saviour for His own (1 Thess. 4:16, 17). This is the encouraging, stimulating and inspiring hope of the Christian Church, for accompanying “the shout of the Lord” and “the voice of the archangel,” will be the sound of the trumpet heralding the rapture of the Church to meet the Lord in the air.

Many Bible expositors believe that, significantly enough, this trumpet is related to the one referred to as the last trumpet in 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52, and consider it to be an allusion to a practise of the Roman soldiery in Paul's day. When they had to move, a first trumpet was sounded and immediately tents were struck, baggage packed, beasts laden, and everything made ready to move at a moment's notice. At the sounding of the second trumpet the soldiers fell into line, and at the blowing of the third and last trumpet they began to march. Whatever the sounding of the other trumpets may mean in that great day, one thing is certain, at the sounding of the last trumpet the Church will be raptured. It will be the signal heralding that meeting in the air. It will be the crowning event of this Christian dispensation. This event may take place at any moment, for the signs of the times indicate that its glorious shadow is already upon us. The hands of God's timepiece have almost met at midnight, and the hour of a new day, the day of the Saviour's coming again, is about to strike. This is the real hope of the Christian Church, the “blessed hope” as Paul called it.

What a triumphant and glorious coming that will be when the Lord's people are caught up to meet the Saviour in the air. The Master said concerning it that He would return in His own glory, and the glory of His Father, and of the holy angels (Luke 9:26). On the great Day of Atonement the high priest of Israel put off his robes of glory and beauty,

and appeared in a spotlessly white garment to sacrifice to God on behalf of himself and the people. At His first advent the Lord Jesus laid aside His imperial majesty and kingly garments, and clothing Himself with sinless flesh offered Himself a perfect sacrifice to God at Calvary, after which He rose from the dead and ascended into heaven as our High Priest. But as the high priest of Israel on his return from the Holiest of Holies, the place of God's presence, again put on his robes of glory, so the Lord Jesus returning for His own will manifest Himself in glory and beauty.

Christian reader, amidst the wickedness and confusion of our day in the affairs of men and nations, are you living and working for the Lord in the light of the Saviour's coming again? Until that day it is the obligation and imperative business of the members of the Church of Jesus Christ to stand together as a solid phlanx against all the forces of evil, at the same time doing all that is possible to lead men and women to the Saviour.

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# Music and Radio Review



By **Douglas B. Gray, F.R.S.A.**  
(Director of Music)

**RADIO PROGRAMMES.** Excerpts of recordings made at the Royal Albert Hall on Easter Monday last will be broadcast over IBRA radio on Wednesday, 5th June at 10.15 p.m. (B.S.T.). Tune in to **short wave** on 19.9, 26.1 and 30.3 metres.

The speaker on **THIS IS LIFE** programmes for Wednesdays, 5th, 12th and 19th June (short wave) is **Pastor J. Craig Kennedy**, President-elect of the Elim Churches.

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**THIS IS LIFE** medium wave transmissions on Thursdays, 30th May, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th June (321 metres) will be at 10.30 p.m. The speaker is

**Pastor H. W. Greenway.** Some new and interesting musical items are included in all these Elim broadcasts.

We appreciate information from our listeners and invite you kindly to write us telling about reception in your particular area. Recently we have heard from listeners in Swansea, Belfast, Eire, Channel Islands, and in many parts of England, also from friends in Africa, New Zealand, Japan (Tokio) and many other parts of the world. Remember, too, your joining the Listeners' Federation will greatly assist the furtherance and expansion of this great Home and Missionary enterprise. Write us for full particulars and see just how **you** can help.

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Next Saturday, 1st June, is another great occasion for Elim music-making, and to Elim Crusaders in the North we would urge you to prayer and preparation for the great meetings to be held in the Free Trade Hall. A very high standard was set this year in the Royal Albert Hall meetings by the massed Crusader Choirs and we have every reason to expect

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## ELIM EVANGELISM

Bring Your Unconverted Acquaintances

Your Programme for **Saturday, June 1st**

at the

# FREE TRADE HALL, MANCHESTER

Speakers:

**Rev. JOHN THIESSEN**

described by the press as

"GERMANY'S BILLY GRAHAM"

"Panzer Division of God," "Sumatra's Jungle Missionary,"  
International Youth for Christ Evangelist

**Pastor KEN. MATTHEW**

(Elim Pioneer Evangelist of National Repute)

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- 2.30 Doors Open.
- 3.00 **MUSICAL PROGRAMME** conducted by **Pastor Douglas B. Gray.**
- 3.30 **AFTERNOON REVIVAL RALLY** conducted by **Pastor H. W. Greenway.**
- 4.30 **INTERVAL FOR TEA.**
- 6.00 **MUSICAL PROGRAMME** conducted by **Pastor Douglas B. Gray.**
- 6.30 **GREAT EVANGELISTIC MEETING** conducted by **Pastor H. W. Greenway.**

At the Organ: **Ron. Cooper** (London).

**Refreshments**—Buffet Bars available at Free Trade Hall. Several restaurants nearby.

**Music**—Full programmes available on day of Rally.

At the Piano: **W. Hall** (York).



## Children's Strip

Lessons From Big and Little Creatures

### 8.—THE ELEPHANT

Hello Boys and Girls,

This week we are going to learn a lesson from a very big creature—the elephant. Have you ever heard the saying "An elephant never forgets?" I guess you have. Well, a friend of mine has sent me a story for our Strip, which certainly seems to prove this saying is true.

Away in Burma a great forest was being cleared, and elephants were used for carting away the timber. Now the Burmese who were doing this job were not very good workers. Sometimes they would work just for an hour or two and then take a long, long rest, and at other times they would work for hours on end and then have a rest. Of course, whenever they took the notion to stop work the elephants had a rest too. At last this part of the forest was cleared, and the elephants were sent away to work for another gang of men. Now these men were all Christians, and they worked hard every day, only stopping for their meals, but on Sunday they stopped

work and rested all day, and the elephants were rested too. This job lasted many months and the elephants got quite used to the camp routine. However, at last this job was finished too, and once more the elephants were sent to another part to work for a different gang of men. These men were unsaved, like the first gang, and were very irregular in their work hours. Of course, Sunday meant nothing to them, and so when it came round they prepared to do a bit of work as usual, but what a surprise they got. Would those elephants budge? Not an inch! The men pushed and pricked and prodded and shouted at them, but not an elephant would move. For so long they had been given one day's rest in every seven that they had grown to expect it, and knew when their rest was due; they were determined to have it. Those Burmese workmen just had to give up in despair, knock off work for the day, and rest until the next day, when they found the elephants were willing and docile and ready to cart the timber away.

What a lesson there is for us here. When God made the earth, He made it in six days and rested on the seventh. In the Bible we are told that we must work for six days and rest on the seventh. If we work hard all the week our bodies need one day's complete rest before we start another week's work. This helps to keep our bodies healthy. Then, too, we must remember that for six days we work and look after ourselves, but the seventh day is the Lord's Day and we should spend it in His house worshipping and praising Him for all His goodness to us. I hope as you grow up you will always think of this, and whatever happens remember the Lord's day to keep it holy.

Goodbye and God bless you,  
PAUL.

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# WHITEHAVEN

## FIRST CHURCH IN WEST CUMBERLAND

Although our week-night meetings are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, we have large attendances, and each week seems to bring new people under the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke. The meetings are causing widespread interest, and the generosity and enthusiasm of the people are truly great. Last Sunday was the receiving in of members, and the power of God was really felt, sixty-five people accepted mem-

bership cards, and it is expected that many more will become members of the first Elim Church in West Cumberland. On Monday night over one hundred people attended the meeting, and many sick people have testified to deliverance in their bodies as Pastor Clarke prayed for them. The collections are on an average £18, and already a £2,000 gift for a minister's house has been given. Good Friday was a great day when eighty people gathered together for the Breaking of Bread. In the afternoon 185 people gathered together for a lovely fellowship tea, when an abundance of food was provided by

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**T**HIS IS A STORY of the ultimate triumph of love over hatred. Here is portrayed goodness prevailing against evil. It is an old story illustrating and foreshadowing a new truth—the truth of the grace of God, victorious over sin and Satan. Saul (asked for) king of Israel, had a son whom he named Jonathan (gift of Jehovah). Jonathan had a son whom he named Mephibosheth (exterminating shame, or shameful thing). Although Mephibosheth was born a normal child, at the age of five years stark tragedy overtook him. After the long war between the house of Saul and the house of David, during which David waxed stronger and stronger, while Saul waxed weaker and weaker, a decisive victory came to David. The whole kingdom swung over to him and he was anointed king over Israel in Saul's place (2 Sam. 5 : 3). So it came about, through fear that David would retaliate on the house of Saul his many injuries and insults received from that jealous and selfish king, that Mephibosheth's nurse fled with him to a place of safety. Unfortunately, in the panic-stricken rush, the lad fell and sustained serious injuries which resulted in his being permanently lame in both feet. How appropriate was his name! What disconcerting destiny was in its meaning!—"exterminating shame!" He, through whose veins coursed royal blood, who was in royal line, of whom dignity and deportment was expected, by a fall became a "shameful thing," lame in both feet. What a stigma on such a high personage and of such important destiny! What a shock and surprise to his possible subjects! And, as if to complete the picture of dismal despair, his nurse took him to hide in the house of Machir (sold), in Lodebar (no word; without pasture). In that place and plight Mephibosheth would have remained in his shame: sold, destitute, forgotten but for the loving remembrance and kindness of King David (beloved).

When David came to power he remembered his unique friendship with Jonathan, whose love to him was "surpassing the love of women." By such love Jonathan had rescued David repeatedly from the treachery and hatred of Saul, who often would have vented his spite on David to his great harm and even death but

for the intervention and ingenuity of Jonathan. This kindly treatment David remembered when he came into his own, and instead of bearing a grudge and perpetuating the bad feeling that existed between the two houses, he sought to heal the breach by demonstrating his appreciation in practical terms. (How unlike the butler's belated remembrance of Joseph's kindness!). And David said: "Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" (2 Sam. 9 : 1). This was none other than "the kindness (grace) of God" (v. 3).

Now the link between David and Mephibosheth was Ziha (plant), a servant of Saul's house. He made David aware of Mephibosheth's existence and extremity, so that the unfortunate man was brought into David's presence.

Note how Mephibosheth met David. "He fell on

## "ARE YOUR FEET

By **R. A. GORDON** (M. of  
"Though he was lame, he resides  
(Readings: 4

his face, and did reverence," and said: "Behold thy servant!" (v. 6). Then David reassured him with his gracious intentions: "Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy (grand-) father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually" (v. 7). With great and sincere humility Mephibosheth replied: "What is thy servant, that thou shouldst look upon such a dead dog as I am?"

Look again at the promise and provision made by David. Kindness; restoration of lost territory; a continual supply of daily bread; housing in the king's palace at Jerusalem, and a status as one of the king's sons (vv. 7, 10, 11).

This illuminating story further reveals that Mephibosheth had a son whom he called Micha, which meant, "who is like unto Jehovah." We are later informed that although Mephibosheth was guilty of

failure (despite all the love that had been shown him), upon his confession and repentance he was freely forgiven by David, whose promise of peace and plenty held good in spite of Mephibosheth's faults and failings. It would appear that this very failure, and the forgiveness received, proved the making of Mephibosheth, for it is recorded that he rose above the mere thoughts of David's provision, and really appreciated David for his own sake: "Let him (the servant) take all since my lord the king has come back in safety" (19:30, Moffatt).

Thus it was that Mephibosheth was rescued, restored, and kept by David's promise, power, and provision all the days of his life. Though he remained lame, he resided at Jerusalem, as one of the king's sons—his lameness, shame, and reproach covered by the table: his need met by the grace of God through David, the beloved.

## UNDER THE TABLE"

of Elim Church, Caterham)  
Jerusalem" (2 Sam. 9:13, Moffatt)  
8:4:4; 9:1-13).

What a picture of sinful man and the Saving Sovereign! How history repeats itself! Man (Mephibosheth) was made in the image of God. There was royal lineage potential in him. But like Mephibosheth (at the age of discretion) the consequences of the Fall became evident, and sin taking advantage caused him to fall short of the glory of God: to be "lame in both feet", altogether out of the way and unprofitable, "sold under sin", with a sense of exterminating shame, in a place of "no word" and "no pasture", for so great and far-reaching is the effect of sin that there is no way back apart from the grace of God.

The feet, in Bible terminology, have reference to the walk and way of a person, group, or nation. Thus for one to be lame in the feet the inference would be that the way and walk of that one is not as it should be. The feet can take one into strange

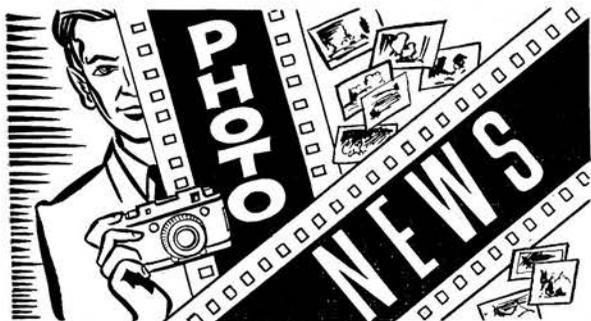
and even sinful places, where all peace and joy are lost. Israel's backsliding feet took that nation down into Babylon, where there was nothing but sorrow and suffering, loss and lamentation. The prophet echoed the Divine word by saying: "This is the way, walk ye in it." Our Lord says to all men: "I am the way . . . no man cometh unto the Father but by Me."

At this juncture the application of the story focuses upon our Saviour, "**great David's greater Son.**" His house waxes stronger and stronger, while Satan's house weakens. His days are indeed numbered, his downfall is predicted, he is already a beaten foe. God has anointed the Lord Jesus Christ, and has given Him a Name which is above every Name, and to Him gather all who are in debt, distress, or discontented, as they did to David. The Saviour is the exalted one, and every knee shall bow before Him, and every tongue must confess Him Lord to the glory of the Father. How precious it to realise that Jesus Christ desires to show the grace of God unto the house of Saul, for His own Name's sake! He remembers that we are "frail children of dust, and feeble as frail", for did He not take on the likeness of man, the form of Abraham, and being tempted on all points as we, yet without sin, He is now able to succour them that are tempted, seeing that He ever lives to make intercession for them.

The evil spirit of Satan entered the heart of Saul and he persecuted David. Satan also had designs on the life of Jesus. The Gospels record several dastardly attempts by Satan on that sacred Life: at His birth, during His ministry, among the crowds, on the lake, in the desert, and by the Cross. He was hunted and hounded, without home and shelter, like David of old, yet He was delivered by God again and again, and finally being raised from the dead He reigns enthroned in highest heaven. He had those who loved Him and cared for His safety. Those whom He loved into loving Him.

Ziba could be likened to the Holy Spirit (the servant, the plant) who is in the world to convict men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. Does not He know where each and

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Top (left to right):—Rev. J. Thiessen preaching, and Pastor H. W. Greenway convening at evening meeting in the Royal Albert Hall. Pastors A. Tate and K. Matthew also took part.

Middle:—London Crusader Choir, and Mased Youth Choirs being conducted by Pastor D. B. Gray.

Bottom:—Geoff. Cooper at the piano, and Ulster Temple Male Voice Quintet.

Opposite page:—Part of great crowd at Trafalgar Square.



[Photos by Michael Greenway.]

**ARE YOUR FEET UNDER THE TABLE?**—Cntd. every man is, even though hiding in sin and shame, in fear and frustration, without hope or help in this world? It is the Spirit who discovers men and conducts them to the Saviour (John 3 : 5-8), assuring them of His kindly interest in them. Yes, even when sold under sin, hidden away in the very wastes of human barrenness, there is One who makes intercession for them "with groanings which cannot be uttered."

And what of the rescued sinner's approach unto the Saviour? It should be as Mephibosheth's approach to David, with reverence, humility, and self-confession. Is not Jesus Christ "the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords"? Are we not as "dead dogs" by reason of our sin and shame? But what dignity and delightfulness belong to the Beloved! What love and mercy He displays! He speaks peace to the troubled heart. He promises provision and plenty to the poverty-stricken, sin-sick soul. A continual daily supply of grace is assured at the King's table and with the King's sons. "Come . . . and rest." "Come and dine." "I am the Bread of Life." And with many other lovely phrases He puts us at ease and tranquillises our souls.

We also have the power of reproduction. We can bring others into the kingdom by the Gospel, and every soul brought to Christ and saved by His power after our conversion and by our ministry, causes us to say "Who is like Jehovah."

Then, too, the Holy Spirit works for us to restore all we have lost, and to provide for our continual enrichment of grace and glory day by day.

There are times, however, when we fail and are false to our King, but the Word says: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1 : 9). Sometimes our failure, after confession has been made and forgiveness has been received, even brings us into a closer fellowship with our Lord, it having revealed to us the singular and unspeakable preciousness of our Beloved. One then

wants Him and desires to serve Him for His sake rather than for that which He provides.

"Once it was the blessing,  
Now it is the Lord ;  
Once the gifts I wanted,  
Now the GIVER own."

The secret of Mephibosheth's peace of mind and plentiful supply of means was in the fact that the table covered his feet. His blemishes and defects were hidden. That which could be seen of him was equal to that which was to be found in the king's sons. He shared the same table, sampled the same food, and saw the same king.

How we need the protection and covering of the table, the King's table, brought nigh by the precious atoning blood of the Lamb! Even the seraphims had to cover their feet with their wings (Isa. 6) in the presence of the Lord, high and lifted up. How much more necessary is it for us to have our feet, the cause of our exterminating shame, covered by the King's grace and mercy!

It is there, at His table, and there only can we lose our sense of being "shameful things." There, and only there, are we "as the King's sons", and there, with our feet under the table, all blemishes covered; there—and nowhere else—can we look on the face of the Lord who rescued, ransomed and restored us, "lost in wonder, love, and praise." It is by virtue of the Lord's Table that we partake of the Divine bounty all the days of our lives. "Though lame, he resided at Jerusalem," and we too may "dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

One last thought remains. It is there also, that the feet of our fellow-believers are covered. We indeed become "all one in Christ." "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." "Henceforth I know no man after the flesh." It ill-behoves us to look under the table at any human weakness or deformity when we can delight ourselves with the loveliness around and upon the table, and the exquisite beauty of the Beloved, our Host, presiding at the table.



[Photo by Pastor L. G. Hawes.]



# The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor Eldin Corsie.

### SUNDAY, May 26th. Psalm 6: 1-10.

"The Lord will receive my prayer" (v. 9). This Psalm is reminiscent of the book of Job. David is penitent because he felt the chastening hand of God (v. 1). (Heb. 12: 5-11). He suffers sickness of the body, trouble of the mind and the insults of his enemies. Out of his extremity he cries to God, and the trouble is turned to triumph, the pain to praise. David was the true penitent (see Psalms 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143). Has our repentance been watered with tears (v. 6). Remember, Peter "went out and wept bitterly." Beware of tearless prayers and prayerless tears!

### MONDAY, May 27th. Psalm 7: 1-17.

"My defence is of God" (v. 10). The answer to the slanderer's tongue is not a solicitor's letter, but a firm and unshakeable trust in God. This is the explicit message of the Psalm. David does not argue with his enemies but tells God all about them. Mischief and slander are sure "boomerangs" (v. 16). When slandered tell God about it and then praise the Lord! (v. 17).

### TUESDAY, May 28th. Psalm 8: 1-9.

"O Lord how excellent is Thy Name . . ." (v. 1). Here is a meditation on, and adoration of, the glory and greatness of God. God's glory shines out throughout this world (v. 1). God's glory came down in Christ and has gone to "all the earth" (Mark 16: 15, 16). The glory of God is manifested in the heavens too—"who hast set thy glory upon the heavens" (R.V.). Even the weakest of creatures portrays the glory of God (v. 2; Matt. 21: 16). David then goes on to magnify the honour of God, by recounting the honours He has put upon men, especially the man Christ Jesus. How wonderfully God has condescended in favour and love to man in making Jesus a little lower than the angels. His works and His love reveal His glory!

### WHITEHAVEN First Church Report

the people. At the night service God's Word was faithfully preached, and six souls surrendered to the Lord. God has started a work here in West Cumberland, and already the people are praying for Workington and Maryport that God will open the door and establish a great Elim work there.—John Yates.

Good Friday congregation  
Pastor R. Clarke  
on the platform.



### WEDNESDAY, May 29th. Psalm 9: 1-20.

"Sing praises to the Lord" (v. 11). Thank God for an Intercessor (v. 4) and a Conqueror (vv. 5, 6). These facts should call forth praise (vv. 1, 2). The wicked are to enter the gates of death (v. 13); the righteous the gates of heaven (v. 14). How different! Here is a picture of the final destruction of all anti-Christian powers. Verse 18 reminds the children of God to be patient and wait for His deliverance. What a promise in verse 10! Only the people of God have a refuge in the time of trouble.

### THURSDAY, May 30th. Psalm 24: 1-10.

"The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory" (v. 10). Psalm 22 outlines the sufferings of Christ. Psalm 23, Christ as the guide and provision of the Christian. Psalm 24 prophesies the coming of Christ to reign. Past, present, and future of the spiritual experience. Read 2 Samuel 5. This is the background to the Psalm. The character and charter of the kingdom of Christ are given in verses 4-6. He comes to take the kingdom of your heart; have you let Him in? (vv. 7-10). He comes ultimately, in power and great glory to take possession of the kingdoms of this world. Are you ready to herald Him?

### FRIDAY, May 31st. Psalm 25: 1-11.

"Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul" (v. 1). Here again David pours out his heart to God. This is a real example of prayer. His heart rises to God like a fountain. (1) He professes his utter dependence upon God, and begs for the benefit and comfort of that dependence. (2) God will direct us if we desire to know His will (vv. 4, 5). How dependant David is upon the mercy of God; he ever realises he has no merit of his own (v. 6). David is specific in his confession of sin (v. 7). God's servant leans heavily upon the staff of the promises of his Lord (vv. 8-11). What is the measure of our dependence upon God?

### SATURDAY, June 1st. Psalm 25: 12-22.

"The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him" (v. 14). Those that fear the Lord choose the things that please Him (v. 12). There will be peace and prosperity (vv. 13). God will admit the God-fearing into special communion with Himself (v. 14). "Shall I hide from Abraham the thing that I do?" (Gen. 18: 17. Compare John 7: 17). David encourages himself by recalling the blessings God would shower upon him (vv. 15-21). Again we are brought face to face with David's complete confidence and trust in God.

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# Elim Youth Page

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Conducted by Pastor J. HYWEL DAVIES (National Youth Secretary)

## THE UNGUARDED HOUR

By Evangelist DICK HALL

**T**RAGEDY IS ALL AROUND! How true it is that we as Christians so often forget that all around us is tragedy. Human tragedy in which we ourselves could become involved far more easily than we think, despite the fact that it is not necessary, in fact against the will of God.

In Matthew 26 we have a most interesting point revealed; in connection with this thought, verses 36-46 tell of that great moment of our Lord's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Here He gave His three disciples a charge. He said unto them "TARRY YE HERE AND WATCH WITH ME." Watch, notice. He told them to watch. He placed them on sentry duty. Now notice His apparent surprise at finding them asleep. Verse 40, "What, could ye not watch with me one hour?" Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation. They proved to be poor sentries for Him.

Disaster could have overtaken them. Satan was abroad. It was the hour of darkness. The conflict of the ages was about to take place, and they were asleep.

Have you noticed that many people in the past have failed just like that.

Joshua's defeat at Ai was caused by the same thing. At Jericho he and his army were invincible. Why? Because before he attacked he got his explicit orders from the Lord. But before Ai he wasn't even conscious that there was sin in the camp. It was Joshua's "Unguarded Hour."

Abraham left off watching and praying and commenced to slide down to Egypt, and finished up by being "told off" for lying, by a heathen king. Abraham had his unguarded hour.

The first part of David's life is a thrill to read about. No matter what Saul the king tried he just could not catch David napping. In the palace, David dodged the flying javelin. In the cave David cuts

the fringe of Saul's garment while he sleeps. In the open David removes the cruse of water while Saul sleeps.

Saul could not trap him. David was alert, on the watch. But when we read on and come to 2 Samuel 11 we are surprised to read these words, "Now it came to pass that after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab . . . But David tarried still at Jerusalem."

We all know the story only too well, don't we? The darkest and most dreadful chapter in the history of this great man. That terrible day of which it is recorded, **AT EVENTIDE DAVID ROSE FROM HIS BED AND WALKED UPON THE ROOF.**

That was David's "Unguarded Hour."

In that fearful moment when he was not watching, the enemy dealt him a crippling blow from which he never fully recovered.

An unguarded hour is a danger spot. Beware! David's job was out on the battlefield! Christian, so is yours!

By way of contrast, look for a moment at Nehemiah. The book opens with Nehemiah at prayer (v. 4). And as we follow him through we see that he is a man who did all things with prayer. He was continuously on the watch.

He and his men knew the power of the enemy, so they worked with a tool in one hand and a sword in the other. And no matter what the enemy did, they couldn't surprise him, nor scare him, trap him, entreat him, trick him, deflect him or move him. He had no "unguarded hour." And the last words he is recorded as uttering are the last words of the book and they are addressed to God, "Remember me, O my God, for good" (Neh. 13 : 31). Nehemiah is a perfect type of the Spirit-filled victorious Christian.

Satan waits to strike the moment we are off our

guard. I remember being told long before I was converted, of the famous fight that took place many years ago between Corbett and Fitzsimmons. It was a contest for the world title in the prize ring. They said that Corbett was a wonder of science, while all Fitzsimmons had was brawn and weight. It was hardly a contest, as Fitzsimmons hardly registered a hit, so clever was his opponent; until Corbett caught sight of the movie camera following him. From that moment he "turned on" all the brilliance of his studied art and was doing well, when, almost unconsciously, he took his eye off Fitzsimmons. In that unguarded second, the world title was transferred to Fitzsimmons. He won with one crushing blow that never should have landed.

So we are exhorted to watch. Remember, **one** unguarded hour could mean the end of our usefulness as a witness for Christ. I have seen this happen. I know people who were once brilliant preachers who are a hindrance to the Gospel today.

They fell in their unguarded hour.

Notice what the Lord Jesus says in Matthew 24 : 41, "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation."

I once thought that to be tempted was not sin; only the giving way to the temptation was sin. But I was wrong. Here it is **SIN** to **enter into** temptation.

To be so unwatchful that temptation has come upon me and I find myself in the midst of it, trying perhaps to escape from it, almost before I realise it, that is Sin.

It is the same kind of sin that a soldier commits who is placed on duty as a sentry and goes to sleep and wakes up to find himself captive in the hands of his enemy and his camp invaded.

1. We are to watch and pray **that we enter not** into temptation.

2. We are to watch and pray because our adversary the Devil goeth about seeking whom he may devour (1 Pet. 5 : 8).

3. We are to be watchful lest we fall (1 Cor. 10 : 12).

4. We are to become watchful lest we become weak (1 Cor. 16 : 13).

5. We are to be watchful, because our Lord may return at any moment (Matt. 25 : 13).

We are not at play but at war. Truceless Warfare ! Let us have no "unguarded hour."

—Condensed from *Open Air Campaigner*.

### THE MASTER MOVE

Paul Murphy, at one time the world's champion chess player, was taken by a friend to see a picture which had been hung in a famous art gallery, and which had attracted much interest.

The artist had portrayed a young man sitting des-pairingly at a chess board, while opposite him sat the Devil with a look of malicious triumph on his face. For its title the picture had a single expressive word—"Checkmated."

For a long time Murphy stood before the picture, his brow furrowed by concentration. Suddenly his voice echoed through the stillness of the Gallery : "Bring me a chess board. I can save him yet !" Sure enough, the master mind had discovered the way out—and just as surely Christ can give victory to the young man and woman who will trust Him implicitly.

Does the Master's hand guide your moves?

### BORN AGAIN AT FIVE YEARS

reads the gravestone



My first contact with this gravestone was some twenty years ago. It was right at the start of a new job as a conductor with the Sheffield Transport Department. We were at the terminus called Fulwood and my driver said : "Come with me, I want to show you a peculiar epitaph on a gravestone." So we went across the road and there my driver pointed it out to me. Owing to the glorious knowledge of being a B.A. myself (born again), I was able to show him the Word of God where Nicodemus the Rabbi came unto Jesus (John 3). He was amazed at the way I was able to speak of how this occurred in his life as it had occurred in mine. My driver then went and told other staff that his mate knew the answer to that gravestone at Fulwood. Who knows what The Day of Christ Jesus will reveal?

Photo by Crusader Secretary K. Dickenson.

—T. Lenton (Sheffield).

# COMING EVENTS

(Please pray for these services)

**ABERDARE.** May 25-June 3. Elim Church, Monk Street. 21st Anniversary Convention. Sat. 7. Sun. 11, 6 and 7.30. Mon. 7.15. Special speakers: Raymond Rees (25-27). Pastors J. Cooper (Tues. Wed.), W. J. Maybin (Thurs.), L. Reeves (Sat., Sun. Mon.). Convener: Pastor F. W. Newey.

**BALLYMONEY, N.I.** May 22 and 26. Elim Tabernacle, Castle Street. Wed. 8. Sun. 6.30. Special visit of Pastor G. L. W. Ladlow (Ulster Temple). Singing by Coleraine Elim Pentecostal Quartet. Convener: Pastor Keith Harris.

**BIRMINGHAM.** May 26-27. Weoley Castle Elim Church, Castle Square. Sixteenth Sunday School Anniversary, Sun. 3 and 6.30. Mon. 7.30. Special speaker: Pastor L. W. Green (Bradford).

**BIRMINGHAM, Winson Green.** May 24-27. Elim Church, Handsworth New Road. Church Anniversary Services. Speaker: Pastor J. J. Morgan. Sparkbrook Choir.

**BIRMINGHAM (Yardley).** June 16, 17. Elim Church, Broadstone Road. Sunday School Anniversary. Sun. 3 and 6.30. Mon. 7.30. Speaker: Miss E. Baker, L.D.O.S.

**BLACKHEATH (Birmingham).** May 26. Elim Church, Cardale Street, 21st Anniversary Celebrations, Sunday School, 11, 3 and 6.30. Preacher: Pastor J. C. Mulvagh, Artist-Evangelist, also Sunday School continued June 2nd, 11, 3 and 6.30. Preacher: Pastor W. J. Higgs. Church Anniversary, June 9, 6.30. Preacher: Pastor F. Byatt.

**COLERAINE, N.I.** May 23-26. Elim Church, Killowen Street. Special visit of Pastor G. L. W. Ladlow (Ulster Temple). Week-nights 8. Sun. 11.30 and 8.15. Singing by Coleraine Elim Pentecostal Quartet. Convener: Pastor Keith Harris.

**DUDLEY.** May 25-30. Elim Church, North Street. 21st Church Anniversary celebrations. Sat. 7. Sun. 11, 6.30, 7.45. Week-nights, 7.30. Special speaker: Pastor A. Brookes, Salford. Singing items by The Gospel Singers and Male Voice Party. Convener: Pastor G. Jones. Including Ladies' Week-end, Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon. 7. Speaker: Mrs. A. Brookes, Salford. Singing items by the ladies. Convener: Mrs. G. Jones.

**HALIFAX.** May 25-30. Elim Church, Hopwood Lane. Church's Silver Jubilee, and Pastor John Gardiner's 21st Ministerial Anniversary. Sat. 4.30, Silver Jubilee Tea. 7. Service of Celebration. Sun. 10.30 and 6.30. Week-nights 7.30. Guest preacher: Pastor J. Craig-Kennedy (President-Elect).

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.** May 26. Elim Church, Thames Street. Sun. 6.30. Special visit of Dr. M. Manderson (Physician and Surgeon).

**LANGLEY GREEN, Birmingham.** May 25-26. Coming of Age Celebrations. Special visit of Pastor A. Horne, with the Kingstanding Choir, Sat. 7.30. Sun. 11 and 6.30.

**LEICESTER.** May 25 and 26. Sat. 7.30. Sun. 3 and 6.30. Sunday school Anniversary. Speaker: Mr. Ken Barter (Cardiff). Convener: Mr. G. F. Large (Supt.).

**LIVERPOOL.** May 22-26. Elim Church, Jubilee Drive, Kensington. Missionary Exhibition. Wed. 3 and 7.30. Thurs. and Fri. 7.30. Sat. continuous programme from 3. Sun. 11, 3, and 6.30. Speakers include: C. D. Stockdale (India), Miss S. F. Beardwell (India), L. Wigglesworth (Belgian Congo), G. H. Thomas (Missionary Secretary). Stirring missionary films and film strips.

**LOUGHBOROUGH.** Commencing 1st June. Ling Road Recreation Ground, Shelthorpe Estate, Loughborough. Tent Campaign to be conducted by Pastor A. J. Chuter. Sun. 6.30. Mon.-Sat. (including Fri.) 7.30. Sun., Tues. and Wed. afternoons at 3. Sunshine Corner campaign June 10-14, each morning at 11. Please pray for this campaign.

**MOUNTAIN ASH.** May 26-27. Annual Sisterhood Rally. Sun. 6. Mon. 3.30 and 7. (Tea between meetings on Mon.).

Speaker: Mrs. Granville Davies (Dowlais). Special singing items.

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.** May 25-27. The Town Hall. Potteries Crusade Rally. Week-nights 7.30. Sun. (after church) 8. Conducted by Pastors David J. Ayling and Donald L. Norton.

**NOTTINGHAM.** June 1-3. City Temple, Halifax Place. Sisterhood Week-end. Sat. 7. Sun. 6.30. Mon. 3 and 7. Guest speaker: Mrs. Gorton.

**SALISBURY.** May 26. Elim Church Scots Lane. Sunday school Anniversary, 2.45 and 6.30. Action building by Sunday school scholars—"The Wondrous Cross." Guest speaker: Pastor A. V. Gorton (Reading).

**SCUNTHORPE.** Commencing May 25. Elim Church, Ferry Road. Six-day Evangelistic Campaign. Week-nights 7. Sun. 11 and 6. Conducted by Pastor W. George.

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.** May 25. Elim Church, Scaview Road. Great Sunday School Rally of Elim Pentecostal Churches. 3.15. Guest speaker: Pastor F. Frost, Clacton.

**SWINDON.** May 25-27. Coronation Temple, Osborne St. Sisterhood Week-end. Sat. 7.30. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon. 3 and 7.30. Miss F. Munday, Gosport. Tea provided between two rally meetings on Monday.

## SUNNY BLUNDELL TOUR

May 25-30, Torquay. June 1-6, Merriott. 8-13, Portsmouth. 15-20, Letchworth. 29-July 4, Pontypridd.

**WEST BROMWICH.** May 25-June 6. Elim Church, Victoria Street. Campaign conducted by Evangelist Adam Chambers. June 9. West Bromwich Town Hall. 3 and 6.30. Sunday School Anniversary. Speaker: Pastor David Dean. June 16. 6.30 only.

## WHITSUN CONVENTIONS

**BATH.** June 8-9. Elim Church, Charlotte Street. Annual Whitsun Convention. Sat. 7. Sun. 11, 3 and 6.30. Whit-Mon. 3 and 6.30. Speakers: Pastors H. Burton-Haynes and S. Penny. (Cups of tea between services on Mon.).

**BIRMINGHAM.** June 8-10. Sat. 7, Elim Church, Graham Street. Mon. 3, and 6.30, Birmingham Town Hall. Speakers: Pastors T. W. Walker (Pontypridd), J. J. Way (Hove). Combined choirs. Vocal items. Outstanding testimonies.

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**HOVE.** June 8. Elim Church, Portland Road. Whitsun Convention. Sat. 7.30 (Worthing Choir). Sun. 11, and 6.30. Mon. 7.30. Tues. 7.30. Speaker: Pastor E. C. W. Boulton.

**HULL.** June 8-13. Elim Church, Mason St. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon. 3.30 and 6.30. Other week-nights 7.30. Speakers: Pastors L. C. Quest and S. Beresford. Convener: Pastor W. W. Kirkby. (Cups of tea provided between the meetings on Monday).

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**SALISBURY.** June 8-10. Elim Church, Scots Lane. Sat. 6.30. Sun. 10.45 and 6.30. Whit Mon. 3.30 and 6.30. Speakers: Pastor D. W. Anthony (Chelmsford) and R. J. Morrison (Kingstanding). Convener: Pastor W. J. Patterson.

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