The Bible Vision

Fort Wayne Bible Institute
Bible Vision
I AM ONLY ONE, BUT I AM ONE.
I CANNOT DO EVERYTHING, BUT I CAN DO SOMETHING.
WHAT I CAN DO, I OUGHT TO DO,
AND WHAT I OUGHT TO DO,
BY THE GRACE OF GOD I WILL DO.
TODAY nuclear scientists and industrialists are the prophets of doom. They sense the potential destructiveness of atomic energy.

Robert M. Hutchins, Chancelor of the University of Chicago, now discloses how the nuclear scientists who designed the first atomic bomb dedicated themselves to suppress it as soon as it was detonated over the desert of New Mexico on July 16, 1945. That day they met in an effort "to save tens of thousands of civilian lives, if not, indeed, all humanity." Chancelor Hutchins says that "these men knew that once the bomb was dropped, once the world learned that fission chain reaction could be accomplished...the end result could be annihilation of all life on this planet." That day sixty-five members of the University's scientific staff drafted a solemn letter to the President petitioning him to prevent the dropping of the bomb on Japan. Five days later two members of the group were delegated to fly to Washington to make a personal appeal. Both appeals were ineffectual.

Bigger Atomic Bombs

Mr. Hutchins goes on to point out the terrible destructiveness of atomic warfare. He says that it is theoretically possible to make atomic bombs one thousand times more powerful than any thus far demonstrated, and two of these properly dropped would have a fair chance of making the United States uninhabitable. If atomic energy is unleashed for war he sees nations destroying each other and all life eventually disappearing from the earth as "the extremely unpleasant but completely realistic prospect facing mankind."

Turning to the article by W. T. Hollliday, President of Standard Oil Company, now appearing in Reader's Digest, one is reminded of the cry of alarm raised by Joel. In the face of impending destruction the prophet of old cried: "Awake...all the trees of the field are withered...because joy is withered away from the sons of men...as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come...sound an alarm in my holy mountain...let all the inhabitants of the land tremble." Mr. Holliday says: "The next war...will simply be the dead end of all our business...Man, at long last, has developed the instruments with which he can destroy his world—and will destroy it, unless the power to do so is taken from him...Let us wake up!"

It hardly seems possible that sane men are talking seriously of global destruction, and yet there it is. Man has succeeded in tapping the elemental energy of the universe by changing the structure of the atom. turn to page 11
Would you like to be invited to a meal with the Eskimos?

One day while walking from one igloo to another we noticed the absence of all the men. One more igloo was left and the families of this inland camp would be visited. We crouched down to enter the opening of the last igloo. As we walked in a stooped position nearing the main part of the dwelling we could hear the sharp crack of an axe against the carcass of a caribou. When we opened the door—a lid from an old tea box — silence reigned. All were in a circle with the carcass in the center of the ring. The head and legs had been removed but the hide was still intact except in the place where they had been chopping. Nothing happened for a few minutes. It seemed the intrusion of the new missionaries had embarrassed the men. Finally one of the Eskimos picked up the axe and chopped away at a hind quarter, the chips flying in every direction. The Eskimo picked up several of the biggest pieces and crawled back up on the snow bench putting the pieces on his lap. One end of a piece was put in the hunter’s mouth while the keen edge of his knife cut the desired amount very close to his lips. It wasn’t long before they were all eating heartily.

On another day while out visiting the Eskimos we saw some women preparing a meal that probably would make the mouth of most Eskimos water.

Usually the igloos are large—twelve to twenty feet in diameter—with small annexes cut out from the main igloo for storage places. Next to the living quarters is usually a smaller room in which the women do what cooking is done. A snow shelf about four feet high holds the cooking vessel (usually a ten gallon drum cut in half) with a few stones on the snow to hold the fire. Directly above the cooking place is a snow chimney with huge icicles caused from the heat and stained from the smoke.

Since the region in which these people live is barren, the only fuel for cooking is from stunted willows found along some of the river banks. These willows are so scarce that they are used only for cooking and not more than one meal a
patterns in ebony

by Harvey L. Mitchell

When a college professor quotes statistics about racial I. Q.'s, his word is supposed to be regarded as true. Nobody else is expected to know anything about so profound a matter. But when a Columbia University psychologist recently revived the old argument that Negroes are less intelligent than Whites, he suddenly found himself in a whirlwind of protest. Opponents began accusing him of everything from inaccuracy to Jim Crowism.

While the learned professors exchange verbal fisticuffs, it may be well for us to see what the Bible has to say on the ever-recurring question of racial superiority. Fortunately, or otherwise, Bible writers did not concern themselves greatly over the intricacies of mental measurements. They wasted no time gloating over the intellectual inferiority of their neighbors. Yet they have, without direct intention, thrown helpful light on the race problem.

Three Negroes are mentioned in the Bible, and each is set forth as a worthy pattern.

Pattern of Human Kindness
Accused of being unpatriotic because he was predicting the fall of wicked Jerusalem, the prophet Jeremiah was one day seized and unceremoniously tossed into the dungeon of a Jewish prison. Picking himself up out of the mire and filth, he looked about for a way of escape, and found none. Apparently he would be left to starve.

A few hours later he was startled to hear a voice from the rim of the pit, and he looked up into a smiling black face that was shouting encouragement. Ebed-melech, an Ethiopian, had come to the rescue! He was lowering long ropes to lift Jeremiah back to solid ground. The prophet's heart leaped for joy. Then he saw something that brought tears of gratitude to his eyes. Tied to the ropes were old rags his ebony-faced friend had brought along to pad the rough loops where they would fit under Jeremiah's armpits!

To befriend the hated prophet was itself a dangerous venture, and we admire Ebed-melech for this bravery. He was only a eunuch, a servant. There was probably nothing of personal gain he could get from such an act. He helped the lonely man of God out of sheer love, the kind of love that wins our commendation.

But the added touch of kindness—the rags to prevent unnecessary
pain or injury—this warms our hearts most of all. It reminds us of the many little touches by which we may add to the comfort of others. And the man who set this pattern of love was a Black.

**Pattern of Christian Service**

Six centuries later, a greater Prophet than Jeremiah was being led to His execution. Exhausted by long and cruel abuse, the Lord Jesus was physically unable to carry the weight of the rough cross laid upon His shoulder. Now was the opportune moment for the disciples to prove their loyalty. We should expect ready-tongued Peter and loving John to volunteer their help. Had they not declared, shortly before, that they would stand true even if all others were to forsake Christ? Perhaps Jesus looked around to see them demonstrate their friendship. How glad He would have been, had they stepped out from the crowd and lifted His crushing burden!

But they didn’t. Instead, it was Simon, a black-skinned Cyrenian, who took the load from Jesus’ back and walked the last mile with Him. Forsaken by all who were nearest Him, Jesus found a tangible sign of friendship in a solitary “foreigner,” perhaps a stranger.

No story of the crucifixion, no history of Christian service and loyalty, is complete without the record of Simon. His strong back and ready hands are symbols of the devotion we owe to Christ. What are we doing now to lift His load? Are we ready to shoulder responsibility? Or do we shrink from anything that looks like the cross? Simon, of Cyrene, set an example for all Christians when he literally took up the cross and walked with Jesus. And he was a Black.

**Pattern of Eager Discipleship**

As he rode leisurely along the road from Jerusalem to his home in Ethiopia, a eunuch of the Queen’s court improved the time by reading his Old Testament. The strange words of Isaiah puzzled him, and his heart grew hungry to know their meaning. Looking up, as the horses veered to one side, he saw Philip, sent by divine providence to instruct him. Philip hitch-hiked a few miles, and led the hungry soul to Christ.

Immediately upon his conversion, the eunuch asked for baptism, and boldly confessed his faith in Christ before his examining committee of one. After he was baptized he suddenly lost sight of his teacher, but, rejoicing in the fellowship of his Savior, continued on his way home. This eager and ready soul was probably the first to preach Christ on the continent of Africa. He furnishes us a pattern of open-heartedness and readiness to declare one’s position. He has the distinction of being the first “foreign” missionary of the New Testament. And he, too, was a Black.

Next time you feel inclined to boast of White superiority, open your Bible to Jeremiah 38:1-13, Luke 23:26, and Acts 8:27-40. Read about these three black men, and the acts by which they earned their place in God’s eternal record. Consider that they were of the race commonly considered inferior; then place yourself alongside them. You will find yourself having to stretch to even measure up to these three patterns in ebony.

**COVER PHOTO:** The main entrance to Bethany Hall—one of the girls’ dormitories at Fort Wayne Bible Institute.
Let's take a peek behind the scenes and see what makes YOUR SUNRISE CHAPEL tick! For some time we had wanted a regular daily broadcast from the school; then God opened the way by putting it on the hearts of two Christian laymen. Mr. Birt Hollopeter made a donation to purchase the equipment and Dr. Homer Gettle said, "I'll pay for your time on the air." Now, every morning at 7:15 YOUR SUNRISE CHAPEL invites you to begin the day with God.

The staff is made up of students and faculty. Berdaline, faculty member, Gerig writes the scrip. Paul Rager, a theological student, is at the mic as your announcer. Paul shares the mic with Harlan Wright, a music major.
• Eugene Ponchot operates the equipment in the control room. The equipment shown here is temporary, loaned to us by the radio station until our new equipment comes.

• We're on the air! This bird's eye view is from the control room. The studio is the platform of the chapel . . . YOUR SUNRISE CHAPEL actually comes to you from the chapel of the Institute. The ensemble is made up of students and directed by students.
Reading the scripture, a choice poem or ... that's Joan Haifley's part this morning. Tomorrow morning, another student.

FROM THE MAIL BAG

"I have certainly been enjoying the music and also the messages on the broadcast." That's from Fort Wayne.

Decatur, Indiana—"We greatly appreciate the 'Sunrise Chapel' and pray God's blessing upon it."

"We enjoy YOUR SUNRISE CHAPEL very much. It is meeting a definite need." From Fort Wayne.

Woodburn, Indiana, says, "We enjoy your programs very much."

From the Bible Institute the program goes by wire to the WGL control room where the engineer adds his touch.
The thought for the day . . . Jared F. Gerig, Dean at Fort Wayne, is speaking every morning this week. This is one of the parts of YOUR SUNRISE CHAPEL that is reserved for the faculty members. The swing shift lasts for one week, then, another takes over.

Rev. Gerig knows that people are listening to him for many miles around the school. Some are at the breakfast table, others are driving to work, a few in the hospitals, and some sitting by the radio. A friend from Yoder, Indiana, writes that he listens to YOUR SUNRISE CHAPEL almost every morning as he drives into the city to work. Again, "I am a shut-in in St. Joseph's hospital and listen to your helpful program." "Have been enjoying your broadcasts," writes a listener from Albion, Indiana. Every day brings in more letters . . . Ft. Wayne, Kendallville, Berne, Antwerp, Ohio, Archbold, Ohio, Van Wert, Ohio, Bluffton, Indiana, Columbia City . . .
He has unleashed more power than he can use for useful ends. And all agree that a decision as to what is going to be done with atomic energy will have to be made quickly!

The Answer
What is the Christian answer to this dreadful peril? We believe that the Scriptures provides the answer: "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" (Rom. 15:4).

1. We take new hope in the fact that the order of which we are a part and for which we live is indestructable and eternal. "The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." We are the recipients of "a kingdom which cannot be moved."

2. As events move swiftly toward the climax of this age in unprecedented tribulation, we can be assured that God will intervene before all life is blotted out. He will have the last word. His all-wise and all-powerful hand is on the brakes as mankind plunges toward racial suicide. "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

3. There will eventually be a dissolution of the present visible order, but it will come about by an intervening act of God, not by chain reaction set off by man. The Apostle Peter speaks of this event:

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (II Pet. 3:10).

It is interesting to observe that the Greek word used five times in this chapter and translated heavens, is ouranos, from which are derived Uranus, the name of the planet, and uranium, the radio-active element which is used in producing chain reactions.

4. The power to release atomic energy is one more sign that the blessed hope of Christ's return will soon become glorious realization. Our Lord predicted: "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. . . . When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:25-28).

The noted statistician and business forecaster, Roger T. Babson, has just said that 1948 would be the year of preparation for war. For us it should be a year of preparation for His coming! "Even so come, Lord Jesus!"

S. A. Witmer

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IT TAKES COURAGE

• To stand up for an absent person who is being abused.
• To be a real man, a true woman, by holding fast to your Christian ideals when it causes you to be looked upon as strange and peculiar.
• To refuse to do a thing which is wrong, though others do it.
• To live always according to your convictions.

—The Trumpeter
JUNIOR ALUMNI

A baby boy, Dennis Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Creviston, of Fort Wayne, on September the 29th. Mr. Creviston attended B. I. in '42-43.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Neuenschwan-der welcomed tiny D. Neil Neuenschwander, Jr., into their home on November 7. Mr. Neuenschwan-der attended school '42-'45, and is now a student at the Pacific Bible College, Azusa, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pasma, students in '46 and '47, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, announce a new member in their family, Miriam Sue, who arrived on December 2, and weighed 9 lbs., 6 oz.

Ruth Carol came to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Blain Knight of Bluffton, Indiana, on November 26. Mrs. Knight will be remembered as Bonita Tucker '46.

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WEDDING BELLS

Announcement comes of the marriage of Mary Irma Judd '41 to Rev. Otto Ernest Langeloh on Friday, the 24th of October, Popayan, Colombia, South America. Their present address is: Calle 11, Sur, Numero 12-53, Barrio de San Fernando, Cali, Colombia, S. A.

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FROM THE MAILBAG

Mr. and Mrs. Burley Clay, '44, write as follows:

"We are still in Phoenix, Arizona. We have labored here for nearly three and one-half years. We started in a small store building in a poor location and worked there until this past September. This Spring the Lord gave us the "go ahead" sign and we started building a church. At the time we started we had only $1700 in the treasury, however, we now have the building up and have been using it for a little over 8 weeks. The inside is not finished and we don't have a furnace as yet. The auditorium will seat only about 110 adults. We have no S. S. rooms or parsonage, so we are starting our first addition, which will provide three Sunday School classrooms and a parsonage. The floor has been laid this week. During the past summer the Lord helped me lay bricks, be a carpenter, paint, etc. We built the building with volunteer labor. It amounted to the pastor and two or three other men most of the time. I feel I have had a good preparation for the mission field. We had 89 in S. S. last Sunday and 55 or 60 in church in the A. M. About 45 attended in the evening. We are trusting the Lord that many might be saved this coming year if the Lord tarries."

From Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rupp, '44, comes the following:

"We came to the Biblical Seminary in New York this fall. The study here is heavy—the school seems to be noted for that. We have students attending New York University Graduate school part time and they report that the Seminary work is more difficult than that at New York U. The method of study is very similar to that at Bible Institute. It is rather unique in that method as a Seminary. By the way, if you're looking for a school which is genuinely fundamental and yet has a thoroughly academic approach, you will find it
here. It is an inter-denominational school."

"As for the past year, Esther graduated from Taylor University, and I took some post graduate classes and acted as part time salesman. We were serving two Methodist churches until June 1st. For the summer we pastored the Mennonite Church at Woodburn, Ind. We live in the dormitory and both of us are taking classes."

Another member of the class of '44, in the person of Jeanne Schleicher writes:

"The present time finds me in Detroit. I'm really still quite a "furriner" in this big metropolis for I've been here less than a week. A year ago at this time I was making plans to enter college, but the Lord has seen fit to intervene and I feel definitely that He has led me to this field of service. I took up my duties as church and Sunday School worker at the Dakota Ave. M. B. C. Church on October 1, and am already thrilled with the possibilities and prospects of building up the work of His kingdom at this place. Rev. Wm. Burgess is the pastor and has a great burden upon his heart for this field. So it is a humble servant who takes up her new work here, feeling keenly the need for divine guidance, unction and blessing to reach the lost for Him."

From the campus of Spring Arbor Junior College, Spring Arbor, Michigan, Dorothy Lehman, '44, writes:

"Since I have graduated from Fort Wayne Bible Institute, every year of my life seems to be richer. The doctrines and truths that I learned there have been a faithful guide to me. Though many times I feared that I might miss the Lord's best for my life, He showed me the way to take, and I am happy in the service of the King.

"After graduating from Greenville College in 1946, the Lord wonderfully led me to teach in a Christian high school and college in Spring Arbor. Many opportunities of service have been presented to me and God has been glorified in the salvation of many souls on the campus. Very few services pass without someone going to the altar for salvation or sanctification. A revival seems to be in progress continually accompanied with poignant conviction and tears flowing abundantly. Oh, that a revival might sweep the whole wide world!"

Word has just been received that MISS MARY DeGARMO, student in 1906-1909, went home to be with Jesus on December the 22nd, when a bomb struck her. For many years Miss DeGarmo had been engaged in missionary work in East Honan, Northern China, where the communists have been fighting.

Rev., student in 1939, and Mrs. Arthur J. Herbert and family write as follows:

"The ministry which has been assigned us and which we are to pursue in the Philippines is a large and important one. The need is most urgent that Gospel literature and printed matter of various kinds be produced on the field. This is to be the major portion of our ministry.

"At present we are engaged in getting our outfits together and ready for shipment. This is no easy task and there are multitudinous details which must be cared for before we can start our journey to the other side of the world. So will you pray with and for us that these things will be cared for in time? And also that our passports and visas will come through without undue delay? We are to leave as soon as they are issued."
We Acknowledge

Fort Wayne Bible Institute is grateful to God for the friends who contribute of their means to carry on its work. It is only by careful management that we have been able thus far to make "ends meet" in operating costs. However, there are many needs, such as the radio ministry, improvements, acquisition of property, payment of building debts . . . for which there is no regular income. Only as the Lord provides through the generosity of Christian people are these needs met.

Grateful acknowledgement is made for the following gifts, from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15, 1947:

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THE MESSIAH
By Gerald Gerig

The fourth annual presentation of the oratorio, The Messiah, drew a capacity crowd of 1300 to Founders’ Memorial Auditorium during the Christmas season. Professor Oliver E. Steiner, head of the music department of Fort Wayne Bible Institute, directed the 150-voice chorus.

Steiner invited four guest soloists to join in the presentation of The Messiah. Miss Loewina Lohman of St. Louis, Missouri, sang soprano; Mrs. Mildred Essig, Warsaw, Ind., alto; Mr. Herbert Boehr, Chicago, Ill., tenor; Mr. Ira Gerig, Berea, Ohio, bass.

The Messiah is one of the greatest musical works ever produced. Handel composed the oratorio in 1741. It is said that it required only 24 days to compose the entire oratorio. In The Messiah Handel portrays the Lord from prophecy to resurrection.

10 SECOND MEDITATIONS

One of the reasons may be, a dog has so many friends because he wags his tail and not his tongue.

It is certainly futile to simply be against something.

Those who are most active are least critical.
Coming Events

JANUARY 23:

Dr. Don Householder, Co-pastor with Dr. Bob Shuler of Trinity Methodist Church of Los Angeles. Outstanding evangelical leader. Friday evening at 7:30 P. M.

JANUARY 27-30:

Rev. Gordon Wishart, Pastor of the great center of evangelism and missions in Pittsburgh—the Gospel Tabernacle of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, speaking in evening services from Tuesday to Friday inclusive at 7:30 P. M. and morning chapel services.

FEBRUARY 12, 13:

Missionary party under the leadership of Rev. Harold B. Street of the Sudan Interior Mission.

MARCH 22:

Concert by the choir of The St. Paul Bible Institute. 11:00 A. M.

DINNER
day. Otherwise, the meat is eaten raw and frozen.

It is the duty of the women to stand by the fire and feed it with these small twigs. It seems impossible for such a large cooking vessel to boil from such a small fire. The room is filled with steam from the boiling kettle.

What is cooking in the kettle is a sight we never see in a white man's kitchen. Right in the middle of the cut-off drum are three caribou with the hair still on. The mouth is about half open and the tongue can be seen on one head. Another one is slightly higher showing an eye half opened. Intermingled around the heads are four or five legs with the hoofs sticking high about the side of the kettle. Much of the hair has fallen from the legs making a layer over the boiling liquid (a pressure cooker?) Of course, the meal is not cooked but rather just thawed out and boiled for a short time.

The family gather around and the wife gives each member of the family a portion. Then a smaller vessel is passed around with the broth until all have had their fill. Even the children like to pick small morsels of food from one of the heads with the point of a knife. To finish off the meal several mug fulls of strong black tea are sipped while the conversation is centered around the happenings of the day.

We asked you if you would like to be invited to a meal with the Eskimos. We can not blame you if you said, "No, thank you!" Yet, this is an everyday occurrence, and a happy one, for them. It is hard for us white people to imagine these conditions right in our own land, but it should make us realize all the more how our northern neighbors really live.

Not only do these people live in constant fear of famine but live day after day under a yoke of sin, not knowing that Jesus, the Burden-bearer, can lift them out of sin. In Matt. 22 we read the words of Christ as He speaks a parable of a feast. Are not the Eskimos to be invited too? "Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage (feast)."
MISSIONARIES ....

You may not be a missionary, but you can have a part in the important task of training young men and women to be missionaries, pastors, ministers of music, church secretaries, youth leaders. .... This is a work in which many share. It is through your, and other Christians', giving that the ministry of the Institute is ever broadening ... day school ... night school ... correspondence ... radio ... extension department ... 

There are various ways in which you may share in the Lord's work. Write today for information. No obligation, of course. Address:

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