

Live on Channel 40 July 3-8.8-10pm Trinity Broadcasting Network is pleased to announce the special television coverage by Channel 40 of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International 1978 World Convention and Silver Anniversary celebration at the Anaheim Convention Center, July 3-8. The president, Demos Shakarian, will speak along with such notable speakers as Oral Roberts, world-famous evangelist, author, and teacher; Pat Robertson, Christian Broadcasting Network president; Jim Bakker of PTL Club of Charlotte, North Carolina; and Paul Crouch, Trinity Broadcasting Network president and founder. Other notables include Herb Ellingwood, Attorney General of California, and Henry J. Block, the real estate magnate. Chico Holiday and John Hall, along with other annointed musicians and singers, will provide the musical entertainment. Some of America's favorite teachers, pastors, and businessmon will share their testimonies and expertise in special seminars such as "Television Media Use, "International Banking," and "Marketing." Early registration is encouraged for the seminars. The ladies will have their own luncheon and programs as well as the youth and children. For information, write or call Dick Minasian, Convention Department, P. O. Box 5050. Costa Mesa. CA 92626. (714) 751-3900. says, The Oklaho City partners had their third Prayer Rally on May 18. The group is seeking God's intervention for the FCC approval to be granted to Trinity rather than their secular competitor. If you are interested in seeing the GOSPEL message spread to all corners of the country, PLEASE PRAY for Trinity Broadcasting of Oklahoma City, Channel 14. The folks there are excited about the possibility of a satellite translator station, also, and solicit your prayers for possible FCC approval for this project. The city council is preparing to establish cable TV in the area so it appears that the Lord is setting the stage for widespread coverage. DYNAMIC CHRISTIANITY--Exciting new group of teaching sessions with well-known speakers such as Ray Mossholder, Bob Harrison, and Willard Cantelon in a series 5:30 PM (=Ri.) of five half-hour segments. 6 Am NEWBORN--Much requested program for new Christians with popular teacher Jack Hayford. 5AM LOVE AND POWER CONCERTS--Contemporary Christian music for the youth and young in heart. 12:30 Am SUNDAY! ROGER MEDUFFS SHOW - COMING SOON ON CH. 40! EVER-INCREASING FAITH--A faith-building program televised at Crenshaw Christian Center in Inglewood with the pastor Fred Price teaching. 7Pm (FRi.)

## Contemporary Theology of Prayer

"Pray without ceasing." I Thess. 5:17 "Make prayer the main business of your life." (Paraphrase)

Most of my life the reason for prayer has been a mystery. Since God is selfsufficient and has all power to accomplish any and all desired ends without our help, and since He knows in advance all of our needs, and since He also knows and wills all that is best for the world, and He alone has the power to do what He wants, WHY DID HE ORDAIN THE SYSTEM AND PLAN OF PRAYER?

Is it possible that the prayers of helpless people are of any use to Him? If He knows our needs before we ask Him, is He so reluctant to fill them that we must spend hours, even days in prayer to persuade Him? Is it possible that fallen human beings are more interested in the well being of the world than He? Is He so loathe to do what is best for the world, is He so uninterested in the extension and success of His kingdom that we must intercede, implore, and entreat Him until He surrenders to our superior wisdom and desire for His work and workers?

THIS IS A SLANDER UPON GOD. This is the false theology of prayer that Satan has foisted upon many of us. Since this theology is false, what, then, is the real explanation, THE REAL REASON why God designed the system of prayer?

It must be made clear that God did not devise the plan of prayer for His own benefit or as His way of getting things done. He does not need anything that we can do. Therefore, He must have designed the plan of prayer for OUR benefit. It must be fulfilling some purpose in His plan for US. Consider the following:

The ultimate goal of the universe is the creation, training, and preparation of an Eternal Companion for the Son; and that is the Church, Christ's Bride-elect. Because she is to be elevated to the throne of the universe as co-ruler with her divine Lover and Lord, she must be trained and educated for her royal duties. Therefore, God has designed the system of prayer for HER SAKE. It is His plan for giving her on-the-job training in overcoming the forces hostile to God in preparation for her role in rulership following the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

In the prayer closet the Bride-elect is learning how to use the weapons of prayer and faith in overcoming God's foes as a prerequisite for enthronement. God is using Satan and his hierarchy as sparring partners to teach His future Bride the lessons and techniques of overcoming because it is the overcomers who are to share the throne. Spiritual pygmies may not be qualified to reign with Him. Without conflict, all of us would be spiritual dwarfs. What foes will be left to overcome after the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, we may not know. But the character and skills acquired in overcoming evidently are necessary to qualify us for rulership.

This seems to be the REAL PURPOSE for the plan of prayer. When we understand this, it provides the most powerful incentive to MAKE PRAYER THE MAIN BUSINESS OF LIFE. PaPa Billheimer

## VE FROM JERUSALEM ISRAEL VIA SATELLITE TO YOUR HOME

The most exciting television production of the year occurred April 30 as the TBN Holy Land tour group gathered in the Rose Garden of the Intercontinental Hotel high up on the Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem. The finest, most sophisticated satellite equipment relayed the power-packed service instantly to many areas of Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, Montana, Tennessee, and Washington, D. C. From the very first greeting by President Paul and Jan Crouch and prayer by Jerry Barnard, viewers were well aware of the Holy Spirit's beautiful yannointing and presence.

Jan shared a few outstanding tour experiences: in the Upper Room where one sister magnified the Lord in a recognizable Hebrew tongue. Another member of the group had a crushed foot healed and thirty were baptized in the Holy Ghost similarly to the first 120 who received the Holy Spirit's outpouring as recorded in Acts 2. A special miracle testimony was related by Jan concerning a dear lady who had watched the first satellite program from Israel as she lay crippled and helpless, the victim of rheumatoid arthritis. The Lord touched and healed her as she watched and just one year later she was well and able to make the trip to Israel and share her miracle. Faith was gendered through these testimonies resulting in many reports of spiritual and physical healings.

Roger McDuff and our own beloved Spirit Song moved in the flow of the Holy Spirit with music that greatly enhanced the inspiring worship service.

Florence Christie, thirty-eight years a veteran in Egyptian missionary endeavor, displayed the Gospel in pictures, her evangelism tools for ministry among the Arab population of Israel. She expressed her love and gratitude to TBN for helping to finance the production of these pictures. Introductions of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Eby followed and he relayed his unique experiences in Heaven and hell, obeying the Lord's command to "TELL THEM!"

The graphic tour of Jerusalem then delighted every "armchair traveller" with a visit to the Wailing Wall, Garden of Gethsemane, Upper Room, Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, Mount of Beatitudes, Shepherd's Field, and Dome of the Rock on Mount Moriah.

After Jerry Barnard ministered so beautifully, Paul challenged the viewers with "Be ready, for in such an hour that ye think not, the Son of Man cometh!" Each person is given the opportunity to choose: you will meet Jesus as the loving Savior or as the righteous Judge! As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord! Christian TV is our God-given tool to reach the lost and the Gospel call is going forth. "BE YE RECONCILED TO HIM."

The Trinity stones that Jan brought from the base of the satellite dish in Tustin were buried there on the Mount of Olives where Jesus will stand according to Zechariah 14:4 when He returns as Lord of Lords and King of Kings. This ceremony forged another link of love in the chain of unity that joins the Trinity family to the beloved land of the Bible. A tree-planting ceremony earlier and presentation of gifts to the Department of the Interior for refurbishing old landmarks were significant events that express our love for His chosen people.

The love gift for the month of June is a polished pewter pendant in the form of a little child in God's hand. For your own pendant, fill out the coupon below and send it with your offering to help keep the Gospel message on the air.

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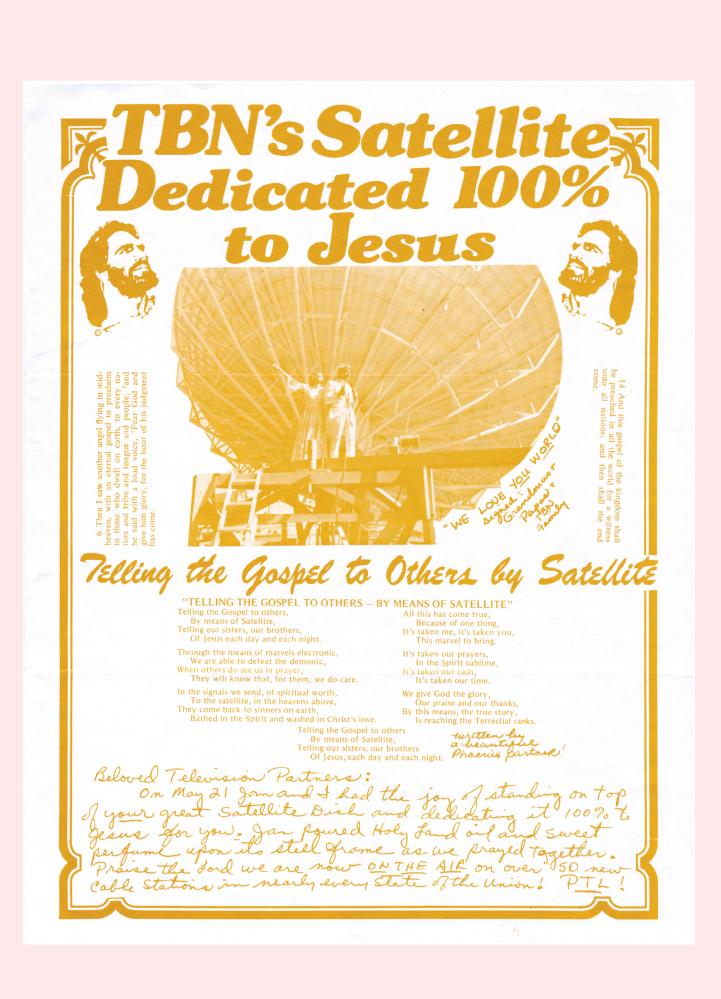
The head counselors have given us glowing reports of the many who have The majority received miracles, healings, and the baptism in the Holy Spirit. of the local Christians are attending rather formal conservative churches. Since "Praise the Lord" has come to Channel 62, they are experiencing the Lord Jesus Christ in their personal lives and what a difference!

A good example of a miraculous deliverance was that of a homosexual who was recently set free by the power of God. Another call received by the counselor was that of a former "pimp" who not only received salvation but has had his life completely changed and he is now active in a fine local church.

A word of knowledge came for a man who had lost everything and everyone he held dear because of alcohol. The man called in and was saved and delivered. His life has been turned around--Praise the Lord! There have been healings of the stomach, pressure headaches, cancer in the lung, kidney stones, arthritis, and depression and our Lord Jesus receives all the glory.

Attention San Francisco Bay Area partners! The "Praise the ord" program is moving from Channel 26 to Channel 20 on June 1. We lost our night time slot on Channel 26 to paid secular TV. Until another time opens up, we will be on Monday through Friday from 9 am to 11 am and Saturday and Sunday from 12 midnight to 1 am. "Demos Gloria A Dios" will be on every Saturday at 3 pm. Be sure to watch and tell EVERYBODY!

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