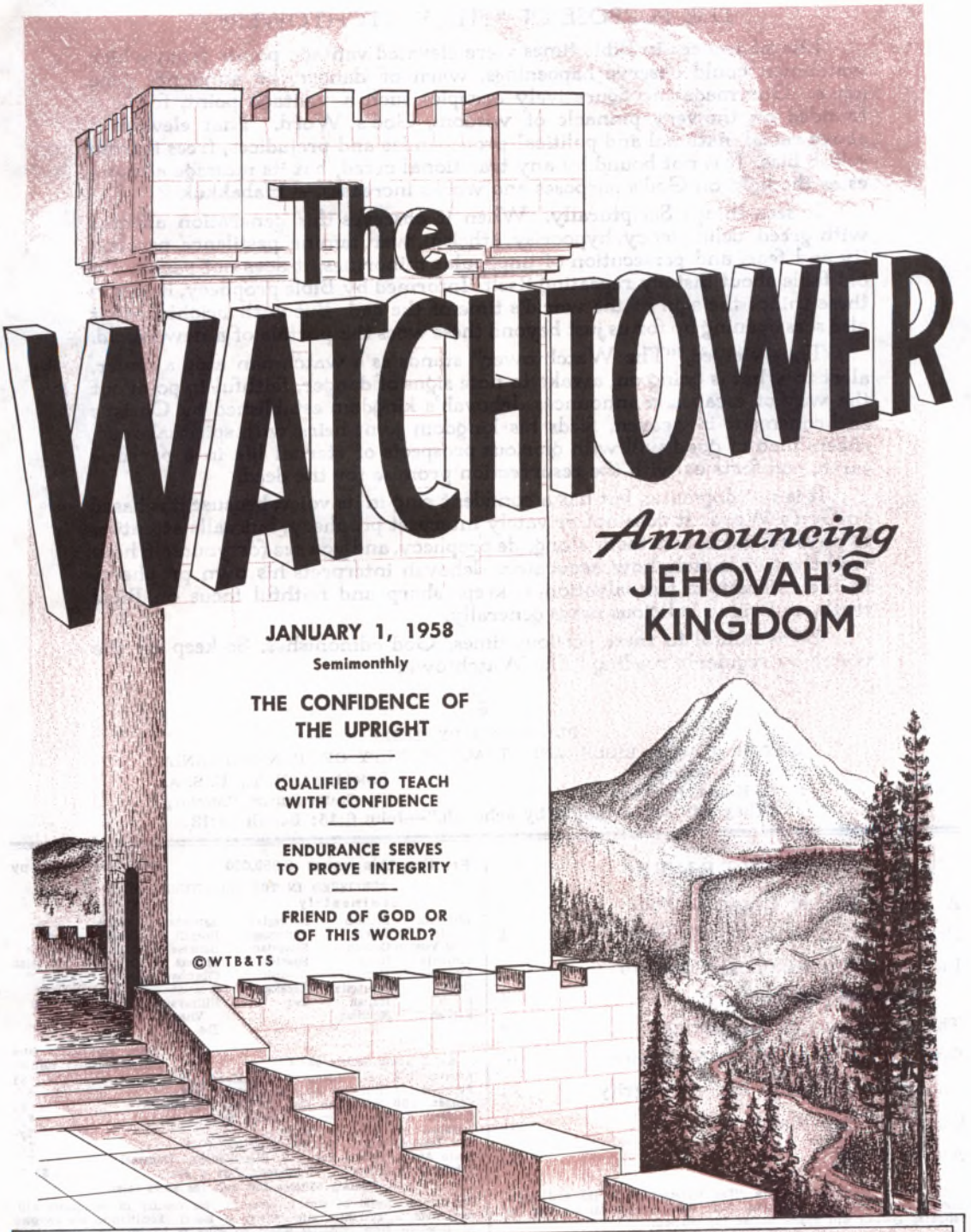

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A fading flower ceases to fade

BENEATH the busy streets of Rome lies a city that once teemed with more than three million people. Worn columns, crumbling walls and jumbled stones are all that remain of it. Its aged ruins stand among modern buildings and paved streets as mute reminders of the people who once walked its streets but who are now part of its dust.

Those people were not too different from us today. They had their homes, their families, their businesses and their pleasures. They had the same physical and emotional feelings and had their plans and hopes just as we have. But like the flowers that now sprout among the ruins of their city and then fade, so they lived a short while and then ceased to be. "As for mortal man, his days are like those of green grass; like a blossom of the field is the way he blossoms forth. For a mere wind has to pass over it, and it is no more."—Ps. 103:15, 16.

But why must man's life be like a fading flower? Why can it not be like a flower that never fades? Why can it not last a long time, like the sturdy sequoia tree? It can and it will. The One who created man purposed that it should when he placed the first human pair in a peaceful garden like beautiful flowers. It was man's own willful disobedience that caused things to be different. Because man brought death upon himself it does not mean that God's purposes failed. They never fail. "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void." —Isa. 55:11, *AS*.

Through undeserved kindness God provided the means for man to regain what the first pair lost. He did it with Christ. By this One's giving up the right to perfect human life the way to eternal life was opened for obedient mankind.

It is only right that those who benefit from that sacrifice should be those who follow Christ's example of obedience to God and not Adam's example of disobedience. They will become like the tree that enjoys a long life. "As the days of a tree shall be the days of my people, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands." (Isa. 65:22, *AS*) This promise will be fulfilled under God's kingdom.

Multitudes today will be among earth's inhabitants when that divine government rules the earth. They will see God's original purposes fulfilled. At that time mankind, which is now a fading flower, will cease to fade.

FRIEND OF GOD OR OF THIS WORLD?

IT PAYS TO HAVE GOOD FRIENDS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE MOST POWERFUL ONE IN THE UNIVERSE? YOU CAN, BUT ONLY UPON HIS CONDITIONS.

"IN 1850, only 15 per cent of the United States population belonged to a church. Today, more than 60 per cent are members. . . . The evidence is conclusive that a spiritual awakening is here. You see it in dynamic laymen's movements, in the improved quality of religious leaders, in vast church building programs, in the reappearance of mass evangelism." Thus spoke Dr. E. L. R. Elson, President Eisenhower's pastor.—New York *Times,* June 24, 1957.

But is there not something wrong somewhere? The September 26 issue of the *Times* quoted an F.B.I. report that showed that during the first six months of 1957 there was an 8.4-percent increase in crime over the previous year's first six months, for an all-time high. It also showed that if this trend continued 1957 would be the sixth consecutive year that more than two million major crimes were reported to the F.B.I.

More in line with the facts is the position taken by a Roman Catholic bishop of Saginaw, Michigan. He felt that more than one fourth of professed Catholics were "fellow travelers" or backsliders, and that while there "has been great progress in the physical condition of dioceses, . . . the spiritual condition is an entirely different question."—*Time,* September 23, 1957.

Also more apropos is Dr. R. W. Sockman's recent remark that "church statistics are growing, but personal spirituality is static. . . . Individuals are not getting vital contact with God."—New York *Times,* October 21, 1957.

Why this seeming paradox, an all-time high in church memberships and an all-time high in felonies committed? And why can it be said that "personal spirituality is static"? Why? Because the great majority of persons attracted to religion today are not really interested in getting "vital contact with God." They want to be friends of both God and this world. They like to hang on to God, whose friendship is convenient in times of emergency or death, but they would never think of trying to cultivate his friendship at the expense of their friendship with the world.

WHY IMPOSSIBLE

But in this they sadly err. Would any sane man expect to travel east and west at the same time? Or to be going up while going down? Or would he demand a bowl of soup that was both hot and cold? Of course not! Yet it is every bit as impossible to try to be friends of God and of

this world, which is exactly what most professed Christians are trying and which accounts for increased church memberships not being accompanied by increased morality and spirituality.

Jesus made no such mistake when he was upon earth. Regarding himself and his followers he prayed: "They are no part of the world just as I am no part of the world." And addressing them, he stated: "Because you are no part of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, on this account the world hates you." —John 17:16; 15:19.

And this is the way his apostles and early disciples understood it. That is why his beloved apostle John wrote: "Do not be loving either the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." And that is why the disciple James so strongly rebuked some: "Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship with the world is enmity with God?"—1 John 2:15; Jas. 4:4.

Why should it be impossible to be the friend of both God and this world or "system of things," as it is termed elsewhere in the Scriptures? Because this world consists not only of a visible part, or "earth," composed of business, politics, organized religion and society, but also of an invisible "heavens" composed of Satan and his demons.—2 Pet. 3:7.

The visible part of this world is under the control of the invisible "heavens," having Satan's spirit and doing his will. He is "the ruler of the authority of the air, the spirit that now operates in the sons of disobedience." That is why Jesus referred to Satan as "the ruler of this world" and why Paul spoke of him as "the god of this system of things" who "has blinded the minds of the unbelievers." Yes, "the whole world is lying in the power of the wicked one." Since Satan is the malicious enemy of Jehovah God, certainly all those who want to be friends of God can have nothing to do with Satan's world.—Eph. 2:2; John 12:31; 2 Cor. 4:4; 1 John 5:19.

All this being so, how can we steer clear of friendship with this world? By going to a monastery or becoming a hermit? No, for such practices find no precedent in the Scriptures but only in pagan religions. Neither Jesus nor any of his immediate followers withdrew from contact with their fellow man, and yet they were not friends of the world.—Matt. 4:17.

KEEPING SEPARATE FROM THE WORLD

God sent Jesus to earth on a mission of reconciliation as his ambassador. Since Jesus' return to the heavens his followers have been substituting for him, as Paul tells us: "We are therefore ambassadors substituting for Christ, as though God were making entreaty through us. As substitutes for Christ we beg: 'Become reconciled to God.' " To get the right mental attitude we are supposed to have as ambassadors we must 'quit being fashioned after this system of things, but be transformed by making our mind over, that we may prove to ourselves the good and acceptable and complete will of God.'—2 Cor. 5:20; Rom. 12:2.

An ambassador conscientiously obeys the laws of the land to which he is sent. But at all times his loyalty is to the government sending him. So with us as dedicated Christians; our loyalty must be, not to the governments of this world, but to God's kingdom. Therefore, not only will we pray, "let your kingdom come," but we will 'keep on seeking first God's kingdom and his righteousness.' And as an ambassador does not involve himself in the political issues of the nation to which he is sent, so we may not involve ourselves in the political issues dividing worldly nations. —Matt. 6:10, 33.

That is the course Jesus followed. He refused to become involved in political questions and plainly said: "My kingdom is no part of this world." He drew a clear line of demarcation when he said: "Pay back, therefore, Caesar's things to Caesar, but God's things to God." Caesar may call for taxes, which were the point at issue, but the "exclusive devotion" of our hearts and lives belongs to Jehovah God; for, as Paul shows, "our citizenship exists in the heavens."—John 18:36; Matt. 22:21; Ex. 20:5; Phil. 3:20.

To be friends of God, the Potentate who commissioned us as his ambassadors, we may not get ensnared in the commercial schemes of this world, any more than a worldly ambassador may allow himself to become engrossed in piling up a fortune in the country to which he is sent. He is sent there not to get rich but to represent his country's interests. That means, then, instead of succumbing to the love of money, "a root of all sorts of injurious things," we will cultivate "godly devotion along with self-sufficiency," which is great gain. Then, rather than 'storing up treasures on earth,' we will faithfully represent God's kingdom, thereby 'storing up treasures in heaven' and becoming "rich in right works."—1 Tim. 6:10, 6; Matt. 6:19, 20; 1 Tim. 6:18.

Here also Jesus set the example for us. What riches he could have amassed had he commercialized his powers of healing! But so far was any such thought from his mind that he could say: "Foxes have dens and birds of heaven have roosts, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay down his head." And warning his followers against trying to be friends of God and of greedy commercialism or materialism, he said: "You cannot be slaves to God and to Riches."—Matt. 8:20; 6:24.

To be friends of God we must also lead clean lives, being wholly devoted to righteousness and following as closely as possible the perfect example set by Jesus Christ. Only then can we properly serve as ambassadors of the holy God Jehovah. We must therefore be careful to keep ourselves "without spot from the world," appreciating that "everything in the world—the desire of the flesh and the desire of the eyes and the showy display of one's means of life—does not originate with the Father, but originates with the world." —Jas. 1:27; 1 John 2:16.

And finally, to be friends of God we must, as his ambassadors, keep separate from the religions that are a part of this world and that are also at variance with his Word, the Bible. The Israelites were strictly forbidden to take part in any interfaith movements. Jesus, our Exemplar, refused to make common cause with the Pharisees, Sadducees or Herodians of his day. Therefore Christians are commanded: "Do not become unevenly yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership do righteousness and lawlessness have? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness? Further, what harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what portion does a faithful person have with an unbeliever? And what agreement does God's temple have with idols?"—2 Cor. 6:14-16.

Clearly, then, from the foregoing we can see why, in spite of increased church memberships, crime increases and "personal spirituality is static." As Burlingame well expressed it in his *The American Conscience:* "Religion has become, for the most part, a social convention—convenient in time of trouble but devoid of responsibility." To be a friend of God we must take on the responsibility of being his ambassadors. And that means we must put God's interests, the interests of his kingdom, first; not trying to divide our alle-

giance between it and the nations of this world; not neglecting God's kingdom for the sake of commercial gain; not casting reflection upon God and his kingdom by conduct unbecoming to Christian ambassadors, and not making common cause with worldly religious organizations at variance with his Word.

If we try to be friends of both God and the world we shall be 'lukewarm and as such be vomited out.' But if we concentrate on being God's friends, giving him "exclusive devotion," then in his due time he will receive us into "the everlasting dwelling-places" of his righteous new world.—Rev. 3:16; Luke 16:9; 2 Pet. 3:13.

Increasing International Praise to the One God

"PRAISE Jehovah, all you nations; commend him, all you clans." That call to international praise has met with remarkable response in this generation, even as seen by the 1957 field service report published in this issue of *The Watchtower;* and the end is not yet.—Ps. 117:1.*

That this command should be found in the book of Psalms is most apropos, for it is the book of praises, its Hebrew name *Te·hil·lim'* meaning "Praises." Its 150 psalms were composed by various writers, known and unknown, among those known being Moses, Asaph, Heman and David, the latter accounting for seventy-three of them. That these psalms are by no means merely sentimental poetry but inspired prophecy is apparent from the application of them made by Jesus and his apostles and early disciples. In fact, the eight writers of the Christian Greek Scriptures quote from 103 different psalms.

In a remarkable way the book of Psalms makes reference to the whole program of events from creation on down through our day and to the complete vindication of Jehovah's name. It properly gives Jehovah's name the place due it, mentioning it 848 times. Twenty-four beatitudes or happinesses are found in this book, and in its final portion twenty-three times it gives the call to "Praise Jah," or Hallelujah! And each of its five main sections or "books" ends with a doxology or expression of blessing upon God.

With the release of the *New World Translation* of the five poetical books at the 1957 "Life-giving Wisdom" district assemblies, the psalms have become even more beautiful and precious to all lovers of God's Word and praisers of Jehovah.

In Psalms we find many reasons given for praising Jehovah: because of his goodness and loving-kindness; because of his greatness, power and majesty; because of his mercy and forgiveness; because of his great acts of deliverance and salvation; and because of the blessings and honors he bestowed upon his people and, in particular, upon Jerusalem and Mount Zion.

If Jehovah's servants back there had many reasons for praising Jehovah, and they certainly did, how much greater cause do we today have for praising him in view of the fulfillment of many of these prophetic psalms!

What effect can an understanding and appreciation of these truths have but to impel us to do all we can to cause the international praise to the one God Jehovah to increase yet more and more? Does your activity show that you have such understanding and appreciation?

* For details see *The Watchtower,* October 15, 1957.

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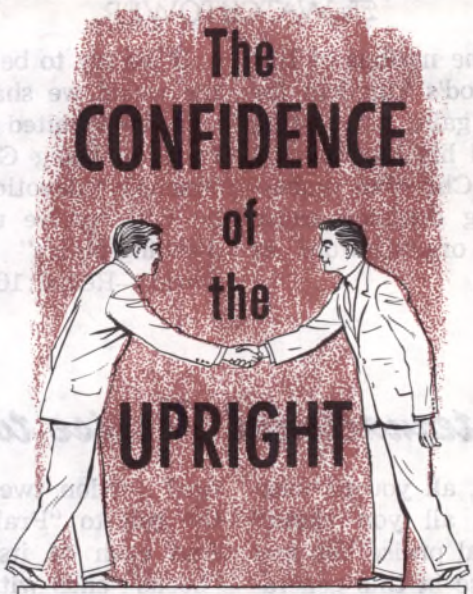

"He that is walking with wise persons will become wise, but he that is having dealings with the stupid ones will fare badly."–Prov. 13:20.

DAVID, the upright king of ancient Israel, was a man with real confidence in his Creator, the God whom David called Jehovah. He appreciated that over the years of his life he had made many mistakes as a sinful, imperfect human, but he also knew that uppermost in his mind and heart was the doing of the will of his heavenly Life-giver. As the leading member of a nation dedicated to Jehovah God, David was concerned with the matter of integrity. "As for me," said he, "in my integrity I shall walk." (Ps. 26:11) This he faithfully endeavored to do, as an example to all the subjects over whom he reigned and also as a prophetic type for the true followers of the Greater David, Jesus Christ, the glorified king of God's new world.

[2] The 26th Psalm shows David presenting his integrity and offering himself to Jehovah's searching. He had confidence that he had walked in the right way, living according to the commandments of God. Always anxious to do the right thing, David said to Jehovah: "Make me walk in your truth and teach me." (Ps. 25:5) Feeling certain that he had walked in truth, he confidently stated: "Judge me, O Jehovah, for I myself have walked in my own integrity." (Ps. 26:1) Reading the whole psalm, one sees David in his joyful worship of Jehovah contrasting himself with the wicked life of sinful men with whom he did not want to be classed. David did not want to be judged by men's standards of living. He knew what sort of man he was, a lover of truth and of right things. He was honest and blameless. His one desire was to give Jehovah exclusive devotion. He knew what God's standards were and he wanted to be judged by them. So he pleads: "Judge me according to your righteousness, O Jehovah my God, and may [opponents] not rejoice over me." (Ps. 35:24) Such righteous judgment brought him happiness. He was content, satisfied. He had assurance that he was walking in integrity. Today is our confidence in our integrity as sure as David's was?

[3] When David was a young man he was chosen by Jehovah to be king. From the time of his anointing by the prophet Samuel he had special responsibilities. He took care of them, always seeking Jehovah. After many trials and hardships he was placed on the throne of Jehovah over the nation of Israel. One of his great joys was the bringing of the sacred ark of the covenant to the holy city of Jerusalem and establishing the place of worship of Jehovah there. On Mount Zion Jehovah's altar was built and all Israel praised Jehovah

1. How did David view his integrity, and as a type of whom?
2. Why was David confident he had walked in his integrity, and how does he plead to be judged?
3. In what ways did David show his desire was to please Jehovah?

there. Of this place he said: "O Jehovah, who will be a guest in your tent? Who will reside in your holy mountain? He who is walking faultlessly and practicing righteousness and speaking the truth in his heart." (Ps. 15:1, 2) David wanted to measure up to those requirements and to be strong, not weak or unsteady. So he had to trust in God. "In Jehovah I have trusted, that I may not wobble." (Ps. 26:1) David's reliance and faith in Jehovah were unshakable, undisturbed, calm, and there was no wavering on his part, for he was walking as one should who 'loved the dwelling of Jehovah's house.'

[4] Today true Christians, followers of Christ Jesus, believe in the same God of David and they too want to worship at "the place of the residence of [Jehovah's] glory." (Ps. 26:8) Christians have the same Word of God that David had, only more of it. Many prophets were sent to God's chosen people after David's death and their statements were written down in God's Word for our admonition and learning. In addition to that we have the life of Christ and the Acts of the Apostles and the writings of the disciples, and now these many scriptures make up the complete Bible, the whole Word of God, for all mankind to follow. Thus equipped, Christians today should and could "practice righteousness and speak truth" and have confidence in their integrity toward Jehovah as David had! Studying and understanding God's Word and living by it should assure one that he will not wobble.

CHRISTENDOM WITHOUT CONFIDENCE

[5] But someone says: "Look about Christendom and you will see hundreds of millions of wobbling, unbelieving churchgoers attending Christendom's churches. Can these who are on the roll books of the various churches say confidently: 'Examine me, O Jehovah, and put me to the test; refine my kidneys and my heart'? What is wrong? Where today are the men of integrity that David foreshadowed?"

[6] More such questions can be asked: Can Christendom stand to be examined? Can Jehovah find faith in her? Do the leaders of Christendom have as clear a conscience as David? Are they able to come to Jehovah in prayer and ask him to examine, test and refine them? Are they confident that they are living up to the standards that Jehovah has set out in his Word, the Holy Bible? Do they believe all its teachings? Can all the hundreds of millions of Christendom today who are taught by the clergy be just as confident in their integrity toward Jehovah God as David was? The answer to every query is No! But they should have the faith of David if they have made a dedication to do the will and the service of God. Christendom and its supporters claim faithfulness. They say they believe the Bible and they call themselves Christians—Christlike. Whether they ask for it or not, they are being examined before Jehovah God.

[7] There is no backing up and running away from the judgment of Jehovah the Almighty God. Christendom has repudiated God's Word by her own teachings. She has gone with this wicked world in its politics, because she supports them. She certainly is not for God's kingdom, because Christendom gives full support to the United Nations organization. Christendom is not like Jesus, who told Pilate: "My kingdom is no part of this world. If my kingdom were part of this world, my attendants would have fought that I should not be delivered up to the Jews. But, as it is, my kingdom is not from this source." (John

4. What helps true Christians today to be confident in their integrity, as David was?
5, 6. As regards Christendom's confidence in her integrity, what pointed questions call for an answer?
7. How has Christendom repudiated God's Word? In support of whom? How unlike Christ Jesus?

18:36) No, Christendom, upon examination, cannot be refined. She has no real, good, worthwhile material in her. She has compromised with this wicked old world, from which God's kingdom could not come. Listen to what David wrote: "O Jehovah, you have searched through me and you know [me]. You have examined my heart, you have made inspection by night, you have refined me; you will discover [that] I have not schemed. My mouth will not transgress." (Ps. 139:1; 17:3) Can Christendom say that? No!

[8] Every professed Christian throughout the world should be able to say with David and Christ Jesus: "Do I not hate those who are intensely hating you, O Jehovah, and do I not feel a loathing for those revolting against you? With a complete hatred I do hate them. They have become to me real enemies. Search through me, O God, and know my heart. Examine me and know my disquieting thoughts, and see whether there is in me any way causing pain, and lead me in the way of time indefinite." (Ps. 139:21-24) Lovers of righteousness, real Christians, want to live in a clean world with clean people. How can that be done today? By associating ourselves with men and women of integrity, the ones who are practicing righteousness and speaking the truth in their hearts.—Ps. 15:2.

[9] Tests of integrity must come. Look at how Abraham, David's forefather, was tested. "Now after these things it came about that God put Abraham to the test." (Gen. 22:1) He was told to offer his own son Isaac in sacrifice. Because Abraham showed integrity and obeyed, Jehovah provided a lamb in place of Isaac. On a later occasion Jehovah tested his people, Israel, when he brought them through the wilderness: "And you must remember all the way that Jehovah your God made you travel these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, to put you to the test so as to know what was in your heart, as to whether you would keep his commandments or not. . . . who fed you with manna in the wilderness, which your fathers had not known, in order to humble you and in order to put you to the test so as to do you good in your afterdays." (Deut. 8:2, 16) Testing is necessary, but integrity and endurance are happy rewards. How many of God's dedicated people today will endure these wicked days and maintain integrity to the end? Those who stand faithful and maintain their integrity will be saved. Forty years, as in Israel's case, is a long time to prove one's love for Jehovah more than anything else. Could any of us as individuals stand a test that long? Many have done so, even in this day of Jehovah's judgment. Meeting the test of integrity means life. Hence Abraham kept his living son. The Israelites went into the land flowing with milk and honey. You may live in God's new world.

[10] Are you willing to be refined as gold in a smelter and have the dross taken off so that there remains only pure gold? Some have gone through the processing and received a final "well done, good and faithful slave." Others are still being refined, as Malachi said they would be: "And he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, and refine them as gold and silver; and they shall offer unto Jehovah offerings in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto Jehovah, as in the days of old, and as in ancient years." (Mal. 3:3, 4, *AS*) Thousands upon thousands of Jehovah's witnesses have gone through a refining such as David mentioned and Malachi described, a real refining by scorching heat. Can you take the

8. What attitude should all Christians have toward those not loving and serving Jehovah?
9, 10. (a) What ancient examples of meeting the test and maintaining integrity do we have? (b) In modern times, do we see such integrity-keepers?

heat like those suffering persecution under the communistic totalitarian rule in Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia and elsewhere behind the Iron Curtain? Look at Jehovah's witnesses in the Catholic-ruled Dominican Republic who have been beaten and tortured and thrown into prison because of preaching God's kingdom and taking their stand as Jehovah's witnesses. Others have maintained and are still maintaining their integrity in Germany, Italy, Norway and other countries that were overrun by the crushing hordes of Nazi and Fascist lords. It is not easy to be a real Christian, no matter where one lives in this world. Enemy efforts to break our integrity can be brought to bear in many ways.

[11] Long ago David invited his Father to examine him, to test him, to refine him. Today is our confidence in our own uprightness, our own integrity, that firm? It should be if we see matters like David and we are walking in the footsteps of Christ Jesus. Then we would say: "For your loving-kindness is in front of my eyes, and I have walked in your truth." (Ps. 26:3) When one gets to appreciate the works of Jehovah God, the purposes he has in mind, what he has done, is doing and will do for the blessing of all those who love him, then one can truly appreciate His loving-kindness. Look how loving he has been in sending his only-begotten Son, Christ Jesus, from heaven to earth to redeem mankind. But Jesus Christ did more. He vindicated Jehovah's name by maintaining his integrity and he was made King of the new world of righteousness. You can live in that new world if you want to. How? By getting acquainted with the Bible, reading its truths carefully and living by them. That is necessary in order to get life in the kingdom of God that millions of Christendom have prayed for: "Let your kingdom come. Let your will come to pass, as in heaven, also upon earth." (Matt. 6:10) Keep Jehovah's kingdom in front of your eyes and walk in the truth and you will enjoy life in God's new world.

[12] Preach and teach the good news of the Kingdom whenever and wherever you can. Associate with those persons who are doing that. Then you will stay away from the wicked people because you are busy maintaining your integrity. All who learn the truth and take a right path, dedicating their lives to Jehovah's service thereafter, do as David said he did: "For I have not sat with men of untruth, and with those who conceal what they are I do not come in. I have hated the congregation of evildoers, and with the wicked ones I do not sit. I shall wash my hands in innocency itself, and I will march around your altar, O Jehovah."—Ps. 26:4-6.

[13] Christians of integrity have set their course. They will not sit with men of untruth. They will not have prolonged discussions with men of this world except to preach the Kingdom. The interests of this world have not become the interests of Jehovah's witnesses. They have a bigger and more important work to do. Those who sit in the counsel of wicked men and support their schemes always end *up* in ruin and misery. "Happy is the man that has not walked in the counsel of the wicked ones, and in the way of sinners has not stood and in the seat of ridiculers has not sat. But his delight is in the law of Jehovah, and in his law he reads in an undertone day and night." (Ps. 1:1, 2) Have you likewise set your course? Which way will you walk? Let it be one of integrity.

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11. What serves to make our confidence in our integrity firm today?

12, 13. In order to remain innocent before Jehovah, with whom will we associate and whom will we shun?

THE HATED "CONGREGATION OF EVILDOERS"

14 Do you know that the leading scholars of Christendom today have removed the name of God from Bible translations? Hiding the true name of Jehovah from the people is trying to remove true worship. Many clergymen today stand in their church pulpits and deny the Genesis account of creation. They would rather teach the people evolution. Some even deny the value of Christ Jesus' sacrifice and say it has no redeeming value. They love to have an appearance of holiness and to get the praises of men, but they do not want to march around the altar of Jehovah. Jesus described them in these words: "You are from your father the Devil and you wish to do the desires of your father. . . . he is a liar and the father of the lie." (John 8:44) David knew men of this type and he well said: "Untruth they keep speaking one to the other; with a smooth lip they keep speaking even with a double heart. Jehovah will cut off all smooth lips, the tongue speaking great things, those who have said: 'With our tongue we shall prevail. Our lips are with us. Who will be a master to us?'" (Ps. 12:2-4) They are proud of what they are doing, hiding the name of Jehovah. But what a recompense they will receive!

15 The majority of the clergy and their followers have taken the name of Jehovah in a worthless way or discarded it altogether. It makes one wonder what suchlike translators of the Bible thought when they came to the text at Exodus 20:7: "You must not take up the name of Jehovah your God in a worthless way, for Jehovah will not leave the one unpunished who takes up his name in a worthless way." The clergy will not be left unpunished. With them in view the psalmist prayed: "Fill their faces with dishonor, that people may search for your name, O Jehovah." —Ps. 83:16.

16 For true Christians to have integrity like David they certainly cannot associate with Christendom or with this system of things and be friends of this world. James, the disciple of Jesus, said: "Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever, therefore, wants to be a friend of the world is constituting himself an enemy of God." (Jas. 4:4) That is one reason why it is so clearly stated: "Get out of her, my people, if you do not want to share with her in her sins and if you do not want to receive part of her plagues." (Rev. 18:4) Christendom is hypocritical and is trying to cover over what she really is, the same as did the religious leaders of Jesus' day: "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of plunder and immoderateness. Blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup and of the dish, that the outside of it also may become clean. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you resemble whitewashed graves, which outwardly indeed appear beautiful but inside are full of dead men's bones and of every kind of uncleanness. In that way you also, outwardly indeed, appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness." (Matt. 23:25-28) They tried to hide their true identity. The leaders of Christendom do the same today. Avoid them.

17 Be like the psalmist in saying: "Do not draw me along with wicked people and with practicers of what is hurtful, those who are speaking peace with their companions but in whose hearts is what is

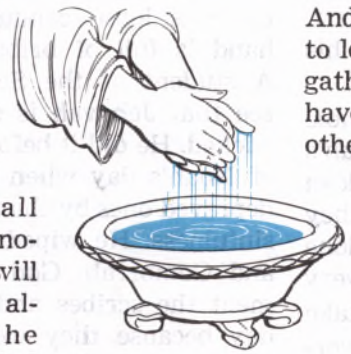
14, 15. In what ways have many of the clergy shown they lack integrity, and what reward will be theirs at the hands of Jehovah?

16. (a) What does friendship with the world mean? So what must Christians do? (b) To whom is Christendom likened in trying to hide her true identity?

17. In being like the psalmist, what is the attitude of the true Christian?

bad." (Ps. 28:3) The attitude of a true Christian must be: "I have hated the congregation of evildoers."—Ps. 26:5.

[18] King David wanted clean hands and innocency before Jehovah so that he could worship before Jehovah's altar. In his expression: "I shall wash my hands in innocency itself, and I will march around your altar, O Jehovah," he must have had in mind the copper basin that was set near the altar and that was used by the priests for washing their hands and feet. Concerning them God's law said: "When they go into the tent of meeting they will wash with water that they may not die, or when they go near the altar to minister in order to make an offering made by fire smoke to Jehovah. And they must wash their hands and their feet that they may not die, and it must serve as a regulation to time indefinite for them, for him and his offspring throughout their generations." (Ex. 30:19-21) David, however, wanted to have hands morally clean, cleansed by God's truth.



[19] Today anyone that comes to the place of worship, pictured by Jehovah's altar, must be clean. He cannot be contaminated with old-world living and its sordid activity. What Jehovah's priests did back there true Christians must do in reality now. Speaking to the Hebrew Christians about cleanness, Paul said: "Let us approach with sincere hearts in the full assurance of faith, having had our hearts sprinkled from a wicked conscience and our bodies washed with clean water. Let us hold fast the public declaration of our hope without wavering, for he is faithful that promised. And let us consider one another to incite to love and right works, not forsaking the gathering of ourselves together, as some have the custom, but encouraging one another, and all the more so as you behold the day drawing near." (Heb. 10:22-25) Christians must assemble in these last days, but must always be clean in their worship, which includes their lifelong and daily activities.

[20] Worship by Jehovah's witnesses is not confined to meeting together and inciting one another to love and right works just once a week. All day long and every day they must be worshipers of God, whether they be in meetings or away from their Kingdom Hall. After becoming a Christian one must keep clean, as he has already been washed clean by the blood of Christ Jesus. Christ is not going to die a second time to give one a second washing. Many who become Christians have walked with the wicked in fornication, idolatry, greed and drunkenness, but as Paul said to the Corinthian congregation: "But you have been washed clean, but you have been sanctified, but you have been declared righteous in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and with the spirit of our God." (1 Cor. 6:11) Like David we must wash our hands in innocency, show everyone that we are clean and separate from the Devil's organization and devoted to true worship. We are in the world but are no part of it, and we cannot have upon us the stain of its guilt. Even Pilate did not want the responsibility of the death of Christ Jesus upon him. Before the great crowd of angry

18. Of what significance was David's expression, "I shall wash my hands in innocency itself, and I will march around your altar, O Jehovah"?
19. How, today, do true Christians wash their hands in innocency?
20. In what ways do Jehovah's witnesses continue in an upright and clean course?

Jews Pilate laid all the guilt on the clergy of his day by taking water and washing his hands before the lovers of unrighteousness, saying: "I am innocent of the blood of this man. You must see to it." (Matt. 27:24) But he really could not wash his hands in innocency like David.

[21] Christendom too must take the whole load of responsibility for defiling Jehovah's worship through their wicked and unclean lives. But as for Jehovah's witnesses, they will wash their hands and stand alone as true Christians separate from every branch of Christendom. They must take this stand to be acceptable for true worship of Jehovah. Our separation from the false worshipers makes it possible "to cause thanksgiving to be heard aloud, and to declare all your wonderful works. Jehovah, I have loved the dwelling of your house and the place of the residence of your glory." (Ps. 26:7, 8) With thanksgiving in their hearts Jehovah's witnesses thrill to make known the wonderful works of Jehovah from the creation of man in the garden of Eden to the restoration of all humankind in the paradise earth. As Christ Jesus stood alone, separate from all religions, in declaring that the kingdom of the heavens is at hand, so Jehovah's witnesses today are all alone in their announcement of God's kingdom. They are telling the world that we are living in the last days of this wicked organization and there is about to begin a new government that will rule in righteousness. To let all persons of good will know the good news it takes a great deal of preaching in the homes of the people, and teaching too, using the householder's own Bible. Why not study with them and 'cause their thanksgiving to be heard aloud'?

21. Who is it that stands alone today in emulating the works of Christ Jesus, and what is their message?

TO ESCAPE BEING TAKEN AWAY WITH SINNERS

[22] David said: "Do not take away my soul along with sinners, nor my life along with bloodguilty men, in whose hands there is loose conduct and whose right hand is full of bribery." (Ps. 26:9, 10) A student of the Scriptures can clearly see that Jehovah is going to destroy the wicked. He did it before in the catastrophe of Noah's day when he destroyed all the depraved ones by the flood because of their sinfulness. He wiped out those in Sodom and Gomorrah. God condemned in judgment the scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day because they were bloodguilty men. Judas was condemned to Gehenna because his right hand was full of bribery. Later Ananias was struck dead because of lying, and Jude wrote of "ungodly men, turning the undeserved kindness of our God into an excuse for loose conduct." (Jude 4) Today the sacredness of life is no longer held in high esteem by most of the peoples or their rulers. While the clergy and the politicians backed up by big business cry, Peace, peace! they prepare for war on an even greater scale. Destruction of mankind is their theme of the day. To have anything to do with such a system of things is not wise, for "he that is having dealings with the stupid ones will fare badly." (Prov. 13:20) The end of such bloodguilty, loose-living, bribe-loving men will be destruction at the battle of Armageddon!

[23] On the other hand, those confident in their uprightness are like David and true dedicated followers of Christ Jesus. They can say: "As for me, in my integrity I shall walk. O redeem me and show me favor." (Ps. 26:11) This is like saying, Deliver me from the wicked and show me favor. Through Moses God delivered the children of Israel, or redeemed them from

22. What is the fate of sinners, and how does Bible history bear this out?
23. On the other hand, what is the promise to those confident in uprightness?

Egypt, leading them to the Promised Land. Jehovah gave mankind the Greater Moses, Christ Jesus, the Redeemer of all mankind, if they accept him as Jehovah's gift for their redemption. When we see the miracles that Christ performed while on earth it makes us think of the fuller complete life men will enjoy under the Kingdom arrangements. If on earth he healed the sick, opened blind eyes, even raised the dead, surely with all power in heaven and earth he can build a perfect new world of righteousness according to his Father's will.

[24] The great miracle of deliverance will be performed at the battle of Armageddon, when Jehovah will destroy completely the wicked system of things and at the same time keep alive men of integrity, whom he will remember for their acts of loving-kindness. God's servants of integrity today feel just like Nehemiah, because we are living in the time of the purifying of God's people. Nehemiah said: "Do remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not blot out my acts of loving-kindness that I have performed in connection with the house of my God and the guardianship of it."—Neh. 13:14.

[25] All the true servants of God want to continue in right worship and maintain integrity and be redeemed or delivered through the battle of Armageddon. They want to see the time come when there will be no more discord, wars, selfishness, corruption and when everyone will be praising Jehovah God and blessing him. That will be seen in completion after the battle of the great day of God the Almighty—Armageddon. By faith all true Christians look to and work for that happy day, but they start living by the standards of that day now.

24, 25. When will the miracle of deliverance take place, and to what do true servants of God look forward?

[26] All men are traveling in a rough world among nations who hate one another, all of them truly nationalistic, thinking that their individual nation is better than any other. Some even think theirs is the only one having the right to existence and are therefore anxious to destroy others. Why cannot man see that color of skin, language of tongue or stature of body does not make him any different from his neighbor? We all have one Maker, we are all brothers, descendants of Adam and Eve, and destined to worship only one God. We must find him! We can if we read about him in his Word, the Bible. Jehovah's witnesses are sincerely trying to acquaint people with Jehovah, and if they can do so it will mean for those getting to know God a happy and new life in a new world not far distant.

[27] The time is now here when integrity-keeping men and women stand upon a "level place," an open plain, where there is no more fear of stumbling and where true worship can be carried on. So in real happiness with all of God's people they can say as did David: "My own foot will certainly stand on a level place; among the congregated throngs I shall bless Jehovah." —Ps. 26:12.

[28] In this frame of mind Jehovah's witnesses today, being scattered throughout 164 different nations, lands and islands of the sea, with more than 700,000 proclaimers of good news, stand on level ground looking forward to the final destruction of this wicked system of things and the complete establishment of God's new world of righteousness. Until that day arrives they will stand on a level place among the congregated throngs and bless Jehovah. Whatever troubles and persecutions may come

26. What is the attitude of nation toward nation, and why is such an attitude one of folly?
27. What period of time for Jehovah's witnesses has been reached?
28. With this frame of mind, what view do Jehovah's witnesses take of the world scene, and how will they show their confidence?

from the evildoers they will continue to say: "As for me, in my integrity I shall walk." (Ps. 26:11) Not only will they preach as they walk from house to house, even to the ends of the earth, but, when invited into the homes of the people, there they will teach them the truth, for their desire is to gather out from all nations all the sheep who love righteousness so that they too may join in praising Jehovah God in the congregated throngs. These too must gain confidence in their uprightness. Will you be one of these praisers of Jehovah walking in your integrity during 1958?

QUALIFIED to TEACH with CONFIDENCE

USUALLY when individuals have good news that has brought them real comfort and joy of heart they want to tell others what they know. Jehovah's witnesses have turned to God's Word, studied it carefully, and find it filled with good news. The more they study the sixty-six books of the Bible, the Word of God from Genesis to Revelation, this good news becomes clearer and delights their souls. When a Christian has the opportunity to talk with another person about the good things of God's kingdom it brings him real pleasure. He does not need to fight, says the apostle Paul, to make the person understand. Rather, one must be tactful and careful in one's expressions. The instructor will try to teach his hearer new things. That is why Paul, when writing to Timothy, said: "But a slave of the Lord does not need to fight, but needs to be tactful toward all, qualified to teach."—2 Tim. 2:24.

[2] Private teaching is the big work of Jehovah's witnesses in these last days of the Devil's organization. While for forty years since 1918 Jehovah's witnesses have been preaching the good news of God's kingdom, today they find an ever-greater responsibility falling upon them, and that is teaching the people concerning God's kingdom. In years gone by it was the opinion that all that was needed was to say a few words concerning the Kingdom, to tell people about the battle of Armageddon, and then they had *the witness*. But people today have been so steeped in ignorance and darkness concerning God's Word that it is necessary to do more than just remind people of what is in the Bible. It is necessary to go into their homes when invited, use their Bible and actually show them what is in it and where to find the truths concerning the kingdom of God, the only hope for mankind. Jehovah's witnesses have good reasons for being so energetic today in their preaching and teaching the people. They have scriptures to back them up in going from house to house. (See Acts 5:42 and 20:20.) *There* is also the scripture telling us to be at it daily, found at Psalm 96:2: "From day to day tell the good news of salvation by him." It cer-

1. As opportunity affords, what will Jehovah's witnesses do that brings them pleasure?
2. What was often the opinion about preaching in years gone by, and how has that view now changed?

tainly is good news, the knowledge of God's kingdom under which healthful living and paradise will be the blessing of every individual on earth.

[3] With such a message Jehovah's witnesses want to go from house to house every day or as often every week as they can, to speak about the salvation that Jehovah God has provided for mankind. While David had in mind preaching to his fellow man in his day, Jesus accentuated it when he was upon the earth. He was very specific in telling his disciples what to do. In the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew it is recorded that the disciples came to Jesus and asked him what the sign of the end of this world would be. They were very much interested in this matter. So when he was sitting on the side of the Mount of Olives just outside Jerusalem four disciples approached Jesus privately and said: "Tell us, When will these things be, and what will be the sign of your presence and of the consummation of the system of things?" —Matt. 24:3.

[4] So Jesus went into detail explaining to them what kind of conditions would be existing in the earth at the time of the end when this system of things would consummate, and what things they would see, so that they could be sure of his invisible second presence. Among the many things, such as wars and pestilences and famines, delinquency among the people and the bringing forth of a league among nations, he stated that a very outstanding thing would be noticeable, not only to his own people but to all the world. It was this: "And this good news of the kingdom will be preached in all the inhabited earth for the purpose of a witness to all the nations, and then the accomplished end will come." (Matt. 24:14) Today it cannot be denied that Jehovah's witnesses, a Christian organization, have been more active than any other religious organization in preaching the good news of God's kingdom. In face of the facts we are bold enough to say that Jehovah's witnesses are the only ones that proclaim the kingdom of God as the only hope for mankind and that all the efforts of mankind today through their political organizations, with their religious backing and commercial support, will be a failure. We hold that world-wide it must be proclaimed that God's kingdom is the only thing that will bless mankind. When this preaching work has been accomplished, said Jesus, the end of this system of things will come.

[5] Just before Jesus ascended into the heavens he was very specific in giving command to his disciples, and he told them: "Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the holy spirit,

3, 4. (a) In answer to the disciples' questions on the sign of the consummation of this system of things, how did Jesus reply? (b) Who, today, are carrying out Jesus' commandment?

5. What command at Matthew 28:19, 20 do true Christians follow, causing them to show what confidence?

teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you. And, look! I am with you all the days until the consummation of the system of things." (Matt. 28:19, 20) Certainly Christ Jesus is with his people now in seeing to it that this good news of the Kingdom is preached and that the discipling work is going on in a teaching manner in all parts of the earth. People are being taught, not only preached to concerning the Kingdom, but studies are arranged in the homes of the people and they are taught God's Word. Paul informed Timothy: 'You must be qualified to teach.' So Jehovah's witnesses must equip themselves to do the same. Each individual Christian is going to be a teacher as soon as he can and therefore must be well versed in the Scriptures. His own integrity must be established through good works, study and service, and he must sometime be able to say as did David: "Judge me, O Jehovah, for I myself have walked in my own integrity."

INTEGRITY REQUIRED OF TEACHERS

[6] Proved must be the integrity of each one of Jehovah's witnesses today. Individually each one is responsible to Jehovah God and to his earthly organization to get this preaching and teaching work done before the final end comes. It has been said that Jehovah's witnesses are the fastest-growing religious organization today. If so, why is it? Certainly it is not because they are trying to be the fastest-growing religious organization. But if it is true, then, it is because they have a responsibility on their shoulders and accept it, that is, to gather together all the sheep of God's flock. Those who love truth and righteousness and who do not want their lives taken away along with bloodguilty men, nor want to associate with those of loose conduct, are going to look for Jehovah's true people. These people that are sighing and crying because of the world's abominations are the ones that Jehovah's witnesses are trying hard to find. In order to find them they must go from door to door, and they do this time and time again, year in and year out. Probably Jehovah's witnesses have called at your door often, unless you are in an isolated place where landlords or hotel owners will not allow Jehovah's witnesses to enter. But if they can reach your home and are welcome they will talk to you; and be assured that they will be happy to do so.

[7] Jehovah's witnesses feel the responsibility that David felt, that of maintaining integrity and taking a definite stand for righteousness as against evil and having no association with this old system of things that brings degradation upon mankind. Having the Bible in hand and being well acquainted with it, they feel themselves equipped to teach and therefore they go into people's homes and try to teach them Bible knowledge. At the same time they themselves keep studying in congregational meetings to be better qualified to teach. They remember that their leader, Jesus Christ, was the greatest teacher that ever lived upon the earth. He was able to inculcate in the minds of his followers the truth, and they were so convinced of what they heard that they believed him because what he said was backed up by Scripture. They became his disciples.

[8] Followers of Christ Jesus must be his sincere pupils and anxious to know what their teacher has to say. A pupil must be interested in and love his instructor in order to grasp the ideas of his teacher. If the instructor has the opportunity of being with a devoted pupil long enough,

6. How do Jehovah's witnesses prove their integrity, and for what kind of people are they looking?

7. What responsibility that David felt do Jehovah's witnesses feel today, and whose example in preaching do they strive to follow?

8. What requirements must a pupil of Christ Jesus meet, and is there a large majority of integrity-keepers today?

his student will soon be like his instructor and will talk and live like him. That is exactly what happened with the disciples of Christ Jesus. When he said to them, 'Come to me, all you who are toiling and loaded down, and I will refresh you. Get under my yoke with me and become my learners,' he meant that he would take the time to explain to them all the difficulties and problems of life and he would help them overcome the world, even as he had overcome the world. (Matt. 11:28) Integrity-keepers are few, but there have always been some true witnesses of Jehovah on earth. If you give Jehovah's witnesses the opportunity of coming into your home and letting them talk and study with you, using your own Bible, Catholic or Protestant or Jewish, or any translation in any language, you will find the Bible has the answers to your problems, to all problems of mankind.

[9] However, you will not understand everything in ten minutes. But do not give up. Take time and study with Jehovah's witnesses and at least get the knowledge even if you do not agree right away with the counsel. Your attitude should be like David's: "Make me know your own ways, O Jehovah; teach me your own paths. Make me walk in your truth and teach me, for you are my God of salvation." (Ps. 25:4, 5) Give Jehovah's witnesses the opportunity of coming to your home once a week to study with you for an hour or an hour and a half and at a time convenient to you. Get right down to Bible study, look up the scriptures under consideration and you will be amazed at what you will learn in a period of only six months' time; and it is free too. If none of Jehovah's witnesses have ever studied with you, or if they have and have discontinued studying and you want to start again, just write a card to Watchtower, 117 Adams Street, Brooklyn 1, New York, and say, "I want a Bible study," and someone will call soon to help you in your study of Jehovah's Word. Be sure to give us your name and address and we will find you. Hundreds of thousands of persons who have had Bible studies with Jehovah's witnesses in their own homes have learned the truth and are now followers of Christ Jesus, carrying on true worship of Jehovah God.

[10] When Jesus walked the earth and began to teach what many people said was a new doctrine, it was not new. He was bringing to them a summary of the Law. It was, Love God—love your neighbor. He was showing them the way to eternal life. He was opening up a way for all people, for all nations, for all kindreds and tongues. No longer was the truth of God's Word or his laws being confined to just the nation of Israel, but the opportunity was soon to be given to everyone. Jesus did not come to destroy the Law, but he came to fulfill it and to show its value to all people. Jesus fully appreciated God's Word and lived by it, and it was he who said: "Whoever, therefore, breaks one of these least commandments and teaches mankind to that effect, he will be called 'least' in relation to the kingdom of the heavens. As for anyone who does them and teaches them, this one will be called 'great' in relation to the kingdom of the heavens. For I say to you that if your righteousness does not abound more than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter into the kingdom of the heavens."—Matt. 5: 19, 20.

[11] In Jesus' training of his disciples he taught them to keep the commandments of Jehovah and to live by them. As he ob-

9. What positive attitude does Psalm 25:4, 5 show true Christians should have, and what offer is made to those seeking knowledge?

10. Why was Jesus' doctrine not a new one, and what reward was to be given to those keeping integrity? To those not doing so?

11. The conduct of the scribes and Pharisees showed what, and who are like them today, and why?

served the lives and teachings of the scribes and Pharisees he saw they were putting forth traditions of their own and of other men rather than the teachings of God's Word, which Jehovah had given them in writing through the prophets he sent in olden times. The same is true concerning Christendom today. The religious clergy of Christendom are not teaching the people the Bible. They have their own traditions, their own ideas, and practically every clergyman will point to the United Nations as the only hope for mankind rather than to God's kingdom. In this one thing alone they have turned mankind away from God's Word and they have repudiated Jehovah and his Son and his kingdom, and therefore they should no longer declare themselves as Christians or ministers of God's Word. They "will by no means enter into the kingdom of the heavens."

12 Christendom has watered down the truth of the Bible so much that it is difficult for individuals who claim to be Christians to understand what is truth. Jesus said: "For this purpose I have been born and for this purpose I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth." (John 18:37) So, then, go back to the Bible and find truth. It is so necessary for each individual to turn to the Word of God itself and to see what it says, rather than to listen to the traditions of men. Get to the original source of Christian teaching. Why not take the good advice Paul, a good minister and follower of Christ, gave to the congregation of Ephesus? He said: "This, therefore, I say and bear witness to in the Lord, that you no longer go on walking just as the nations also walk in the unprofitableness of their minds, while they are in darkness mentally, and alienated from the life that belongs to God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the insensibility of their hearts. Having come to be past all moral sense, they gave themselves over to loose conduct to work uncleanness of every kind with greediness."—Eph. 4:17-19.

12. Because Christendom has watered down the truth, what is it necessary for seekers of real truth to do?

"TAUGHT BY JEHOVAH"

13 Jesus was a wonderful instructor, and he taught his disciples how to carry on the teaching work. First, always use the Scriptures; and in that way one will teach them about Jehovah, the true God. If an individual is going to gain everlasting life he must learn about the Creator of life, the Father, and his teachings. His teachings are set forth in his own Word, the Bible, which Jehovah had written and preserved to our very day for our admonition and learning. Jesus said: "No man can come to me unless the Father, who sent me, draws him, and I will resurrect him in the last day. It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by Jehovah.' Everyone that has heard the Father's teaching and has learned comes to me." (John 6:44, 45) We see, then, how necessary it is to learn or hear what Jehovah first has to say, and if we are ever going to hear what Jehovah has to say we must read his Word and study it. When one learns of the teachings of Jehovah God it will naturally lead one to Christ Jesus, and because of one's learning from the Bible it will point one to Christ Jesus as the only redeemer of mankind who is able to give life through the merit of his sacrifice. He will "resurrect [the believer] at the last day."—John 6:54.

14 Paul realized that some persons who took up the Christian ministry would afterward try to turn their followers away from the true worship of the true God, Jehovah. That is why Paul advised: "But turn down the false stories which violate

13. Outline the requirements for gaining everlasting life.
14. What advice did Paul give Timothy that is of value to the Christian today?

what is holy and which old women tell. On the other hand, be training yourself with godly devotion as your aim. For bodily training is beneficial for a little, but godly devotion is beneficial for all things, as it holds promise of the life now and that which is to come. Trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance is that statement. For to this end we are working hard and exerting ourselves, because we have rested our hope on a living God, who is a Savior of all kinds of men, especially of faithful ones. Keep on giving these commands and teaching them."—1 Tim. 4:7-11.

15 The only way that one can train himself with godly devotion as his aim is by studying God's Word. When one reads the Bible and carefully studies it with someone who is trained in the study of the Bible he will find that what he has read is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. Jehovah's witnesses do work hard and they exert themselves, to the end that they will keep the hope and also establish this hope and faith in the lives of others. Jehovah's witnesses studying in the homes with people will stick to the commandments of God and teach these, even though Bible truth conflicts with men's personal ideas. Sometimes the righteous laws of God are disturbing to individual students and they throw the study overboard. They will have nothing to do with it because it means such a tremendous change in their lives. But we cannot compromise with them and continue to remain qualified to teach with confidence.

16 "What partnership do righteousness and lawlessness have? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness? Further, what harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what portion does a faithful person have with an unbeliever? And what agreement does God's temple have with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said: 'I shall reside among them and walk among them, and I shall be their God, and they will be my people.' ' "Therefore get out from among them, and separate yourselves," says Jehovah, "and quit touching the unclean thing," ' ' " and I will take you in." ' ' "And I shall be a father to you, and you will be sons and daughters to me," says Jehovah the Almighty.' " (2 Cor. 6:14-18) Those who are going to be taught by Jehovah are the ones he will take in and he will be a Father to them and they will gain everlasting life. There is no other way of gaining it. The quicker an individual turns to the Word of God, reads it, studies it and becomes a disciple the sooner he is going to have comfort, joy and blessings, and training in godly devotion. And as Paul said to Timothy: "It holds promise of the life now and that which is to come."

17 While millions of the people today still ought to be taught the truth in God's Word, there are not enough qualified ministers to teach them. Many of Jehovah's witnesses are themselves new in the truth and as yet have not taken upon themselves the responsibility of teaching others. They are preaching from house to house, but they have not assumed the duties of a teacher. How long must one wait to be a teacher? That is not hard to decide. Paul indicates that as soon as one knows the fundamental teachings of God's Word, then he should begin teaching at least these truths to others. As he matures he can help others in advanced study, but before then he could be a teacher. If the other person he meets in the field while witnessing knows nothing or only a little of God's Word, the new Kingdom publisher

15, 16. (a) How only can knowledge be gained, and of what value is it to study the Bible with Jehovah's witnesses? (b) Why do some individuals cease studying with Jehovah's witnesses, and yet why cannot Jehovah's witnesses compromise Christian principles?

17. How long must one wait before he becomes a teacher?

could at least teach his pupil as much as he knows by using the Bible as his textbook.

18 Paul was sharp in his speech to those who knew and just did not bother about telling others what they knew. He said: "Although you ought to be teachers in view of the time, you again need someone to teach you from the beginning the first principles of the sacred pronouncements of God." (Heb. 5:12) How long have you claimed to be one of Jehovah's witnesses, or a Christian for that matter? Any individual who professes to be a Christian should be a teacher by this time if he is mature in years and has grown up in Christian teaching. Christians cannot shirk their responsibility by saying, 'My minister does my Bible study for me.' Paul is not talking to the overseers of congregations, such as the clergy of Christendom claim to be. He is talking to everyone professing to be a Christian. What are you doing about teaching others in God's Word? Paul says: "You ought to be teachers in view of the time." You have been going to the congregation of God long enough to know what the truth is. Why, then, are you not teaching it to others? So what applies to Jehovah's witnesses applies also to all of Christendom, in that they should preach and teach this good news of God's kingdom. Now are you going on to maturity by studying with God's congregation, and are you then going weekly to others not in your congregation and studying with them the things you have learned?

TEACHING AT GOD'S COMMAND

19 In many parts of the world great persecution is brought to bear against Jehovah's witnesses because they are preaching and teaching the good news, but this will not slow them down. In his day Peter too was very energetic in declaring the good news of God's kingdom. For healing those who were sick and preaching he was thrown into prison. The religionists of that day, the Sanhedrin, were very much opposed to the apostles' teaching people about Christ Jesus. For their constructive work in educating the people in the Bible the religionists "called them and charged them in general not to make any utterance nor to teach upon the basis of the name of Jesus." (Acts 4:18) However, the apostles did not stop preaching because some men directed them to do so. When this body of rulers threw the apostles into prison, the record at Acts 5:20 shows, the prison doors were opened by Jehovah's angel and he said: "Be on your way and take a position in the temple and keep on speaking to the people all the sayings about this life." That command of Jehovah's angel to the early apostles is still part of God's Word and applies to Christians just as much today. The sayings about this life and the life to come must still be proclaimed to the ends of the earth. Back there the religionists did not want it proclaimed because it interfered with the business of the religionists. There were too many persons turning away from the decaying established religion and following this new truthful religion of Christ Jesus.

20 After the apostles were found missing from prison they were reported as being "in the temple, standing and teaching the people." They were immediately hurried to the Sanhedrin. The Bible account tells us: "So they brought them and stood them in the Sanhedrin hall. And the high priest

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18. (a) In what way did Paul upbraid those who slacked off from teaching in his day? (b) Is this applicable to Christians today?
19. Why was the religious body of the Sanhedrin opposed to the apostles' preaching, and what effect did this have on the apostles?

20-22. (a) What principle with regard to obedience was set forth by Peter and the apostles at Acts 5:29? By David at Psalm 26:11? (b) How is this principle followed today by Jehovah's witnesses, and how do they show they are qualified to preach with confidence?

questioned them and said: 'We positively charged you not to keep teaching upon the basis of this name, and yet, look! you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring the blood of this man upon us.' In answer Peter and the other apostles said: 'We must obey God as ruler rather than men.' " (Acts 5:27-29) The apostles were not afraid of the rulers. Their command from God was to teach and to preach. They were like Jesus, whom David foreshadowed; David said: "As for me, in my integrity I shall walk." (Ps. 26:11) They were marvelous teachers of faithfulness by word and example. Christ Jesus was their example, and they were not faltering but continued turning the minds and hearts of the people away from the old, staid religion of hypocrisy to the words of truth and life, to a religion that showed them that the kingdom of God was the only hope for mankind.

[21] The same thing is happening today as in the days of the apostles. The rulers of the Dominican Republic, under the guidance of the Catholic priests, have beaten and thrown Jehovah's witnesses into prison because they preach the good news of the Kingdom. In Poland and other countries behind the Iron Curtain the rulers say the truth may not be proclaimed because it interferes with the doctrine of communism. However, this does not stop Jehovah's witnesses from preaching in the same manner that the apostles preached in their day. They go underground if necessary and continue their preaching and teaching work. They obey God rather than men! Even in countries where the witnesses of Jehovah have the opportunity to preach freely, opposition often comes against their work because of the religious leaders. If these wicked men want to interfere with the proclaiming of Jehovah's truth, let them also receive Jehovah's judgment.

[22] A true Christian, however, will follow the Word of God and not be silenced but prove himself qualified to teach. He will continue to go to the meetings among the congregated throngs of God and there learn and study diligently so that he will be better qualified to present the truth with confidence to other people. He knows that he must walk in the footsteps of Christ Jesus and preach and teach. He must be faithful to the Word of God and he must follow out Jehovah's commandments. He must equip himself for every good work and be qualified to teach. He must be earnest about the proclamation of the Kingdom, as were the early disciples, and so prove his own integrity.

[23] There is no difference between the way of Kingdom preaching carried on by the apostles in their day and the way Jehovah's witnesses carry on their work today. It is not by big revivals, by construction of great church buildings, by powerful religious groups influencing politicians, by combining different religious denominations into one, that a nation is made a Christian nation. This does not help the people to get an understanding of Jehovah's purposes. Rather, it is the going from house to house, finding those sighing and crying because of the abominations and teaching them the truth that will make persons change their thinking about religion. By a true Christian's going into the home of a stranger and comforting him with the Word of God he will be effective in changing that person's way of life. Not combined force, but the truth will do it. Remember: "A slave of the Lord does not need to fight, but needs to be tactful toward all, qualified to teach, keeping himself restrained under evil, instructing with mildness those not favorably disposed. —2 Tim. 2:24, 25.

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23. What helps a person to become a true Christian, and how do Jehovah's witnesses aid to that end?

[24] At times, in years gone by, a nation has risen up in battle against another nation, carrying on a religious war, trying to make people change their religion. Inquisitions were carried on by religionists in different parts of the earth to make people believe like those in authority. Religionists have tried to force Indians and others with different faiths into the faith of the persecutors. Paul never used those methods, and neither did Christ Jesus have that in mind. Early Christians used the simple method of teaching the truth, sitting down with people and tactfully, patiently, quietly and humbly telling them what God's Word has to say. Even those under evil influence can be taught the truth if they are instructed in mildness. Even those not favorably disposed toward the Bible, if approached tactfully, will listen to a minister of God.

24. How do the methods employed by false religionists compare with those used by Christians when it comes to teaching others?

[25] So Jehovah's witnesses today will try to continue to preach this good news in all the world for a witness until the end comes, and during all this period of time they too will be able to say: "Judge me, O Jehovah, for I myself have walked in my own integrity." Why not study God's Word with them and apply the knowledge you can get from the Bible and thus be with wise persons and become wise yourself? In that case you will surely know that he who is having dealings with stupid ones will fare badly, but that wisdom is a tree of life to those who find it. Do you love life and want to live in God's new world of righteousness under the kingdom of heaven? Then 'stand on a level place among the congregated throngs' and bless Jehovah. Then you will always be determined to say: "As for me, in my integrity I shall walk."

25. What will Jehovah's witnesses continue to do, and what are seekers of truth encouraged to do?

ENDURANCE SERVES TO PROVE INTEGRITY

THERE are not too many people in the world today that will stand for right principles and even suffer for them. Jehovah loves those who will. He is very much interested in men and women who will walk in their own integrity and who will endure even to death for righteousness. Peter appreciated this fact and wrote: "For what merit is there in it if, when you are sinning and being struck blows, you endure it? But if, when you are doing good and you suffer, you endure it, this is a thing agreeable with God. In fact, to this course you were called, because even

1. What shining examples of endurance do we have in Scripture, and for what reason did they and do we endure?

Christ suffered for you, leaving you a model for you to follow his steps closely." (1 Pet. 2:20, 21) That is something to think about, for no individual has ever endured as much pain, suffering, ignominy

and shame as the perfect Jesus went through for the vindication of Jehovah's name. This was a "thing agreeable with God." Then there is Job in his sufferings. It was written of him by James: "Look! we pronounce happy those who have endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome Jehovah gave, that Jehovah is very tender in affection and compassionate." (Jas. 5:11) Why is this suffering allowed, and for what reason do we endure? The answer is integrity.

[2] Will one worship Jehovah because he loves Him, or because he must? Because he gets happiness, or because it brings him a reward? Well, look at Job. He had everything, lost it all, and still loved Jehovah and did not sin against God. He wanted to prove his integrity because he loved the Sovereign Ruler of the universe. Then we have Christ Jesus, who gave up all his heavenly glory and took the form of a man. Why? Because he loved his Father. Was it to get a greater reward? No, but "to do your will, O my God, I have delighted." (Ps. 40:8) Because Christ Jesus loved his Father, was happy in His service and proved faithful under trial and suffering, he received all power in heaven and in earth and now sits at the right hand of Jehovah, the Sovereign Ruler of the universe. Yes, he endured under the test and it helped him prove his integrity.

[3] Just as Job and Jesus did, so do Christians. It is right to give Jehovah true worship. It is right to follow his commandments. It is right to endure the sufferings that come from the Devil's organization and his worldly governments for speaking the truth. Because one walks in his own integrity and lives by right principles he is happy. Many times one endures physical torture, isolation in concentration camps, withdrawal of his freedom of speech, but yet he holds to right principles to preach the good news of God's kingdom when and wherever he can do so, and he is pronounced happy. He is happy! The lives of Jehovah's witnesses over the past six thousand years prove this to be true. The experiences of Jehovah's witnesses in communistic countries in 1957 prove this to be true. The record in the 1958 *Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses* proves this statement to be true. The experiences show that endurance certainly helps one to prove one's integrity.

[4] When one studies the 1957 field service chart of Jehovah's witnesses and notes the last listing "Eight Other Countries," he will see that during 1956 there were 69,884 persons who preached the good news in these Communist countries. Under the 1957 column it shows 80,052 preached God's kingdom behind the Iron Curtain. It would be very unwise to list singly these countries and report them, as we do the other countries that show how many of Jehovah's witnesses there are in each country. That would make it easy for the Communist governments to search out our brothers. Let the communistic police search through all Russia, East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Albania and Bulgaria; they will not find all of them. They know these witnesses are there and they hate them for preaching. In the last year, despite all they had to endure, the record shows that out of the millions of people in these lands 10,168 have taken a definite stand to be Christians. To help others learn the truth from God's Word they are willing to endure all the hardships, persecution and suffering just for doing good. Why? Because "this is a thing agreeable with God."

2. Why do we prove our integrity?
3. What is it right to do, and what, then, is our mental outlook for so doing?
4. What progress in the preaching work was made behind the Iron Curtain during 1957, and why are Jehovah's witnesses enduring the hardships?

[5] Study the chart of all the countries and observe that throughout the whole world there has been an increase of ten percent in truth lovers taking their stand for God's kingdom and becoming ministers. But note: in the eight countries behind the Iron Curtain the increase has actually been fifteen percent. Must we believe that the greater the hardship the greater the desire to work as Christians? Often, when life is pleasant and easygoing and there is no persecution, persons will wait until a later date to prove they are Christians or think about taking up the life of a Christian. That time may never come for many! The time may be too short to wait long. Behind the Iron Curtain many are doing serious thinking about true worship of Jehovah. Should not all of us do the same?

[6] Jehovah's witnesses everywhere are happy with our brothers behind the Iron Curtain and rejoice with them in their fearlessness in the preaching activity. No one can deny that these brothers are enduring much hardship, suffering, turmoil and imprisonment for Christ's sake, and through it all they prove their integrity. We are proud to be working with them in these last days of the Devil's organization, for now we see the preaching of the good news of God's kingdom in all the world for a witness.

[7] The Communist governments have come out boldly declaring that Jehovah's people, his witnesses, are preaching the kingdom of God and this they must stop because it is different from the government by communism. The only way that Jehovah's witnesses will be stopped in their God-given work is for these brutal governments to take their lives, and they have taken many. That is what the Roman government tried to do. Look what happened to it! It never succeeded! The brutality of nations has never been able to wipe out Christianity, and it never will. Every true Christian who has ever lived, whether under very distressing times, such as now exist behind the Iron Curtain, or under other unfavorable circumstances, will not be stopped in his preaching Jehovah's kingdom but will continue to walk in his own integrity. Enduring temptations, trials and testings goes to prove one's integrity. A Christian must be able to say as he goes along in life: "As for me, in my integrity I shall walk."

[8] We should like to bring to the attention of the readers of *The Watchtower* what Jehovah's witnesses have done during the year 1957 in the way of preaching the good news world-wide and to comment on the chart that appears on pages 28-30. All of God's servants will rejoice to know that every month in 1957 there were, on the average, 653,273 ministers preaching the message of the Kingdom. They have tried to teach others the value of God's Word and how to carry on true worship of Him. This is a ten-percent increase over last year's 591,556 ministers. It is difficult to imagine, but it is true that 61,717 persons in all parts of the earth have definitely taken up the ministry regularly every month during the past year. Of this number, 59,828 have symbolized their dedication to Jehovah God by being baptized in water. They are serious about this matter of preaching God's kingdom. They believe it. They believe it so much that they have spent 100,135,016 hours going from house to house, studying in people's homes, telling them about the truths found in the Bible. Before the year ended many others had

5. (a) Contrast the increase between countries outside and inside the Iron Curtain. (b) What danger lies in waiting until later to prove our Christian devotion?
6. Association with whom brings us great pleasure?
7. What view does communism take of Jehovah's witnesses and their preaching work, and yet what will each servant of Jehovah do?
8. (a) What fine increases bring joy to Jehovah's people? (b) How do Jehovah's witnesses show their keen interest in both the people of good will and their newly dedicated and baptized brothers?

joined the New World society and begun preaching, although they have not been in the service regularly every month. As a peak in the number of ministers we have reached a total of 716,901. We hope and pray that during the year 1958 these 716,901 persons will all become regular publishers and do this work every month instead of just once or twice during the year. It will bring them real happiness. Maturity is necessary, though, and it is the responsibility of the overseers in all parts of the world to aid these new ones to see their daily privilege of preaching the good news and taking on the responsibility of conducting a home Bible study. During the year 1957 Jehovah's witnesses have called back on interested persons to the number of 33,327,637 times, and every week throughout the year Jehovah's witnesses have been conducting 413,049 home Bible studies. These studies are conducted in the private homes of the people. They are not the regular meetings, such as the *Watchtower* meeting, where Jehovah's witnesses assemble and study, nor are they the theocratic ministry schools, nor the service meetings or the 442,265 public meetings; but these are free meetings in the private homes of individuals who want to have private study of God's Word, who want to learn the truth as spoken in the Bible. Neither does this total include the thousands of Bible studies that Jehovah's witnesses conduct with newly dedicated persons so as to bring them on to maturity and stabilize them in the truth. We want to see all baptized persons maintain their integrity and not drop out of the service when just becoming new ministers. If the reader has never enjoyed such a study, why not get in touch with Jehovah's witnesses somewhere or write direct to the Society in your country and ask to have someone come to your home to study the Bible with you? If you have not experienced a Bible study in your own home, why not experience it? Begin it now. Find out what it is all about, and you will then know why so many people are flocking to the organization of Jehovah's witnesses. The reason is, it brings them happiness, contentment in life and gives them the opportunity of worshiping the Sovereign Ruler of the universe, Jehovah God, in the manner they should.

[9] There is no question about it, Jehovah God has a great visible organization upon the earth, which he is using to get this good news of the Kingdom preached. World-wide there are 16,883 congregations where Jehovah's witnesses meet. These congregations need Bibles and study aids. The Society prints Bibles, books, booklets, magazines and tracts for distribution world-wide. This is now done in over 120 languages. Last year alone their printing plants produced 3,127,083 Bibles and bound books, and 13,420,097 booklets, pamphlets of thirty-two and sixty-four pages. *The Watchtower* was printed in forty-seven different languages to the number of 75,442,810 copies, and *Awake!* magazine in sixteen languages to the number of 61,005,344.

[10] Jehovah's witnesses are very enthusiastic about distributing *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* and they had an outstanding year. It was necessary to print 136,448,154 copies of these two magazines, to compare with the 108,606,757 printed the previous year.

[11] Once a year Jehovah's witnesses celebrate the Memorial, that is, the death of Christ Jesus. Many of our readers joined in this celebration, which the Bible indicates must be celebrated once each year.

9, 10. How much distribution of the Kingdom literature did the 16,883 congregations of Jehovah's witnesses carry on in 1957?

11. (a) How many attended the Memorial in 1957, and, of these, how many professed to be of the remnant? (b) What invitation is extended to all readers of *The Watchtower?*

1957 SERVICE YEAR REPORT OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES WORLD-WIDE

Country	1956 Av. Pubs.	1957 Av. Pubs.	%Inc. over 1956	Peak Pubs. 1957	Av Pio. Pubs.	No. Public Meet'gs	No. of Cong's	Total Literature	Total Hours	New Subs.	Individual Magazines	Back-Calls	Av. Bible Studies
U.S. of America	169,835	187,762	11	208,260	7,467	159,263	3,718	7,665,149	31,113,033	777,856	35,938,377	9,938,826	135,022
Alaska	126	163	29	193	12	88	5	7,434	31,795	827	36,685	9,567	153
Bermuda	26	28	8	32	1	17	1	2,929	4,786	293	6,103	2,144	33
Eritrea	4	14	250	20	5	94	1	1,920	8,096	272	4,817	3,465	53
Guam	42	17		23	2		1	1,691	5,192	221	4,800	1,604	21
Iceland	11	13	18	17	3		1	6,604	5,419	288	8,092	2,100	18
Islands (Light)	4	4		4	4	74		1,100	3,281	138	2,264	875	11
Somalia		1	New	1	1			53	184	41	157	52	4
Argentina	3,757	4,339	15	4,700	218	2,414	125	178,999	796,382	16,341	748,644	383,000	3,520
Australia	8,244	9,359	14	10,290	382	5,342	304	252,971	1,491,860	24,521	1,542,915	428,948	5,039
American Samoa	19	26	37	32	7	12	1	3,922	13,911	134	6,593	4,600	48
Fiji Islands	51	73	43	84	3	118	2	5,338	14,848	347	17,117	6,318	105
New Caledonia	3	18	500	33	1	10	1	1,761	3,928	343	1,091	1,244	24
Papua and New Guinea	67	143	113	187	5	24	4	2,210	18,478	16	1,181	5,587	79
Solomon Islands	1	4	300	6	1				221			62	6
Western Samoa	27	29	7	41	1	26	1	1,309	9,833	18	3,777	3,022	27
Austria	4,122	4,467	8	4,865	115	3,250	170	109,746	649,899	3,696	632,339	285,396	2,978
Bahamas	116	133	15	146	15	108	3	6,419	34,788	561	35,022	13,667	213
Belgium	4,009	4,528	13	4,950	129	2,227	106	171,103	631,329	6,205	587,937	219,820	2,066
Bolivia	159	191	20	223	39	165	5	13,414	78,560	1,229	60,488	27,377	336
Brazil	8,953	10,522	18	11,602	337	7,374	277	303,474	1,589,741	28,588	1,247,669	552,943	6,134
British Guiana	460	519	13	600	55	352	16	21,663	127,232	1,731	127,016	44,341	633
British Honduras	116	153	32	176	31	123	7	3,608	57,887	92	37,612	22,347	274
British Isles	30,342	34,004	12	37,568	1,192	30,665	755	1,850,983	5,228,395	58,598	6,167,065	2,244,027	24,604
Eire	199	222	12	250	55	304	6	13,540	102,164	325	56,902	33,861	267
Malta	3	4	33	6		1	1	74	442	5	422	248	3
Burma	108	119	10	131	19	89	2	28,297	44,364	1,222	48,809	16,746	185
Canada	25,677	28,541	11	32,412	1,014	19,014	734	975,648	3,734,733	59,069	3,480,673	1,104,674	12,218
Ceylon	97	121	25	146	23	95	3	13,026	45,671	796	27,458	15,845	162
Chile	1,130	1,255	11	1,366	116	1,151	39	49,584	293,940	4,530	276,105	122,337	1,720
China	38	32		53	2		1	661	3,257			1,981	39
Colombia	677	829	22	918	96	646	26	37,643	247,775	1,173	157,343	103,492	1,201
Costa Rica	1,788	1,923	8	2,016	54	897	48	16,597	239,956	905	85,527	73,324	1,136
Cuba	9,342	10,194	9	11,608	312	8,448	313	90,859	1,416,039	6,324	778,599	488,645	7,766
Cyprus	364	389	7	415	22	156	10	7,188	59,532	553	20,061	21,826	242
Israel	31	47	52	57	3	3	2	1,545	7,913	72	903	2,264	24
Denmark	8,095	8,338	3	8,934	145	7,565	187	214,930	887,442	5,644	698,566	344,572	3,144
Faroe Islands	11	12	9	15	4	37	1	2,481	6,144	139	7,022	2,375	21
Greenland	3	3		3	2			609	1,739	8	1,414	818	1
Dominican Republic[1]	521	640	21	674	44	90	19	11,143	119,113	156	49,021	52,335	806
Ecuador	303	318	5	356	48	237	13	21,736	107,940	1,080	95,398	45,652	464
Egypt	287	338	18	373	29	134	10	19,950	77,579	670	21,495	27,430	261
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	12	11		13	2	1	1	515	2,059	132	1,107	653	8
El Salvador	353	402	14	426	46	595	12	14,460	112,241	882	72,288	39,839	487
Ethiopia	76	104	37	119	19	285	7	5,641	63,911	79	3,552	21,937	263
Finland	5,901	6,349	8	6,928	258	6,870	360	167,332	917,713	17,542	984,358	298,733	3,051
France	8,867	9,970	12	10,954	194	6,249	212	444,008	1,174,233	19,569	1,297,480	496,988	4,055
Algeria	63	80	27	97	9	53	2	21,681	25,358	1,285	38,258	14,534	104
Cameroun	2,187	2,816	29	3,067	76	4,431	40	17,843	801,724		7,128	342,802	1,652
Senegal	14	21	50	22	3	4	1	8,389	5,672	50	665	2,949	18
Tunisia	24	27	13	32	4	21	1	4,189	9,746	310	9,489	4,372	36
Fr. Equ. Africa	981	1,254	28	1,431	10	821	20	1,361	212,711	136		130,432	489
Germany, West[2]	48,077	52,688	10	56,883	1,077	36,446	783	1,140,234	7,163,528	48,154	7,664,393	2,642,231	22,262
Ghana[3]	6,207	6,379	3	6,778	198	5,059	139	101,022	1,560,696	2,219	239,028	433,811	5,789
Gambia	3	3		3		5		133	299	1	64	185	2

Ivory Coast	53	46		55	3	29	1	1,417	16,141	39	5,316	5,382	61
Togo	123	132	7	151	6	53	5	2,857	36,957	35	4,707	8,776	168
Greece	5,010	5,441	9	6,178	41	1,231	294	78,465	466,627	2,559	224,747	246,632	1,627
Guadeloupe	129	159	23	175	4	211	6	5,513	25,008	248	23,790	7,438	61
Martinique	10	17	70	20	6	66	1	3,804	10,008	259	12,137	3,570	42
Guatemala	498	567	14	599	49	844	18	20,468	138,134	1,200	114,477	48,578	622
Haiti	269	325	21	417	43	332	12	14,457	103,967	806	71,770	38,026	512
Hawaii	826	923	12	1,019	73	478	17	51,804	215,412	6,813	257,822	73,278	1,122
Canton Island	1	1		2				72	132	20	188	86	2
Honduras	343	408	19	442	47	477	14	16,029	114,265	1,138	86,469	42,471	494
Hong Kong	91	107	18	148	26	213	3	15,676	46,801	2,105	47,399	18,652	249
India	965	1,076	11	1,165	108	484	49	80,729	283,679	2,808	99,959	89,939	913
Indonesia (Java)	206	254	23	277	19	186	8	31,891	54,893	3,874	98,647	20,201	266
Sulawesi	29	32	10	37	4	26	1	6,289	9,224	1,084	12,277	2,867	32
Sumatra	23	18		23	5	14	1	5,810	7,960	497	16,034	2,293	27
Italy	3,229	3,715	15	4,058	177	1,155	169	138,136	556,758	4,792	455,051	260,977	2,179
Libya	53	59	11	63	3	1	1	288	8,395	6	326	4,310	39
Jamaica	3,216	3,615	12	4,104	109	3,159	154	33,539	545,220	1,580	314,022	189,097	3,375
Cayman Islands	6	5		6	2	4		258	3,035	28	988	1,044	15
Japan	546	727	33	841	122	766	29	61,322	247,126	7,095	310,402	99,319	1,135
Okinawa	19	24	26	29	6	19	1	4,350	11,608	825	31,864	5,668	45
Korea	1,469	1,943	32	2,272	170	761	42	110,369	468,266	3,928	232,575	165,772	1,915
Lebanon	405	422	4	481	23	338	10	18,282	64,882	93	7,730	17,645	165
Iran	3	3		3	2	2		460	3,106	72	435	854	10
Iraq	10	18	80	20	7	36	1	2,401	10,933	564	7,868	3,605	36
Jordan	69	55		77	7	12	3	937	13,449	129	1,165	4,415	27
Syria	66	55		66	5	49	2	1,744	11,316	7	171	3,419	22
Leeward Islands (Antigua)	52	57	10	64	5	104	2	1,323	13,441	81	12,937	5,769	69
Anguilla	3	4	33	6					270		56	62	3
Dominica	80	88	10	95	5	77	3	1,098	19,824	43	9,304	5,752	91
Montserrat	9	12	33	12	4	18	1	533	7,537	14	3,364	2,337	42
Nevis	25	27	8	31	2	38	2	211	5,350	12	2,346	2,847	27
St. Kitts	55	65	18	67	4	70	2	1,243	12,347	122	9,549	4,189	56
St. Martin	7	14	100	18	2	31	2	704	4,840	130	3,042	1,808	25
Liberia	187	247	32	263	25	249	6	15,869	106,596	414	32,727	25,831	340
Luxembourg	161	207	29	230	10	112	6	12,030	33,751	320	47,074	15,469	137
Mauritius	24	31	29	41	5	5	2	6,599	8,959	165	14,172	3,293	38
Madagascar	7	12	71	17	3	13	1	3,319	4,447	600	4,593	1,533	16
Mexico	13,230	14,699	11	16,134	299	7,785	552	333,019	1,816,740	10,380	864,412	528,746	7,646
Morocco[4]	15	46	207	61	13	16	2	7,020	20,443	561	15,499	8,424	81
Netherlands	8,801	9,737	11	10,202	276	4,324	161	137,473	1,336,794	4,514	946,234	456,128	3,684
Neth. Antilles (Curaçao)	106	120	13	128	10	81	3	10,653	27,117	824	34,689	11,298	107
Aruba	95	105	10	112	5	56	3	4,176	17,986	725	16,161	5,747	75
Bonaire	9	10	11	12		23	1	474	2,261	36	826	674	7
Newfoundland	307	356	16	405	28	452	30	9,712	64,820	1,153	66,500	20,433	224
New Zealand	2,431	2,748	13	2,995	96	1,539	86	83,728	382,769	7,062	459,715	126,096	1,444
Nicaragua	183	226	23	251	27	165	11	9,226	65,848	718	54,985	25,107	367
Nigeria	19,590	21,192	8	23,509	600	12,225	438	137,012	4,399,289	5,195	378,264	874,461	13,514
Dahomey	690	776	12	1,019	26	495	24	2,823	221,423	79	3,324	47,953	545
Northern Rhodesia	24,740	25,416	3	27,015	130	5,214	404	191,819	4,242,032	5,412	178,536	1,023,409	18,306
Belgian Congo	156	255	63	349			6	122	50,084	17	104	17,323	249
Kenya	4	14	250	22	1	22	1	774	2,918	63	1,373	1,173	19
Tanganyika	281	298	6	344	7	100	12	9,425	82,121	82	2,995	21,371	421
Uganda	13	7		11			1	105	228	4	234	91	2
Norway	2,604	2,744	5	3,011	106	1,321	123	89,761	393,131	4,363	487,075	152,996	1,050
Nyasaland	12,012	12,717	6	14,057	462	13,117	348	83,196	3,021,546	1,635	87,571	921,481	8,615
Portuguese E. Afr.	119	121	2	234	4	161	4	1,072	24,855	7	835	6,761	105
Pakistan	67	79	18	86	13	122	5	4,947	31,208	645	15,592	12,233	113
Panama	950	1,052	11	1,164	74	642	37	25,264	216,708	1,619	139,892	81,913	1,213
Paraguay	201	200		210	21	117	14	5,116	46,541	413	43,482	16,042	167

Country	1956 Av. Pubs.	1957 Av. Pubs.	%Inc. over 1956	Peak Pubs. 1957	Av. Pio. Pubs.	No. Public Meet'gs	No. of Cong's	Total Literature	Total Hours	New Subs.	Individual Magazines	Back-Calls	Av. Bible Studies
Peru	524	608	16	668	100	839	15	43,000	216,411	2,453	182,808	84,226	1,070
Philippines	21,473	22,108	3	23,937	845	6,042	596	266,960	3,304,638	12,093	850,037	770,332	16,101
Portugal	194	276	42	305	11		5	11,969	48,906	612	15,458	22,845	220
Azores	17	21	24	24			2		1,631	33	262	1,061	20
Madeira Islands	10	11	10	13	1		1		1,833	14	163	764	9
Puerto Rico	896	1,011	13	1,117	82	629	29	77,396	225,150	8,351	320,702	87,257	1,254
St. Croix (V.I.)	21	20		24	1	13	2	291	3,030	118	2,541	1,535	24
St. John (V.I.)	3	3		3		4	1	109	362	10	131	220	2
St. Thomas (V.I.)	39	36		39	2	7	1	652	4,638	148	6,181	1,990	26
Tortola (V.I.)	10	12	20	15	3	23	1	537	4,263	42	1,803	1,574	25
Sierra Leone	107	128	20	140	19	291	5	17,694	45,894	602	31,592	16,060	208
Singapore	93	109	17	123	12	59	4	42,469	26,211	1,763	24,674	8,127	114
North Borneo	4	11	175	20			2		644	20	170	115	3
South Africa	12,181	13,356	10	14,443	659	9,880	410	333,023	3,019,346	22,262	1,032,364	709,997	10,303
Angola	25	47	88	54	1	210	2	756	11,307	137	113	4,232	89
Basutoland	64	76	19	102	15	109	5	1,639	34,230	54	1,342	10,048	118
Bechuanaland	92	133	45	150	15	197	2	295	44,058	37	249	9,444	111
St. Helena	38	40	5	49	2	16	2	663	6,428	6	2,671	2,193	30
South-West Africa	32	56	75	72	8	67	1	5,676	17,369	645	17,161	6,558	77
Swaziland	175	199	14	217	5	190	8	571	40,738	29	408	8,171	105
Southern Rhodesia	11,238	11,287		12,151	760	14,508	349	215,387	2,894,655	4,302	461,683	782,323	12,321
Spain	442	674	52	749	42		16	44,405	127,606	7	14,143	71,087	731
Surinam	165	231	40	275	21	147	5	11,465	49,511	461	53,853	17,624	197
Sweden	6,457	6,962	8	7,559	269	6,460	317	189,852	1,021,579	14,566	1,263,243	382,209	3,118
Switzerland	3,534	3,886	10	4,200	104	1,749	109	145,849	521,605	6,295	753,732	218,578	2,280
Talwan	1,398	1,751	25	2,009	39	344	33	15,162	189,501	466	4,458	116,154	478
Thailand	212	242	14	280	39	202	15	27,643	69,747	2,435	71,031	23,342	255
Vietnam		5	New	5		2		180	946	208	136	178	8
Trinidad	1,303	1,380	6	1,508	65	1,314	42	20,248	265,778	2,071	193,011	100,273	1,425
Barbados	451	499	11	550	21	841	24	5,626	90,164	490	48,897	30,041	553
Bequia	2	3	50	5	2	8		62	3,431	8	693	1,220	24
Carriacou	24	35	46	41	5	26	2	289	12,658	18	1,934	4,585	82
Grenada	126	155	23	170	16	183	4	2,102	47,454	199	16,335	12,999	242
St. Lucia	56	65	16	75	12	202	2	979	23,884	134	13,443	8,720	160
St. Vincent	48	60	25	72	9	80	5	729	22,019	93	7,313	7,929	121
Tobago	38	42	11	49	6	73	1	636	16,425	93	12,185	5,962	84
Turkey	139	154	11	168	8	21	8	3,481	24,940	672	7,802	11,010	129
Uruguay	764	867	13	926	87	535	29	37,623	227,463	1,734	128,146	85,093	1,054
Falkland Islands	2	2		2	1			141	202	4	98	84	7
Venezuela	1,071	1,264	18	1,364	101	774	26	44,264	322,130	1,991	179,465	121,428	1,523
Yugoslavia	1,388	1,628	17	1,760		1,503	78	44,997	59,533	14		16,401	431
8 Other Countries	69,884	80,052	15	86,026	279	23,624	3,091	494,023	5,564,460	2,610	753,473	1,871,301	34,681
GRAND TOTAL	*591,556	653,273	10	716,901	20,912	442,265	16,883	18,052,980	100,135,016	1,273,698	76,192,991	33,327,637	413,049

[1] 10-month report.
[2] Now includes the Saar.
[3] Formerly Gold Coast.

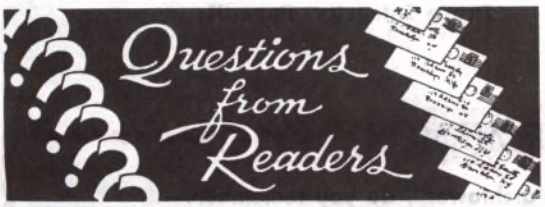
[4] Now includes Tangier.
* Includes two from Saudi Arabia that did not report this year.

In 1957, on April 14, there were 1,075,163 persons who gathered together in our yearly celebration. Of this number, 15,628 professed to be of the anointed remnant. All readers of *The Watchtower* are welcome to associate with Jehovah's witnesses at any time, but we do invite you to celebrate the Memorial of Christ's death with us on April 3, 1958, at our Kingdom Halls anywhere in the world. It is an important date in the life of every Christian. In fact, every day is important in the life of a Christian, for he should try to preach this good news of God's kingdom to someone and make mention of Jeho-

vah's name and tell of His salvation.

[12] To take care of this great organization of Jehovah's witnesses world-wide there are eighty-four branch offices. In these eighty-four branches we have an organization requiring the help of 1,107 persons. And backing them up in full-time service are 20,912 pioneers, special pioneers, missionaries and circuit and district servants scattered all over the world. All of them together associate in congregations in 164 lands and islands of the sea to the number of 16,883. Why not associate with one of them, the one nearest you? Learn about Jehovah's purposes. Do not be afraid of being a Christian and of the endurance that one must show as a Christian in order to prove his integrity. Anyone who is ever going to gain everlasting life is going to have to prove his loyalty and faith to the Sovereign Ruler of the universe. So why draw back? There is no peace of mind or happiness in life in drawing back. It is a progressive person, the one who loves life, who will move ahead. The way to gain life is to live in God's new world. Remember, those who have endured as Christians are pronounced happy. You have seen the outcome of endurance in the life of Christ Jesus and in the life of Job, and in the lives of true Christians behind the Iron Curtain and elsewhere today. What will it gain for them? Christ Jesus gained the tender affection and compassion from Jehovah, and a great reward for integrity-keeping. So did Job, and so will all faithful servants of Jehovah. Why not the same for you? Then you will be able to say as did the psalmist because of your walking in your own integrity: "My own foot will certainly stand on a level place; among the congregated throngs I shall bless Jehovah."—Ps. 26:12.

12. All gaining life must do what, and what comfort do we get from the rewards given Jesus, Job and all other faithful servants of Jehovah?



Why does Leviticus 11:20-23 speak of insects as 'going on all fours,' when they have six feet?—L. E., United States.

Leviticus 11:20, 21 reads: "Every winged swarming creature that goes on all fours is a loathsome thing to you. Only this is what you may eat of all the winged swarming creatures that go upon all fours, those that have leaper legs above their feet with which to leap upon the earth."

It is unreasonable to think that the Bible writer did not know that insects with wings have six legs. He speaks of these insects that 'go on all fours' and then specifies certain ones in this category, and the ones he mentions have six legs, two of these being legs for leaping. A Jewish commentary gives this explanation on verses 20 and 23: *"go upon all four.* The phrase used here cannot be taken to mean that the insects were possessed of only four legs. The words probably refer to their method of locomotion, and signify, 'that move like quadrupeds.' . . . 23. *which have four feet.* i.e. without the 'bending legs.' "

There are winged insects, such as bees and flies and wasps, that walk along like the quadrupeds that go on all four. Of these, there are some with leaper legs that may be eaten. They literally have four feet that they crawl with, the other two being for leaping. The Bible is written in the colorful language of the common people, and we must allow for picturesque or descriptive expressions that are not always strictly literal. We sometimes speak of a man standing up on his hind legs and fighting. We do not mean it to be taken literally, to imply that he has forelegs and that he usually walks along on all four. We are drawing the picture from quadrupeds that rear up on their hind legs and paw or strike with their forelegs, as do horses or deer or bear when fighting. In a similar way, descriptively and not literally, the Bible refers to winged insects as going on all fours like quadrupeds.

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✓✓ CHECK YOUR MEMORY ✓✓

After reading this issue of "The Watchtower", do you remember—

✓ How man is like a fading flower? P. 3, ¶2.

✓ Why increased church memberships are not accompanied by increased morality and spirituality? P. 4, ¶5.

✓ Why a Christian cannot be a friend of the world? P. 5, ¶4.

✓ Who wrote the Bible book of Psalms? P. 7, ¶3.

✓ Whether King David set an example of integrity-keeping? P. 8, ¶1.

✓ How a man can be refined like metal? P. 10, ¶10.

✓ When people of Christian integrity will experience a miracle of deliverance? P. 15, ¶24.

✓ What important work Jehovah's witnesses are doing today? P. 16, ¶2.

✓ How long a person should wait before teaching God's Word of truth? P. 21, ¶17.

✓ Whether persecution in some lands has stopped the proclamation of good news about God's kingdom? P. 22, ¶19.

✓ By what percentage Jehovah's witnesses increased in number during 1957? P. 26, ¶5.

✓ Why the Bible speaks of insects as going on all fours when they have six legs? P. 31, ¶3.