

Faith *and* Victory

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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CHURCH OF GOD

Without a word to contradict,
Without a statement to conflict,
The Bible does God's church declare,
And show us why, and when, and where.

First, let us ask some questions plain,
Which tighten up this scriptural chain,
And clear your mind, if such need be,
And help you thus the truth to see.

Of all the churches of the day,
Which is the right one, tell me, pray?
Which is the one where Christ abides?
Which is His true and chosen bride?

Come, tell me whither I may go
To find the church that I may know
Is built on Christ, the cornerstone—
The church of God—the only one?

The churches in the world extant
That'er filled with pride and social cant,
Are they in touch with holy love?
Did they originate above?

Endeavors, leagues and secret clans,
And many worldly sectish shams,
Are now the order of the day,
What people call the Bible way.

To the party, the festival and the show,
The preacher and his members go;
The poor, the sick, the halt, the blind,
Forgotten, left to die behind.

Thus drifting on with worldly tide,
In feasting, revelry and pride,
Re-stepping paths by sinners trod
They call themselves the church of God.

With feathers, frizzes, paints and flowers,
They waste their many useful hours,
And spurn you if you dare to tell
Them they are on their road to hell.

Dear Reader, get your Bible now,
And make to God a faithful vow

That all it says you will believe,
And every word in love receive.

God has a fold, a holy bride,
A body cleansed and sanctified,
A church where all are free from sin,
Where all are white and pure within.

In Mathew sixteen and eighteen,
A fact of matchless worth is seen:
That Jesus is the stone that's laid,
On which the church of God is made.

In 1st Corinthians, three-eleven,
Th's fact by Paul is also given
Which evidently is plain to see
There can but one foundation be.

Upon this strong foundation built,
The church for which His blood was spilt,
Redeemed and free from every spot,
The bride of Christ so dearly bought.
(Eph. 5: 27.)

No human mind could e'er contrive,
Or church like this could organize,
Which holy love to each impart,
And makes them all one mind and heart,
—R. L. Austin.

ABIDING IN THE TRUE CHURCH

How can we oppose other sects without becoming a sect ourselves? We answer, we do it by coming out of every cut off body that does not include all Christians in heaven and earth, as the scriptures commands us. 2 Tim. 3: 5; Tit. 3: 10, 11, and Rev. 18: 4. And by abiding in the body of Christ, which is the church, the divine body, which includes all saved men in heaven and earth. Eph. 1: 22, 23; 3: 14, 15; Col. 1: 18, 24. By the salvation of our souls we are taken into this true church. Jno. 10: 9. And by a life of perfect obedience to God we remain in it.—Jno. 15: 10. This divine church is identical with Christ himself. "For we are members of His body, of his flesh, and of his bones."—Eph. 5: 30. By becoming a member of the church of God, we are incorporated right into Christ. "For as the body is one, and hath many members,

and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ."—1 Cor. 12: 12.

This body is composed of Christ and all his saints.—1 Cor. 12: 27. It is the church,—Verse 28: And yet it is all simply Christ himself.—Verse 12. This body or church of Christ includes the Christians in heaven and earth, and is not a cut off faction or part of any religious system or general body, but the church entire; and we avoid making a sect by abiding in this body of Christ which is the whole, and joining nothing else. Even though we were to call the church to which we adhere, the church of God, as the Winebrennerian sect does theirs, yet if we were to define it in such a manner, or have any conditions of membership which would enable a saved man of God to be on the outside of it, it would still be a sect; or if we were to organize it ourselves it would only be a sect; because no man can organize the body of Christ, the church. Now we open all the Trumpets, and appeal to all our verbal teachings, both public and private, ever since we have come fully out of sect and associationism, and invite any person to point out one account of organizing a church of our own, or a single description of the church we live in that does not correspond with the body of Christ, which is no sect, or cut off part; but the entire church. Yet, if you can find one condition of church membership laid down by us that you can set aside and still be in Christ, we will renounce it. No person has been invited by us to join any thing but Christ Himself. We do not call ourselves the Church of God exclusively but use the sacred title just as God does in His word to cover the entire family of the redeemed. Neither do we appropriate the term saints, in a party sense. But accept it with all Bible names, and apply them just as the Bible does, to all who are truly God's people. Our constant teaching is that we recognize and claim no church but the body of Christ, and lay down no boundary to that church, but the line lies between the saved and the unsaved. We have no other idea of the church of God nor have advanced any, save that community which is composed of all saved men. It is true, we do not acknowledge the mass of formal professors of Christ as members of the church: because we must run the line between the church and the world just where God draws it; namely, between the "children of the flesh," on the outside, and the "children of God" on the inside. Rom. 9: 8. Between the children of the devil, and the sons of God. For "he that sinneth is of the devil, and he that is born of God doth not commit sin."—See 1 Jno. 3: 8, 9.

It is also true, that we faithfully discharge our duty, toward God and man, as laid down in the

Savior's final commission; namely, "Teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE COMMANDED YOU."—Matt. 28: 20.

But we never stop to ask a person whether they have done all these things as a test whether they are members of the church or not. The only test of fellowship is the existence of fellowship; and fellowship and membership in the church of God are co-existent with salvation. So we acknowledge all the saved as in the church; and at the same time we are authorized by Jesus Christ to say that "He that loveth me [Christ] keepeth my sayings." So church membership is not conditioned upon having kept the commands of Christ; but keeping the commands of Christ is the sure and spontaneous result of being in the body of Christ. In other words, membership in Christ's body does not result from good works, and keeping commandments, but these results from being saved in the body.

To make a sect, men must form and join something else besides Christ. Christ is the way, the truth, and the life; the whole Christ as set forth in the New Testament, is the basis of union.

"For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office; so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."—Rom. 12: 4, 5.

We are all one body in Christ, in his spirit, in his mind, in his word, in his will, in his holiness, and in his perfect salvation, in Him as the church—1 Cor. 12: 12, and all in all. Taking the whole Christ, we are in the whole body, which is not a sect, a cut off part. But joining an imaginary Christ, who rejects the holiness, the power or any part of the New Testament, is simply to join a sect. Or to join any man-organized body, is joining a sect, a cut off faction. When a soul is joyfully converted to God, all Bible readers must confess that he is in the church, and in no sect. And should he with a thousand others, simply abide in Christ the church, and walk in His light, they would all be only in the church, and in no sect. But if falsely taught to join a sect, they would then be in both a sect, and the church. But should such backslide, which is commonly the case, they would then be in the sect, and not in the Church. But again should they hold on to Christ, get wholly sanctified, and walk in His Spirit and truth, they would soon be led thereby to renounce the sect, in which case they would simply be in the church, as before joining the sect. And so it is with the free saints of God to day, who follow the Lamb whithersoever he

goeth. Thousands of them have been both in Christ and the sects, but have been saved out of the latter, and adhere only to the former, while members have been saved out of the world into Christ, His body the church, and remained there without ever having joined a sect at all. These all stand together on the sea of glass that is mingled with fire, having the harps of God, having gotten the victory over the beast (all man-founded religions,) and over his image, and over the number of his name. We know by the word of God, and by the witness of his Spirit, that we are abiding in his church and are entirely free from sectism, and we challenge any person to prove the contrary by the word of God.

We only oppose all forms of sect government, discipline and organization. God's church has government. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon HIS shoulder."—Isa. 9: 6.

"The church is subject unto Christ." Eph. 5: 24.

"There are differences of administrations, but the same Lord: and there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all."—1 Cor. 12: 5, 6.

Jesus governs His own church through the Holy Spirit working in all the members to will and to do of his own good pleasure.

God's church also has a discipline, or book clearly giving the faith, life and deportment of all its members. And it is this: "I have given unto them thy word." Yea, saith the Lord, "I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them."—Jno. 17: 8, 14.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."—2 Tim. 3: 16, 17.

Here we see the word of God was given expressly to save, govern, and discipline the church; and it is declared all-sufficient, "that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto every good work." But this divine discipline is not suited to government of any sect on earth; hence such invariable make other disciplines, rules and systems.

God's church is also organized, not however by man, but by the Lord, who, through the Spirit sets the members every one in the body as it pleaseth him, and "tempers the body together, giving the more honor to the part that lacketh, that there should be no schisms in the body. These expressions, setting into the body, and tempered together, contain the same idea as our word organize, and that work is ascribed to God through the Spirit.

We adhere in and teach the church that Jesus purchased with His own blood, and founded on the rock nearly nineteen hundred years ago, the door of which is Christ.

—D. S. WARNER.

MARTYRDOM OR SUICIDE

This world is divided in two classes, Martyrs and Suicides.

The death of Jesus Christ and the death of Judas Iscariot are typical of the two classes of people we meet every day.

The ideal death of a Christian is martyrdom; that is, the yielding up of his life for the sake of God and for love of the God who Himself died a martyr's death on the cross.

The fitting death of the atheist is suicide, the voluntary plunge into supposed annihilation, in reality, alas! into hell.

While it is true that comparatively few really come to the one end or the other, it is also true that the man who spends his whole life in God's service, and wears himself out in that service, is living a life of martyrdom.

And the man who yields to self, to the indulgence of forbidden pleasures, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, consuming his powers in the service of sin, thus shortening his life, is living a suicide's life.

So men may be classed as those who are yielded to God, and to service of mankind, Pilgrims and Strangers here, laying not up treasure on earth, but seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and looking for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God,—the martyrs; or the class that serves self first and make the temporal and fleeting the object of their desires, who seek fame, position, wealth, honor, as the supreme good, and who fail to see God or hear His voice,—the suicide.

We either know God whom to know aright is life eternal, and consider ourselves dead to this world,—a martyr; or we en throne self, serve the devil, and draw the wages of sin, death,—a suicide.

Man must make the choice whether he will live and die as a martyr, or as a suicide. He may give his life to please God, in service to his fellow man, enduring as seeing Him who is invisible; or he may draw all things to himself, and perish at last. We must each one choose whether we will be martyr or a suicide.

The ideal life is a life of self-sacrifice, a life for others, in His name, a real martyr's life.

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone" (John 12: 24). "If any man will come after me, let him deny HIMSELF, and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it." (Luke 9: 23, 24.) "He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it," (Matt. 10: 39.) "But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth" (1 Tim. 5: 6.) We must either deny self, and live as a martyr, or deny God and live a suicide's life. And after death the judgment.

—C.H. Gibbons.

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EDITORIALS

We are thankful to our heavenly Father that He continues to sustain and give grace; keeping us in the battle field; waging war against sin, Satan and all of his false doctrines and isms; as Christ is our leader, He is marching on before; encouraging us to fight boldly and to quit ourselves like men who value not the earth life. We realize the prayers of the saints.

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The "Church of God" or the "Family of God" are not a humanly organized body of people, but it is the body of Christ; and Jesus being the head, every member of His body moves and is used at His dictation, but sad to say we see many members that join themselves to human churches and are hindered and kept bound more or less through fear of their human head. Dear soul if you want to be free and used of the Lord, just abide in Jesus only; He will make you a lively stone in the building, His Church or the temple of God.

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The "Faith and Victory" is non-sectarian in spirit and truth and we are not humanly tied or bound to any man or companies of men; we fellow-ship all that is in any man which can be seen, known and felt to be of Christ and by the grace and help of God bear with the weakness of humanity as long as we feel and know that God is extending mercy, yet we feel a stirring in our soul to fearlessly proclaim the truth of the Bible that those who may be seeking light may see and walk in the light of His word.

A sadness comes into our heart when we look about and see how that many souls are being dragged into compromising terms with Satan and his host of slimy, crafty spirits working through mortals of this world, and a cry is raising up from the innermost part of our being against the exalted position of Satan and his agents who mix drinks for the people and lull them to sleep in his cradle, surely God will have to send His word forth like thunder bolts to awaken souls from their drowsy, downward drift.

Years ago when D. S. Warner was being used of God to throw light on sectism and its evils; the devil was mightily stirred and fought against the light with much force but the light kept shining as Bro. Warner stood true to his God and our God, but as he run his course and passed on to be with his Creator, things begin to change, to mould and fashion themselves, by the clever cunning crafty workings of Satan until the thing that sounded so clear has become a mess of compromising spirits, with daughters.

If Bro. Warner was to appear on the scene in his mortal body he would find no fellow-ship with the majority of those who claim to follow him as he followed Christ; but would be amazed and grieved at heart because of the magnitude and quickness of this drift toward corruption.

While this back-sliding is every where in evidence yet there are some here and there that are standing true and firm, crying unto God with many tears and sighs, suffering and waiting for God to arise in His strength and give to Babylon her just dues, delivering and setting free those innocent lambs and sheep that have been caught under the rubbish.

If we abide in Christ alone we will then be free to work and labor where the spirit leads and free to fellowship all that we find in others that is of Christ and then we shall know the freedom that Jesus spoke of when He said "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8: 36.

A soul well filled with divine love will not be sectish; neither will they follow the fashions of pride.

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We have not been able to get this paper out as often as we would like but we are doing all we can to keep the work moving on. The blessings of God have been upon us insomuch that we have been keeping the press pretty busy and have printed nearly ninety thousand tracts, have our tracts pretty well restocked now, have printed another edition of the tract "Forty-eight hours in Hell" and can supply you with them now. We are sure that God will reward those who are giving of their substances and making it possible for us to keep this literature going out to the people, for God shall reward every man according to his deeds, so let each one of us be faithful to his calling, if we are called to give let us give regularly and freely as unto the Lord that the literature may go steadily out to the people, to convict the sinner, to help and encourage the weak, to edify and build up the saints and to expose the dark workings of Satan; let us be active stones in the building, the spiritual temple of God; not rusting out, but rather wearing out for Jesus' sake and the souls He gave His life to save.

If we build on the rock; which is Christ, we shall have a sure foundation, one that will stand the storms, the winds and the floods, and even the gates of hell shall not prevail against her. Oh, what a safe place. "Are you building on the Rock, or on the sinking sand." If your deeds are prompted by things seen or selfishness, then you are building on the sand; if they are prompted by a desire to please God, then you are building on the Rock. Judge for yourself.

There has been some response in regard to the printing equipment, but not sufficient in amount to purchase the press, the most needed machine. We have it all committed to the Lord.

Lawrence, my second son, age fourteen, is getting acquainted with the linotype work during school vacation, and Anna Marie my oldest daughter, age twelve, is doing lighter office work; we are encouraged with the prospect of home help; remember them in prayer.

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In this "Faith and Victory" we have some letters and an article from Bro. Longley's pen, which ought to be of interest to all of our readers as Bro. Longley was closely associated with us in the publishing work here for several years. But having a definite call to missionary work in Australia and surrounding Islands; obeyed the heavenly vision and is now in those parts where God is blessing his labors. He is worthy of your confidence and true concern; is fully able to point souls to Christ. We are a witness of his true-ness to God and man while under the scourgings and persecutions of the common foe, prince of this world.

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"STEPS TO CHRIST"

Is the title of a little book containing one hundred and twenty-eight pages; also contains portraits of truth. We are sending this book out at twenty-five cents each, post paid. This book ought to be read by every saved and unsaved person; would gladly send it free to our readers if we were able; order one and treat your soul to a feast. We can fill your orders promptly.

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CAMP MEETING NOTICE

OKLAHOMA STATE CAMP MEETING

The Church of God camp meeting will be held on the saints camp ground at corner of 3rd and Laird Sts., Oklahoma City, Okla., beginning August the 6th to last over the 15th.

We are praying that God will be honored by all who attend this meeting and extend a hearty welcome to all lovers of truth and righteousness. Sinners and backsliders who want to find the Lord should not fail to come; your presences are desired.

All who can, should bring straw ticks and bedding. Tents may be rented on the ground for \$4.00 for a 10x12 tent or \$5.00 for 12x14 tents. If you will write beforehand, rooms may be obtained for \$2.50 to \$3.00. Those desiring to rent tents or rooms should write to R. A. Talley, 507 N. Laird St., Okla. City, Okla. Also any having provisions to send for the meeting should send same to R. A. Talley at above address. Any who have means to send to help support the meeting should send same to D. J. Diggs, 1301 W. Grand Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla.

For further information write to either of above addresses. Printed by request of committee.

PRAYER REQUEST

Sister Becky Brown of Richland, Mo. requests prayer for the complete healing of her body, and to be sanctified; also requests prayer for her half sister who is blind, unsaved and has an afflicted limb.

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THE TRIPLE LIVING FOUNTAIN AND THE THRICE DEAD CHURCH

"And it shall be in the last days, sayeth God, I will pour forth of my Spirit upon all flesh. And your sons and your daughters shall prophecy and your old men shall dream dreams." (Acts. 2: 17).

God spake to Joseph in dreams most wonderful and they came to pass. He spake to Jacob. He spake to David and Solomon. He spake to Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, concerning the care of the infant Jesus. He has given us the precious promise that He would pour out His Spirit on all flesh in the last days and we should see visions and dream dreams.

A vision or a dream that is from God is for a purpose and is not the mere senseless wandering of a diseased or distorted mind, neither the fleshly nature's desires can thus be of service to our God; but He the Holy Spirit does the imparting for the honor and glory of our God and for the conferring of special benefits upon the believers and for the warning of the wicked and sinful.

While I was asleep in my bed God showed me the two following wonderful scenes. Scene one—I was thirsty and endeavoring to secure water at a likely place. As I was looking at a dry and parched bluff, with a company of people. I beheld moisture on the left side and began to dig, but found nothing at the base of the bluff, but suddenly water, pure as crystal began to trickle down the bluff from above; suddenly farther to the right another fountain burst forth, perhaps 10 times the quantity of the first one and as we continue to watch, a third fountain gushed forth from the rock some fifty feet above and to the right of the other two fountains and many times larger than the combined force of the other two. All three met at the base at our feet in as pure a crystal stream as ever mortal eyes gazed upon. We all drank to our hearts content and were satisfied; though so plentiful we did not thirst any more. The crystal stream flowed on and turned the desert into a beautiful blooming garden. Every where it went it gave life to all about it; it was so beautiful, so refreshing, we all desired to stay there. Here I awoke and was musing and wondering what it was all for and its true interpretation when I fell asleep and found myself beside another stream or the same one farther down in its course. Here opens scene number two—as I beheld in the night vision I saw the stream all mirky muddy and stagnant. I saw one cast a net to take some fish but what he got was worthless and he cast them away in disgust and declared his intention of selling his possessions and leaving the country.

Over this stream was a building; we entered by a stairway up from the stream. As we entered the

large room it was now apparent that we had entered a church house and that it was time for service as the people, that is a few, were coming in and taking their places in the seats. What seemed strange to me was that one part of the room was being used for a junk shop, as I saw a junk dealer buying junk there. As I walked up the right aisle an enormous spider came down from the ceiling close to the pulpit as I knocked it down with an old fan and crushed it under my foot, I was startled to see nearly a score of ministers awake who had been asleep on the benches around the pulpit. They got up in a dazed sort of a way and began rubbing their eyes and to look at me as much as to say: why did you not let us alone in the enjoyment of our sleep. As I went on down the aisle more spiders came down all around the room spinning their webs untill the whole room was so full of spiders, webs, dust and grime, that I had to brush them away to keep them off me and out of my face. As I left the room in utter disgust, I gave one parting glance at the preachers and saw that they were dressed faultlessly in clergy fashion, but were also covered with cobwebs and had a death like clammy cold look on their faces. I recognized some of them as they gazed at me as an intruder, but I went away and the scene vanished as I got to the door and I awoke.

As I mused upon these things God spoke to me through His WORD. "For my people have committed two evils: They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, that can hold no water." Jer. 2: 13. Oh, my God, deliver us from the old spider-webbed, sleepy, grimy theology of men. Oh Father, let us once more and forever more, drink at the fountain head where the living fountains flow from the smitten rock. Oh, I praise God for the pure crystal fountain untainted by men and devil, flowing so freely from the throne of God. "He that is athirst let him take of the waters of life freely." Ho every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters. Rev. 22: 17. Isa. 55: 1.

—Sel. by M. Ramey.

OUR GREATEST NEED.

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Act. 1: 8). These words of Jesus have lost none of their force. Our Saviour calls for faithful witnesses in these days of religious formalism. But how few even among the professed ambassadors for Christ are ready to give a faithful personal testimony for their master. Many can tell what the great and good men of generations past have done and how they suffered. They are eloquent in setting forth the power of the gospel which has enabled others to rejoice in trying conflicts and to stand firm against fierce temptations. But while so earnest in bringing forward other Christians as witnesses for Jesus they seem to have no fresh timely experience of their own to relate. Ministers of Christ what have you to say for your selves? What soul conflicts have you experienced that have been for your good; for the good of others and for the glory of God? You who profess

to be proclaiming the last Solemn Message of mercy to the world; what is your experience in the knowledge of the truth and what has been its effect upon your own hearts? Does your character testify for Christ? Can you speak of the refining and sanctifying influence of the truth as it is in Jesus? What have you seen and know of the power of Christ? This is the kind of witness for which the Lord calls and for which the churches are suffering.

Without a living faith in Christ as a personal Saviour it is impossible to make your faith felt in a skeptical world. If you would draw sinners out of the swift-running current, you must not stand on slippery places. The Holy Spirit works with those who will be worked; molds those who will be molded; fashions those who will be fashioned. Give yourself the culture of spiritual thoughts and holy communings. You have seen but the first rays of the early dawn of his glory. As you follow on to know the Lord you will know that the path of righteousness is as the light of dawn that shineth more and more unto the perfect day (Prov. 4: 18).

—F. L. Elefritz.

MODESTY

The word "modesty" is defined, "Retiring, unobtrusive, diffident, shy, disinclined to be forward, or improperly expose one's person." Modesty in and appearance has always characterized the true woman. It is the supreme ornament in her social life. It ever gives a charm to her person, a richer setting to intellectual gifts, a pleasing quality in public address, and challenges respect in the exercise of authority and administering reproof.

As the brilliancy of the diamond radiates from within and does not reflect from its surface borrowed light, so the modest woman radiates this invaluable virtue in all the aspects of life, giving of itself a beauty of person and an attractive charm to her life which can not be duplicated by any devise of art. Every substitute for this inimitable grace is a decoy, a snare and a lie, and will sooner or later recoil with the blight of death upon the deceiver and the deceived.

The modern dictates of fashion respecting dress makes it all but impossible for a woman or girl to be modest. They must forego social station or part with this quality of character.

There seems to be among the leaders of fashion in female society a fixed purpose to destroy modesty as a womanly grace. By the laws of association and reaction the woman or girl who follows the fashions in dress will destroy this virtue in themselves.

It is a pitable sight to witness young girls' embarrassment in their effort, when sitting down, to cover their knees with their scant skirts. Vain every effort. Many have abandoned all effort and expose their legs as freely as their face. Not simply little girls, but young ladies well up in their teens.

Mothers in their thoughtlessness are dressing their daughters in skirts that bare reach their knees (some

much shorter, when standing) and thus succeed in stifling all sense of modesty so that when they reach the age of promiscuous society, they appear in the parlor or on the street so scantily clad, both above and below the belt line, as to shame virtuous men and offer a banner to those of lustful inclination.

There are thousands of women, young and old, who appear on the streets of our cities in slippers and hose, the bold color and ornamentation of which are evidently intended to challenge attention to their legs below the knee. Some with not even the gausiest covering above the ankle, the draperies from the belt, dangles or bead spangles adorning the scant skirt covering, adding to the attraction. If one would attempt a more elevated view, he is greeted with paint and powder and exposure of bust, and manner so bold as to remind him of Ahab's queen, or suggest a public invitation of the harlot.

If virtuous girls and beautiful young women appear in public in the garb of the dissolute woman, what wonder if they are rated as in the market for profit and pleasure. They invite even if unwittingly the advances of the immoral who wait at the corner for their prey.

A lamentable feature in the situation is that Christian mothers are so indifferent and lacking in maternal stamina that they are freely offering their daughters to the impure goddess; accepting as the standard of female attire the patterns displayed in immoral scenes of the movie picture shows and actresses of the vaudeville. Indifferent to effect, both subjective and objective, that their semi-nude appearance in public must have.

Some mothers are preparing for tears, anguish of soul, humiliation and defiled girlhood in their family circle, by the style and lack of covering with which they dress their daughters. Take a suggestion. When your daughter is on the street or with a group of her companions, notice where the vision of the young men and boys centers, then go home and prepare a suitable covering for chest and legs and remove the occasion of improper thoughts and sinful temptation. If you will play with fire do not cry with pain nor fault another if you are burned.

Never was vice so well organized and so heavily capitalized nor so generally legalized as now. Domestic and social immorality are far more general than is commonly believed. Money, pleasure, recreation, art and female attire are all laid under contribution to foster and gratify woman's pride, callous her modesty and debauch her virtue to gratify the lusts of man. Mothers seem to be unwitting dupes; they are cheerfully aiding to give success to the plot.

If the daughters of today are to be the mothers of tomorrow, what is the outlook for the future motherhood in church and nation? The wreckage of female character will be a greater catastrophe than famine intemperance or war.

Here is a great opportunity for Christian mothers. Will they prove equal to the occasion? We shall see.

—Sel.

AFFLICTIONS OF THE GOSPEL

Paul in exhorting and encouraging the young minister, Timothy, his son in the faith, wrote, "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor His prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, *but according to His own purpose and grace*" (2 Tim. 1: 8,9). Also, "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (Chap.2, verse 3). Affliction is a condition that attacks or fastens itself upon us, contrary to health and nature, hindering or preventing the use and exercise of the members of the body affected. Many times perhaps in our afflictions we say, "If I was only well, strong and healthy I would do much for God and souls." But let us remember we are called "according to His purpose," and for the present He may see if we were thus we might excuse ourselves and be busied too much with pieces of ground, oxen, etc., to heed the call and voice of the Lord.

It is said of Mary Slessor, the faithful missionary who spent and laid down her life in Africa, that she was so earnest and zealous, yet so frail in body, that often when night came on she would fall exhausted across her couch and awake later in the night to undress and prepare for bed. So in the hindrances or afflictions of the gospel, God so works that they become the means of the furtherance of the Gospel in the end.

I had intended going on the last boat to the Fiji Islands, which are on the course to Australia, but when the boat arrived it was under quarantine, a case of smallpox having developed on board the ship near Honolulu. This occasioned my remaining here on the Island of Tutuila, Samoa, three weeks longer, or until the next boat arrives. But God has had a good and wise purpose in this. Praise His name who doeth all things well. I have lived among the native Samoans while here and come in contact with the conditions and needs, and have desired to live and speak as to manifest a life for God, praying also that He may open the way for His full truth and benefits of the Gospel among this dear people. The thought also of partaking of or sharing the afflictions of the Gospel and enduring hardness as a soldier of Jesus has been much upon my mind and heart, as I read and meditate in the Scriptures and also in Fox's Book of Martyrs. My soul is renewed in courage and strength in the grace of our Lord. The heroes of our pure faith who made it possible that we have the glorious light of the Gospel today, were "desolate, tormented, afflicted." The Pagans and heathen inflicted many cruel tortures and deaths to the Christians, but the most inhumane and indescribable means of tortures were invented by the Roman Catholics who claimed to represent the true church in the name of our blessed Christ. The bishop who came to preach to John Huss to try to persuade him to recant, while he was chained to the stake, took this text, "Let the body of

sin be destroyed," and applied it to mean the lawful torture of those they called heretics. But it seems the higher the flames of the cruel torture of these faithful martyrs, the farther the light of the pure Gospel shone to other eager hearts who gladly embrace it; and in spite of all opposition and afflictions, the Gospel made its way to gladden the hearts oppressed by fear, heathenism and Romanism.

Through the afflictions and oppositions from the enemy to hinder the spread of the Gospel today are of a different nature, yet his forces are just as cunning and destructive as he knows his time is short and he has set to deceive the nations with false religions. But above and against all these things in these last and perilous days, the words of Jesus shall be fulfilled: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." God is working upon His throne by the greatness of His power and holiness to accomplish this through vessels of His choice and use. The world can achieve many feats that bring honor and fame to man; expeditions are readily manned and equipped with things necessary to explore the regions of the North Pole, make tours around the world, science expends its great sums to find out the whys of hidden mysteries, and we sometimes wonder why God does not, or cannot, get hold of the hearts of those who could equip ways to reach every nation and isle of the sea with the pure Gospel. No; this seems not to be God's way. His ways are not man's ways. But one thing is sure and certain as God's Eternal Word, He is doing His work. I sometimes think God will complete His work of getting this gospel to every nation, and the masses of the people not be aware of it, and the end and the coming of the Lord be like a snare or a thief, unexpected unto them.

It seems that one of the most harmful and deadly afflictions to the spread of the Gospel is as Paul said: "Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." As long as the enemy can succeed in having gnat strainers, camel swallows and mote hunters to harass and occupy the valuable time, or much of it, of the true disciples of Jesus, he to that extent delays the Gospel from reaching the "regions beyond." Oh, I would to God this sort could lift up their eyes so that God might give them sight to behold the great harvest-field of souls ripe and ready to harvest, and that their hearts might be filled with love divine and moved with compassion to action. Another affliction that deadens and causes much hindrance is the spirit of indifference that these things cause to come over the people of God, to quench if possible the holy love and zeal of the true saints. But let us go on from victory unto victory. Your labor is not in vain in the Lord. To those who are easily and leisurely drifting down stream, we may seem to be making little progress, toiling and rowing against the tide. But let us keep encouraged, partaking also of the many afflictions that come against the Gospel, knowing that if we suffer with Jesus we shall also reign with Him. "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that

HE is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him, against that day." I send heartiest greetings to all the dear saints and ask your prayers that I may ever live to be a witness for Jesus in the place of His choosing for me. I remain your Bro. in the Lord,
—Robert Longley.

THE OPENED EYE.

In one of David's earnest prayers he prayed that his eyes might be opened that he might behold wondrous things out of the law of God. Keeping the eye open is the secret of a safe walk in the ways of the Lord. Man can never know the right way of life and of God by his own wisdom and judgment. He needs to be enlightened by the Holy Spirit. There are deep and precious secret truths hidden in the word of God, but alas, how many eyes are closed to them!

Read the pathetic story of poor Hagar in the twenty first chapter of the first book of the Bible. She and her son had been thrust out as homeless wayfarers on the wide desert. Soon their supply of water was exhausted and Hagar sat down to weep because there wasn't any water to quench their thirst. Water was near at hand but she saw it not. Too many tears in her eyes. Tears of sorrow because of some of our troubles, trials and circumstances blind our eyes to the promises of God. God does not need to provide good things for us, what is needed is that we get our eyes open that we may see that they are already provided. In your trials, troubles and difficulties of life do not pray God to come down from heaven and do something for you but pray that your eyes might be opened to see that he did one time come down from heaven and done every thing for you that needs to be done. What we need is to accept what already has been done and all the demands of any life are fully met.

Poor Hagar's child was dying under the shrubs where she had lain him. Very deep sorrow indeed. But there was an angel near. In all our life's sorrows there is an angel hovering near. The trouble with too many of us is that grief's tears so fill our eyes that we cannot see his shining form, and disturbing noises fill our ears that we cannot hear his gentle call.

We should practice looking Godward. We are daily living in the midst of a multitude of angels and numberless chariots of God, but we do not see them because we are looking at the enemies host. Let us live such a pure unworldly life that we can see the unseen things. It is the pure in heart that see God. -C.E. Orr.

The unestablished heart is carried away, to and fro, by the current of deception and the winds of doctrines.

The lips of the foolish are quick to bear false accusations; but the wise and prudent man hateth a forward mouth.

The ways of the transgressor is hard, and full of "briers;" but God giveth PEACE and REST to the righteous.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

I PRAY

Heavenly Father I would pray,
Come Thou near to me;
Teach me what to do and say;
How to honor Thee.

Blessed Jesus I would ask,
For a gentle will.
Help Thou me my every task.
Faithful to fulfill.

Holy Spirit, loving Guide,
Lead me day by day.
Guard my steps on every side,
Lest I go a-stray.
—Edna Steager.

Utica, Pa. —Dear children, I truly feel grateful to the dear Lord that He enables me to write you once more and when my letters fail to reach you occasionally you may know it is because I am not able to write, for all of you are very dear to my heart and I love to write to you. It is because Jesus loves the little children that He has implanted this love in my heart for all of you. I am always glad when I receive your dear letters and some times the dear Lord prompts the older ones to write to me.

Just a few days ago I received such a precious letter from a dear young sister. One of Father's faithful children that He is using to seek out jewels that will shine for Him through all eternity. If you write her at 915 Market St. Perkasio, Pa. I believe Sister Rosella Slifer will write you good encouraging letters. I am trusting the dear Lord to prompt her to write to you often through our precious little paper "Faith and Victory".

Now precious children as you are acquainted with the dear Lord and you love to talk to Him and tell Him your real heart's desires wont you please ask Him to marvelously bless the little church at Perkasio with whom Sister Rosella meets to bless and keep the saved ones and lead the seeking ones to find His precious love and accept Him as their life long friend and then can dwell with Him through out a long and bright eternity.

Yes that little company of saved ones there has become dear to my heart through our dear young sister's letters and I must tell you that sister Rosella expects to come and see me this summer some time and may be soon and what a precious time we will have together.

You know I have told you that there is no one

in this little town that understands the precious Bible as we do. They most all belong to churches that men build. They dont know that Jesus can keep us from sinning and heal us when we get sick.

Oh how we wish that all could hear God's precious word taught as it really is and as we hear and understand it.

Oh children how thankful we should feel that God ever sent us the true light of His precious word.

Oh yes, I must tell you of something wonderful, marvelous and kind which the dear Lord did for me or rather for a dear grand-daughter who had with her husband returned from a trip to St. Petersburg, Fla. with the sight of her right eye entirely gone. The eye specialist gave her no hope of ever seeing out of that eye again. They said a blood clot had formed back of the eye ball so gave her no hope. Although one eye specialist of Erie, Pa. told her she had not more than one chance out of five thousand of ever seeing again out of it.

Oh dear children how thankful I was that I knew that the dear Lord is our heavenly physician. I knew He would give my dear little Blanch back her eye sight for you know He said what so ever you ask in faith believing we shall receive and you know He says He came to give sight to the blind and of course all of many other benifits which is ours to receive from His kind loving hand. Yes dear children He restored her sight and oh how we do praise Him for it.

Now I just want to say to you dear children both large and small and even older ones too. I do know our heavenly Father is pleased to have us come to Him asking for anything we desire. Just ask God in Jesus' precious name and it shall be yours. Of course we must ask as the dear Holy Spirit prompts for God's glory and the good of others as ourselves.

Children dear, did you ever think we are in the school of the dear Holy Spirit daily learning sweet lessons of faith, love and trust from our Divine Teacher.

From one that loves you all.

—Aunt Leoy McKay.

Scranton, Pa. —Dear Sister Pruitt: I take much pleasure in telling my determination: I am determined to follow to the end. I must tell you of God's healing power. I had the Scarlet Fever about two and a half months ago but I thank God He has healed my sister and I. I give God all the praise. I want you to pray for us all that we may grow stronger in the Lord.

Your sister in Jesus, —Sarah G. Strader.

Whitmer, W. Va. —Dear sir: You will find twenty-five cents worth of stamps for a book by the name of "Steps to Christ". I am very much interested in your paper. I enjoy reading it. I think every sinner should get this paper.

Some day I hope to tell all sinners about this wonderful paper that is published free and I hope that some day I can spread God's word.

Will you please send me a sample of fifty different tracts to distribute, also the "Faith and Victory". May this paper do great work.

Your fifteen year old sister.

—Mary Huffman.

CORRESPONDENCE

Pago Pago, Samoa, May the 5, 1926.—Dear Bro. and sister Pruitt and family:—May our Father who never shall suffer His faithfulness to fail, bless and encourage each of your hearts and keep you strengthened in the power and might of His Spirit; by faith and not by sight. I am glad again for the privilege of sending you greetings in His dear name, trusting and praying that you are all well and your hearts encouraged to press on until the final goal and prize is won. "Shall that which intervenes, deprive us of our rights." No, let us be fully persuaded with fixed and settled hearts that none of those things that come in this fleeting life shall move or separate us from God and His holy love. As long as we love and obey willingly all His word, ways and will for us, we shall not come into condemnation or be severed from Him. Praise His righteous name. I trust all is going well in the office work; and I am getting anxious to read the testimonies, articles etc. of the Faith and Victory paper. Guess I will enjoy reading when I get to Australia.

Well my second three weeks stay here is drawing to a close; God has in His wisdom, I feel permitted this and I praise Him that my heart says amen to His will. This has been good for my soul, and I have become better acquainted with the people and their need. The Samoan people as a whole are a very good, friendly people, but like the Indians they like their original customs and manners of living. I have lived practically all the time with the pastor of this village across the mountain. He can speak some English and last Sunday afternoon he had me to speak and he interpreted in the church. Of course many words he does not know, but God blessed and I feel was glorified. This brother for instance wanted to know what the word "suffer" meant, as I spoke something about Jesus suffering on the cross etc. He is a good man and tries to guide the people in a right way. There is a little school in this village, a young boy about 18 or 19 is teaching; but he some way can't make the children behave very well. So the pastor has school in his house for about one hour at morning and evening, and the children are very quiet and behave well. He teaches them the Bible, Arithmetic, Geography etc. I have helped him some, and yesterday some of the children tried to write their names in English. They did well, but it was amusing to read

the wording of their answers. They want me to come here and live and teach the children. I know if God wills this He will bless it; I desire only His will.

This is a very rocky island, and the people only have small patches of toro. The other day I went with the pastor up to one of his toro patches (They call them plantations) up on the mountain, it was very steep and took us an hour or more to go about one and one half mile. Another day I went up on the side of the mountain back of the village to see the walls and ruins of the house of one of the first missionaries to this Island. Also near by was the grave of the wife of this missionary. They came here shortly after they were married, but his wife only lived four months here. Their name was Scott. He sent to England or Australia and had a stone marker made for his wife's grave. The stone dates 1865 and gives the age of his wife as twenty-five years. It touched my heart much to see the results of the lives and labors of those who had laid down their lives for the people of this Island. Now, small trees have grown up around the place. God is keeping a true record, Bless His name.

Well, tomorrow, the Lord willing I must make my way back over the mountain to be ready to go on the boat that is due in a few days. I may yet stop at Fiji but not certain. So now I must bid you all good bye again; praying heaven's richest blessings to be upon you continually. Please give my love to all the dear saints. I remain as ever your brother in Christ.

—Robert Longley.

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Enid, Okla.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: I send greetings of love to you in the precious name of Jesus, who has redeemed us with His own precious blood, and gave us victory over the evil one. Wherefore, if we be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances; set your affections on things above, not on the things on the earth. For we are dead, and our life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall we also appear with Him in glory, Praise His dear name. It is joy unspeakable and full of glory to have that which is ours to enjoy here, to know that we are His own, and are crucified with Him; to the pride of life, and the lust of the flesh; by His spirit and power we have overcome the infirmities of the flesh; let us stand fast in the liberty, wherewith Christ has made us free, that we may be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless. I am with more determination pressing on to the mark of the high calling and to do His will.

You dear consecrated children of God, may the Lord sanctify your hearts and be ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear and you be without blame at His coming.

May God's richest blessing abide with each and every one of you, is my prayer. Please remember me in your prayer.

Your sister in Christ, —E. J. Dobbins.

Solsberry, Ind. —I do thank and praise God for the sunshine in my soul, blessed sunshine while the peaceful happy moments roll. I am glad I learned to abide in Him and I love to sing "Joys are flowing like a river since the comforter has come; he abides with us forever makes each trusting heart his home" halilujah, what a thought Jesus full salvation brought. Victory, victory, bless His dear name. It is wonderful how he can cause us to rejoice in the midst of deep sorrow. It makes our hearts sad to see the great majority just rushing down to destruction with no fear of God before their eyes and God is not in all their thoughts.

Jesus wept over Jerusalem when he saw they were wholly given over to idolatry so we often weep for those in darkness and ask God to open their blind eyes and put it into their hearts to love Him. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God, He willeth not that any should perish but rather all would come unto Him and live. I am asking Him to fill me with the knowledge of His will in wisdom and spiritual understanding that I may walk worthy of Him, showing to the world that I have been with Jesus and learned of Him, praise His dear name. I don't want to be ashamed before Him at His coming and I am determined to follow Him through evil as well as good report. My mind is stayed on Him and He is keeping me in perfect peace. I am glad as any one could be that this peace is for every one that will let Jesus come into their hearts and obey Him and let Him rule in their hearts and lead them in the straight and narrow way. I love this way and I want to say to all the dear pilgrims let us lift up Jesus for He is all and in all and no other name given where by we can be saved, praise His dear name. He is the fairest of ten thousand to my soul. I am sending you a little mite to help send out the truth, I love to read the good testimonies and all truth contained therein.

—M. E. Hudson.

Eldorado Springs, Mo.—To the dear saints and all that read the little paper. I can say that it is good to serve the Lord in the beauty of holiness. I thank God for taking me out of bondage, and I am a free man in Christ Jesus, bless His holy name.

The good Lord fights all of our battles for us; but we must trust and obey, for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus. So let us stay in the body as He has placed us; ready to press on in the battle at the good Lord's command. May the Lord bless all of you is my prayer.

—S. W. Middleton.

Charleston, W. Va.—Dear beloved brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus: I am sending you greetings in Jesus dear name; dear ones I am still on the Lord's side and truly praise God I can truly say that I have been born of the spirit and of water since I last wrote to you, and now I know the Kingdom of God is within me, praise the Lord forever. The Lord has so wonderfully blessed me for the last few months; I was fully endowed with power from on high, the eleventh

of last January, and I am so glad that the Spirit through the prayers of the dear saints led me to keep seeking the Lord; there are so many people stop at their first blessing. I want to climb higher.

Pray for me dear ones that the Lord will fill me with His knowledge; that He may use me according to His will in spiritual work; and also that I may be blessed with work that I may be able to help others that need help. I feel that it is through prayer that the dear Lord has been so merciful to me.

Your brother in Christ. —Bartley Salyers.

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Burnside, Pa. —Dear Bro. Pruitt, you are still in our hearts and minds. May our heavenly Father put you under the shadow of the cross and after the cross comes the crown. These are the days of compromise and most every direction we look we see compromise. If there is any compromise in us we pray God to reveal it to us for we want to keep clean of the accursed thing. The devil is working hard on this line and who will be able to stand. The flesh is working and the world is bidding the saints to fall and the false prophets (so called preachers) are at the head of it. The false prophets and kings led literal Israel to idolatry, so it is today. We pray God to give us the spirit of discernment that we may know who serveth God and who serveth Him not.

It breaks our heart to hear professed saints of God talk of the non-essentials of the gospel of our salvation that the lovely Jesus brought to us from our Father in heaven then sealed it with His blood but our Father and Jesus change not, the word like they; is the same yesterday, today and forever. Praise God forever, we are dead to the flesh and the world has no chances for us. We are looking to eternal things. The great God who in times past spoke to our fathers by the prophets is today speaking unto us by his Son, Jesus Christ our saviour. All the men and devils in the world cannot persuade us that he is speaking non-essentials. Each day His word (All of it) is more wonderful to us. The Holy Ghost is a wonderful teacher, leader and comforter. Oh, the blessed oneness of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; and we through Jesus, brought into this heavenly place.

I long for the oneness of God's people; not putting our heads together, but our hearts knit through the blood of Jesus.

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Bend, Oregon. —My dear Bro. Pruitt & all in your house greeting in the precious name of Jesus: It has been a long time since I have heard from you, so have been wondering where my paper has gone, or if one has been sent out for April.

On the 21st, of March we left Concrete and have been traveling most of the time since. We went about 80 miles on the other side of Auburn Calif. up in the mountains and camped at a place called Kelsey; a Post Office and store. My youngest daughter and family are there yet, and I am going back again Lord

willing as soon as I can pack up my stuff and He provides the way. I came by Stage and had a stop of *three hours in Redding. . . The Rest room was the Hotel Lobby* joining the Buss Station, so I went there and found a comfortable place to sit in the end of one of the long seats where I thought I would not be disturbed. I took out my Bible and began to search the scriptures for a passage that kept coming to me that I was anxious to find. Soon a man passes in front of me very close to my feet and I could see he had on light colored pants but I did not look up as I was anxious to find what I was looking for and would lose my place. After he had passed before me several times the Spirit says it is some one wanting to speak to you so I closed my book and looked up and the man came over to me and sat down and ask me if I liked to read that book. I told him certainly I liked to read it because it was the book of Life and food for the spiritual part of man. He says yes but not many does. Then he asked me where I lived and before I finish telling him he was gone without excusing himself, but I felt he had been stirred mightly by the Spirit of God, for he was very nervous all the while I was talking to him. He looked to be about thirty-five years old and was well dressed and of a smooth intelligent countenance. I could not help thinking how necessary it is that every child of God carry their Bible where it can be seen and whenever opportunity affords to read it in public places. I never saw him again while there, although I still had an hour, looked everywhere. It is the BIBLE held in the hands of a SPIRIT filled child of God that talks to the hearts of sinners. Let us be about our Fathers business. With love in his name, —Ione E. Robbins.

Folsom, La.—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: Yesterday, I was reading your holy paper—read it through; it's a good one to distribute in this little ungodly town. Maybe with yours and our prayers some heart will be touched. My testimony is like sister John Davis of Portland N. York; about the styles, fashions and formality being at a high pitch. I, like her am alone, never hear a sermon. My only comfort is God's word and the little papers. I cried aloud when I read of the little boy kneeling by the empty grate; but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; though He tarry long.

I have two sore feet and corns from walking on my toes, which makes walking hard for me. I do all my work on my knees or on my crutches. Well I guess I deserve it or God would not let it come upon me. I know He loves me for He leads me and my whole trust is in Him; I do not use remedies of any kind. He is keeping my twenty-one year old boy well; he never took a drop of medicine in his life; God healed him when he was near death with croup, and of other things also; professors said he would die of blood poison one time if I did not put a poultice on his hand, it was black and did look bad. I fasted and prayed and the night be-

fore it broke, he had a high fever and a lady said "he has got a high fever" well, I said, if God wants him, he is His and I went in to serve supper. My boy said to the lady "get the song book and sing" so she took the song book at his command and begun to sing and he jumped up and joined in with her. When we returned his fever was all gone in less than fifteen minutes and he has been well ever since that, which is about four years ago. What could she say but praise God. Now dear ones it is a great comfort to me to know I have Jesus as a very present help, although I am a sufferer so long. I guess He is perfecting that which is lacking. Pray much for me and my poor husband who is eighty years old.

My heart goes out for you dear ones; what privations you go through for the cause, but very soon all of you will be rewarded, time can not go much longer. We pray God for us all to be ready with our lamps trimmed and our lights burning brightly. Yours in holy love. —Tillie Rogers.

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Hennessey, Okla. —Dear saints at the Faith Pub. House and abroad: Greeting in Jesus dear name. Today I am yet saved thanking the dear Lord for this great salvation. I am encouraged to stay in the narrow way, truly Jesus is more than life to me. During the great wave of flu. that swept over the country the Saviour wonderfully manifested his power in our home in healing for which I give his name all the glory and praise. I received the little paper "Faith and Victory" and I enjoy reading it. It has much encouragment and inspiration in it. Enclosed find a small doation to help out with the publishing of it. Your sister in Christ, —Willia J. Williams.

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Calumet, Okla. —To the dear saints abroad. I will this morning write my testimony. I received my first copy of the "Faith and Victory" a few days ago and I think it is a fine paper. I got a great blessing out of reading the testimonies of the saints.

I am praising God this morning for victory in my soul, praise the precious name of Jesus. I am praising God because I know Jesus can heal the sick as well as save the soul; praise his name. Pray for the saints here. Dear saints, there are only a very few of us here and holiness is a new thing being preached here. People tell me they never heard it preached until a very short time ago. We have prayer meeting every Wednesday night and preaching every Sunday night. Also pray for my loved ones that are out in sin that the Lord might in some way convict their hearts that they might be brought in before it is everlastingly too late. I am having an awful hard battle to fight but I know God is able to undertake if I only live submissive to his will and dear saints pray for me that I might ever be in the center of his will just doing the little things he has for me to do that I might do or say something and live the life before others that I might be the means of some

lost soul coming to God before it is too late.

I am so burdened for lost souls. Oh, if people in sin could only know what it means to go on in sin I know they would be on their faces crying out for mercy.

I am so glad that He showed me where I stood in his sight. I was like lots of others, I was trying to hold on to God with one hand and on to the world with the other but one time he showed me that would not do so I am glad he takes all the desire of these worldly things away from us if we will only obey him. I pray God's speed to all the saints in Jesus' dear name and may His work ever go on and hold up the blood-stained banner of the Prince of Peace.

Your sister in the faith, —E. H. Estep

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Kansas City Mo.—Dear brothers and workers at Faith Pub. House. I want to thank you for the sample copy of "Faith and Victory." I am glad of one thing that you sent me—the two tracts that did me lots of good; they were entitled "Enoch walked with God" and "Cast thy burdens upon the Lord". If I ever needed help with spiritual food it was when I got those two tracts; I do believe that they were ordered by the Lord; I am so full of the joy of the Lord that I can hardly sit still long enough to tell you of it, my eyes are full of tears and my heart full of joy; my cup runneth over with the oil of gladness, I am so glad that I have a Saviour that I can trust at all times.

Brother Pruitt I do love you and your paper, I will continue to pray that the Lord will bless your work and supply your ever need, we are having a hard trial now but the Lord will deliver us.

I want you to send me a lot of those tracts entitled "Enoch walked with God" and "Cast thy burdens upon the Lord" and any other that you see fit to send. I remain your brother in Jesus.

—G.G. Marten.

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Forest City, Mo. —Dear sister Pruitt: Greeting in the precious name of Jesus. Your kind and good letter received and I enjoyed it. How I love to hear from those who have been washed and redeemed by Jesus' blood and are born into God's family. Today finds me saved from all sin; sanctified by the blood of Jesus and fully given over to his will. Today is Easter and how it brings to our minds the day our Saviour arose. How sweet to know that we have been resurrected from sin to serve the true and living God then comes to our mind the day when those that sleep will arise and our mortal bodies shall put on immortality. We shall rise to meet the Lord in the air and what a glorious day that will be. What great rejoicing by those who have been faithful and overcome by the blood of the lamb. Praise the Lord, I want to be in that happy group who will be robed in the white robe of Righteousness waiting for my Lord, yes I love his appearing. Oh, what joy it brings to me to know that I shall see him who died for me.

Your sister in Christ, —Susie Whipple.

Montezuma Indiana.—Dear Sister Pruitt, in the Lord. I will write you a few lines to let you know that the dear Lord is still helping his trusting children. My heart surely is full of praise and gratitude towards my blessed Saviour. He surely is all to me, for when all others fail he is still the same.

Our baby, age two years, was very low. It looked like for a few days that death was near; his neck got stiff also his tongue. He could scarcely swallow water and his fever run high. He simply was burning hot with fever at times and he got so weak he just trembled. But the Lord so wonderfully healed him. We sent to different places for prayer and for three days and nights I fasted in prayer for him. And the dear Lord healed him. Praise His dear name. He gained so fast after he was healed that it seemed impossible for such a change to come so quick.

I certainly appreciate the prayers of the saints.

I remain your humble sister.

May Riley.

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Enid, Okla. —Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints at Faith Publishing House: Greetings in Jesus name. I want to write and thank you for "Faith and Victory". It sure brings a blessing with it and I think it is fine and clean. It carries love to those who get it. I just ask God's blessings on all concerned in its publication. I and family are fully trusting in Jesus' saving and healing power. I have had many blessings from trusting him, praise His name. I am sending you a dollar knowing you will use it to the glory of God. Will close praying God's blessings on you and your work.

—J. A. Claypole.

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Louisville, Ky.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and family and all my dear friends there. May the richest blessings of heaven be poured out upon all of you for Jesus' sake. Your good letter received some time ago, was busy at the time working and delayed writing; am busy now, but feel led to write you a few lines as I have not forgotten you, but have you on my prayer list. I love the Lord, His people, His cause and work; am wanting to do all I can to help spread the gospel of full salvation.

I got a token of love from Robert to-day; a hard woven mat and fan.

I have been rather busy this spring which is the Lords will for me so far; I remain open unto the Lord to lead according to His blessed will; my heart is fixed on Christ and the salvation of lost souls. I want to be of better service in the future. Continue to pray for me.

When you have ample time, will be glad to hear from you. With love to all the saints and children; I remain your brother and His servant.

—Irvin H. Whitehouse.

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Woodburn, Ore.—My testimony today is that I am a child of God. Rom. 8: 15-17; Gal. 4: 7. My name is written in heaven, Luke 10: 20. I say that I am saved,

sanctified, and satisfied. I am sweetly resting in my Saviour's love. My heart is fixed, and I am determined to do the whole will of God. I thank God for a full salvation that makes me happy. I am on my way to heaven with glory in my soul. I am standing on the promises of God, and the language of my heart is no cross, no suffering I decline only to keep me fully Thine. I am all on the altar for His service. I know His way is best for me. I am determined to go all the way with Him. I must go by the way of the cross, remembering, in my hand, no prize I bring; simply to His cross I cling.

I know that my time, here in this world is short, but I want to know, day by day, that my life is hid with Christ in God, that I may be able to finish the work He has given me to do. I can sing those lovely words, "Then let our songs abound and all our tears be dried; we're marching through Emanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high."

I have left all this world to follow my Saviour. I am poor in this world's goods; but I am heir of a mansion in heaven.

—*Phebe Green.*

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Suva, Fiji Islands:—Dear Bro. and sister Pruitt and all at Faith Pub. House: Just a few words of greetings to you this morning through the tender mercies and love of Jesus our dear Lord and Master—true Shepherd and Captain of our Salvation. I trust that each of you are well and encouraged in your hearts to continue on in the strait narrow way till we leave this dark world behind. May He give all grace and strength for all things He has called to do—to have the conscienciousness of being in God's will gives joy and victory over the seeming oppositions of the enemy. Praise the Lord forevermore.

I just arrived in Fiji yesterday before noon and so I understand a boat is due by here this morning from New Zealand to San Francisco and on to Vancouver. I thought I would write you a little to let you know how I am. I left Samoa, Monday May the tenth, and I feel that God was pleased with my stay there. He made some friends for me among them, and it may be in His will some time for me to go back there; as I am praying that a way may be opened for the reception of His truth more fully. The Samoans are very friendly people and several wanted me to come back if God willed. But I feel not to return just because they were friendly and treated me well. Now I have spent one night here and stayed with the Samoan pastor as some of his friends or members of his family sent some things to him by me. The Lord has been wonderfully good to me and His presence is near. The Fiji people are very far from being the type of people the Samoans are. The original natives are very black, rather flat nose and something of an angry look upon their faces. There are quite a number of Hindus here from India also which seem much more intelligent or civilized than the Fiji people, of course I do not yet know much about either class. I had only intended staying here three weeks or until

the next boat came from San Francisco, but the Purser on the boat gave a three months stop over on my ticket. God will help me to know His will in the matter; so please pray for me. Of course I didn't have any mail sent here, but if God should will for me to remain here a longer time than I was expecting, I will send to Sydney for my mail. Seems rather long since having any letters. But the eternal God is my Refuge and underneath are His everlasting arms. He is keeping me encouraged and I know the prayers of the saints are upholding me. I will write again the Lord willing before the boat comes by returning from Sydney, Australia to the U.S. and perhaps I can tell you better of the conditions here. I trust that the Lord is blessing and encouraging your hearts in the work there and feeding many hungry souls.

Now I must bid all farewell again, praying the richest blessings of heaven to continually be bestowed upon you. Please give my very best regards and love to all the saints. With fervent prayers and much love I remain your brother in Christ, desiring to please Him and do His will. —Robert Longley.

A letter from Bro. Longley just before going to press informs us that the Lord has been blessing his stay among the people of the Fiji Islands; and by this date he expects to be in Australia.

SERVICE OF LOVE.

All of my letter-writing to the Shut-in afflicted ones in every State, is sent forth in the precious name that is above all others—the sweet name of Jesus.

Any love service for Jesus' sake is blessed and will not fail for a rich reward, but the constraining love for Him should be the one motive of the heart.

The light that He gives us should shine forth in warm, loving beams to cheer and brighten the life and pathway of other dear souls, who may be walking in the glooming shadows of some great sorrow or trouble.

What is done for Jesus' sake is never lost, though immediate results are not always seen. The seed thought or deed will grow and in time produce fruit. So that at eventide the sower and reaper may come wondering home together with golden sheaves for the heavenly garner.

Once a light-house keeper went away one morning expecting to get back by evening, but was prevented by a terrible storm before reaching his island home. As the night came on his little girl looked and waited anxiously for the coming of her father. As she had often helped him in his work of attending to the lights, she went up into the lofty tower and lit the great lamps that flashed forth their bright, cheery light over the foaming bellows that raged around her. That night a great vessel driven by the storm was dashing for the rocks, but the friendly light was seen in time to avoid them. Over three hundred lives were probably saved. The little child's love, light and desire to try and help save her fellow-men, was love implanted in her heart by the blessed Saviour who richly rewarded the effort.

On the dark perilous ocean of life, many precious souls are adrift who need the friendly light of love, that will help them to reach the final heaven of peace and safety.

To help our fellow-men in any way, one can and what I call practical Christianity, the kind Jesus lived and taught when here on earth. I think it is pleasing unto Him now, when done in His name and for His sake. The supreme motive of our life here on earth. All of our deeds and words of helpful kindness to others, should be to please Jesus, for they are some of the beautiful roses of life that will never fade or wither, but will blossom forever along the banks of the "river of life" in yonder world of joy and glory. To scatter the fragrant flowers of golden deeds and loving words along the dreary pathway of the afflicted ones that they may have a brighter day, is a most noble mission. As it is the glorious sunshine of heaven that gives the many-tinted flowers; their rich variety of colors, so may kind thoughtful words and deeds, so influence other lives that they may be like the pure white lily unfold into one of beauty. A sympathetic service of love in eyes, lips, hands or feet may often prove a greater blessing to helpless ones along the wayside of life, if given in the right spirit than a bank check. I get a great variety of letters from these dear afflicted shut-in people. Some of them hopeful and others hopeless. They make my heart ache and tears fill my eyes as I read the letters, telling of their various ailments, pain and sufferings. Oh, not only aching hearts but the broken hearts and bodies of men, women and children all over our country and among all tribes and nations of earth. Day and night their wailing cry is heard for relief that does not come. Some enduring a living death and yet cannot die. What an awful heritage of trouble and affliction sin has brought on the human race.

And a sad feature of this is, that so few care to be helpers or comforters to those who have fallen along the Jericho road of life, but pass by them on the other side with their eyes closed. Alas! alas! the great need of more brotherly love in this mad rushing world at present, bent only on gain and pleasure while their fallen brothers lie at their gates starving and full of sores.

May the great love of Jesus for us help us to remember our fellow-men in their afflictions in some useful way.

"Only one life.

It will soon be past.

Only what's done

For Jesus will last."

—W. R. Smith

MODERN RELIGION

It is written: the word of God is called faithful and true, and in righteousness doth He judge and make war; and out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword that with it He should smite the nations and He shall rule them with a rod of iron—and He treadeth the

winepress of the fierceness and wrath of almighty God, and that He has a name written: "King of kings and Lord of lords"—and that Zion shall be redeemed with judgment and her converts with righteousness.

The nations can no longer deny that the ransomed church of God, the true bride of Jesus Christ is not only the church militant; but also the church triumphant; and that she is founded upon the blood stained Word of the Lord God almighty; which is Jesus Christ the righteous, the holy one of Israel in prophecy which is from everlasting to everlasting and not on the idiotic, egotistic arguments, or the oratorical views and scientific belief of weak erring sinful flesh and weak unholy humanity; that knew not the Lord God almighty and obeyed not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that the Lord God chooses His servants unto salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth and calls them by His everlasting gospel to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ—that the ransomed church of God, the true bride of Jesus Christ is composed of precious souls that keep the testimony of Jesus, the word of truth and do not deny His name; and thus come up out of great tribulation and wash their robes and make them white in the blood of the lamb.

We can no longer as a nation and a people deny that the foolishness of the Lord God almighty is wiser than men, and that the weakness of the Lord God almighty is mightier than men; and that Jesus Christ is the light of the world and the power of the Lord God almighty and the wisdom of almighty God in the truth of His word, the same yesterday and today and forever—and that the Lord God almighty is His own revelation of light and declaration of truth and reveals himself through the holy scriptures and passing events of the day and declares himself thru the power of his word, by bringing to pass that which was spoken of from the beginning in its appointed time and not through the vain works and ego of fallen humanity that fell from grace and turned their glory into shame by their lack of fidelity and obedience to the word of God.

The nations can no longer deny that it is by the blood of Jesus Christ and His work upon the cross and not by the works of weak erring sinful flesh that knew not the Lord God almighty—and obeyed not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ that we as a nation and a people find time and space to exist; and that the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is the power of the Lord God almighty unto salvation to all who believe and unto final condemnation and everlasting damnation unto all who hold the truth in unrighteousness and deny the Lord that bought them.

Be it known unto modern religion and like-wise unto every tongue, tribe and people on this terrestrial ball; from this day hence forth and forever: that the gospel of Jesus Christ was given us for the healing of the nations and not for modern religion to quarrel and fight over; and that the gift of the Lord God almighty which is eternal life was not purchased with corruptable things, like unto gold and silver; but with the precious blood of Jesus Christ the only begotten son

of God and therefore can neither be bought or sold and that the Lord God almighty's house is to be called a house of prayer by all nations and not to be turned into a den of robbers and thieves and that the ransomed church of God, the true bride of Christ is not a weakling; but the church militant and the church triumphant and all victorious, and that the very gates of hell with her legions of devils and earth with all her hosts of sinners cannot prevail against her for she is, the old ship Zion; she has withstood many a storm and will withstand many more; for God almighty will defend His holy cause and uphold His own righteousness by the power of His Spirit.

—Florence Brantner.

MILLENNIALISM REFUTED

In just as short a space as possible, by the help of the Lord and His word we expect to be able to refute the God dishonoring doctrine of a millennial reign either pre or post; that is a reign of Christ with his people literally on earth, either before the general resurrection or afterwards.

The current dispensation is the last age of time, it is termed "the last days" Heb. 1: 1, 2, "the last time" Jude 18, 1 Jno. 2: 18, "the fullness of times" or the time or age that fills or furnishes all time—Eph 1: 10, "the end of the world" Heb. 9: 26.

Now, as the Bible teaches us that the wicked will wax worse and worse deceiving and being deceived even up to the end of time, I see no time for a pre-millennium. Four things will take place the instant of the coming of Christ; first, the universal resurrection of the dead: "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."

"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive, and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first." 1 Thess. 4: 14,15,16: before what? Before those saints who are alive go to meet Him in the air. When Jesus comes, those who are asleep (asleep in Jesus—dead) will rise from the dead; then all will go together; which is clearly explained in the next verse: "then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Verse 17. This makes it all very plain that when He comes, He will not dwell down here on this earth, but to the contrary "we will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air (some where, wherever He has the place prepared for us) and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

There will be no time, place or need of a millennium; there will be ONE LITERAL FUTURE RESURRECTION—"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, (both saint and sinner) and shall come forth: they that

have done good, unto the resurrection of life: and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." Jno. 5: 28,29. Both classes of people: saints and sinners, will be raised at the same time.

"But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets; and have hope toward God, which they themselves allow, that there shall be a (not two, but one) resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust." Acts 24: 14,15.

We shall prove by the next scriptures that there will be no time or place for a pre. or post millennium.

"And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it: and death and hell (hades) delivered the dead which were in in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

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: 11,12,13,14 and 15. All this is to take place at His coming.

We believe sufficient has been said to prove the universal resurrection of the dead, and we will now take up the general judgment and prove by the following scriptures that it will take place when Jesus comes.

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and doctrine.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but to all them also that love His appearing." 2 Tim. 4: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, also read Matt. 16: 26,27 —1 Pet. 4: 7,—2 Pet. 3: 7, 9 to 12, Rev. 20: 11,12.

All of the above will take place when he comes; and many more scriptures we could give as proof.

—G. E. Harmon.