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Arm thyself with FAITH and LOVE; this brings VICTORY from above.

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“This is the VICTORY that overcometh
the world, even our FAITH.” 1 Jno. 5: 4.

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A VERY PRESENT HELP

“*I will never leave thee nor forsake thee*” (Heb. 13: 5).

When I awake of a morning my mind is on Thee,
Pour out Thy rich blessings dear Lord upon me;
Through the day I will need Thee to bless and to keep,
And the powers of darkness Thy grace to defeat.

Temptations may gather and billows may roll,
But there's none that can harm me, for He watcheth
my soul;
Through the night I will need Thee to watch while
I sleep,
As all the good shepherds keep watch o'er their sheep.

When life's journey is over and its voyages are past,
I shall lay down my armour and be at rest at last;
Beside the still waters of death I may stand,
But Jesus is by me and offers His hand.
And when I reach heaven, that city so fair;
I'll praise Him forever for taking me there.

—SUSIE WHIPPLE.

NOBLE ENTHUSIASM OF THE PAST

“*They loved not their lives unto the death.*”

(Rev. 12: 11) Part 1.

By BRO. J. D. LLEWELLYN.

Our noble brother and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, with all the faithful through all ages—John, the Revelator—comprehended the great vision of the terrible war upon the saints and the conflict ending in glorious victory for Victor Emmanuel (Jesus) and His servants who loved not their lives unto the death, but overcame him (satan) who deceiveth the whole world! Revelation 12: 11 tells us they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. Praise God! “Now is come salvation and strength and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night” (Rev. 12: 10). The foregoing words clearly express the thought of a great spiritual conflict—satan, the devil, and his angels against Michael, the

Prince. (Daniel 12: 1). Satan is the prince of this world (John 12: 31; 14: 30; 16: 11). Jesus or Michael is Prince of peace (Isa. 9: 6). Satan is the accuser of the brethren day and night, but the saints proved to be overcomers by the blood and their testimony. This is surely a true picture of all who contend for “the faith” and love not their lives unto death. All through the ages the accuser has been at his work, and we also learn that earnestness, zeal, and enthusiasm have often been sealed by martyrdom in those who overcame by faith. Victory, victory will eternally be the reward of those who overcome by the blood of the Lamb. Praise God!

See the Old Bible characters who possessed zeal and enthusiasm, how God greatly valued such qualities and used them mightily, even though such devotion to holy wisdom brought persecution upon God's workers. Jehu had great zeal for God. Jehu said to Jehonadab, “Come with me and see my zeal for the Lord.” He gathered all the prophets of Baal, wisely concealing his motive for the complete destruction of the false Baal worshippers. (2 Kings 10: 16-25). Elijah in zeal against the prophets of Baal said: “Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook, Kishon, and slew them there” (1 Kings 18: 40). Elijah and Jehu had perfect zeal as they slew them *all*, not one escaped. In reading the accounts of the Old Testament prophets, we learn that they were every zealous and jealous for God's cause. Recall how Elijah after his notable victory at Mt. Carmel said to the Lord, “I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, thrown down Thy altars and slain Thy prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life to take it away” (1 Kings 19: 9-10). Not only with Elijah did persecution follow, but with all the Prophets of Truth down through the ages. Yet noble, true prophets did not tolerate wrong doing and act smoothly, but spoke and acted as God commanded them, for they considered the judgment and severity, as well as the goodness of God.

Examine that wonderful list of faith heroes in Hebrews 11th chapter: "Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned the armies of the aliens to flight. Women received their dead raised to life again, and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonments; They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheep-skins and goat-skins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy); they wandered in deserts and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all having obtained good report through faith" (Heb. 11: 33-39). In John 1: 10 we learn that He (Jesus) was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not." So this unworthy, abominable world knew not those worthies. Such spiritual ignorance still exists, therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not (1 John 3: 1). It is an undeniable fact that present modern, respectable religion, in its smooth, compromising way, does not "know" those who are wholly on the altar, and love not their lives unto death. "The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His" (2 Tim. 2: 19). How are they known? They that are not of the Spirit of Christ are none of His! (Rom. 8: 9). Did the Spirit of Christ permit the least part of a worldly element to co-operate with Him in His victorious cause? Did not He say to the young ruler, "One thing thou lackest?" What spirit impressed Paul to be so inspired as to say: "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed?" (Rom. 12: 2). If vain, worldly customs be upon and around us, where will these solemn words of our Divine Teacher take effect: "Whosoever he be that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14: 33). Plainly, this leaves no room for any unnecessary articles. Paul teaches that all that is of the flesh must be done away with. There are many things that the world hates to remove. For what purpose are the unnecessary articles, whether in the home or upon the body, if not to please the flesh? Again, if true ministers of God will not boldly expose and denounce the little technical, "unnecessary" things which now cause much division between true saints and compromising ones, wherein does persecution of the Cross come in? Should they not

stand zealous and enthusiastic for the One Way—for the Bible no where speaks of two ways for the saints to travel upon, just the one highway where it is said that a wayfaring man though a fool shall not err therein. Let all the noble saints of God be stirred up in their pure minds to walk firmly in the way of the Cross. The tenor of all true teachings of apostles and prophets reveals a note of suffering when one remains firm, radical, zealous, and enthusiastic for the Truth.

The testimony of Jesus concerning John is that "he is a burning and a shining light" (John 5: 35). Fire consumes all dross. In these last days God surely wants us to be on fire. Luke-warm service will not do. "I know thy works that thou art neither hot nor cold. I would thou were cold or hot. So then because thou art luke-warm and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth" (Rev. 3: 15-16). Mixed practices are unbearable to God, for such are as a cake not turned (Hosea 7: 8). God's pleasure is for each of us to be able to say with David, "My cup runneth over," also to be filled with the Spirit, to be dead to the world, to abstain from all appearance of evil (1 Thess. 5:22). There is evil in a thing when it appears for a display or style or custom. There is wrong in devoting precious time to worldly things, thus robbing God's time. Why do some allow upon their clothes unnecessary buttons, ribbons, and feathers? Is it not to please the family of those no wiser than themselves, as John Wesley expresses it? Why do some decorate their homes with beautiful pictures or flowers? We love flowers, but when God's time is robbed, the poor neglected, and the claims of God ignored, then this pride is an outrageous crime against pure Christianity. Pride is the awful monster which has caused the downfall of nation after nation. Against false pride, all the holy men of the ages have fought fearlessly. Whenever the desires of the flesh are opposed it will always make warfare. "For he that is after the flesh persecuteth him that is born after the Spirit (Gal. 4: 29). Right and wrong cannot walk in fellowship. Experience and the Bible teach us that all evil spirits—the binding, man-rule spirits—are unable to endure a saint's earnestness, enthusiasm, and sound doctrine. The great conflict of all spiritual enthusiasts has been against the domination of man-rule. How did Jesus, also John the Baptist, deal with the Pharisees? Was it not Paul's preaching the Gospel of the Cross, which clears away error, and makes a pure religion?

A minister without Holy Ghost power is like a gun without powder and shot: it will bring no game down.

GOD'S KINGDOM—PRESENT

I am praising God this morning that I am yet in His kingdom, though we are surrounded by false spirits of various kinds in these times of peril, God will keep each of His trusting children in peace with the joy and righteousness of His kingdom in our souls as we take heed to ourselves, watch and pray, and live by every word of God. A short time ago a woman came to visit us who had a paper which taught that Jesus would soon come and set up His kingdom on earth, and also taught that hell was not everlasting, or was not a place of everlasting punishment. Of course I realize they who teach such doctrine are not in the kingdom of God, or they would not teach that way.

We hear the wise men say, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" Then we hear Jesus say, "Seek ye first the *kingdom of God*," also He said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17). John the Baptist preached, "Repent, ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:2). Then Jesus commissioned His disciples (Matt. 10:7) "as ye go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." He sent the disciples to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick (Luke 9:2). "The kingdom of heaven is come nigh unto you" (Luke 10:9). Then we hear Pilate ask Him, "Art thou a king?" Then Jesus answered, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice" (John 18:37). Dear ones can you hear His voice in this matter? I am so glad we can have the truth abiding within us. Jesus said also, "The kingdom of God is within you." We find by searching the Scriptures that Paul and all the apostles preached the kingdom of God.

Let us see by the Word if hell is everlasting or not, "And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than, having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire: where the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched" (Mark 9:47-48). "So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just; and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 13:49-50). "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:14-15). "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brim-

stone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever" (Rev. 20:10). I will say like Jesus, "Let these sayings sink down into your ears." If I should go around talking to my neighbors, telling them that Christ is coming to set up a kingdom when He comes, or that hell is not an everlasting punishment, I would be teaching just contrary to Jesus' teachings. Then, what would I be doing? I would be persecuting Christ in the spirit, just as much as Paul did. "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks" (Acts 23:14). And I would have an anti-christ spirit. Why? Because God's Word says that the Spirit and the Word will agree. So if any find that they have a spirit that will not agree with Christ's teaching, we may know it is a wrong spirit and should repent of it and like Simon say to those who are right and have power in prayer with God, "Pray ye the Lord for me, that none of those things which ye have spoken come upon me" (Acts 8:24). Then I would warn you as Paul, "Beware, therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets" (Acts 13:40). "Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid. Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say to him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say to him that framed it, He had no understanding?" (Isa. 29:13-16). Oh, dear saints of God, beware of false spirits. We are taught we should know those that labor with us. Your brother desiring to do all of God's will for me.

—G. E. INGHAM.

By conforming to the world, one's preaching becomes as a lovely song to people: no real Holy Ghost conviction, no adding of saved souls, but the increase is generally of the worldly minded, somewhat like those that came to John to be baptized, they bring forth no fruit worthy of repentance.

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Let us beware and watch, brethren, for this is a fast age, and the world is going at a rapid pace and the current is strong. See that you have oil in your vessel.

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Since sending out the last Faith and Victory we have had many calls for papers and tracts together with a goodly number of encouraging letters from those who have been blessed and helped through reading of the same. This encourages and inspires us to continue on in a humble, God-fearing manner for we know that the literature would be as dead matter unless God worked by His Spirit and gave life to words written. When God by His Spirit illuminates the mind and heart of the reader his soul will be fed and his heart will be lifted to God who giveth all good things.

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We are in touch with a few missionaries in foreign lands whom we have confidence in as being real missionaries, ones who have the souls of these dark lands at heart, and if the Lord is leading any of our readers to give to foreign work, you can send your offering to us and we shall be glad to forward it on to them, or would be glad to give you their addresses so you could send to them direct if you preferred.

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In this paper you will find the obituary of Bro. J. L. Pike, one of the old pioneer ministers in the reformation, and one who has held up the truth through all the swaying and sliding times, passed away in peace and no doubt has heard the words, "enter ye into the joys of the Lord."

We were personally acquainted with Bro. Pike and loved him as a brother, and as far as we saw and knew he lived a life unconformed to this world, and no doubt many souls can look back to the time when God through him gave them light and knowledge on the Word. We join in sympathy for those who in his death have lost a husband, a father, a brother, and a friend. We feel assured that our loss is heaven's gain.

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We have deep decisions in our heart to do all that God makes us able to do, also to teach and to observe all things that He has commanded us, neither do we feel wrong in heart toward those that do not sacrifice as much as we do, nor toward those that God may be using more than us, or those that He may be using in a different way, for each of us have our calling and place in the body and we keep saved by being obedient to the voice and will of God to us.

In St. John, first chapter and seventeenth verse, we read that "The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." Now the law had a stern command to it, "Thou shalt," but when grace and truth came we hear Jesus saying, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Real love for Christ and for God, dwelling in the heart of man, will cause him to be diligent to keep all the commandments in His Word. And when we see those that have light and knowledge concerning the wearing of gold, pearls and costly array (1 Tim. 2: 9) putting them on, we at once know that their love for God is growing cold and that they are thinking better of themselves, and have a desire to be appreciated by the worldly-minded. Neckties, laces and superfluity of ribbon is unnecessary and therefore can clearly be classed with adornments, which show pride in the heart or an unwillingness to separate from the world and fully bear the offence of the cross. "It is the little foxes that spoil the vine." Someone may say that it does not hurt to put on a little extra or wear a little gold. But we say that it does, for a little only gives place for more, and we believe in stopping where the Word stops and in thus doing let God be our God. If we let man tell us where to stop, then he would be our god, but if we let the Word tell us then God will be our God. Those who persist in adorning themselves and conforming to the world had better go with the Trumpet sect for they belong there in spirit. No, brethren, the Lord has redeemed us by His precious blood from all the pollutions of this world and has taken out of our heart fashions, fads and pride, together with worldly conformity. Neither shall we give ear to seducing spirits that would reason us away from the simplicity that is in Christ Jesus, but we shall, by the grace of God, walk in this world separated unto God. It makes us sad at heart to sit and listen to one in the pulpit who is flashing gold in your face from the rim of their glasses. While we know that we are all weak creatures and have nothing to boast of, are liable to drift or permit ourselves to be reasoned astray. But we find in Second Timothy 3: 16 that "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness," and as we look into the perfect law of liberty (the Word of God) it will correct us wherein we have slid.

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Satan, our adversary, is a great reasoner and can put on a pious face and make it seem very plausible why you should do this or that, and at the same time send feelings to harmonize with his reasonings. Let us make our calling and election sure by keeping as far from danger as possible, letting the perfect love of God, that casts out fear, fill our hearts, then we shall be sanctified, meet for the Master's use, prepared for every good work.

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It is far better to be in the fulness of God's will, rather than to be in His permissive will.

We believe in letting the gospel of Christ sound out clear and definite so that honest seeking souls will not be in the dark as to the way of the cross, at the same time bearing the fruits of the Spirit in forbearance and longsuffering with those that are weak in the faith and to those who may stumble or go astray. At the same time, by the help of the Lord, we mean to stand firm on the Rock which cannot be moved, manifesting the gospel in our every day life in deed and in truth. Big words, fair speeches, and smooth reasonings do not entice nor move us, for we discern this fast age and the immense pollutions in this world: the flattery, and cunning, crafty deceit of Satan, hiding under a cloak of religion.

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Bro. Longley of this office has arrived home from Hinton, Okla., where he has been assisting Sister Wilson, of Shawnee, in a meeting near Hinton. While there they stopped with Bro. Eli McCarty. He reports that the attendance and attention was pretty good. One soul was saved, the truth was planted, and some received light on God's Word and were strengthened in the faith.

Bro. Robert Longley at this writing is at Anthony, Kans. laboring with God and the saints at that place.

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Bro. W. M. Wilson of Cane Hill, Ark. is now free to visit congregations of saints, and to hold meetings. Write him for dates.

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Bro. and Sister J. D. Llewellyn are now at New Bloomfield, Pa., and are having some good meetings at points surrounding and at this place. We keep in touch with their movements and will forward all mail to them that is sent in care of this office. They need your prayers and co-operation in holding up the clear truth, as many are weakening and falling from the way of faith, blinding and carrying many others with them, through reasonings, making it hard and sometimes lonesome for the separated-unto-God ones, as nearly all people see more with natural eyes than with the spiritual eye.

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God is raising up home missionary workers at Bend, Oregon and if any one desires to help them in the work at that place you can write to Bro. E. T. Callan, Mortor Route A., Bend, Oregon.

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Bro. and Sister E. Myers, 614 W. Hayes St., El Reno, Okla., are isolated and desire any of God's people passing through to stop and see them. They are also praying the Lord to open the way for a tabernacle meeting to be held there this summer.

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OKLAHOMA STATE CAMP MEETING

A representative number of ministers and saints having thought best to do so, the State Camp Meeting will be held at Boley, Okla. this season instead of Okla. City. There will be no change in the date

so it will be held from Aug. 7-16. Let the saints continue to pray and plan for the meeting. Particulars in next issue.

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OBITUARY

James Lawson Pike was born at Fowler, Saint Lawrence Co., N. Y., May 16, 1850, and died May 18, 1925. He was sick sixteen weeks. He was patient through all of his sickness, often saying, "If we suffer with Him, we shall reign with Him." He never murmured once of God's way with him.

He gave his heart to God at the age of 37 in this Evening Light and stood true to God through all the testing scenes of life. Two years after he embraced the truth God called him to the work as a traveling evangelist for Whom he labored until God called him from his labors.

James Lawson Pike, an old pioneer minister of righteousness who labored in the South and Southwest, so well known among the saints for the last 30 years, departed this life May 18, at Battle Creek, Mich. Age 75 years and two days. He was faithful till death to the faith he always upheld. Funeral services conducted by the writer. Text Rom. 5: 12.

—ERNEST CARTWRIGHT.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bend, Oregon.—My Dear Bro. Pruitt and all in your house, Greetings: I feel that God wants me to testify to His goodness and mercy to me, and that He is causing me to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that He is giving me more wisdom and understanding of His Word as I go along. Praise God I am still on the plum line for God and His great work, and ask your prayers that I may be kept by His power, that is able to keep me from falling, and that nothing can by any means move me from following where He leads.

Bro. Callan and I feel led to start a work here in this part of God's great harvest field, and we need your prayers that God will give us wisdom and understanding, that we may know how to be good fishermen for souls. The fish that bite at the true Word of God are not so plentiful as they used to be, so we need to be careful, rightly dividing the Word of Truth and knowing what kind of baith to use for the different kind of fish. In Matt. 10: 16, Jesus says to be wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. In Prov. 11: 30 we are told that he that winneth souls is wise. Satan is more subtle than any beast of the field, so we must meet him as Christ did and with the very same weapons. We are starting out in the name of Jesus, and a few faithful ones to help in the work, but all poor in this worlds goods for which we are thankful, knowing God is able to supply all our needs, and it is so sweet to trust Him.

May God keep His hand upon His work there, and so fill you each one with His Holy Spirit that nothing can turn you from following hard in His footsteps. There is a highway of holiness where no unclean thing can walk, the vulture's eye hath not seen it, Praise God! There is where I want to be found when Jesus comes. Glory to His name, it is possible; yes, it is worth striving for. Your sister in the one body of Christ. —IONE E. ROBBINS.

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Blackburn, Ark.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: As I have been taking the little paper ever since you have been printing it, and I like it fine, I think it is clean and straight. I was converted 47 years ago and my sins were pardoned and I knew it for myself. Then I heard straight holiness preached. I sought it and obtained it and was baptized with the Holy Ghost, sanctified wholly and set apart to the service and glory of God. I was saved from all sects and I am still saved from them, and I am saved as much from the Pentecostal sect as any other, because they hadn't been invented when I was saved. I know the devil is sharp but he has not got me in any of his traps yet and I praise God for it. I am still saved and under the blood. —J. T. HARRISON.

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State Prison, San Quentin, Calif.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: Will all of you please pray for us that Jesus may be lifted up here in San Quentin Prison, as we are trying to preach the whole truth and the devil is working hard against us. But glory to God, we know there is power in the blood of Jesus if the whole truth is preached, but it sure does make some of these professing hypocrites hallow. It is far better for them to be woke up here than in hell. As far as we know, the whole truth has never been preached in here Sunday after Sunday before. But we are trusting in our dear Savior, for if we lift Him up He will draw all men to Him.

We praise God that it is possible to live without sin, to be sanctified and have the fullness of the Holy Ghost abiding within. Oh, if the preachers of the United States and whole world would only preach the full gospel and the old time repentance, there would be more men and women living the old time religion. We were praying for a brother yesterday and I saked him if he was saved. He said he was. I then asked him if he would give up his tobacco, for I knew he wouldn't get the fire to fall or the Holy Spirit to take up His abode if he didn't. He said, "I don't have to do that." I began to rebuke the devil in the name of Jesus and he said to me, "Can the devil cast out devils?" But I kept praying and rebuking the devil in the name of Jesus, then he cried out, "Can Jesus fight against Himself?" but the more he cried, the more Brother Roberts and I prayed, and, praise the Lord, he finally broke down and began saying, "All I can see is checker boards," as we had often told him a saved man would not take up his time doing those things when there are so many on the road to hell. But we are thankful that he made peace with God, but not until he fully surrendered.

Neither can anyone else, for God has only one way, and if we don't meet His conditions we will never get saved or pass from death unto life. This all came about through this man getting a telegram that his unsaved brother was killed. May God help all of us to never waste any of our time when souls are going into eternity every day without Christ. My God, my God! Why will people argue over giving up worldly pleasures when we know they are a stumbling block to God's work. Right here is where the trouble comes in: they don't seek until they get the new birth and go on to sanctification. Glory to God! we are glad we can live a holy life here on earth, if we are only willing to give up fully and fulfill Romans 12: 1-2. Yours in the Lord's work.

—JINKS HARRIS,—37255.

AND RAY ROBERTS—39156.

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Marion, La.—Dear workers at Faith Publishing House: I must try and state to you the great pleasure I received from the tracts and the little paper, Faith and Victory. I have received only two copies and have read every word from cover to cover, then gave them to friends to read and I am sure they are going to pass them on to other hungry souls. I received my first tracts (3 or 4) from a minister by the name of Silvia. He held a meeting out here but has gone now. I only had the pleasure of attending two sermons and they were in perfect accord with the Scripture.

I am a mother of three children, my eldest being 14 years old and afflicted from whooping cough, and dear brothers and sisters I ask that all of you help me pray for him to be healed. I was converted in a man-built church and after a while the wind began to blow and it began to tremble, then I let go this church and put my trust in God only, who doeth all things well. O, could I but speak instead of write! I am praying and trusting God to enlarge the supply of tracts and Faith and Victory that you may be able to continue sending them to me and to those whose names and addresses I am sending. I have had people to ask me for my paper before I received it. May the Lord bless His children to do His will. With love to all the dear saints. Your sister in Jesus.

—EULA MORGAN.

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Bani Suef, Egypt.—Dear saints of the living God: Greetings to you in Jesus' precious name. The Lord bless and prosper you for His own glory. Amen. I am in receipt of the good encouraging letter in the order for \$30 that expresses sympathy and thought of us in our isolation and makes us fresh comfort and joy for the fellowship of of God. I am truly very grateful for the w being provided for which we feel unworth and I thank God for our brothers and America that are behind us. This stirs ou their utmost fervency. May God bless His a thousand times for this and all they ha The Church and Sunday School will never l much good they have done with their money

gates of the glory world swing open and they see Jesus and the millions of redeemed souls in glory. When they see thousands of souls coming from the dark heathen lands praising God and saying, "It is your money that kept the true work of God going on in those remote places across the great waters, through which I received the glad tidings that caused me to forsake sectish and heathen religion. I was bound with fetters of sin and superstition. I was fasting and punishing myself in many ways. I was prostrating myself upon the ground before a wooden cross, bowing down to an image. I was deluded and under the power of the false Mohamedan religion, but your money brought me the gospel that enlightened my poor soul." Then they will wish they had done a thousand times more. May the Lord bless His Church and cause them to press on and push the gospel to the ends of the whole earth.

Since my last letter to you, it seemed good to the Lord to let us pass through some trying times, but deliverance never came too late. Sometimes it seemd that all was dark and no way of escape, but thanks be unto God who teaches us to wait on Him and be of good courage. The work is still going on and the Lord gave us some precious souls. I have opened another branch in one of the cities which is attended by a goodly number of people. Please pray for them as well as the work in general over here.

Please continue to send me the paper Faith and Victory. God bless and reward you for your labor of love. I still remain your humble Bro. and servant.

—HANNA ARSANIOUS.

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Wilmington, Del.—Dear saints in Christ Jesus: Greetings in His dear name. Your kind Christian letter was received a few days ago and was so glad to get it. I am thankful to the Lord that the prayers of the saints went up before the throne of God blessed Savior for me. I received the healing to my body before I received your letter in answer to my request for agreement in prayer and I was able to do a little work. I started to work the 11th day of May and haven't lost a day. I am getting stronger every day and am giving the Lord all the praise. I had been sick for 16 months and this put me behind with rent and taxes and living expenses for myself and family. Dear ones I am asking you to still pray for me that the Lord keep me healed and able to work. Also please send me some more tracts to distribute. Your Brother in Christ. —A. D. WASHINGTON.

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Olivet, Mich.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: I feel led of the Lord again to write my testimony for Faith and Victory. This finds me saved and sanctified and doing God's will so far as I know how to do it, and walking in the light of God's Word as He has been pleased to shed on my pathway. I am still receiving Faith and Victory and I truly thank God for the clean paper. It surely is a great blessing to me. The Holy Ghost messages are so inspiring and uplifting to my soul. I missed the paper so much when the March number did not come.

The Lord has been so good to us the past winter. In the forepart of the winter I had very poor health. I suffered much with pains in my head and finally neuralgia set in in my stomach. I kept looking to the Lord for deliverance. I would get better for a few days and then the affliction would come back. Finally my husband was taken with the Lagrippe. I took care of him till he got most well and then I took down with the same disease. I was very sick for nearly a week, in bed. The Lord rebuked the affliction and I got better, and then my husband had a relapse. I got out of bed and the Lord gave me the strength to do my work and to take care of my husband. Since then the Lord has prospered me with better health. To God be all the glory. Oh, it pays to trust the Lord for both soul and body. I earnestly desire your prayers that God keep me true and faithful to Him till my work on earth is done. Yours in Christ.

—SISTER LEMUEL WRIGHT.

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Many, La.—Holy greetings to all the dear saints scattered abroad. I thank God today finds me saved, sanctified and satisfied with God's leadings. It is spiritual food to my soul to read the precious testimonies and truth in the little paper, Faith and Victory. It just almost breaks my heart to see so many people traveling the downward road where God's love and mercy will end some day, then they are lost forever. Pray for me that I will be a soul-winner for Jesus. I am also asking agreement in prayer that God will heal my afflicted body. I put all things in His hands and I know it can be done. I desire more faith in God to take Him at His Word. Please send me some of your tracts that I may pass them on to help win all the dear souls to Christ that I can. Pray for me that I do the will of God and be the woman such as He is calling for in these last days. Your saved sister in Christ.

—GRACIE M. BASS.

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Hennessey, Okla.—I am glad today to write my testimony for Faith and Victory. This finds me living for the good Lord up to all I know and understand. I have victory today over sin, and I am in this way to stay, praising the good Lord for all He is unto me. I thank the good Lord for sending Sister Rachel Edwards to be with and encourage the saints here a few weeks ago. The dear Lord taught me a precious lesson during the time our sister was over here. I praise Him for the willingness to learn the lesson He had for me. I don't want to be heard only, but I want to be a doer of the precious Word.

I praise the Lord for the little Faith and Victory paper. I love to read the testimonies of the dear saints in the paper. They encourage each of our souls. I am in this way to stay, by the grace of God. Pray for me that I keep faithful until death. From your sister in Christ.

—ANNIE WILEY.

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Sumner, Wash.—Dear Brethren and Sisters: Greetings in the name of the Lord. I am still praising God for His great blessings He is bestowing upon

me. I know nothing greater to be thankful for, only to know that I am a child of the King. I am still trusting Jesus to be my healer and deliverer in the time of all trouble. My Father gave me wonderful faith some weeks ago. My husband took sick, very different than he had ever been. As I was doing his work outside, a thought flashed through my mind that my husband would die but God would give me faith to have his life restored to him again. I never entertained this thought for a moment, but nevertheless the next night it came to pass and I did not suspect it until after it happened then I thought of the presentation I had the day before. He was sitting in a rocking chair and said, "O, lay me down, I must lie down, my leg is getting stiff, also my arm." I said, "Perhaps you are taking infantile paralysis, lay your head on my arm, it may be you will feel rested." He did, but said, O, my, my, I must lie down." I pulled his chair around and said, "Lay your head on my arm and I will help you to bed, it may be you do feel weak." He did, but his limbs became stiffened, he took two gasps for breath and was gone, as lifeless as any corpse that I ever attended to. Well, you may imagine what a plight I was in. Yet you could not imagine it, for I was different than I thought I would be. The blessed Savior gave me such firm faith and blessed assurance of raising him. I don't believe I will go into details about it, but Praise the Lord, my blessed Master restored my husband's life to him again. I had a trial of faith for some little time, but praise the Lord, He says He won't give us only what we are able to bear. Deliverance just came in time. I can't make you understand just how I felt, but it was the most sacred experience of my life. Oh, what a wonderful Savior we have. I have been more than paid for serving Him. Heb. 11th chapter says, "Women through faith received their dead raised to life again." Praise the Lord, it is for us now as well as then. About one year ago my mother fell from her chair saying, "I am going daughter, I know I am going now. I can't stay with you always." But I praise the Lord that she did not go. I went on my knees before the Lord and asked Him to restore my mother's life. He did it, and she is still with me today. Yours in Christ.

—SISTER ALVIN TONTZ.

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c/o Post Office, Dehra Dun, India.—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Your good letter of March 10th received and appreciated. It seemed good to hear from you again. I am glad the work there is moving on well and your hearts are encouraged. God bless you. I live entirely among the natives. It is a good place to let my light shine and to preach Jesus Christ by my life as well as words. They are kind but of course do not understand or sympathize with a white man, as we have been trained and brought up on an entirely different plane. And I long so to meet for prayers and fellowship with the saints. But it is mine to sow and His to water and give the increase in His own way and time, so kindly pray for me that my faith fail not. I am seeking to prove to

those about me that ours is a wonder-working God, One that answers prayers, and not of wood and stone like theirs. Love to all the saints. Your Brother in the faith.

—ROBERT JARVIS.

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Natchitoches, La.—Greetings in the blessed name of Jesus to the workers at Faith Pub. House and to the saints scattered abroad. I thank and praise God for full salvation. I know my Redeemer lives, for He is living in me. I promised the Lord I would write while reading the gospel sent through Faith and Victory. The May issue of the paper was such food to my soul and I could not finish because of the Holy Spirit flooding my soul with joy. I am rejoicing today and I feel like going on by the way of the cross. I thank God for the true testimonies of the saints. They are so helpful and strengthening to my soul. I can't tell you how glad I am to read them.

I am on the Lord's side and can tell some of the things God has done for me. I have been a true widow for over five years with two children and I have never suffered for anything. In 1917 I discerned a knot or growth in my stomach from which I suffered much. I asked the Dr. about it and he advised me to wear a supporter. My husband disagreed on account of expense. I then said I would not use anything. I just prayed and asked God to remove it and He did. Today I am well and don't feel any effects of the knot. Glory to His name. At another time when I felt much in need of money and all sources seemed to fail, I asked God to provide in some unknown way and He did. It was no less than \$10.00 I needed but our God supplied over ten times that amount. Praise His name forever.

I ask the saints to please agree in prayer for my afflicted sister that we will have more heart faith and less head faith, that she may be healed. Also pray for me in my home that I may be even as Jesus said, "a city set on a hill" (Matt. 5: 14). God bless you in your good work. I hope you will live long to tell of Jesus and His love. Please continue sending me the little paper. I am sending this offering to help in the work, but nothing can pay for the truth of the gospel. Your sister in Christ.

—MARY J. SHANNON.

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Vicksburg, Mich.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: I am sending you \$1.00 to help spread the gospel over the world. There is so much sham these days, but I feel your paper is a clean little paper. I have received four copies and they have been a blessing to my soul. Praise the Lord. The Lord saves and sanctifies my soul this morning and gives me the victory over the world, the flesh and the devil. I have no time for any kind of religion only the kind that saves through and through. Praise the Lord for victory in my soul this morning. Pray for me as I have four children which mean much to me as a mother to bring them up as God would have me. They are on the altar for His service whatever it may be. Praise His holy name. I remain your sister in Christ.

—OLLIE McNALLY.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

"HE SHALL GATHER THE LAMBS WITH HIS ARM, AND CARRY THEM IN HIS BOSOM" (Isaiah 40 :11).

WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?

A young and earnest pilgrim
Traveling the King's highway,
And scanning o'er the lessons
On the guide-board every day,
Said, as each hindrance met him,
With purpose firm and true:
"If on earth He walked today,
"What would Jesus do?"

It grew to be his watchword,
In service or in fight;
It helped to keep his pilgrim garb
Unsullied, pure and white;
For when temptation lured him
It nerved him through and through
To ask the simple question,
"What would Jesus do?"

Now, if it is our purpose
To walk where Christ has led,
To follow in His footsteps
With very careful tread,
Oh, let this be our watchword!
'Twill help both me and you
To ask in every circumstance,
"What would Jesus do?"
—*Sel. by Anna E. Oyer.*

Utica, Pa.—Dear children and young readers of Faith and Victory, and I trust also of God's holy Word: It has been some little time since I have talked to you through the pages of our pure little paper, but I love to talk about you to our kind, loving Father in heaven, asking His blessings upon your young lives. This morning, on the God-given rest day as I walked to the door and looked out upon the beautifully refreshed earth after a God-given spring shower, I thought: O how beautiful everything looks, what a kind loving Father to place us in this beautiful world: the earth covered with a velvet like carpet of green, the trees also dressed in their beautiful foliage with myriads of little birds singing in their boughs, and many, many beautiful flowers are already blooming, painted by our Father's own loving hand. Dear children do not all these beautiful things cause our hearts to go out to God in love and praise for them all? Yes, it was for us all that He placed them here. Oh, this beautiful world! Can we ever praise Him enough for it and the many good things He has blessed us with: Godly parents, kind friends, and loved ones. But far better still, our blessed Christ and His Holy Word to teach us how we may gain that upper and better home beyond the skies. Oh, how tenderly He watches over us, and how ready He is to come to our rescue if any harm comes to us. sickness or suffering of any kind. My dear chil-

dren I am praying that each one that reads these lines may grow up to live good, noble lives, a blessing to all around you, to God and His precious cause. This is the wish of your true friend,

—*Aunt Loey McKay.*

Silverdale, Pa.—To the children who read Faith and Victory: The Lord has been telling me the past few days to write to you, and I am going to try by His help to do so. I love little children and can not see why so many people just despise them, as they are precious in the Lord's sight. For in Matt. 19: 13; Mark 10: 13; Luke 18: 15, we find that Christ blessed the little children that were brought unto Him. So if Christ loved the children so much that He could say, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God" (Luke 18: 15), why should we consider them of no use, for we ourselves were children at one time. I will give you a poem that I read in a paper. It is as follows:

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND

There is no friend like *Jesus*,
No love like His sweet love;
He's ever watching o'er us,
From His white throne above.

He loves the little children,
To them He's ever nigh;
He folds them in His bosom,
He guides them with His eye.

You ought to love Him, children,
He's done so much for you;
You ought to try to please Him,
In all you say and do.

I wish you would remember this poem as it is very true, but I suppose you all knew He (Jesus) was and is your friend, for when you do or say any thing you know you should not have done does not something within you tell you, "That was wrong?" and you feel bad about it. But as soon as you go to Jesus and ask Him to forgive you He does and then you feel relieved, but until you do that you feel miserable. I am sure you have experienced this, and if not you are hardened to the voice of your conscience. And, if so, please ask the Lord to help you heed the voice of your conscience.

—*Edith R. Shaffer.*

Dunnegan, Mo.—Dear ones at Faith and Victory Publishing House and the dear saints abroad: I thank the dear Lord this morning for permitting me to write this letter to the workers at Faith Pub. House and ask them to please send me the paper, Faith and Victory. A sister gave me one to read a few days ago and Oh, the blessed messages it brought to my soul. I love to read the testimonies, as I think good

testimonies from each other are a great help. A great joy comes sweeping through my ransomed soul when I have an opportunity like this to testify for Jesus. Well do I know that He shed His precious blood on Calvary's cross that sinners might be made free from the bondage of sin.

Let us turn to St. Mark 15: 17-21: "And they clothed Him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns and put it about His head, And began to salute Him, Hail, King of the Jews! And they smote Him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon Him, and bowing their knees worshipped Him. And when they had mocked Him, they took off the purple from Him, and put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him." By reading this Scripture we can understand what agonies Christ suffered while here in this low ground of sin and sorrow. But praise His dear, precious name, He has made the plan of salvation so easy for us all. I know when I was lost and was gradually sinking deeper and deeper into the mire of sin, that He gently lifted me up and placed my feet on solid ground. And if I serve Him every hour in every day as long as I live in this world, I know that I can never do anything for Him compared to what He has done for me. Praise God! I am glad that I can say that I am walking in the steps and light of my Savior. I am also praising God for healing and many, many other great blessings. I wish to say that I am 19 years old, and that I am truly glad that I came to Jesus when but 17 and did not waste my youthful days in foolish things that would have been contrary to the laws of God. If there are any dear saints anywhere that care to write to me, you will find my address below. I will certainly try to answer all letters that come. Please pray for me that I may ever be found faithful. Your Bro. in Christ. R. 3, Box 36B. —ROY LANE.

WHAT JESUS DIED FOR

Dear friends: Do you know that some 1900 years ago Jesus Christ died for the sins of the world? He died for you and me, that we from sin might be made free; that we might be made pure and holy in the sight of God. He wanted us to be pure and holy for our heavenly Father is holy. Jesus wanted us to serve Him day by day, and if we don't serve Him and do His holy will His life has been forfeited so far as we are concerned. Dear friends, we don't know what pain and agony He suffered for our sakes. To think that He would give His precious life and shed His precious blood on the cross of Calvary that the people of this world might not go down to an everlasting hell. Then to think that we would let Satan tempt us to do wrong, when he hasn't done a thing for us only to lead us on down to that awful lake of fire where the lost are to burn for ever and ever. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. Friends, God is no respecter of persons. He loves each and every one of us, and He will give us anything we need if we only serve Him. He stands with open arms for those that will only seek

Him with all their heart, come unto Him and ask Him: that is what He died for.

Jesus loves us and He wants us to lift Him up as Moses did the serpent in the wilderness. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Thus spoke Jesus to His disciples signifying that He must be crucified and offered up as a sacrifice for the sin of the world. Praise God because all power is given to Him in heaven and in earth, and He has power to cleanse us from all sin and make us pure and undefiled in the sight of God. Dear friends, had you rather go down to everlasting destruction and suffer for ever and ever? when you could just serve Him and stand a few temptations here on earth and have everlasting life. In 1 Cor. 10: 13 we read, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

Friends, isn't it grand to know that we can live with Jesus forever and ever, but it means much to serve our dear Savior faithfully, and to know that when you lie down at night that there is an all-seeing eye watching over you, to guide and direct you in all truth. Now, dear friends, that is what Jesus Christ died for. A worker for our blessed King.

—ALBERT STEWART.

VICTORY IN THE HOME LIFE

God has a plan for every detail of our lives. The real Christian is one who permits the Holy Spirit to lead him into God's plan in everything that concerns the life here and hereafter. God's plans are revealed in His precious Word, which gives us plain directions concerning every circumstance of life. He has a plan for the peace of our home and salvation of our loved ones. The first condition is that the professing Christian, or Christians, in the home must be real Bible Christians, which means to have confessed and forsaken all sin (1st John 1: 9) and be born again. Secondly, to have surrendered the life and will to God and been filled with the Spirit. The third, to be meeting things as God's Word directs and especially to treat the unsaved members of the household as the Bible directs, which means we are not to resent anything they say or do; but, to return good for evil, blessing for cursing, and only prayers when we are spitefully used. "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matt. 5: 44).

Also in Romans 12: 19 and 21 we are commanded to let people say and do what they will and not to resent it at all, by word or action.

"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

Jesus said in Luke 10 that if there was a son of peace in any home God's peace would rest upon that house.

"And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it."

Anyone can be a son of peace who has placed themselves into the will of God and under the control of God, and who are trusting Him alone for all things.

The next condition is to place our unsaved loved ones or those who are being used by Satan to disturb the peace of our home, into the hands of God to leave them there, for God to deliver them from Satan's power and to control them and turn their hearts to Himself. We have an example of this in the life of Joseph. His brethren would not speak peaceably to him, but when he met them right and returned good for evil and forgave them from the heart all their trespasses, God used him to bring everyone of them to repentance and become the true children of God.

We have another example in the 5th chapter of Mark where a man was possessed with a legion of demons. We do not believe that language could express all he had done to his family and neighbors, who had tried every human method to manage and control him. All human efforts utterly failed, and we find the man out in the tombs, naked, cutting himself with stones, screaming night and day, and coming out and attacking all who passed by. When Jesus met him He delivered him at once and in a few minutes he was clothed, in his right mind, a kind, gentle Christian man, whose only desire was to follow Jesus Christ. However, Jesus told him to go home to his folks and let them see what great things the Lord had done for him, and how He had compassion on him. He then became a preacher, of this Gospel of deliverance, in ten towns near Gadara.

If Jesus Christ could restore peace and harmony to a home which had been wrecked by this man, how much more could He deliver homes where the cases are not so difficult? There have been many cases in homes, where husbands and other members of the family, have been delivered from the power of Satan, from evil habits, from being disagreeable and cross, by simply some loved one in the home meeting these easy conditions.

"When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him" (Prov.

16: 7).

"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple" (Ps. 27: 4).

—SEL.

WARNINGS AGAINST FANATICISM

Jesus said in the 16th Chapter of Mark, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

This scripture is being fulfilled in the world today. God's power is resting upon those who are paying the price and living in the Word of God. While this scripture is being fulfilled, and God is demonstrating His power through the lives of those who are living in the Word, we find many are going into fanaticism and bringing disgrace upon the name of the Gospel, through their presumptuous ideas regarding the interpretation of this scripture.

The Apostle Paul said, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils," and we are living in the very time of which He spoke. We are seeing the awful departing from the faith, and the delusions and doctrines of devils, and the working of seducing spirits among many of the so-called Pentecostal people.

God does not put His blessing or approval upon false or fleshly demonstration, which carries people to absurd extremes, while many are given over entirely to these false demonstrations, such as the so-called holy dance, speaking in tongues in the flesh, and writing in tongues, jumping and screaming and jerking, and picking up snakes. God does not give His power to people for the purpose of making these outlandish manifestations and demonstrations, and in almost every case where these manifestations are seen, you will find the people living in sin, in one way or another.

It is not our desire to discourage the real manifestation of the Spirit, because we stand for that of which the Spirit is the author. The power of God which comes with the baptism of the Holy Ghost is that deep power that settles down in the depths of the soul, which brings conviction on the sinners and convinces unbelievers as you live the life of a real Christian and tell the story of Jesus to a lost world. We can easily tell false manifestation from the true, because the Spirit always brings a sweetness and calmness to the souls of those sitting by. The demonstration of the Holy Ghost never grates on the Spirit. It empowers you for service, and that power should flow out in testimony and prayer and in praying for the sick, and in winning souls.

We know of no one, as yet, who has received the gift of tongues, or any of the other gifts in full. Many profess to have received it, but their lives do not bear the fruit of it. People are getting misleadings continually, all over this land, by following so-called tongues and interpretations. There is no scripture that justifies the speaking in tongues except as the Spirit gives utterance. Then it is not the person that speaks, but the Holy Ghost. It is "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." Many are getting out of the Word on this line, and are being led off into wild fanaticism, and are becoming a prey of the devil, simply because they want to do something extraordinary, to attract attention, and necessarily take people's minds off from the Lord onto some foolish physical manifestation. We believe when you receive the real gift of tongues, you will be able to go out and preach to any nation in their own tongue.

There is nothing in the Word of God whatever, concerning writing in an unknown language, and there is nothing recorded in the Acts of the Apostles regarding dancing, and we have no right to attempt anything God's Word does not mention. Everything must be measured by the Word of God, that all fanaticism may be kept out. We have never heard of any good coming from such writing.

This scripture in Mark regarding picking up serpents applies only in a case where necessity presents itself. Paul demonstrated the meaning of this scripture in Acts 28, where he was gathering a bundle of sticks to lay on the fire, and there came a viper out of the heat and fastened on his hand. This only shows God's care for His children in case of accident of this kind. It would only be presumption on our part to take up serpents or drink deadly poison. God wants us to be reasonable in all things.

In regard to so-called dancing in the spirit, we find no scripture in the New Testament which justifies any such conduct. If it was of God, surely there would have been some mention of it the Acts of the Apostles, but nothing is said whatever, throughout the New Testament, regarding this subject.

If we read the Word of God carefully, and keep in the Spirit, God will lead us into all truth. People who are doing these absurd things have left the simplicity of the Gospel of Christ, and gone into fanaticism, bringing disgrace upon the Gospel.—The Apostolic Faith Mission, Portland, Oregon.

SANCTIFICATION

"The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you" (Rom. 8: 7-9). What is the carnal mind, which the apostle says is "enmity against God?" It will be helpful

to us in answering this question to notice the various names given in the Scriptures to this something in human nature out of harmony with all good, and at war with God. In Rom. 6: 6, it is called "our old man." In the same verse, it is referred to as "the body of sin." In Rom. 7: 20, it is mentioned as "sin that dwelleth in me." Frequently it is called the "flesh." It must be understood that the word *flesh* here does not refer to the meat on our bones; the body in which we live. The apostle was addressing living beings and he says, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit." It will be seen at once that the term *flesh* refers to the carnal nature—the indwelling sin.

Let us bear in mind that all references to the "old man," the "body of sin," "indwelling sin," the "carnal mind," and sinful flesh refer to one and the same thing, and that thing is our inherent sinful nature which makes us prone to wander from God, to violate His law, to go into rebellion against Him.

We must make a distinction here between sin and sinning. Sin is a condition, a natural, unholy state, an indwelling corrupt principle. Sinning is an unholy action. It is wrong doing. There may be sin in a man who is not actually sinning. Evil appetites and unholy passions to restrain and control that they do not break out in actual violation of God's law. It requires careful and earnest prayer to restrain, subdue, and hold the carnal nature in subjection. It is almost certain at times to break out into actual transgression.

The carnal mind is as universal as the human race. All men are by nature sinful. Let us notice the nature of the carnal mind. Gal. 5: 19-21: "Now the works of the flesh are manifest which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they that do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

This is a fearful picture presented by the Apostle Paul, but it is not overdrawn. It is not only in harmony with the general tenor of Bible teaching, but it is descriptive of the history of the race. It is not only true of the people who live in the jungles, but it is true of those who have lived in palaces and kings' courts. All sorts of beastly sins are not only found in the slums but in the mansions on Fifth Avenue. Murder, theft, adultery, debauchery and out-

breaking sins of every kind are found in every class of society; not only among the illiterate, but *among the highly educated also*.

The teachings of our Lord and Master are in perfect harmony of the Apostle Paul. Let Jesus describe to us the natural state of the human heart. Mark 7: 2-23: "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these things come from within, and defile the man." It will be seen at once that there is no difference or conflict in the teachings of the Apostle Paul and of our Lord and Master. Jesus here gives us a true portrait of the human heart. The carnal mind is not destroyed in regeneration. The inspired apostle, in his first Epistle to the Corinthians, third chapter, first, second and third verses, very clearly points out the fact that these newly regenerated believers had in them the carnal nature. "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?"

This teaching is very clear. These Corinthians had experienced the new birth. They were babes in Christ. It were impossible for them to be babes in Christ without the new birth; but they were yet carnal, and their carnality was manifesting itself in disagreements and contention. When St. Paul cries out against the "sin that dwelleth in me" he is speaking of the common state of God's regenerated children. He is very specific. He says: "Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me."

The carnal mind—indwelling sin—is not an essential part of human nature. God did not create it. It was introduced by Satan; it can be eliminated and the whole God-created man remain intact. Regeneration is the impartation of a new nature. Sanctification is the expurgation of an old nature. These are two great works of grace. The figures of speech used to designate these two gracious works are entirely different, wide apart. Jesus takes birth to convey the correct idea of regeneration. "Ye must be born again." It is the incoming of a new life.

The Apostle Paul in speaking of the destruction of the carnal nature uses the figure exactly opposite of that of birth. "Knowing this, that our old man is

crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth ye should not serve sin" (Rom. 6: 6). You will notice at once the very wide difference of the two works of grace, the incoming of the new life, which is a birth, and the outgoing of the old carnal life, which is a death, a crucifixion.

When the Apostle Paul tells us to "put off the old man" he has in mind this carnal nature, "which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts." When he tells us to "put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness," he is thinking of the regenerating power of the Holy Ghost making us in Christ new creatures. These Scriptures are in perfect harmony with Christian experience. Not a Christian here and there, now and then, but with all Christians throughout the history of the church; God's children who know positively that they have repented, that they have forsaken sin, been graciously regenerated and received the witness of the Spirit know also that they have had bitter struggles against inward uprisings of evil desires, carnal impulses and have had to battle against these impulses, sometimes crying out with the Apostle Paul, "Oh wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death!"

Thank God, there is deliverance from the carnal nature. The old man can be crucified. The atonement provided by our Lord Jesus secures for us not only the forgiveness of our actual sins, but it also provides for the cleansing of our hearts from indwelling sin. The body of sin can be destroyed. The Apostle says, "But ye are not in the flesh, if so be that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you." He did not mean that they were not yet in the body, but he meant they were not under the dominion of the carnal nature. The coming in of the Holy Ghost is the outgoing of the old man. If the strong man of God, the Holy Ghost, keeps the house the old man is not only cast out, but he is kept out.

Suffer a word of exhortation: Have you experienced the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit? Have you had inward uprisings and desires contrary to the spiritual life? Have you prayed and fought against unholy thoughts and appetites striving for the mastery? How strange! You know you have been converted; you love God, His truth and His people, yet this inward foe presses you sorely; you are often in great distress; your faith is crippled, your love grows cold. You are grieved at your lack of zeal. You cannot understand yourself. You fully realize the statement contained in the text that your carnal nature is at enmity against God.

Be assured that this carnal can be cast out. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin. It is not the will of God that His people should be hindered and harrassed by this old man, this indwelling, perverse nature. The Lord Jesus can master him, the Holy Ghost can come in, purifying the heart by faith, taking up His abode and abiding, keeping the soul in peace and security. A thousand evils may press without but Jesus dwells within. He is the strong man that can keep His house bought with His precious blood, against all the power of the enemy. This is a blessed experience; it is a little heaven in the heart. It brings within a full assurance of faith, it gives one songs in the night.

Would the reader have this experience? It is a divine gift. Our part is consecration; to yield ourselves without reservation into the mighty hands of him who loved us and gave himself for us on Calvary's rugged cross. Let us have boldness to enter into the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ; to dare to trust Him and to plunge by faith into the fountain that cleanseth from all sin.

—SEL.

WILLING TO DIE, OR PREPARED TO DIE?

How often we hear the remark made that such and such a one is or was willing to die, or we hear some one say they are willing to die or ready to die. We feel sure millions and millions are dying deceived because of feeling willing to die and millions of the living are being deceived because the dead or the dying are leaving this testimony: I am willing to die, or they were willing or ready to die, is causing or leading others down to death unprepared to meet God.

Now perhaps some one will say or think, Well I thought when people are willing or ready to die, that is a plenty. No, indeed, that isn't near sufficient. Dear reader, there is quite a difference in being willing or ready to die and being prepared to die. Now let me by the help of God show you the great difference between being willing to die and being prepared to die; let me show you how they can be willing to die and absolutely not prepared to die; let me show you how the dying are deceived and how the living are being deceived by such a testimony. Now this is why they are willing and yet not prepared: some suffer and suffer until they are perfectly tired of living, they are just worn completely out. They have no hopes whatever of being well again; they see no chance of ever enjoying life—the things of this

world—again. So they are willing or ready to die rather than to live and suffer any longer. Some may not suffer but little if any, but they are willing or ready to die because they can't be well and enjoy life. They realize they can't get well, so they are willing to die rather than live to think of nothing but meeting death. They can't get any more pleasure out of this life so they become reconciled to death. They are willing and perfectly ready to give up living, therefore they say I am willing and ready to die. Then they get the idea they are prepared to die. Then it is that the living loved ones or friends say, Well if they are, or can be saved, I will too, regardless of how the dead or dying have lived, or how the living are living or will live.

Oh, what a fearful thing for people to die so deceived. Oh! how sad for them to think they will live with Jesus and all the holy angels, when in reality they are going out to meet an angry God to spend an endless eternity in that bottomless pit of hell fire. Oh! how sad for those that are left behind to think they are prepared to meet God, when they will have to meet the devil and live with him forever and forever. Dear reader can you think of anything that is any worse? Oh let us not be deceived any longer by such a testimony. Jesus said, "Not every one that saith Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7: 21). So, dear reader, remember not every one that saith I am willing and ready to die will see God, but just those that live as God's holy Word tells us to live.

Reader, let me ask you how that dear one lived, or that friend that said they were willing or ready to die? Were they dead to sin? Were they dead to this world? Were they new creatures in Christ Jesus? Had they forsaken all for Jesus? living only for Him? How is it with you? Are you dead to sin and this world? Are you a new creature in Christ Jesus? Have you forsaken all for Him? Are you living only for Him? Take the Word of God and compare your life with it and compare the life of that dead or dying loved one or friend with it and see if you and they are living up to it in every way. If they were not and you are not, you and they are sure to take your stand in that pit of fire and brimstone that never ends, regardless of that loved one or friend saying they were willing and ready to die, and regardless of you thinking you will be saved. Dear reader, God has no pets. Just what it takes for one to see heaven it will take for all, praise His holy name.

We are told in the Word of God that heaven and earth shall pass away but His Word shall not pass away. So you and your dying friends must do just what God's Word says or be lost. We will admit there is such a thing as true death bed repentance sometimes, but such will be very plain. It will always be confessed by the dying one, just as sure as they repent and are saved. Now, reader, don't be deceived any longer. If your loved ones and your friends that have passed away were not dead to this old wicked world and sin, and never repented on their dying bed, nor made an open confession that they had repented and had been saved, you can rest assured they will not live with God beyond this life, no matter how many times they said they were willing to die. They were just deceived as well as you are. We are told in God's Word that we shall know them by their fruits. 1 John 5: 4 says, "Whosoever is born of God overcometh the world." So we see if our loved ones had loved the world they were not born of God.

Oh! God help people not to be deceived about this one most important matter. Oh! brothers and sisters in Christ let us cry aloud, spare not, and lift up our voices like a trumpet as we are commanded and show the people who will see God and who will not. Let us show them they are sinners and lost, and will spend eternity in a burning lake of fire with the devil and the cursed of this wicked world forever and forever unless they repent and are saved from all sin and this world. Oh watchmen on the walls of Zion, just look at the false teachers all over our land.—No matter who dies, or how they have lived, every one goes right on to heaven and, as some one has said, finds a good place there ready for them. The poor drunkard, gambler, tobacco user, Sabbath desecrator, the man and woman with two or more living companions, the fashionable, up-to-date dressed man and woman, the painted face, bobbed hair woman and girl, and all kind of pleasure seeking people, young or old, go right home to live with Jesus according to the poor so-called preacher's statement. Oh! God have mercy on such false teachers. Millions think the catholic doctrine the most dangerous or damnable doctrine on earth because they pray all their people into heavn after they are dead. Oh, tell me, is it any more dangerous or damnable to pray them in than it is to preach them in after they are dead? For God's sake and for the sake of poor never dying souls tell me how much differnce there is in the sight of God Almighty. Oh, may God help every reader to see there is quite a differnce in peo-

ple being willing to die and being prepared to die.

Your sister and friend to tell it just as God wants it told.

—IDA LEE.

THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

(Continued from last issue)

First, we must be His children. No one can be holy without being born again. We all agree on that.

Then, we must love. Not in word nor in emotion only, but in deed and in truth. Holiness without love as so superbly set forth in the thirteenth chapter of first Corinthians, is simply non-existent. Love is the inmost essence of holiness: we cannot be holy till our love of God and of men is purified to the point of self-forgetfulness.

We must worship. Holiness is nourished in the contemplation of holiness. The plant must have sunlight; our souls, to continue holy, must be saturated with the holiness of God, for this alone begets and maintains holiness in reverent, receptive souls when no obstructions intervene.

We must transmit. Holiness is radiant. The light which never shone on sea nor land shines from the hearts and beams from the eyes, the features and the expressions of God's holy children. Can anyone see the beauty glorifying some dear and saintly Christian and ever forget the exaltation which it brings—the person being, perhaps, entirely unconscious of the splendor which shines from within him or her?

We must be restful. Not lazy—laziness is as far from restfulness as hell is from Heaven. The truly holy person breathes the peace of God, and that peace goes out to others or returns to the possessor according as the beholder is or is not receptive. There is no holiness without peace; and verily it would seem that there is no lasting peace without holiness.

We must be winsome. Holiness does not repel "men of good will;" it attracts whatever can be attracted in him who sees it. Terrible though a truly holy person is to an unclean observer, he is a witness as much to the tender love as to the awful majesty of God. Standoffishness and better-than-thouness are indications of sanctimoniousness, the deadly and devilish counterfeit of holiness. Holiness naturally has nothing to do with sin, but it has everything to do with sinners, for only as sinners realize that holiness exists and is a human possibility will they be drawn to a holy God by a holy Christ.

We must "be strong and very courageous." The strongest saint is weak; "all flesh is grass and the

goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field." But Christ's "strength is made perfect in weakness." We are in Him; if we realize this and act upon it, we shall know the joy of accomplishment and of victory, with the glorious crown of everlasting life at the end of the road.

We must not cast away our confidence if we slip. How full of pitfalls human nature is! How deceitful our hearts and our emotions if we try to become and to remain holy by relying on them! When we set out to walk to our Lord on the water, we must keep our eyes on HIM. We get frightened at the idea of being holy, and in terror lest we "lose our sanctification" we sometimes get our eyes off our Lord and begin to sink. Thank God, He is at hand to hear our cry as the water threatens to engulf us; and even if it does, He can and does reach us as we call. The devil has specialized for centuries in persuading "backsliders" that He does not.

We must not try to find holiness by soaring into the empyrean. Man is an earth-dweller; Christ came to earth to open the Way to God for men, and it is on earth that we have learned whatever we now know of Him and of His plans for time and for eternity. The holiness of saints in Paradise and later, of the Bride of Christ in the Heavenly places, is and will be the fruition of seed planted in this our commonplace earthly abode. As a rule, holiness begins and is nourished in very plain surroundings; but as it is from above, it hallows and if we can perceive it, glorifies these surroundings for us.

We must "walk softly" and humbly "all the days of our life." The holy person is no angel—he remains human. Being such, he frequently is tempted to "get high notions;" sometimes he allows the inflation to carry him off the ground, only to drop him with a thud when God brings him to himself. Aviation is not our vocation as Christians; we are on pilgrimage, and pilgrims normally go on foot. If we gain a mountain height and "view the landscape o'er," blessed are we; but never, never dare we try spread—eagle flight from one mountain to another.

But all the foregoing is only an attempt to draw an outline sketch of a holy person. Filling in the picture is not easy. But we must try to define so far as human conception can, what holiness is:

Holiness is the full, satisfying, abundant, radiant and radiating love and life of God, implanted by the Holy Spirit in the souls of men and allowed free course there.

A shorter definition of holiness is: GOD IN MAN.

The first reaction of the average person to such a definition is despair profound and overwhelming. "If *that* is holiness, then my chances of getting it are exactly zero. What! Do you mean to tell me that I, selfish, shortsighted, earth-bound, weak, vacillating, uncertain creature of moods and tenses that I am, can possibly hope to live such a life as you speak of? As the psalmist said of the knowledge of God's working: 'It is high, I cannot attain unto it'."

True enough; none of us can attain unto it. But what difficulty can we see in God attaining unto US, except our utter unworthiness—or unwillingness—to have Him in our lives? God did not expect the impossible when He sent His Son to dwell among us, to give us a perfect example of a holy life, and then to offer to impart His holiness to us—He used the only possible method of demonstrating to even the most rudimentary intelligence that holy living is possible here on earth, though we must let Him do the living in and through us. Holiness is entirely of God: there is no such thing as merely human sanctity; no such things as keeping His commandments without the enabling of His Holy Spirit. If we try to make ourselves holy, we inevitably come to grief, and our last state is worse than our first. If God makes us holy, then are we holy indeed.

Holiness is not a state, but a life; not an "it," but a "He." This is one of the hardest things we have to learn; but when understood, it is the joyous guarantee of guineness. *Christ* "is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." The profoundest thinker cannot explain the how nor the why of holiness, but the veriest child can manifest Him Who is holiness in the believer.

Holiness is not to be confused with conduct. A holy person will not, certainly, behave himself unseemly; but holiness is the *source* of actions, not the acts themselves. No amount of activity or of piling up good deeds constitutes holiness, but activity and good deeds spring spontaneously therefrom. We must beware of "legal" counterfeits of God's life within us.

We are, then, temples of the Holy Ghost, fleshly tabernacles wherein He dwells and whereby He carries out His blessed will among men. Being holy is simply being filled with the Holy Spirit of our God; holy living—and dying—can only mean that the Spirit is functioning within us, carrying out His full will and accomplishing that whereunto God hath sent Him. God with us, in us, acting through us unhindered and untrammelled—that, and that only, is *Holiness*. —SEL.