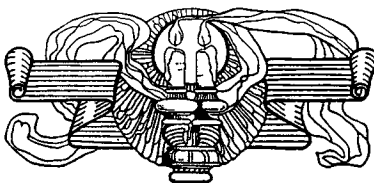


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God is
Love.



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Saves.

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Love Divine

Thy love I know, I feel, I see.
This endless bliss is mine
Its heavenly mantle o'er shadows me,
Thy riches of grace are all sublime.

He that loveth is born of God.
God's Spirit in him dwells,
And while he lives above the sod
This story of love he tells.

Love never faileth, is ever true,
Endureth all things brave,
It vaunteth not the one of whom
This love has made a slave.

Oh, Love, thou conquering power divine,
Continue thy work in me,
Till I shall reach that heavenly clime,
And forever dwell with Thee.

—R. H. Craig.

Christianity

The principals of christianity are supernatural, coming directly from God. (Heb. 3: 6). Christ as a Son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. It is unique. The elements which is to be found only in the person of its founder, Jesus Christ. These elements cannot be learned through philosophy, or creeds. (See Gal. 1: 12). "For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." Likewise all the apostles were instructed to tarry for the endowment of power. It is to be experienced by the work of grace wrought in the heart of mankind by faith of him. Mankind being separated from God by transgressions, became totally incongruent by nature, he lost the very image of God and became a castaway. So it became needful to redeem and restore the human family back to God; mans

nature must be changed. Away with any religion that does not affect a change in man. (See Titus 2: 11-12). In order to affect this change, a reunion of divinity and humanity was necessary. This was accomplished by divine conception, and a human birth, thus forming a link, reuniting the divine and the human. So Jesus Christ was both son of God and son of man. This plainly shows why a new birth is indispensable to salvation. Born again, born out of; brought forth from the kingdom or dominion of darkness, into the kingdom and dominion of the Son of God. So God was in his Son reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses.

Jesus became a sacrificial offering for the sins of the world, thus appealing to the conscience of man bringing him to repentance. And by faith in Jesus Christ and in God the Father, they again become congruously related. Thus we can say now are we the sons of God. "And of sons then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with our Lord Jesus Christ." But how shall we know of this experience? (See John 4: 7-13). "Beloved let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." "Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his spirit."

I might branch off into several phases of the Christian life, but I will not at this time. Vital union with Christ will affect a real oneness of believers. "One Lord, one Spirit, one Faith, one Baptism, one Body, (Church) one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in you all." —R. H. Craig.

Present Kingdoms

The new birth is something that every soul must experience, if they ever see the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is hid from a great many souls, because they have never experienced this new birth, have never been born again. Every soul is in the Kingdom of God in a universal sence; but only those that have been born of the Spirit of God are in the Kingdom of

God in the sense that Jesus speaks of it in the third chapter of John; "Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

Satan has a kingdom here in this world and all unsaved people are in it; but when they turn to Christ with godly sorrow for their sins, a sorrow deep enough that will move them to make all their wrongs right, then except the blood of Christ as an atonement for all past sins, God will except that which is under the blood and send peace to the soul; then will they be born again and see the Kingdom of God; will be delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the Kingdom of His dear Son. (Col. 1: 13).

In the universal Kingdom which includes the whole world, it would seem to us that Satan had controlling power and he does control in a large measure and causes the human race to suffer much under his devilish rule, homes are broken up, murders are committed and oppression is great; but he can go no further than God permits, as God has power over him. We have several instances recorded in the Bible, that proves this to be true. When Satan was accusing Job to God and saying that Job did not fear God for naught and accused Job of serving God, because He had blessed the work of his hands and increased his substance and further said, "But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath and he will curse thee to thy face." (Job 1: 11). And God gave Satan permission to take from him all the substance he had. Through all this Job stood true and held his faith in God and worshiped God saying, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return tither: the Lord gave, and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Job did not sin nor charge God foolishly in all the evil that Satan committed in wrenching his property and possessions from him. He looked beyond circumstances and worshiped God who had power over Satan.

When Satan saw that he had failed to turn Job away from God by taking the things that He possessed and that God was pleased with Job's actions he said to God, "Put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to the face." God gave Job over to Satan; but commanded him to save his life. (Job 2: 6). So we see by this scripture that Satan is under the power of God and can go no further than God permits. This truth ought to be a great encouragement to us who are saved and are in troubles of afflictions of any kind, as God is going to have a proved people to dwell with Him in glory.

We find some more scripture in Daniel that proves beyond all doubt that God rules above all in

spite of things that exist. In the fourth chapter of Daniel, we have record of a vision that King Nebuchadnezzar saw: It was a great tree, it was strong and its height reached unto heaven and was seen by all the earth, the leaves were fair and in it was meat for all, in fact it was a great and mighty tree. Daniel who gave the interpretation said, the great tree represented the King and his earthly Kingdom which was powerful and reached to the ends of the earth. In the vision he saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven and saying, hew the tree down and destroy; but the stump was to be left. (Daniel 4: 23).

In the twenty-sixth verse of this chapter we read, "And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shall have know that the heavens do rule."

Later when King Nebuchadnezzar became inflated and lifted up in pride was taking honor to himself and leaving God out; a voice fell from heaven, saying, "O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; the kingdom is departed from thee." And it was so for he was driven from men and did eat grass like the oxen, for seven years he was in this state and his hair had grown like eagle's feathers, and his nails like bird's claws. After the days of this curse was ended, his understanding returned and he blessed the Most High; and praised and honored Him that liveth forever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom is from generation to generation. And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay His hand, or say unto Him, what doest thou? (Daniel 4: 34-35).

In the seventeenth verse we find, that this deed or act was done with the express intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will.

Some may wonder why God permits Satan to have so much power in the world, causing misery, trouble and oppression. It is because men want Satan as their governor rather than Jesus, they are more or less inflated and want to be honored and the devil works through their vanity, which they are subject to and lies to them and they believe the devil's lies and seek ease, comfort, fame and honor here and what the devil makes them think to be right becomes oppressive, crushing and killing to a large majority and sin working through the whole kingdom of Satan, makes it a confused mess of trouble, many heart aches, families broken up, divorce cases, hatred, envy and murder, many bound under, crushing, killing, labor day

after day and year after year, diseased and afflicted bodies with much suffering, yet compelled to labor at hard labor for an existence and worst of all their souls are heavy laden with sin and transgressions, a great weight on the soul that sees nothing but torment ahead, what a sad picture, yet it is all true and is a reality right here in this world.

While Satan has a kingdom and a very large one here in this world, yet God has a kingdom which might rightly be termed The Potter's Clay Kingdom, as those who compose it, throw up their hands to God and become as potter's clay that He might work, bend and fashion them to His own pleasure, thereby fitting them for the glory world. This Kingdom was very small in the beginning and was seen in a vision as a stone cut out without hands, but finally became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. (Daniel 2: 34).

Now this stone that was cut out without hands is none other but Christ and though He was very little in the beginning and men scoffed and scorned at Him, rejecting him and slew him, yet He set up His Kingdom while he was on earth and it has never been prevailed against. When Peter said, "Thou art Christ, the Son of the Living God." Jesus spoke and said, "Upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (not on Peter, but on Christ for He was the stone) and so they that really believe that Christ is the Son of the living God will repent of transgressions committed, receive the blood as an atonement and except Christ as their governor and walk in His will and ways, becoming a part of the Potter's Clay Kingdom that now exists in this present world, as they reign in life by one Christ Jesus. (Rom. 5: 17).

They soon become aware of the fact that, "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." (Rom. 14: 17). For they are born of the Spirit and see the Kingdom of God. Christ becomes their governor Isa. 9: 6, and are free and happy with all the weight of sin and condemnation gone from their souls. Rom. 8: 1, they have soul rest that Jesus promised to give to all who would come unto Him. Matt. 11: 28-29, They are one in His Kingdom, Church or Family of God, having been purchased by His own blood. Acts 20: 28.

According to second Peter and third chapter beginning at the tenth verse, the elements, earth and works therein will be burned up; but in the thirteenth verse we find according to His promise we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness; this will be the home of those who are diligent and are found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless. (2 Peter 3: 14). —Fred Pruitt.

The Blood Of Christ

"Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children." (Matt. 27: 25). What an awful curse the Jews pronounced upon their own nation. The blood and life of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. The blood of God in the flesh. Jesus said, "I and the Father are one." Yes, and all who are lost, are lost, because they have neglected to avail themselves of His great salvation, which He purchased with His precious blood. All who are lost, have the blood of Christ against their souls, because they would not repent and forsake their sins and have his blood wash their sins away. Oh, what a great price has been paid for our redemption; and what a terrible price sinners have to pay for not availing themselves of God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The blood of Christ, has been shed for sinners, to bring them back to Himself. What more can God do? He suffered, he died, he bled for us. Those who are lost through all eternity and knew what a great price God has paid for their redemption. They themselves are to blame, when they find that they have let the golden opportunity pass from them, until God says, "It is enough cut it down, why cumberest it the ground." Some are cut down in their youth, some in the prime of life, and some in old age. So the millions of earth pass on to their reward, whether they have done good or evil. They receive the wages for sin, or for righteousness.

Who wants the blood of Jesus to cover their sins? Like the blood of the lamb, which was sprinkled upon the door post in the dark land of Egypt. How it protected the life of the first born in all their homes. Even so the blood of Christ if applied to our hearts, now in this life, will atone for all our sins. We can live godly here in this present evil world, even here among sinners; because Christ's blood has more virtue than the blood of bulls, goats and lambs etc. The blood of Christ will save from all sin, it will make saints out of sinner, which we all were, and we will be heirs of the kingdom and joint heirs with Christ our elder Brother.

Oh, why won't souls flee to the fountain of life? Where they can have holiness, instead of being stained with sin. To those who are stained with sin, Christ will say, "Where I go, ye cannot come." Heaven's portals will be forever closed to them, if they don't come God's way while they may. Let us come God's way and have peace and contentment in our hearts.

—Mrs. I. E. Kriebel.

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EDITORIALS

We are thankful to the living God, that He has again enabled us to send forth another Faith and Victory paper and thereby giving us opportunity to reach many needy souls with the gospel, which is the power of God.

There are some that have a way of lifting up themselves and their work, to get men's eyes on them as some great *one*. When we see and know of this, it always brings sadness to our heart, as we desire to only see Jesus lifted up, that men may be drawn unto Him, for He alone can satisfy the longing soul.

If God is working through and using some person to be a blessing and a comfort to many souls, they should honor such, as God has honored and is honoring them, even as Paul exhorts us in Gal. sixth chapter and sixth verse. "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things." And also in first Timothy, "Let the elders that rule well, be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in word and doctrine." The word teaches us that we should not muzzle the ox. Now God refers to His ministers as oxen, for He lays burdens on them that are not on others and every saved soul should feel the responsibility of assisting them in moving the gospel train along. Some are doing their full duty along this line and others are slackers and then they wonder why they are so lean in their souls. When God puts things in your hand, He is expecting you to use it to His glory and when used to His glory, God will put more in your hand for his use and as you willingly let God flow through you to help needy ones, your soul will be in a healthy spiritual condition continually.

When any one lifts himself up above all other saints as though they were a certain favored pet of the Lords for all others to look to; it causes humble minded saints to loose confidence in them as they cannot fellow-ship any exaltation of the flesh, for God has pur-

posely chosen the foolish, weak and despised ones to use to bring to naught the things that are; for the express purpose "that no flesh should glory in His presence." We as saints, need to watch and pray and discern the spirits that are in the world, lest we be found aiding false teachers, those who want to make themselves god to us. Paul exhorts man not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith, for there are many members in the body. Read Rom. 12: 3-4.

We have a large motto in the front room of our office, made out of tin with the words painted on it, which reads like this, "Get your eye on Jesus and keep it there." in place of the letter I, we have the human eye painted there, making it very impressive. This is the desire of our heart, that folks get their eyes on Jesus and keep them there, for He alone can give life to men. "For, whosoever liveth and believeth in Him shall never die." Read John 11: 25-26.

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We get a sprinkle of letters through the mails from those that are wrong in doctrine, who want to press wrested meaning of the scriptures upon us. We cannot answer all these letters personally, as our time is so taken up; but hope and pray that all of those that are sincere and earnest only for the truth, will get the needed light and knowledge through the reading of Faith and Victory paper.

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It is amazing and worthy of note, how some teachers will cunningly hold up for the wearing of gold and costly array and then want you to feel and think that they are against it. We believe that all saints ought to keep a tender conscience toward God by obedience to his word, ought to "be doers of the word" that the unsaved may see that their lives correspond with the teachings of the Book, that their example may be good to those that may be weak or easily overcome. We should not allow ourselves to compromise, because some become fanatic and lawified in spirit, neither should we allow ourselves to become fanatic, because many are compromising; but just keep steady in God, walking in the old paths, that our example may be good in dress, in deportment, in the inner man and the outer, that we may truly be epistles, known and read of all men.

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Sister Julia Cramer who has been with us in the office work since March the 18th., left for her home in Penna. last Tuesday, the 18th. of Sept. She is much missed here at the office, as she has been faithful in the work and discharged her duties with much devotion to God and the cause of needy souls. The saints here all loved her as she was a good example of Christlikeness both to young and old. She will perhaps return to the office, when God is through with her there. We do not always know the purposes of God in the changes He makes; but we do know that God does all things for the best. May God bless and keep her in the sweetness of the Spirit continually.

Bro. J. B. Thorn who formally worked here in the office, is here for a few days paying us a friendly visit. He says that he has been busy for the Lord, scattering tracts and talking to souls that become interested.

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Bro. and Sister C. E. Orr left Thursday the 27th. of Sept. for Hammond, La. where they will make their future abode. They went through by Auto and expect to be on the road nearly a week, as they will make several stops with friends along the way. They will be missed by the saints at this place, as Bro. Orr's exhortations and counsel was appreciated much by all humble minded saints. They truly have the prayers of the saints at Guthrie.

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We have recently printed three tracts for Susie C. Forbis, who has formally been twelve years among the modern tongues people as teacher and preacher, she is exposing the deceptions and wrong teachings and actions that are so prominent among them. These three tracts will be sent to you for twenty-five cents postage paid. You should be posted in these matters by one who knows.

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It is very pleasant and edifying to our souls to meditate upon the goodness of God, which He bestows upon all people. He sends the rain upon the earth, which soaks into the soil, and causes the sower's seeds to sprout, He causes the sun to shine and the plant comes forth and grows as He continues to send the rain and sunshine, it matures grain and the sower reaps a large increase all because God was good to him. We wonder how many thanks God for this, from the depth of their heart and begin to ask God. What shall I do with this that thou hath given me? Or how many forget that God gave it and use it selfishly, living as in a day of slaughter? These are questions that we should consider from God's view point. We read of one man which is on record in God's word, that decided to build larger barns and there store all of his goods; he said to his soul, "Thou has much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry." God looked down upon the scene and said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul will be required of thee: then whose shall those things be which thou has provided?" So is he that layeth up treasures for himself, and is not rich toward God.

The thought that is very precious to us who are saved, is that in sending the rain and the sunshine, that God sends it on the ground of the evil man and causes his ground to produce even as He does the saved, showing His goodness to them, even though they may curse and swear and live selfishly all their days. In this He proves His righteous dealings with them and in the judgment day they will have no excuse only willful rejection. There are many in this world, that are saying by action and deeds, if not by words, "I will not have this man (Christ) to rule over me." This is all very sad as we know that some day their knee will bow and their tongue will confess Him as Christ to their sorrow, unless they repent and confess

Him in this life. Many have eased their conscience with a profession; but are in the broad way. Let us all look well to the kind of life that is issuing out of our hearts. Others wrest the scriptures, to make themselves believe they are saved, no matter what they do. The devil is sure making people believe lies in these days and men love to have it so, as the crucified way does not look good to them, the devil lies to many and makes them believe that they can have a life here and one over there, but this teaching is contrary to the voice of the Son of God, hear what He says, "For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it." Luke 9: 24.

Those that are acquainted with God, do not oppose His word; but just nestle down in it and rejoice in any reproach of the cross. If our treasures are really in heaven our heart will be there also and we will love the way that leads there, even though we suffer shame and loss.

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Those who do unappreciated work for God willingly and take it patiently will grow in humility. Is not there a great chance for all of us to grow? Ministers and editors ought to grow the fastest.

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We want to remind our readers again, that we need your prayers and good-will in passing this Bible truth out to hungry souls. We have deep decision to do much for oppressed souls, in pointing them to the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world. We have the same decision to do little, if we cannot do much. This decision ought to be your decision also, as we are all co-laborers with Him. May God richly bless each one of you, is my earnest prayer.

OBITUARY

Daniel Simpson Hughes, was born June 25th. 1849 in Mary's Co. Mo. Died August 28th. 1928, age 79 years 2 months and 3 days, in the year 1869.

He was married to Miss. Tobitha McAbee. To this union was born ten children, six of which are still living. Four children and his sainted wife, having preceded him in death.

Bro. Hughes was converted in the year 1879, after which time he lived to honor God. We shall miss him, till we shall meet him at the coming of the Lord.

Funeral preached by the writer. —John Strech.

OBITUARY

Gerald T. Kelley was born March 23, 1903, at Huntington, West Va. and died at Guthrie, Okla. Aug. 6th 1928.

The family moved to Guthrie in 1918, where Gerald entered High School, graduating in 1922. He lived and labored here until his decease.

He was converted in childhood and united with the Church of the Nazarene of Guthrie in 1921. He

efficiently served as Sunday Supt. and President of Young People's Society. His labors with the young people were greatly owned and blessed of the Lord and will long be remembered by the Church.

His lingering illness was marked in his last days, by patience and exceeding great joy. His pathway shined brighter and brighter unto that perfect day.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a father, mother, four brothers and two sisters, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Nazarene Church, was conducted by Pastor Crawford.

NOTICE

To the readers of Faith and Victory, and saints scattered abroad: I have just located in Waco, expecting to work for the Lord in the city, and we need your prayers; and true ministers passing through will find a real welcome with us. If there is any one that wishes to locate here, may write me at 116 Turner St. Waco, Texas. and I will do all I can to help you to locate; also to get employment.

We really desire some of the saints to locate here and help out in the work, more especially those who are experienced in city work. Now I trust to hear from some of the saints desiring to locate here.

We need your help in both prayers and cooperation. Yours all in the service of the Lord,

—C. M. Hicks.

MEETING REPORT

Greetings to the saints abroad: This morning finds me saved from all sin, sanctified holy and kept by the mighty power of God. I am thankful for the good blessings of our God which he is bestowing upon his children day by day.

On July 18th. I left home for Cane Hill, Ark., where we enjoyed a good camp meeting. God was there to bless in the preaching of his word and to save, sanctify and heal all those who came to him. We went from there to the Oklahoma City camp meeting where we enjoyed another feast from Father's table, then we went to the Shawnee, Okla., camp meeting for the first three days, where we met many of the dear saints and God was working and souls were being saved.

In company with Brother and Sister Forbes we went to Clovis, New Mexico where we held nearly three weeks meeting. The devil had sown some discord and some misunderstandings there, but God so mightily worked that the devil was put to flight, and so far as we know perfect harmony and love are prevailing. The brethren that look after the work were much encouraged; Bro. Locker, Bro. C. C. Means and Bro. Francis Doolittle. Some were saved, some sanctified and others healed, we left the work in good condition and the dear saints much encouraged. I see the work of God prospering and the saints settling down on the old time truth, God is not a failure, neither are his saints.

I am back home again in Springfield, found all well and getting along good in the service of the Lord. We expect Lord willing to have a camp meeting here next summer, commencing on Friday following the close of the Oklahoma City meeting, we will announce dates later. Let all the saints pray and plan for this meeting, planting garden, raising chickens and getting ready to come. Someone may say that it is too far off to prepare, we may not live. We plant and we sow and we plan ahead for our own temporal needs, so let us keep in view the work of the Lord.

Let the saints be encouraged, I have no evil report to give, but a good one for the work of the dear Lord and the faithful workers every-where.

Yours set in defense of the gospel.

—Mrs. L. V. Anderson.

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Lord, Increase Our Faith

Doubtless this has been our desire and prayer very often; it is also encouraging to know that it is God's delight to give each of his children more faith.

The apostles here in our text Luke 17: 5, were not content with their present proportion of faith. Neither should the Church of God be today; for faith is yet far from being explored, it seems we have been just rowing close to the shore, and perhaps resting too. Content with only a hand full, when God wishes us to have a greater supply.

In the third verse of Jude, we read where it was needful for him to write unto the brethren that they should earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. This "faith once delivered" seems to be a goal lifted up, that we should aspire after, a mark of object we should strive for.

One of the main reasons there are so few successful Christian experiences, is that there is no fixed object to work too.

In earthly pursuits we see ambitious people always have an object in view; they aim as carefully to the desired goal as possible. The young apprentice, works to the goal of a master mechanic. The young clerk's object in view is that of a chief accountant and so we might take up every vocation of life and find the main secret of success would be that of working to a desired goal. Here in Jude we find the quality of faith to pursue after is the faith that was once in possession by the saints. A careful reading of Heb. 11th. chapter, will give us a understanding as to the faith once possessed by a number of faithful saints. However the burden of our heart is not so much in giving these different examples of faith, but is to help us to get an increase of faith and if pleasing to the Lord, be the means of answering our prayers for the more faith we have prayed for so often.

It is not enough to know that we lack faith, neither does it suffice to know that God wants us to have "more faith," but the desire of heart is to know how may I be able to attain to a higher degree of faith?

Should we pray for faith and expect God to over fill our hearts, without any further effort on our part? We will more likely suffer disappointment. But we find one rule in third Jude, is to earnestly contend for it. This no doubt reveals that there will be strong oppositions to face; too we must dispell all indifference, in order to be earnest, for they will not work together in the same heart. Then for one to contend in this case would be to strive, withstand and be persistent in our desire of faith. Let us be sure never to fancy faith coming, without any contention or struggle; we do not mean by this that we can strain or by any other means of self effort have our confidence increased, but the content on we are speaking of is that when we get more faith is when we use what we have, with all the might possible. First, we must have faith in order to receive an increase, but if we have any at all, we can be sure of attaining more. Jesus taught of the mustard seed though it was a small seed, yet it grew to a size sufficient for the birds to build their nest in its boughs. This should encourage those who are weak in faith. Our faith will be strengthened only when we begin to exercise what we now have.

The track athlete aspires to win a certain race, To be certain that he does not through idleness and slothfulness get sluggish and inactive, but he begins to practice and exercise. Then it is for the saints to practice and exercise their faith. But we may ask, how can I do this? Let us take a promise left us by Jesus, when he said, "If ye ask any thing in my name I will do it." This promise alone covers everything needful to the Christian for time and eternity.

Say our needs are on the temporal line, we may need work to support our family, then ask in Jesus name, dispelling every shadow of doubt, while you may need to exercise your faith more, by searching same; yet you can clearly see when the work is found, that it was not an accident, luck or fortune, but given by the hand of God. The work will also be such as you can glorify God in. Faith when exercised, brings undeniable results.

Have we that of how when Jesus was here he taught the people to exercise their faith. The man with the withered hand he said, "stretch forth thine hand by this act faith was exercised. Different instances, he commanded arise, take up thy bed and walk. To the ten lepers he said go show your selves to the Priest, and as they went they were cleansed. These and others will show how faith should be put in practice. In fact we read in James 2: 17. "Even so faith if it hath not works, is dead being alone."

This reveals to us a deep lesson, that people can have faith intellectually and never sow a blessing, nor reap a benefit. Neither should this be confined to the formal professing world, but to any who fail to be receiving results from faith. Any thing dead begins to perish and decay, so a dead faith is really a dangerous thing to have. Faith's nature is to perform. Its highest glory is being able to perform a duty. Its hardest opposers are doubt and fear, but it will easily over-

come them if you will "*earnestly contend*" with what faith you have. Too faith is so pure it will not mix with doubt, there are no neutral or intermediate grounds, it is either belief or unbelief, while faith is the mightiest power known to God or man, yet the slightest doubt shears it of every ounce of strength, leaving it as helpless as the mouse in the claws of the cat.

James likens the one who wavers in faith to a wave of the sea, driven by the wind and tossed. To waver means to a certain extent the slight doubt, just a little trembling in confidence. What is more unstable, more restless than a wind driven wave, anything could afford more security. Faith to the Christian is like the shield to the warrior, it quenches the fiery darts. Like the refuge to the endangered. We can run into it and be safe. Like steam to the boiler it furnishes power. Like the hand to the body, it reaches out to take the benefits promised.

In passing along the way-side Jesus cursed a barren fruit tree, when repassing the tree the disciples marveled for it was dried up from the roots; and Jesus said to them, "*Have Faith in God.*" How simple, nothing hard, no straining, but simply having faith. Should a basket of apples be passed to us, with a request to "have an apple." How would we accept it? By reaching in and getting one. So with faith. Have faith, exercise faith, prove faith, and live by faith. "For without faith, it is impossible to please God."

—H. H. Means.

The Home Coming

I am thinking of the home coming of Jesus. Mortal mind cannot conceive it, nor tongue tell it.

When Jesus our Saviour got home to Heaven, hosts of angels must have met Him in the clouds, a few of them came to the Mt. of Olives to tell the disciples that this same Jesus would come again in like manner. Jesus mission to this world was finished, what a wonderful mission it was.—He opened Heaven's door to Adams fallen race, there was none other in heaven or on earth that could open it.

Study Jesus, He was despised, rejected, wounded, bruised, oppressed, afflicted, look at Him in the garden, follow Him a prisoner to the Judgment Hall, lingers to the cross, listen to his words, look at the *Blood*, the fountain that was opened for sin.

"The God of heaven set up a kingdom, and it shall never end." (Dan. 2: 44). As the angels filled the plains of Judea, with their sweet songs on the night of His birth. Now all heaven must be singing with sweetest songs, as they crown Jesus King of Kings and Lord of Lords.—Crown Him King of this wonderful Kingdom. Think of the Father's great heart of love, as He meets Jesus, he who made possible the return of many prodigals to the Father.

The apostle St. John, heard one hundred and forty-four thousand singing before the Throne, who were redeemed from the earth. He saw a great multitude which no man could number, before the Throne; and

the Lamb, clothed with white robes and palms in their hands.

Oh! brethren, this King and Kingdom and our Salvation are not temporary, fleeting things of this earth. It took the Lion of the tribe of Juda to set it up in the hearts of the elect of God. This Kingdom is wholly spiritual, only the spirit filled behold its beauties. Only the spirit filled eat at the table prepared for us in the presence of our enemies. (Psa. 23: 5). Only the spirit filled, overcome the world, the flesh and the devil. Only the spirit filled are one, as the Father and Son. "These shall be with Jesus where he is." (John 17: 24). Oh, the *Great Home Coming*—in Heaven.—Who can describe it? Will you be there?

—Sister Edw. Wetzel.

WHAT A LITTLE THING WILL DO.

Some two years ago or more, there was a little tract, some way found its way into the hands of a young girl, who after reading it, wrote to the author about it. He referring her to a minister, to whom she wrote concerning the clean Bible way and after some months had past, the young girl became interested in her own soul's salvation. She ask for some one to help her get to God. To this request the great heart of God was moved and He sent some of his ministers there to preach the truth and today there are more than a dozen young saints out straight, God has raised up there.

How wonderfully God worked to make it possible for ministers to answer the call for help, that He talked to the heart of another Bro. and Sister in another part of the state, to send means to the minister that answered the pitiful call for help and mercy and we feel sure that God will reward that Bro. and Sister who made it possible for the truth to be carried to that needy field, the same as the minister who carried the message of Salvation.

If we who can not go to carry the message of salvation to the lost world, can make it possible for God to send a little paper or a tract to some poor hungry soul, or possibly send a minister whom God has his hand on to preach the good old Bible truth, which will cut its way through sin and wrong and clean people up for heaven. God will reward us for our sacrifice. May God help us see that we all can have a part in soul saving, if we will.

There are a lot of *talent grave yards*, where people have burried the talent God has given them and then wonder why they can't keep a sweet experience, as those who do their duty on every line. May God stir our hearts, while opportunity is offered, opportunity is all God will give us, till we take advantage of it. (Gal. 6:10).

—John Streech.

Two Extremes

There is two extremes, in the religious world of today. One has more zeal than knowledge and goes

beyond the word and teaches things that is not Bible. Such as the Sisters should not wear skirts of one color and the waist of another color. And that any one should not wear low quartered shoes. And that all Sisters should make their dresses alike and comb their hair alike. And all wear the same kind of hats, all such as this is fanaticism and going beyond the word.

The other does not live and teach what they know the Bible teaches, so they compromise the word with the world, sects and the devil until they are blinded. And Babylon or sects, do not look at it to be wrong such as the wearing of gold watches, gold rim glasses, rings and etc. Such preachers or teachers have not enough loyalty to God and his truth, to live and preach all the Bible. So generally found mingling with sects or Babylon worshipers. When the word says in 2 Cor. 6: 14, "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." And in Rev. 18: 4, "And I heard another voice from heaven saying, come out of her (Babylon) my people." And again in 2 Cor. 6: 17, "Come out from among them and be ye separate, sayeth the Lord." So if the Lord is calling us out, he wants us to stay out. Read Col. 2: 20-22, "Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why as though living in the world are ye subject to ordinance. Touch not, taste not, handle not, which all are to perish with the using after the commandments and doctrines of men."

So dear readers, God is not pleased with his children mixing, mingling and partaking of things that belong to this world. For all lodges, secret orders, sect-churches, is of the world and is not of God. For all of God's children are born (not joined) into the family of God. God adds daily such as are saved, (See Acts 2: 47). Then they are in the family of God, (Eph. 3: 14-15). part on earth, part in heaven and the way we stay in this Church is by obeying the word of God and not partaking of such things. Dear reader, there is a way that Christ has laid out before us and he trod it before us and he wants us to go his way, not our way or what some man or creed teaches, but he wants us to follow his precious word.

For he says, "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." It did not say just a part, or the part that suits me. Dear reader, if you are sick or in need and you are not keeping every bit of the word of God, you just remember that God is not under any obligation to heal you. And if you fast and pray and you know the word, but do not keep it all and teach against part of it you can't expect to get your prayers through. So let me plead with every one that reads this, to search the word and live by it, not by what some one says, but what the word (Bible) teaches. God has promised us healing, food and whatsoever we need under conditions. So let us raise our voices up together and Praise the Lord and obey, not try to explain part of the word away. Amen.

—W. I. Miles.

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"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only deceiving your own selves." (James 1: 22).

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

The Bible

"I love the dear old Bible,"
Said a little Japanese girl,
"Because it tells of Heaven
With gates of shining pearl,
And if I trust in Jesus
He'll take me by the hand,
And some day let me live with Him
Upon the shining strand."

"I love the dear old Bible,"
Said a little Hindu maid,
"Because it brought me life and joy,
For Christ the debt has paid.
I now can go to church and school,
And sing about and play,
And happy be from morn to night
Throughout the livelong day."

"I love the dear old Bible,"
Said the little African child,
"Because it teaches peace and love,
And in this country wild
Before I read its loving words
I was full of fear and sad,
But since it brought the light to me
My heart is very glad."

"I love the dear old Bible,"
Said the maid from China's land,
"Because it tells of Heaven's way,
And we may join the band.
And Christ will guide and lead us
Along life's troubled road,
And give us peace and sunshine,
And carry every load."

"I love the dear old Bible,"
Said the girl from U. S. A.,
"Because when I obey it
My path is light as day.
It's sweeter than the honey-drop,
More precious than fine gold,
It's life and power and comfort
From earth to Heaven, we're told."

The precious Holy Bible,
God's blessed gift to man,
The history of His people,
And His salvation plan.
Let's prize it and adore it,
And daily read it's page,
To keep it's wondrous precepts
With all our powers engage.

Sel. by, Anna Ozer.

When Jesus Was A Boy

Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus, was nearly seventy miles from Jerusalem. The Jews who lived in this city could not go every week to worship God at the temple, so they built a house of worship, called a synagog, in their home town. Here they attended religious services, and listened to the reading of the books written by Moses and by the prophets.

One spring morning after Jesus was twelve years old, a company of Jews started from Nazareth to attend the Feast of the Passover, at Jerusalem. Every year since their return from Egypt, Joseph and Mary had attended this feast, and now, as usual, they were in this company. But this time they were taking with them the boy Jesus.

Other children, too, were going, and they would enjoy the long trip of nearly seventy miles much more than would their parents and grown-up friends.

As the company moved slowly along the road, other Jews from cities and villages near by joined them. And when they came to Jerusalem they met people from every part of the land. What an exciting time this must have been for the children! How wide their eyes must have opened when they saw the beautiful temple on Mount Moriah, with its wide porches and immense pillars of stone! And perhaps they stayed close by their parents during the first days of the Feast, lest they should get lost in the throng of people who daily crowded the temple courts.

Jesus enjoyed this Feast as much as did his parents and grown-up friends. Although just a child, he was beginning to realize that God was his Father, and that he must work for God. So he listened to the readings of the law, and to the words of the chief priests and scribes, who taught the Jews every day. But we are sure that he acted very much like a healthy twelve year old boy, for his mother did not notice how deeply interested he had been in the services at the temple.

After the Feast had ended, the company started on its homeward journey. Mary did not see her young son; but since she supposed that he was among their kinsfolk and friends, she did not feel uneasy. However, when at evening he did not come, she and Joseph began to search for him. All through the company they went, asking about Jesus; but no one had seen him that day. Then they turned with anxious faces back toward Jerusalem, and for three days they searched for their missing child.

On the third day they found him, not playing with other boys in the streets, nor learning to swim in the Pool of Siloom, but sitting in the temple among the wise teachers, and asking them questions, which they could hardly answer.

Mary was surprized when she found her boy in

the temple among the wise men. She had looked every other place for him. She knew he was a boy, just a boy, and she was surprised to find him so deeply interested in the teachings of God. She came to him and said, "Son, why did you stay here when we were starting home? Your father and I have been anxiously seeking for you everywhere." Jesus answered, "Why did you seek for me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?" He meant, "Why did you not know where to find me at once? For I must be about my heavenly Father's business." But Mary did not understand, though she wondered much about the meaning of his words.

The wise men in the temple had been much surprised to hear the wisdom of the boy Jesus. They had gathered round him to ask questions that only wise persons could answer. And Jesus answered them, every one.

But when Mary and Joseph came to the temple, Jesus left the teachers there and returned with his parents to Nazareth. *He was an obedient child*, and as the years passed by he grew into a noble young man. Not only did he learn how to explain the Scriptures, but he watched Joseph at his work until he, too, became a carpenter. And by his kind, thoughtful ways he won many friends. In this humble home in Nazareth, Jesus lived until he was thirty years old. —Sel.

Dear children, remember that this same Jesus that you have been reading about, has died for you. He has been willing to pay the price, for your sins and mine. The question to each one is, "*What will I do with Jesus?*" May you ever be *obedient*, as He was and do whatever your hands find to do. And above all, whenever the voice of Jesus speaks to your heart, to get saved, don't put it off, but obey Jesus.

Your friend in Jesus, —William Cramer.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Letter From Robert Longley

Suva, Fiji Islands.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, Family and Workers: It is by the Great Love and Grace and Mercy of the dear Lord and Saviour, that I am permitted with a glad heart to send all of you greetings in His most dear and precious name. And especially has my soul been blest and encouraged by receiving your letter, Bro. Pruitt, and also the encouraging one from our dear Bro. William, and then beside these valued means of courage, I got the June Faith and Victories and all the contents were real-soul-food to me, so you can see that I have lots of room to be thankful and happy and rejoicing, not only for these blessings that I so appreciate, but best of all that Jesus and the Comforter abide in and with me, so that when in the natural way a kind of loneliness and far-awayness would creep upon us. There is a constant and safe and sure Refuge to which we can take shelter and be abundantly supplied with comfort, strength and grace to continue on in the fight, knowing that it

is not a fight between flesh and flesh, but by the power of the Holy Spirit we wrestle against the evil and wicked spirits that are working and scheming day and night to deceive, hinder and capture souls and to retard God's work. I am quite aware that these spirits are constantly at work against each of you there and the work that you are doing and the literature that is going out as the results of your labors, to keep God's own redeemed children fed, fortified and encouraged. Also to undermine the strongholds of Satan—realizing all this, there is no wonder that he will do his utmost against a work of this sort,—but still I can hear the re-echoes of the songs of VICTORY,—“Thanks be to God, who giveth us the *Victory* through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

I was real glad to hear of the continued good meetings at the County Farm. No doubt blind Auntie will soon be granted the blessed privilege of seeing the Lord, and be relieved from the failings of this house of clay. It is a blessed privilege to you to minister to those dear old souls, and also to them in their last days to have the Gospel ministered unto them.

I was much encouraged to hear of the hand of the Lord manifested in definite healings. Yes I remember Sister Springs, but did not know the young man, but am glad he gave his heart to the Lord and died in the faith. Poor Gerald Kelly, I remember the times we spent together for a while working at night at the shop up town. The Lord gave us some good and serious talks on eternal things. Would be glad should the Lord see best to heal him and equip him for service in His vineyard. Yet He does all things well and His will be done. I was glad to hear of how the brethren over about Homestead were getting along and if you go over there again, please give all my best remembrance in the Lord.

Bro. Pruitt I want to thank you and those who were instrumental in sending the generous offering of twenty-five dollars, that was enclosed in your letter.

I can't talk the Fijian language well,—can talk some, can understand pretty well, but can't put the words together very well; however the Lord is blessing. Young Bro. Charles John is standing true, also there are a few of the young Fijian boys who seem very sincere. The past two nights there were a gathering here at my room, and also this afternoon two boys came and we had some prayer. Four boys who had come here on a little sail boat or cutter, from another island came to my room and also Bro. Charlie was here and he talked to them and we had a nice season of prayer and the presence of the Lord was with us. I am sorry to say that I haven't got very encouraging news to say about my Chinese friend. He seemed so anxious to learn at first, he also wanted to learn more English and I rather feel that to better equip for business was the uppermost object, however I am still looking to the Lord to do a definite work in his heart. He likes to read the Scriptures and at times talks freely of his soul's need, and seems to have a clear conception of what salvation means, so all of these things

give a few problems as to just the best thing to do, but don't want to add these things to the problems for much prayer and waiting upon the Lord that arise there.

I see I must be closing, sending best "Loloma" to all. May courage, grace and more-than-conquering power be ministered to us all until the Lord comes.

Your Bro. in Jesus, —Robert Longley.

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Athens, Ohio.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus dear name. It has been a long time since I wrote to you, but thank God I want to report victory. Praise His dear name. He is able to do all things well, if we will let Him have His precious way.

Received the dear paper yesterday and what a blessing it is proving to be. Sorry to note that there was no paper for the month of August. We must all pray to God, that He will supply your needs sufficient to send out a copy each month. Sometimes I feel that we don't go the *knee route* enough to get our prayers answered. God is over all; but He does nothing only through the mighty prevailing prayer. He says, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." These are hard times, and He wants to test us to see how strong our faith is. Blessed be the name of the Lord. So we must all *hold* on to God and let him have His way.

I thank God that there is a paper, that stands out for Jesus. Am also thankful to God, that I am able to send a small offering, to be used in God's work. Let it be remembered that God is still on the throne, and I pray that He will bless all the saints. I am believing that He will let you win more souls for the kingdom. Praise God forever and ever. Pray for me.

—Nicholas Fair.

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Quakertown, Pa.—Dear Pruitt Family: Greeting you in the name of our blessed Redeemer, who has brought us out of darkness into this beautiful light. May the Holy Spirit hover over you and be your comforting portion. Giving you heavenly wisdom to fulfill your calling in Christ Jesus.

Will now try to pen a few lines to you. The Lord has kept me saved and fully anchored in Him, even till this present moment. He has given me a safe and pleasant journey all the way home. At Chicago they have the Railroad Buses, to take every one to the station from which they take the next train. At Columbus, Ohio, they said it was raining and snowing, as we rode further on, there was a real heavy rain storm. The longest ten minutes were just before we reached Newport, Pa. Bro. Houck and Wade met me at the depot, then I stayed with them until Saturday afternoon. It is quite cool here, (at home) a coat feels very comfortable, even during the day.

It is very needful that we measure up on every line, that we may be blameless before Him in love. Had a good meeting Sunday afternoon. The saints here are doing fine, standing for the truth. With Love and best regards to all, I remain,

Your little Sister, —Julia Cramer.

Penna.—Dear Bro. and Sister in Christ: This beautiful morning, I am penning you a few lines. I am glad to know that you are still interested in the things of God. Oh, how perfect He is in all his ways.

I pray God to keep each one of us down low at the feet of our blessed Jesus. Low down at the cross, ever learning of Him our perfect example. He said, that we should follow His steps, we all can see in His precious Word, what it means to follow the steps of our blessed Lord. May our dear heavenly Father help each one of us to be more and more like Jesus our blessed Lord, who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth.

—Mary L. Baker.

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Dehra Dun, India.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greeting in Jesus dear name. Many thanks for your good letter and the Money Order. May God bless in your good work, supply all your needs and keep your hearts encouraged, is our earnest prayer.

Remember us in your prayers, as we are passing through many dangers, political and many severe trials all along the line. We are contending for the faith with all strength and might and letting our light shine among the heathen. God blesses and uses us, but we long to see a mighty break.

The Mohammedan world seems to be breaking up and more easy to reach, also more friendly than they used to be. This is a good sign. The enclosed note is from Afghanistan, a Mohammedan country that joins on to the frontiers of N. W. India, which has been up to this time tightly closed to the gospel. We used to work among these people many years ago, we learned their language and lived among them on the frontiers. Thank God.

Pray for us sometimes, as we remember you and your family in our daily prayers.

In His dear name, —Robert Jarvis and Family.

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Caney, Kans.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all Faith and Victory readers: I feel led to write my experience. I have been a so-called Christian until about fifteen years ago I found my Saviour and have kept Him all these years. Just about three years ago, He sanctified me and I had a wonderful experience.

I was a great reader of novels and liked to go to shows. There at one time was a play to be put on that I wanted to see, but I felt condemned, so I ask the Lord to show me, in making it rain before the show if it was wrong for me to go. It was a hot day, about five o'clock in the evening a cloud came up from the west and for about two hours I never saw it rain any harder. Before show time the rain had stopped and the sun was shining. My husband said, it has quit raining, so we can go to the show. I said, no I would rather die than go, for God has showed me that I must not go.

About my healing. About two years ago in Sept. I taken an awful cold and cough. The Dr. said, he was afraid that I was going into consumption. Some faith tracts were handed to me. I had taken one bottle of his cough dope, but that did not help any, so I went to God in prayer as the tracts said. I told God

if He would heal me of this awful cough, I would never take another dose of the cough medicine. I threw out about three doses and my cough began at once to get better. In the evening here came husband bringing another bottle of cough medicine. I breathed a prayer to God to help me. I thought I would have to take a dose to please husband and my cough began. I never taken another dose, but read my Bible and the tracts and my cough left. It was God and not the dope that healed me. He is my Dr., Saviour and all in all.
—Mrs. Frances Oliver.

Is life Worth Living

A few days ago we read in a little paper, the words, "Is life worth living?" Which at once touched our hearts as we felt thankful God ever saw best to call us into this world, that we might enjoy the blessing of walking with God here on earth and then when life here is over, enter those Beautiful Mansions of Rest. Where sickness and death and disappointment never enter, where the angels are singing praises to the Lamb and we shall join in the chorus and so shall it be while the years of eternity roll.

Yes, life is worth living. Let us turn to the blessed book. "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the Son of man, that thou visitest him? for thou hast made him a little lower than the angels and hast crowned him with glory and honour." *Psa. 8: 4.* Man that God created in his own image, only made a little lower than the angels and crowned him with glory and honour. Jesus has promised to come unto us and sup with us and we with him. *Sweet life to live. Yes, truly life is worth living.* "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his Throne." (*Rev. 3: 21*).

How blessed to know God will take care of us and supply our every need. "Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat and the body than raiment; behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns: yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much more better than they?" Notice, it is our heavenly Father that feedeth the fowls and Jesus said, "How much better are ye."

To those who have given their lives fully to God's keeping and depend fully on Him to supply every need, *Life is Worth Living.* We need never worry God's promises can not fail. "In the days of famine, they shall be satisfied." (*Psa. 37: 19*). God will care for us all through this life and then take us home to glory, where we shall, "Hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, any heat; for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of water; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." (*Rev. 7: 16-17*).

—Susie Whipple.

Old And New John The Baptist

In those days came old John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness.

In our day comes new John the Baptist preaching in a fifty-thousand dollar church.

Old John the Baptist had his raiment of camel's hair and a leather girdle about his loins.

New John the Baptist has the best of clothes and a leather belt about his waist.

Old John the Baptist, baptised in old muddy Jordan.

New John the Baptist, baptises in a modern way, by having all things convenient.

Old John the Baptist said, "repent ye, for the Kingdom of God is at hand."

New John the Baptist says, be baptised and join my church and that will be alright.

Old John the Baptist said, "bring forth meat worthy of repentance."

New John the Baptist says, "be sure and get plenty of meat for the church stews."

Old John the Baptist got his fire from the Holy Ghost.

New John the Baptist, gets his fire from the church range.

Old John the Baptist, points you to the Lamb of God.

New John the Baptist, points you to the fat lamb, in the butcher shop.

Old John the Baptist, got his pay by getting souls saved.

New John the Baptist, gets his pay in a big salary.

Old John the Baptist, gave his head for the love of Jesus.

New John the Baptist, saves his head to use for the good of his church.

Old John the Baptist's meat was locust and wild honey.

New John the Baptist's meat is the best that is on the market.

Old John the Baptist, got his light from the heavenly power house.

New John the Baptist, gets his light from the city power house.

Old John the Baptist, prayed in the upper room.

New John the Baptist, would rather feast in the dining room.

Old John the Baptist, believed in getting in the gospel boat.

New John the Baptist says, "if you don't do as I say, I will get you in the court." —G. G. Martin.

"But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." (*Matt. 3: 7-8*).

Drifting

Multitudes are drifting from the word of God, going along with the world and finding their pleasure with the ungodly. Where once they found peace with God and contentment with His children, but now they are leaning on their own resources and going to end up in the judgment with a heart hardened against God.

We find this in the scriptures, for God says in the last days that there shall be a falling away. How pitiful it is to see dear ones who once knew God in his love and now are trying to keep up with the ways of the world and still hold to a profession. God is looking down with sorrow upon these dear ones who once called upon Him in faith and were so humble before him, but now they are so full of their own selfishness and lust, that they can not even have faith to get a prayer through, being so condemned in their own selves, God is still holding out his mercy to all who will obey and seek his face, so dear ones if you still have a longing, desire to live a godly life. God knows your heart, so while he holds out his love and mercy come unto him, for he will abundantly pardon you of your sins and folly.

Many of you are being deceived through some one no doubt, but this will be no excuse in the day of reckoning, for you have the word; and God says, the Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth. Why not believe God rather than man, if you think all men tell the truth you may be lost, for there are many deceivers in the world. We all surely know that God's word is true, and that God cannot lie, but man is full of himself many times, and the devil will use him to deceive dear souls. We who have been on the way a few years, know that we are living in perilous times and Satan is seeking whom he may devour, but God is all powerful if we will lean upon his strong arm he will keep us from the destroyer. He says, "that 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 to bear: but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

We are living in a troublesome time, tribulation is upon us. We now have to keep our eyes upon the Lord, in order to go through. Remember Peter, when he saw the Lord walking upon the water, he started out to meet him. As long as he kept his eyes upon the Lord, he was not afraid, but he began to look down at the water which was very rough and he then began to go down at once, he called out to him and said, Lord save me. So it is with us today if we get our eyes on something else beside our Lord, we, like Peter will begin to sink, we can not look to the right or left, but straight to our Saviour. Dear ones, if you have begun to sink, you do just as Peter did, ask the Lord to save you and he surely will lend you a helping hand and pull you out of the mire, which you have got into.

Make haste—my brother, my sister, become reconciled to your God, for eternity is nigh at hand. Christ is soon to come as our judge; and what if he find you out the Ark of Safety? He then will have to say to you, he never knew you. Can you picture yourself going to a Christless grave, and then have to spend eternity where there will be no God or love. You no doubt know what a home is without love here, how much worse it will be in eternity without God's love, forever to be banished from Him, and have to suffer agonies untold. Just think it is only for a few years of worldly pleasures and selfishness, for truly we are selfish, when we do not want to give God what belongs to him. The word tells us, we are his for he bought us with his own blood, which was a dear price to pay. He suffered intensely for us, why not give him all we have to show him we appreciate his love, we will never be able to pay our debt to him, but we in turn can bring preachers' souls to Him, who are drifting with the tide, who are in danger of going to destruction.

Time is swiftly passing by, so let us who know the Lord warn people of what is about to take place, and let them know there is still opportunity for all, who will come to repentance. The word says, "Today if you hear his voice, harden not your heart." Also, "Come unto me all ye who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." We have a host of promises which holds good until the day of judgment, so listen to the voice of the Saviour and make no delay. I am warning all those who are outside of the Lord, even though you may at some time been saved. If you have fallen from grace, and are not living the life of a Christian, you surely would be lost in this condition.

Dear ones, if you are holding something against another and it is keeping you from the Lord, you had better go to that party and make things right. If you are harboring the world in your heart, let the blood of Jesus wash it away. No matter how hard the trial God is all sufficient, tell Him your troubles, take them to the Lord and leave them there, quit doing things which condemn your soul, it is only a passing fancy and it may lead you to destruction. Live Holy and do right at all times and God will keep you if you are willing for Him to. For he said, "he will keep that which we commit unto him against that day." Just trust and obey, for it is the only way to be happy in this world and in the one to come. —Ethel Lasley.

If you will have your own way, then remember that God will have His own way.

Keep away from all sin, if you expect to live in heaven.

Don't damn your own soul by stubbornness.

Ruin is at the other end of disobedience.

The Muzzled Ox!

We read in Deuteronomy 25: 4, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn." Now, this was a strict commandment in the days of Moses, and we find that Paul made mention of it in his writing, and represented Ministers as oxen and he used this for two specific reasons. First,—because he was treading out the corn which was for food for the people. Second and main reason,—because the ox had need of food so that he could continue to tread it out for them, and if he was muzzled and was not permitted to eat, why he would finally perish for the want of food; so it is in this gospel dispensation and in this evening time. God has a few oxens! (ministers) treading out corn; (spiritual food) or at least the grain which produces food to the soul and we some times and many times see a minister, (oxen) working with his hands to support his family and also preparing means to pay his fare to some place where he has been asked to come and tread out the corn, (preach the gospel) and then after he has toiled both day and night preaching the gospel and fighting sin and the devil for the deliverance of souls or in other words to feed the hungry souls, why then his wife no doubt is at home scantily attired, just be plain, without necessary food and rament, but praying night and day for her husband to be used of the Lord in declaring the whole truth to the lost and feed the hungry souls (treading out the corn) of men. But he is not permitted to eat (partake of their carnal things) after he has labored neither is he permitted to send anything to his beloved wife and children, no. Why is he not? Because he is muzzled, yet he has paid all the expences to this place of meeting and now the meeting closes and if he gets away from the place, many times he has to go out and labor with his hands to get means to get home on, the people have muzzled that minister; and God is displeased with it and is grieved at his heart.

Dear reader, God is going to have a support for His ministers, or you will suffer, He will have it if he has to take it in dead horses, mules, cows and hogs or something else that you hold dear to you. I know of a minister who was called to go and hold a meeting and he traveled 300 miles or better, any-way he spent near \$15.00 and when the meeting closed he did not get one penny. He ask the people if they rejected the word, they said no, no, one can turn the word, that has been preached in this meeting down. Well, says he, how about the man? He is alright. But he still did not get any means to get away on and had to get out and labor with his hands to get means to get home to his family. You then can imagine what he had to do when he got home to his family, he had to get something to supply their needs, to quench their hunger, and thirst.

Brethren and dear readers, God is greatly grieved at such. I know of another occasion where two ministers drove 300 miles and held meeting, when the meeting was over, they went back the same road. The two

together got .50 cents after spending their money to the place and the Lord sent forth his word in power, but no one was saved; Why? The people muzzled those two ministers (oxens) and the result is today at that place, there is no spirituality, it is dead spiritually. God has with-drawn his Spirit. On another occasion a Brother went to a place where they had ask him to come. A Sister who was one of the seem to be main leaders of that congregation, came to the minister at the close of the meeting and handed him five cents. The minister (oxen who had tread out the corn) was preparing to take his leave to his home which was 165 miles away, as he left another man gave him \$2.00 and the result of it was, he had to walk 65 miles of this distance (*Muzzled*) and the result is that there is not one saved person at this place. What was the cause of this? They *muzzled* the Minister and the Lord is rewarding them in different ways, in the loss of their spirituality, also the loss of property in different forms, in such as boll-weavels destroying their cotton crops, floods washing their crops away, and others could be mentioned.

I remember on one occasion, that I was invited to a certain place to hold a meeting, I went and held the meeting, the Lord truly gave liberty in preaching the word and when the meeting came to a close, a Sister came and shook hands with me and said, she had done different things that this meeting should do good, I have not got any money tonight Bro. H., but as you are going to be in the neighborhood until the next Sunday, why, I'll see that you get some money, as I will give it to you by that time. Instead of doing so, she did not, so I had an occasion to pass by this Sister's house and stoped in, I then saw the results of her not giving what the Lord had showed her to give. One of their mules had got into the wire fence and disabled the mule from use and it had not been a week yet since she had promised to give to the cause of God; but she was getting the pay for the way she was treating the cause of God. (using the muzzle) I remember a certain Bro. who had been out preaching and when he went home all worn and tired from his ministerial work, his wife met him as he came up to the door and kissed him, she said, I am so glad to see you, I have prayed for you while you were gone to be a blessing to souls and the tears trinkled down his cheeks as she told him how she had prayed for him, so of course this gave him comfort to think that his dear wife so interested in him being a blessing to souls. As the conversation continued, wife said to her husband; dear, we are out of meal, flour, meat, soda, lard and in fact every thing, we have been out till I am very hungry. As the time drew on toward meal time and she says, well dear, did the people help you any? and the tears began to roll down his cheeks, but different then the ones just a few minutes before; these were tears of sadness, while the ones just previous were tears of joy. He now in sadness must say, no wife, I had to walk all day to get in, I have saved **what** I had and here is all I have \$2.50 I have saved **it** for you. And on next morning, when he needed rest not

only from the toil in his preaching night and day, but he also needed rest from the hard all day's walk the day before, had to go out and hunt employment while hungry to find a position to get means to feed his dear wife, who had prayed for him and the people while he was labouring in the gospel for the salvation of souls and yet he was not considering the hunger of himself. What was the cause of all of this? Why the ox (minister) was muzzled.

There are different reasons for such, first:—the ministers are to blame, because they have not taught the people on giving to the cause of God. second:—because there are many unconsecrated pocket books, unconsecrated hearts and souls and not only that, but because some are holding to the world.

Paul said to those Corinthian brethren in, 1 Cor. 9th. chapter beginning at the 8th. verse. "Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also?" For it is written in the law of Moses. "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out corn." Doth God take care of oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sake? For our sakes, no doubt, this IS written. Thought it was written back under the law, yet it IS (present tense) written for our sakes.—That he that ploweth, should plow in hope; not only for his spiritual welfare, but also for his physical welfare as well. He that thresheth in hope, should be *partaker* of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? (literal means and food to support the minister and his family) The 14th. verse of 1 Cor. 9 says, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel (not some man made doctrine,) should live (not starve him and his wife and little children that God has given him.) of the gospel." See, (Matt. 10: 10) (Luke 10: 7) (Gal. 6: 6) 1 Tim. 5. 17.

Now when God calls a man or a woman into the ministry, he intends that that man or woman should have two rewards, one a spiritual reward, and also a literal reward, but if they should rebell or refuse, it is possible that both should be taken from them. Now Paul said in the 17th. verse of 1 Cor. 9, "For if I do this thing (preach the gospel) willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, a dispensation (a retirement or annulment of my ministry) of the gospel is committed unto me." 18th. verse, "What then is my reward?" See 11th. verse, also 14th. regarding literal living, also the 4th. verse here Paul said, "Have we not power to eat and to drink?" Now see 2 Tim. 2: 6. "The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits." (spiritual life). For he must have in his possession the spiritual means, before he can take it to the hungry soul. My dear reader! Be careful that you do not muzzle the ox. (Minister) For God takes care of his ministers, but they that muzzle them will suffer for it. —C. M. Hicks.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. Yet ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." Mal. 3: 8.

Pleasure Or Afflictions.—Which?

Dear ones, this is a very important question. At first glance you will say pleasure of course, rather than afflictions, but for my part I would rather have afflictions now and my pleasure hereafter. Let us look into the Holy Scriptures. We will notice in Heb. 11: 25, Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. If it was important for Moses in his day to choose affliction, it surely is necessary for us in these last days of peril and deception, when we are hedged in on every side by the fiery darts of the old devil, for he is becoming more subtle every day. If he cannot get us to give down one way he tries another; so may we ever be filled with the Spirit of God, and have on the *whole* armour of God.

If we turn to the eighty-fourth Psalm, the tenth verse, we find that David would rather spend one day with God, than a thousand in sin and things of this world. The two last verses tell us why he chose to be in God's presence. "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." "O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee." The Psalmist realized it and experienced it for himself. He calls all blessed who will trust in the Lord, though we are sorely tried and tempted, even mocked and scoffed at. Let us remember how they abused our blessed Saviour, spit on him and even gave him vinegar to drink when he was dying. Which of us could even do this to our worst enemy? I am sure the love of God would so fill our souls, that if we saw our worst enemies were in trouble, we would *gladly* do what we could to help them from any danger, misery, and trouble; for we thereby heap coals of fire on their heads, by doing good to them that despitfully use us. We should also thank God for the opportunity of doing good, but if the people could do something so terrible in the day of Christ, as to kill the pure Son of God, surely we cannot expect one thing less in this day and age. When we can plainly see the devil is loose on every hand, deceiving the very elect if it is possible, but thanks be unto God, it is not possible, as long as the elect stand firm and erect, on and for the *whole truth* of God's word, rejecting all the Bible rejects and accepting only such things the Bible accepts under any and all circumstances, then I am sure we will always be on safe ground. Praise the Lord.

Now let us look at Heb. 11. 26, "Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of reward." Now if we will but study the life of Moses, how he always was for doing good. How God would call him into his presence on the mountain top, surely we can see by this that Moses was for doing all that God commanded him. Of course we know God always puts a punishment on all those who failed to obey his commands, just as he does today, only as a usual thing their punishment was immediate death, where if we

fail to obey God, he will leave us do just as we please and when we die, we then go to a place of endless torment. I often fear that even some of God's people have come to a place where they will rather have a good time in this life, are indulging in things they once hated, are dressing and acting in many ways, as to conform to the world *just a little*, all because it is style and fashion and for fear people will speak about them, but we should remember there is a woe pronounced on us as well as was on the Israelites, if we do not obey God's word. We know Christ suffered without the gate, to save and sanctify us through his blood. So let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp bearing his reproach. "For blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you *falsely* for my sake." "Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." (Matt. 5: 11-12).

Now the above words of scripture should be sufficient comfort and consolation for any one to ever go forth in Jesus name and doing all to be a light in this cold dark world, we know all the Holy Prophets were used very mean and treated very cruelty for obeying God. Take the three Hebrew children and Daniel for examples; yet, through the punishment, was spread abroad they knew God was able to deliver and Praise God, he did; and how they could rejoice through all they had to go through and how the Kings' hearts were melted and they saw there is a true and living God.

In Matt. 10: 32-33 we read, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." The thirty-first verse tells us not to fear, we are of more value than many sparrows. Because we know God cares for the birds and flowers, but He cares more for us and our souls than for them. So may we never fear what man will do unto us for all they can do is to destroy this body, but may we rather fear God, who is able to destroy both soul and body in Hell. Oh, may we as the saints of the most High, be careful for nothing, but to ever obey God. But, "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God." (Phil. 4: 6).

We also know we are to give thanks in *everything* this sometimes is hard, especially when things go wrong, but those of us who have learned that in whatever circumstance of life we are in, we are contented and can Praise God for the evil, as well as the good. For sickness as well as for health, for it is all for a cause, and where there is an effect, there is always a cause. May we ever search out the cause for the illness etc. and bestir ourself to ever keep in the love of God and in a readiness to serve Him with godly fear, and a warm love in our hearts for Him, His work and immortal souls; for truly the labor and love we have and do for souls and Christ's work is nothing compared to what He has done for us and what He is doing for us. And what He will do if we are faithful, we

have the promise of receiving an inheritance that fadeth not away, it is reserved in heaven for us Praise God.

So may we ever strive to gain the crown of life, which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give us at that day. May we each one choose rather to have the afflictions of the righteous now, for God will deliver us out of them all some day; and then we will have pleasures forevermore, when we reach heaven, there we'll sing, because our sorrows are over.

Your Sister In Christ, —Edith R. Shaffer.

Himself

"HIMSELF HATH DONE IT."

Once it was the blessing,

Now it is the Lord.

Once it was the feeling,

Now it is his Word.

Once his gifts I wanted,

Now himself alone.

Once I sought for healing,

Now the Healer own.

Once 'twas painful trying,

Now 'tis perfect trust.

Once a half salvation,

Now the uttermost.

Once 'twas ceaseless holding,

Now he holds me fast.

Once 'twas constant drifting,

Now my anchor's cast.

Once 'twas busy planning,

Now 'tis trustful prayer

Once 'twas anxious caring,

Now he has the care.

Once 'twas what I wanted,

Now what Jesus says.

Once 'twas constant asking,

Now 'tis ceaseless praise

Once it was my working,

His it hence shall be.

Once I tried to use him,

Now he uses me.

Once the power I wanted,

Now the Mighty One.

Once I worked for glory,

Now his will alone.

Once I hoped in Jesus,

Now I know he's mine.

Once my lamps were dying,

Now they brightly shine

Once for death I waited,

Now his coming hail;

And my hopes are anchored

Safe within the veil.

—Sel. by, A. S. Kriebel.