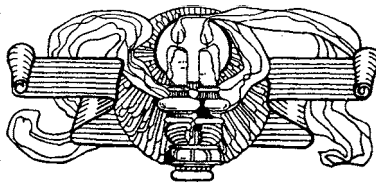


# Faith and Victory

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*God is  
Love.*



*Jesus  
Saves.*

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## He Leadeth

He leadeth by refreshing waters seen,  
And maketh me to lie in pastures green;  
His rod and staff they ever comfort me;  
His blessings richly flow from Calvary.

His unseen hand is guiding us aright,  
He ever leads us on, though dark the night,  
And though we may not always see His face,  
Still we may know and trust His matchless grace.

I care not what my lot on earth shall be,  
My task to till the land or sail the sea,  
If I may only know whate'er befall  
My Saviour guides and watches over all.

In faith we look to Him at New Year's dawn,  
That though the days to come He'll lead us on  
Across the rocky heights or stormy foam  
Until at last we reach that heavenly home.

— Grace Martin.

## God's Bridle

"I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me." Isa. 39: 1. "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridlenth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." James 1: 26.

'Tis a wonderful blessing from God, if He makes us realize that we have displeased Him, and that he has turned away his face from us, and given us a deaf ear to our prayers. I say, it is a blessing from God if we realize that we have displeased Him. He is trying to bring us to see ourselves, especially if we are hoping that we have eternal life, when we have failed to please Him. The Word says, "And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the Lord have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch

out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel." Ezek. 14: 9.

So we see what a blessing it is to us if we feel His displeasure, and his reproof for some careless act or mis-step. We must clear up the matter, and make it right, if we want His smiles and favor upon us; because His ear is open to the cry of the righteous. "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry." Ps. 34: 15. So we must conclude that they are closed to the wicked and disobedient, the empty professor, and the hypocrite. He will hear those who repent and forsake sin, and desire His pardon. He is anxious for us to call upon Him for pardon. Listen here, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro through the whole earth to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him." 2 Chr. 16: 9. This means that He is searching the whole world over to find those who will turn to Him with all their heart and serve Him in the beauty of holiness. God is not willing that any should perish. Hear this, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promises, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to usword, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Pet. 3: 9. Yes, our religion is vain if we don't have God's bridle upon our tongue. No one can run down God's saints or ministers, as if they were talking about evil men or women, and then have God's blessings flowing into their souls. If we have the fear of God in our heart as we should, we would be very careful how we spoke of saints, ministers or anybody else. God said to Peter, "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common." Acts 11: 9. God wanted him to go to the home of Cornelius and his family, though they were Gentiles; they loved God and worshipped Him. Anyone whom God is using is not common nor unclean. It behoves us to live in peace and harmony, and have love and goodwill in our hearts for all of God's ministers and saints, if we want Him to love our soul, for as we are toward one of God's little ones, so we are toward Jesus.

Listen, "As ye have done it unto one of the least these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25: 40. Now, if our sky is dark and our soul is in gloom and darkness and misery, let us examine our past conversation and our deeds, and see if we have let any evil communication proceed out of our mouth. The Word says that "God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things." 1 John 3: 18- 21.

If our heart condemns us we know that we are not pure and clean, and cannot be used of God. for it takes love, instead of selfishness, to work for God. If we have love from God in our hearts, it will constrain us to do for them, because we too love them.

'Twas love in the great heart of God that caused Him to send his Son Jesus Christ into this world to suffer and be a sacrifice for our sins. "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3: 16. Yes, He came as a sacrifice to redeem mankind, and it was love in the heart of Christ that made Him willing to come to earth and be a sacrifice to take away our sins, and set us free from them. It was love that caused our Saviour to say, "Not my will but thine be done," in the garden, when He suffered such agony for you and for me. This same love must dwell in the heart and soul of God's redeemed ones, for them to be willing to sacrifice time, talent, money and all that we possess, for the kingdom of Christ to bring the lost and erring back to purity, and into the kingdom of grace. Yes, it is love in all, and through all from God down to the least of His children. God works through love to reach souls, and to keep souls. This is a kingdom of love; so we see how necessary it is for us to keep filled with the precious love of God and love for souls to be workers together with the Godhead.

So when we do criticize, or speak evil of God's elect, running down God's ministers who are God's ambassadors to give us warning from Him, we are getting on slippery and dangerous ground, and we need to wake up, lest we be destroyed and deceived. If love gives place to selfishness and finally hatred, then it won't be long till we will despise, or hate those whom God wants to be a blessing to us. As the Pharisees hated our Lord and Saviour, so hatred can enter man's soul and cause them to hate and despise those who are good and pure and holy, but they themselves will weep and mourn, because they did not keep their heart with all diligence, and did not keep God's bridle upon their lips.

"If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." James 1: 26.

—I. Edith Kriebel.

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## Take Warning

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To the saints scattered abroad: Dear ones, I feel the leadings of the Lord to write a few words of warning.

The Bible says, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." Heb. 2; 1. When we hear the Word of God go forth in all its power and purity, we should give close attention, and our hearts should be open to the whole Word of God, be willing and ready to measure on any line the Lord shines light on our hearts. If we are doing anything not pleasing to Him, and He gives us light on it, we should walk in the light. In John 12: 35 we read, "Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you." So we had better give heed to the voice of God, if we want to keep our integrity with God.

Dear ones, I am so glad we have the Bible to go by. In 1 Pet. 2: 8 we read, "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil as a roaring lion walketh about seeketh whom he may devour." We ought to be careful and prayerful, for the devil is always busy on his job because time is short, eternity is near. The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers. Yes, He is listening and always ready to help us. These certainly are precious promises. Wherefore my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath. James 1: 19. Dear ones, we all should be careful in every thing we do and say. In Matt. 12: 36 we read, "But I say unto you, every idle word that men shall speak they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." We ought to watch how we speak, and see that the Lord is getting glory out of it. But as He which hath called you is holy, so be holy in all manner of conversation, because it is written, be ye holy for I am holy. We ought to live each day just like it was our last day. Jesus left us an example that we should follow his footsteps who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. Jesus' promises are sure, true and steadfast, and pure as heaven. In Psalms 119: 89 we read, "Forever O Lord thy word is settled in heaven." If we live true through every trial and test and be just what the

Lord would have us to be, I am sure Jesus will claim us as His own. In Isaiah 26: 3 we read, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee." Dear ones, we all know that living this humble, sainted, Christ-like life is a happy, contented life. Dear ones, take courage, live true at any cost. Your sister for the whole Truth,  
—Elizabeth Glass.

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### An Invitation

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In the 55th chapter of Isaiah, beginning with the first verse we find these words, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

This text, sinner friend, is giving you an invitation to come and be saved, to partake of the water of life freely. Jesus told the Samaritan woman that (John 4: 14) whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst. Salvation comes as a free gift from God (Eph. 2: 8, 9). The preacher nor Deacon Smith cannot come to Jesus for you. So you must come individually to God yourself. Isaiah 55: 3 reads, "Incline your ear and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live." There are many scriptures that teach us how to come to Jesus. 1 John 1: 9 says: "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Sinner friend, get awakened to the fact that you are lost eternally except you come unto Jesus and repent. Come with a broken and contrite spirit; seek the Lord while He may be found, and call upon him while He is near. Isaiah 1: 18, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow: though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." I'm sure if I could tell you of some way to buy eternal life you would freely give a great price to obtain it. But the text invites us to come, yes, come and buy without money and without price. Jesus offers you salvation as a free gift; He died to purchase salvation for the whole world.

Oh dear soul, hasten to the Master's feet and behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. Behold Him in the garden when He was so burdened and heavy in soul that He cried out in great agony unto the Father that the cup of suffering might pass, but in the next breath He says, "Not my will, but thine be done," and His sweat was as great drops of blood falling down to the ground. See

Him when they put a purple robe on Him and a crown of thorns on His brow, and spit upon Him, and bowed their knees in mockery. Hear the sound as they drive the nails through His hands and feet; see the spear as it is thrust into His side, and the water and blood gushing out. All this He willing and meekly bore that you might have eternal life abiding in your soul. Then consider for a moment you being as one with the throng that abused and slew our blessed Savior, of which throng you are if unsaved, for the life that you now have is drawing you on from God, from all that is pure and holy, to destruction and everlasting punishment, for your present life is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. (Rom. 8: 7). But still he says, "My son, give me thine heart and let thine eyes observe my ways." Rev. 22: 17 reads: "And the Spirit and the bride say, come, and let him that heareth say, come, and let him that is a thirst, come, and whosoever will let him take the water of life freely."

Dear reader, will you decide for Jesus? The way is so plain that a wayfaring man though a fool need not error therein. He is waiting with out stretched arms ready to receive you. There is still another invitation in Matt. 11: 28-30 which reads: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." He is giving a broad invitation to all. The rich, the poor, the young and old are commanded to come and repent and be saved. The vilest sinner or the self-righteous man are both saved alike. Moral friend, it will take as much of Jesus' blood to save you as it does the vilest sinner. Our self-righteousness is as filthy rags in the sight of God. Jesus is just as willing to save the vilest as he is the moral man. Let me beg you to come to Christ today, for we have no promise of to-morrow. May I leave one scripture with you to remember. Prov. 29: 1 reads: "He that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." I will repeat again, come to Jesus before it is everlastingly too late. —Mary Scribner.

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"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55: 6, 7.

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### EDITORIALS

Today the Lord encourages our hearts in the printing work, and we are fully willing to continue to be a pliable vessel in His hands. Although we have passed through some dark days with trials which test and prove us in this life, yet, the Lord has been gracious through it all and has given us the victory again and again. It is the enemy's business to make us sorry and discouraged over any forward move that we make for God. Not being ignorant of Satan's devices we press on in the strength and power of God.

As the days have come and gone there has been a letter received now and then, telling of how a tract or a Faith and Victory paper brought truth to a soul, causing them to have faith for the saving of their soul, and many others have been so encouraged by the paper and tracts that darkness and gloom took its flight as fresh light from heaven shown in.

We are writing these lines on New Year's day, and we are looking forward for this year of 1930 to be the best year yet in the printing work, as we feel better qualified by the Lord through past experiences and mean by His grace to live in the Spirit and walk in the Spirit, and so seek His will and pleasure that our judgment will be righteous judgment, and also to see that our hearts keep filled with a good-will to all people, whether friend or foe. We realize more keenly than ever before, our calling of suffering in meekness for those who oppose the Christ spirit and the real truth of His Word.

The apostle Peter says: "When ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently this is acceptable with God," and further says, "Hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an

example, that we should follow His steps." 1 Pet. 2: 20. 21. It is very unChrist-like for a saint to strongly resent accusations and reproaches. They should rather entreat in meekness and humility of mind, as strong resentment shows carnality, and a little resentment will lead on to strong carnal resentment. If we truly love in a divine sense the soul of our opposer or persecutor we will patiently and meekly bear his abuse with a hope of Christ being revealed unto him. Satan is delighted when one saint stiffens up in resentment against another saint, for he knows when they bite and devour one another that they will be consumed one of another. "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Gal. 5: 14.

As we say good bye to the old year, we do so with a large degree of satisfaction, as we call to mind the victories won by keeping our eyes on the Lord who fights our battles for us. Paul was not ignorant of the way when he said, "He had fought a good fight, had kept the faith." Truly we are in a warfare; grace overcoming sin by manifested love, proving to carnal men that God is real and that heaven is not gained by force and cruelty, but by His spirit-power things are accomplished. There is a greater determination in our soul now than ever before to be willing and obedient, and just let His purpose be fulfilled, as some experiences in the old year have deepened and broadened us in God, proving to us beyond a shadow of a doubt that "All things work together for good to them that love God." Some of the very bitterest trials during the old year have worked out to the good of all concerned, especially to those who were humble enough to receive correction and instruction. God does not take delight in our suffering, but sees it is needful that we may get in an attitude or condition to be instructed in His righteous ways.

There has been a goodly amount of literature gone forth during the old year from this publishing house. One thing that makes us feel good in our souls is that it has been freely sent forth in the interest of the Lord and His kingdom, and we have the assurance that He has worked with it, bearing the truth in upon souls by the working power of His spirit, and making them know truth as it is in Jesus. We are not alone in this, as we know also that those of you who have been aiding by prayers and means will also be rewarded according to your works, and no doubt the Spirit has been enlarged in you by this devoted liberality.

We truly pray that temporal and spiritual prosperity may be your portion throughout the New Year, that all of our readers will feel the responsibility of getting the truth to the souls of men and share with us in the burdens of a faith work like this. We do not look to men nor companies of men for the support of this work: while we love the souls of all and desire their good-will, yet we look alone to God to supply us, as He alone has all power, and if He cannot use one He will move on another, and by His hand alone the work is kept going. It has been very noticeable to us

that when one source fails Him He will move upon another in some other part of the country to supply the deficiency. If this work was kept going like the institutions of the world it would soon fail, but our God is too big for man and does not do business as men do. His thoughts are not our thoughts, neither is His ways our ways. So whether He has you to send means or not, pray unto God for us that during the New Year we may be able to do far more for perishing souls than in the past year.

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Near the middle of December, in company with Bro. W. I. Miles and his daughter, Maybell, we went overland by auto near the Arkansas line to help in a revival meeting which was being conducted by Bro. R. Johnson and daughter, Margaret. Although it was a very rainy time, and the roads were bad, yet the people of that community wanted to hear the gospel and they came to meeting any way, often filling the large room to the doors. The Lord anointed for the preaching and gave liberty and many received truth and light. Some are very anxious about the gospel there, and declared that they would build an arbor next summer and wanted us to return then.

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In this issue you will find a letter from Bro. Robert Longley who has been a missionary in the Fijian Islands for the last several years. When he wrote he told of being at New Zealand and Australia and was preparing to leave for India. We are pleased to say to our readers that we have sent him the offerings which you have sent in, sending them to India as he gave us his address there. We sent him \$135, which was sent in from saints in various parts of the country. He expects to visit several missionaries in India, and also visit Bro. Arsanious of Epypt; he will perhaps be at these places several months, and we would like to send him another similar amount before he takes his leave for the United States. He is a worthy brother, and will be able to tell us many things when he returns that, no doubt, will be encouraging to our souls.

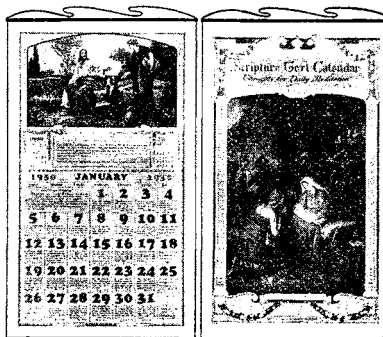
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The Faith and Victory paper is a strong advocate of holiness; just as much so as the Bible is. It is written in the Bible: "Be ye holy, for I am holy." Jesus told the woman to "go and sin no more." In Heb. 12: 14 we read: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." John, in writing to some new converts, says, "I write unto you little children that you sin not."

When we speak of holiness we do not mean that man can cultivate himself into being holy. Holiness is not a growth, neither is it an achievement brought about by human effort. It is a work wrought in the heart by the power of God. When one believes the Holy Word of God and accepts the atonement made by the Lord Jesus Christ, then God works by the power of His Spirit upon the believer's soul, subduing the carnal passions and dwells within making the believer

holy; man is only holy when God's holiness is dwelling in his soul. Without God man is sinful and will commit sin more or less all along through life; he will die in his sins and be lost. Those who are lost will have no one to blame but themselves, as God has made all provision that could be made to save them and fit them for His pure and holy heaven. The reason why so many are unsaved is because they just will not accept Him and His holy ways. Many will accept man's doctrine of a sin religion, but such is just a deception and keeps them from the pure and holy way.

Those who believe man's sin religion doctrine are born of corruptable seed, but those who believe God's holy Word are born of incorruptable seed by the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever. Read 1 Pet. 1: 21, 22 and 23.



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## Obituary of Bro. Geo. E. Bolds

Geo. Eckley Bolds (commonly known as Father Bolds) was born in Illinois, Jan. 24, 1844. He passed away at Suawnee, Okla., Dec. 5, 1929. Age: 85 years 10 months and 11 days. He leaves a wife and three children, together with twenty-six grand children, nineteen great grand children, one great great grand child and many other relatives and friends to mourn this loss which is heaven's gain. He has one brother living so far as known. The children are: Otto Bolds of Anderson, Ind. who was unable to be present, Mrs. Wm. S. Bennett of Springfield, Mo. and Mrs. O. B. Wilson of Shawnee, Okla. were present at the funeral.

Father Bolds was a minister in the Church of God for a period of 45 years and lived to see his four grown children as ministers in the Church of God. One daughter, Mrs. Thos. Leonard preceded him in death four years ago. Three children died in infancy.

Funeral services were conducted by Fred Pruitt at the Saints Chapel in Shawnee, Okla. and he was laid to rest in the cemetery there. The text used is found in Prov. 16: 31. "The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness."

### IN MEMORY OF FATHER BOLDS

He had laid up his treasures in heaven,  
He had carefully stored them away,  
And he now has gone on to enjoy them  
In that land of the bright, endless day.

How we thrilled as he told us of heaven  
And the mansions our Lord would prepare,  
As he pointed the way we should travel  
And the life we must live to go there.

He is gone, but we shall not forget him—  
This our brother whose life was so sweet—  
And we pray we may live close to Jesus  
That in heaven again we may meet.

Oh the joy of that blessed reunion  
When our Saviour shall call for His own,  
And with all the dear saints gone before us  
We shall gather around the great throne.  
—Essie McDonald.

The foregoing obituary is that of my dear father, known to so many of the saints as "Father Bolds." He was one of the first evangelists to help spread the truth of the Bible in this last glorious reformation. He worked along with Bros. D S. Warner, A. J. Kilpatrick, A. B. Palmer, J. Cole and many others of the pioneer preachers of this reformation who have preceded him to the glory land. In my mind I can almost hear them singing together the song of Moses and the Lamb.

About forty years ago last April, he and my mo-

ther and we three daughters started out in evangelistic work, and for about three years we traveled in a hack holding meetings the year round in Missouri, Kansas, Illinois and some in Indiana; never too hot, seldom too cold. Oh, the memory of those pioneer days with father as our faithful leader; how do they compare with these days when it is so hard to get people out to meeting. He was patient toward all men even those who opposed themselves.

He built a wonderful character, strong in the doctrine of the Bible and holy in heart and life. The last few months of his life when he could not get out much, he often talked with pleasure over the early part of his ministry, beginning forty-five or more years ago when he held so many meetings in groves, sheds, church houses and schoolhouses where people came for miles through heat and cold in large crowds, and the common people listened gladly to the story of Jesus and of sanctification and the one church.

We had the unspeakable pleasure of having him in our home the last three and half years of his life. An influence like his cannot be valued by dollars and cents; it is priceless. His room was a prayer room. The many phone calls for prayer for the sick and suffering either in soul or body were carried to his room where we met for prayer at all hours when called. He wrote many letters of encouragement and gave out tracts and kept busy for the Lord and souls as long as he lived. He attended church services up till about two weeks before he passed away, and in almost every service he exhorted the congregation to a closer walk with God, saying that he was trying to get closer to the Lord every day, telling the saints daily that they must have the holiness of heaven here to ever get there, and in our family worship he often said, "Now let us worship God as if right in His presence."

My mother passed on eighteen years ago; my sister, Mrs. Leonard, passed on about four years ago. I have one dear sister left, Louie M. Bennett, also my dear brother, Otto Bolds. Father was a real pleasure in our home, and we miss him so. He always had pleasant words with my children and my husband who was a loving son to him. On Sunday before he passed away on Thursday, he told us to prop him up in bed and ask the Lord to give him strength to say what he wanted to; we did so, and he gave an earnest talk on the purity of God's Church and people, exhorting all present to live very pure and clean. Heaven seemed to come down and fill the room. Again the saints met on Monday night, and prayed earnestly for God to heal him, and the dear Lord heard and answered prayer and relieved him of every ache and pain, and as the dear ones lifted their hands toward heaven he joined in the praises of God and said, "I am so happy; if heaven is any better than this I would like to go," and the next Thursday he had the privilege of going to that heaven he talked so much about.

We greatly feel our loss, but we have the joy of knowing that his soul has just broken the cable here and gone to be with Jesus.

He died like one just going to sleep, and many times during his sickness we felt that a part of heaven came down and filled the room. How true: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." The parting is sad, but we weep not as those who have no hope.

His wife who has been such a faithful loving companion to him will still make her home with us. We appreciated having my dear sister and her kind husband, also Bro. and Sister Porter of Springfield, Mo. with us at this sad time. Your sister in the Faith,  
His daughter, —Mrs. O. B. Wilson,  
730 North Union, Shawnee, Okla.

OBITUARY

Flossie Redonda Hornbeck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hornbeck was born June 30, 1929 at Okla. City, Okla. She departed this life to be with Jesus Dec. 17, 1929, age; five months, seventeen days. This baby leaves mother, father, a sister and other relatives to mourn.

We the parents of the baby feel that our loss is heaven's gain. Funeral services were conducted by Fred Pruitt at the undertaker's parlor in Okla. City, Okla. The text used is found in Job 1: 21, "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." —Mr. and Mrs. Hornbeck.

In Memory of Redonda

Memory to an infant fair;  
Whose presence brought lasting cheer,  
Being caressed and cherished with motherly care,  
As a human treasure fast growing dearer.

But alas, the bud was snatched away,  
By an angel of eternal light;  
To bloom in heaven's endless day,  
Where the immortal are all in sight.

But alas, the dear treasure vanished,  
Borne by an angel band;  
To be recompensed for the mission it finished,  
On that happy golden strand.

Soon, the treasure of their own—  
Passed gently away like a song,  
As God had led the dear one on,  
And He can do no wrong.

— L. D. Pruitt.

Assembly Meeting Report

The Assembly meeting of the Church of God held at Guthrie, Okla. during the last part of Dec. 1929 has now become an event of the past. The saints here

at Guthrie had made preparations and by faith had a realization of a good meeting before the arrival of the saints from various parts of the state. The attendance was good, and the love and good-will shown by those who came in was very encouraging and uplifting, and it was easy to see right in the beginning that the devil would have a hard time of stirring up any trouble when there was so large a majority with eyes on Him who is the governor of His people, and who has power over the wicked one. The weather was ideal throughout the entire meeting. As the meeting progressed the Holy Ghost chose and put in the pulpit those whom he could most effectively use. While the Holy Ghost used in some way most all his ministering servants, yet Sister L. V. Anderson of Springfield, Mo. and Bro. Crawley of Boley, Okla. were mostly used in proclaiming the truth. Quite a good many souls were saved and believers sanctified. There were also a great many requests which came in for the healing of bodies. Some very definite healings were testified to by those who were prayed for.

On the last Sunday morning of the meeting the Lord used Bro. O. B. Wilson of Shawnee, Okla. to deliver a message on the seed of the evil one, also the Seed which is Christ, and His seed. This message was timely and of much interest to all. There was very little discord during the entire meeting, and it can truly be said that God had His way. There was over a dozen ministers present from other parts of the country and a large number of saints. The building was packed with people a number of times, and many were refreshed from heaven's store house.

The state business meeting was held on the last Friday of the meeting, and as Bro. Diggs gave the report we were soon aware of the fact that the camp-ground at Okla. City was in bad condition financially, and it was evident to all that the saints would have to do something or lose the grounds. There were various suggestions made; some thought of selling part of the ground and holding the remainder, yet the ground is small enough as it is. Some thought of selling the entire ground and buying else where with the money received above the indebtedness. The whole situation looked dark and many hearts were praying, even Bro. Diggs, who is generally very hopeful concerning the camp-ground, looked discouraged. Finally he arose and began to talk and God encouraged his heart, so he gave an encouraging talk about paying for the camp ground at Oklahoma City and having a place to hold the camp-meeting each year. After he sat down Mother Winn arose, and was especially anointed in exhorting the saints to pay for the camp ground, bringing to the minds of the saints their consecration to God and how easy it would be for the saints to raise \$2500 and clear the ground of debt. Light began to shine in on the saints; some subscribed a hundred dollars each, and before the meeting closed over a thousand dollars had been given and subscribed. If there is any one who reads this that wants to give toward the paying off of this camp ground

debt, you can send it to us or to Bro. D. J. Diggs, 1301 W. Grand Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla. Those who want to subscribe can pay it any time between now and next Assembly meeting which will be the latter part of next Dec.

This Assembly meeting is reckoned as one among the best of the assembly meetings. The Word was preached straight and plain, and the anointing from heaven was richly given. God was truly honored in these meetings.

### A Letter From Robert Longley

Sydney, N. S. W., Australia. —Dear Bro. Pruitt and family: May the rich blessings of the Lord ever be yours, and the leadership and comfort and power of the Holy Spirit be your portion continually is my prayer. Hope that all of you are well and that the Lord is blessing in the work and that souls are continuing to be blest by the power of Christ's gospel through the printed page. Often in the stillness and quietness, away from the rush and hurry of the world, the Lord can get an entance to the hearts of men and women through these silent messengers. I trust that the needs of the work are being supplied and that your own hands, bodies and minds are kept fit for the task.

Bro. Pruitt, I was very pleased to get your good letter just on the verge of leaving Fiji, and was glad to hear the good report of the camp-meetings that were held during the past summer, and especially of the goodly number of souls that were saved in the Springfield meeting; it must have been a wonderful time of rejoicing, not only of those who have found sweet peace and rest to their souls, and the friends and relatives of them who, no doubt, had been praying for their salvation, but the angels in heaven were in sweet accord with the same happiness and rejoicing. No doubt, you have returned to the office work with renewed courage and vigor, re-assured that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Well Bro. Pruitt, it was very heart-touching to me and also to some of my friends in Fiji for me to leave, for I feel the Lord has blest my little witness and stay there. One Solomon Island boy, Philip, seems to think pretty strong that I shall return and go with him to the Solomons. Well, I truly felt happy and at home among those simple-faithed people, even though outwardly some of them had ways that we would wish they didn't have. I also had many Indian friends, and two young boys (about 18 years) in Suva I seemed in a manner especially attached to, Kup Swami and Guru Dayal, beside my dear young Bro. Charlie John at Ba whom I didn't get to see again before leaving. Bro. Sperber and I had also spent much time together, and also the young man that had lately gotten saved and quite a number of other friends, all of whom I miss. I left Suva on Oct. 31, and had a nice voyage to Auckland, New Zealand.

A young Christian man whom I had met as he passed through Suva met me at the wharf and took me out to his father's home. I certainly appreciate their entertainment and hospitality. I also met many of Bro. Sperber's friends and went to the little mission where he had labored for ten years, also went to the Down and Out Mission where some real hard cases have been rescued from the clutches of sin and washed in the precious blood of Jesus. I stayed in Auckland six days, then took the train to Wellington, the port at the south end of the North Island, where I also renewed the acquaintance of a Christian man that had visited Suva about three years ago. I stayed in Wellington five days, and left there on Nov. 15, and really meant to do some writing on the way here, but the passage across the Tasman Sea was very rough and most everyone was sea-sick, including myself. I felt it a little cold in Wellington, and as we were leaving there, could see the snow-capped mountains of the South Island which looked pretty bleak after being used to the beautiful green foliage of Fiji. Well Bro. Pruitt, I certainly can see the all-wise hand of the Lord in opening the way for me to remain in Fiji before coming on here. It causes my heart to go out in reverence and gratitude to the Lord and with and increased desire that my life be in His complete control, and His will, however contrary this may seem naturally, my delight. I was just reading this evening in Psalms 12, where David was speaking of a class of people who said: "Our lips are our own; who is lord over us?" But how different with those who realize the great Price that has bought them; with Paul we can say, "We are not our own."

Some of my friends in N. Z. had cabled to a young man here that I was coming, and just as I had finished with the Customs Officials he came up, and I shall be going out to where he stays the last two nights I am here. I had intended going to Melbourne by train, but the boat fare to Colombo is just the same from here as from Melbourne, so all being well I shall be leaving here Sat. Nov. 23, the boat calling at Melbourne, Adelaide and Freemantle, staying about two days and a half in Melbourne, giving me time to visit my friend Mr. Kelsey who was in Suva for three or four months three years ago, enabling me also to get my mail there, and the boat is due to arrive in Colombo on Dec. 14. I didn't feel to spend more time in N. Z. and Australia, that I may have more time in India and Egypt if the Lord wills.

Bro. Pruitt, I want to thank you for the offering enclosed in your letter. May the Lord bless and reward all for this, and help me also to use it only as will glorify Him.

Here it is nearing Christmas again. I wish you and Sister Pruitt and all the children a happy and prosperous season during the holidays.

Now I see I must be closing, and write some more another time. My Christian greetings to all the saints.

Your Bro. in Christ,

—Robert Longley.



# LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

## Our Example

God's Son came to this unfriendly world one time,  
Who was born to fame and fortune unknown;  
Though a human as we, yet He was wholly Divine,  
Yielding not to temptations, thus honor the throne.

Let us notice this pious boy in the home;  
Ever quickly obeying His parent's command,  
Ever kind and gentle to all, never doing wrong,  
Always willing to lend a cheerful helping hand.

This Child grew from an infant to a Man,  
Yet He was never guilty of guile or sin,  
Though in the flesh as we, He took God's holy plan,  
And made a perfect path for us to follow in.

So let us ever follow in the path He trod,  
Make our lives perfect without alloy,  
That we may some future day meet our God  
In that bright Land of infinite bliss and joy.  
— Lawrence D. Pruitt.

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Burnside, Pa. —Dear ones in Christ: Greetings to you in the name of Jesus. I have found God's wonderful love and sure do enjoy living in it. I am just a young girl, not yet sixteen and am living with my parents and four brothers and sisters who are all unsaved. Please pray for them.

I would like to have the paper, Faith and Victory, and if God is willing please send it to me. Please pray for me that I may learn more of God's Word.  
—Mary E. Clark.

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Goodman, Mo. —Dear Sir: Please send me your sample of 50 different tracts, also paper, “Faith and Victory.” I have one or two of your tracts which someone gave me and I like to read them. I like to read and study anything that is about our Lord and Savior. I am a young girl only fifteen years old, but I thank Him because I am saved from sin. When I was thirteen years old, I went to a meeting and the Lord began to bless Bro. Avi Gadis of Humbolt, Kan. He preached a wonderful sermon. I could just see my Savior on the cross dying for me. He said something about Christ being on trial before us today. Would we turn Him away and say, no, in our hearts, or would we accept Him, repent of a life of sin and sorrow, and give our hearts to Him? I didn't really know what sin meant, but I felt my need of Jesus in

my life to guide my footsteps and show me the way to heaven above. This evening I love Him with all my heart, and the only desire of my heart is to do always what He would have me to do.

So if you will please send me those tracts, I will give them to my Christian brothers and sisters to read, also to anyone who needs the Lord, for I want to hold up Jesus to the world some way.

Respectfully, —Dorothy Friend.

## The Carpenter's Son

I can imagine anything I want to so long as it is not evil nor about my fellow man.

Many of us have longed to know more about the childhood and early life of Jesus, and have wondered why there was not more said of his childhood and early manhood before He commenced His public ministry. In a practical way of speaking we know nothing. Of His parents we do know Joseph was his father, and he was of the lineage of David. We know Mary was his mother. Scripture tells us of his being conceived by Mary of the Holy Ghost, but we do not have any record of who Mary's parents were. We know Joseph, his father, was a carpenter; he also was a just and a devout man, and that is about all we know of him. We do know that his father and mother were both of the best of character, and we would naturally look for some of their characteristics in their son. While Jesus was human, He was also Divine. Jesus was born of a woman, and took upon Him the form of a man. He was a little child and had all the trials and temptations that other children had of his day.

So let us look back nineteen hundred years ago and view some of the things that happened then on that grand Christmas morning when Jesus lay in a cradle of hay in the manger; how few there were who looked upon Him that realized that He was the Messiah, the Son of God, the Savior of all mankind. There were a few like Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, and good old devout Simeon, and Anna the prophetess who looked for the Messiah, but in general they did not know Him. One reason why, was because they were looking for a king to rule Israel, and they were looking for Him to come from a more prominent family than the one our blessed Lord came from.

We desire to know more about His childhood days. Scripture tells us that Herod was moved with envy, hatred and jealousy; he did not like all the honor that was being paid to the little child laying in a manger. So his wrath moved him to plan to destroy the life of this little Child, but the all-seeing eye of

God saw and knew of his plans, warning the parents to flee into Egypt for a while for the safety of the Child, but this was not for a very long time, for God called the spirit out of old wicked Herod and he died. So Joseph with Mary and the child returned again to their own country. We are told by the Word of God that the child grew and waxed strong in the Spirit, and was full of wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him. Luke 2: 40. So let us imagine what a wonderful Child He was; never causing his parents any trouble or worry. Who could think of him abusing the little kittens or stoning the dog, or pulling his brother's or sister's hair? Neither did He have trouble with his playmates, for the grace of God was upon Him. He was everything good that could be in a child; not one thing that was bad was found in Him. God could not have approved of Him as He did if he were not a perfect child, for we hear a voice from heaven saying, this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. I can imagine seeing him waiting upon his mother; getting water and running errands for her and such child's service as he could render. When he was twelve years old he went with his parents up to Jerusalem to the feast as it was their custom, and we learn of his being in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors answering questions, and also asking those old doctors of the law questions that astonished them. I can imagine them asking Him questions trying to puzzle him and his giving them a straight forward answer, showing the wisdom he had of God on divine things. Then we lose sight of Him again until we hear of Him in the ministry. These high priests, rulers and doctors of the people were astonished at Him again as He taught in their synagogues as he was a carpenter's son.

Let us take a look at him at the carpenter's bench; it seems as if I could hear the shavings and chips crackle under his feet as he moves about at his work. Can you see the shavings curl up around his hands as he runs the plane, and the chips from the chisel flying about his face as he shapes the ox yokes and the many other articles he framed out of wood? Again we see him upon the scaffold building a house, laboring away, singing some psalm or whistling. He probably sees some girls coming along in their gay merry-making way trying to attract his attention to tempt him to the ways of the world, and yet he goes on at his work ignoring all their enticing allurements, for He was tempted on all points as we are, yet without sin. He never yielded once, for we hear that voice again from heaven saying, this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.

Now friends, let us make this wonderful man of Galilee our pattern and follow after Him. May God bless you.  
—Willis E. Rice.

#### TESTIMONY AND NOTICE

Neosho, Mo. —Dear Bro. Pruitt and family, in holy love we write you: May heaven's blessings sur-

round you in every needed way is my prayer.

I aimed to get to the Assembly, but I have been sick all week, and am still not well, so I am asking the prayers of the Assembly that His loving hand may be stretched forth to heal my body. I sure would have liked to have been with the saints, but I am weak and nervous, and the weather is so bad and cold here.

The camp-meeting at Neosho, Mo. is dated for July 17 to 27, 1930 inclusive. The meeting will be cared for by free-will offerings. The camp-meeting here last summer was cared for without taking up a single collection of any kind, and we are sure the Lord will supply for the future meeting. We want all the saints who can to come, regardless of race or color. We are looking for a feast from heaven. The Neosho meeting last summer was a victorious success from beginning to end. God sent ministers who preached the truth which caused the saints to see their privileges, and take hold with fresh courage, also sinners saw their condition and came to God. All who want to help in the expense of the coming camp-meeting may send provisions and means to our address.

We have just closed a protracted meeting at Erie, Mo. Five souls were saved, and many more were convicted of their sins, but failed to count the cost. The saints at Neosho are all one in heart and spirit, rejoicing together, serving God in spirit and in truth. The Lord has been blessing us, especially the past few months. The saints many times shout and leap for joy. We ask all the saints to pray for us that we keep in His order and live in His fear. As ever yours in cross-bearing love,  
—John Strech, R. 2

Neosho, Missouri.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Dear readers, I feel that I should write you a few words about my two trips to Ark.

Nov. 29th I was called to the bedside of my dear sister; stayed two days with her, then came home only to be called back again the 10th of Dec. to see her body of clay laid away till Jesus comes again. After a long illness of intense pain from gall stone trouble, she is enjoying her sweet reward in the land of bliss where we never, never grow old. Praise God for that sunny clime where they need no sun or moon to give light, for Christ himself is all the light they need.

She was born May 16, 1868 and departed this life Dec. 10, 1929. She leaves a husband, two sons, nine daughters, 35 living grand children, one great great grand child, and one sister, the writer, all of whom, sooner or later, will go the same way she has trod. Dear readers, I ask you all to pray God that all of us will live for God, so that when we each one shall be called for, we may have the sweet patience that she so much manifested, especially in her last days. Oh how sweet to fall asleep in Jesus from

—Mrs. J. T. Courtney, 704 S. Oh'io Okmulgee.  
which none ever wake to weep. Bro. Tom Harrison officiated. Your sister in Chris', —Mrs. J. T. Courtney  
704 South Ohio, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Duncan, Okla. —Dear Sister Pruitt: I send greetings of love to all the saints, and a word of thanksgiving to Jesus our Savior and healer.

I am glad I am saved and sanctified through His grace and blood. He is our healer too. Our baby boy is now passed three years old, and he has never taken one drop of medicine in his life. He has been real sick, but Jesus healed him. You know that His eyes are over the righteous and He knoweth them that trust Him. I am thankful that I have learned a little about the love and mercy of Jesus, and learned that He would keep us through trials and temptations. I feel that I must multiply my talent for Him in some way, for I don't want to be like the man that had the one talent. It is written that man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. So dear souls, living by the Word is doing what the Bible tells us to do, so if we don't do what Jesus has told us in His Word we will not be living by His word. God is a rewarder of all that diligently seek Him; He also loveth a cheerful giver. So dear ones, let us not be afraid that God will not give us a great reward if we live and work for Him.

Let us think that through our faithfulness we might save some one. It was for our souls that Christ suffered and died.

I ask the prayers of all the saints that I may live in a way that Christ will be magnified in my life.

Your Sister in Jesus, —Mrs. Maggie Wsieman.

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Princeton, Ky. —Dear friends in Jesus: Today finds me thanking the Lord for salvation and for the healing of my body. The Lord has been my physician for a number of years. I was afflicted for a long time with what doctors call a fibroid tumor. I took medicine for quite a while. When I felt better I thought it was the medicine; when I felt worse I also taken it to be medicine that caused it. Was like the woman spoken of in Mark 5: 25- 29, she was nothing better but rather grew worse. I decided that the Lord was the best doctor and about the only one I could trust, as others said my case meant sure death if not operated upon. Then there was my coffee and tobacco together with my medicine to abstain from, for I was quite a slave to both. Had been a slave to tobacco for twelve years. Praise the Lord, He took all the thirist away for that and healed my body without the use of knife or medicine. Some that saw me in that awful condition said it was a wonderful healing if I was not taking medicine. Dear ones, it was a wonderful healing; that is true, and I was not taking any medicine, then it was the Lord that did the work. Will you believe it for His sake?

Last August I was taken with chills and fever. I called on the Lord for healing, but He permitted the chills to continue for three weeks. During this test the enemy tried to make me believe that if I did not take some chill tonic my body would get too weak to stand alone. I had not quit medicine with the in-

tention of taking it again. By firmly resisting the devil in Jesus' name and holding on to God and His Word (Matt. 18: 19), the Lord healed my body of those chills. Oh praise Him for His goodness. He has healed me of many things, for my afflictions have been many. I wish to say to all those who have taken Him as their physician; never let the enemy deceive or discourage you into taking medicine again. You will have your tests but cling to the Lord. There are enough unsaved people to use medicine. I'm sure I would be a very ungrateful child to swallow another dose. How I wish that every one would get saved and trust Him for their bodies as well as their souls.

He will take the appetite away for tobacco and coffee. I know, for He has done that for me. Oh, such a kind and loving Savior, and only a few that we can find have learned to trust Him. Oh, I'm so glad that I learned to trust Him, and I need your prayers. Sister and brother, pray that I may follow all the way with Him, and do the whole will of God. I want to be found among the faithful at any cost.

Yours in Jesus, —Ivy Jackson.

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Poughkeepsie, N. Y. —Dear Sister in Christ, may the Lord bless you: I send you greetings in His holy name. How I love my Savior, for He died for me; how we ought to love Him and keep His commandments. I am striving by God's grace to walk the straight and narrow way, and to be worthy of that house He has gone to prepare for all that love Him.

I desire to tell you what the dear Lord done for me the 3rd of Dec. I was preparing dinner, and I lifted the stove lid to put some papers in the stove. The heavy lid slid off the stove, falling upon my foot. and oh how it did pain me. Later my foot pained me so that I didn't know what to do; the pain went up to my hip. I was all alone, and I began to pray, telling the dear Lord that it was my only foot, and asking Him to please heal it, so I rebuked the pain in Jesus' name, saying He was able. I was reading. and I noticed that my foot didn't pain me. so I got up and began to walk and praise God, for my foot was healed. When my daughter came home I told her. She said I had better put something on it. but I told her that the Lord had healed my foot, so I went to bed and slept soundly till morning. and when I put my foot on the floor in the morning there was not the least bit of pain; what a mighty God we serve.

I don't know whether I told you that I had to have my leg taken off in 1907. If I had known God's mighty power as I know it now, I never would have lost my limb. What a shame that divine healing is not taught enough in the church. It seems that men are trying to take God's power from Him. They do not want to humble themselves, but God will have His way. Praise His holy name.

This grandson that I asked you to pray for, used to have great faith in God. He was very sick one night when he was nine years old. He was burning with fever, and was very sick at his stomach. I did

not know that he was sick as it was about midnight. He told his mother to call grandma, so I could pray for him. His mother was not saved, so she called me, and I went to his bed and asked him if I would pray would he believe Jesus would heal him. He said, yes, so I laid my hand on his little hot face and rebuked the fever in Jesus' name, and within five minutes the fever left him, and he went to sleep completely healed.

The prayers of a righteous man availeth much. Pray for me that I may do much for Jesus. May God bless all of you is my prayer, —Mrs. Velma Moss.

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Hennessey, Okla. —Pub. House: I am glad that I can report victory this evening over the power of the enemy. I am saved from sin on the King's highway; there to stay till Jesus comes. I have no desire to go back. I want to be found on the front of the battle field.

I am thankful for the good meeting we had at Guthrie. The devil can roar, but I am going to live the life. Praise His dear name for this good holy way. I am expecting to fight on until Jesus comes. Jesus is coming very soon after His faithful few. He said He was coming and I believe it. Dear ones, pray for me that I be faithful until death. Pray that I treasure all the Word of God just as I heard it at Guthrie, not only a hearer but a doer. From your Sister in the one Body, —Annie Wiley.

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Payson, Okla. —Dear saints, I send greetings in the name of Jesus: This leaves me pressing onward in the way. Thank the Lord.

I am sending you this little offering; I hope it will help some to keep Faith and Victory going out among the people. Those God-given sermons are so helpful to His born-again ones. If all the saints would think to send even a small amount, it would help, and the Lord would bless us for so doing.

May the Lord bless the work there is my prayer. Your Sis. in the Lord's way, —Mrs. T. B. Armstrong.

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Merrill, Mich. —Dear saints of God, we send greetings in Jesus' name:

Just before wife and I were married we joined the Campbellite church. We were baptised by immersion, but we only went in the water a dry sinner and came out a wet one. By and by we became dissatisfied with them. The United Brethren held meeting near our place, and we went to the altar and got saved, and, of course, we had to join them, but we had no light on the Church or the one body, yet we kept reading God's Word and noticed that they did not practise nor live according to God's Word, and so we became dissatisfied with them also. We did not know anything about sanctification. By and by a holiness minister came into our neighborhood, so we went to hear him. Finally we stepped out for to be sanctified, and praise God, when God came into our souls we had rejoicing, and we knew it. Praise His holy name. Then God began to teach us, and helped us to under-

stand the Bible. He showed wife to lay off her glasses, and that He would heal her eyes. She was taking medicine nearly all the time; He told her to pour it out, and that He would heal her body, so she did and God healed her eyes and her body, and we have not taken any medicine since, and that has been twenty-three years ago. He showed us how to dress, so when we came where God's people were, we found that we dressed like they did and talked and lived like they did. Now I am 64 and wife is 60 years old, and the way is brighter and better all the time. Praise God for His wonderful saving and keeping power.

We love the little paper, just keep sending it. Your Bro. and Sis. in Christ, —W. T. S. Maurer.

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Natchitoches, La. —To the saint there and all over the whole world: I am indeed glad that I am not my own, but have been bought with a price. I am praising God for His wonderful love and free salvation, and what He has done for poor unworthy me. It was from the little Faith and Victory that I learned more about God's holy Word. Sis. Annie Wiley of Okla. gave me one some years ago and I have been reading them ever since. Praise God for that blessing He gave me. My soul just feasts on the pure food. My prayer is, God bless and supply all the needs of Pub. House, and those who have been inspired of God to write the truth.

Pray much for me that I will sink deeper in His will and for grace to trust Him more. Your sister in Christ, —Mary J. Shannon.

## Trials and tests

“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you as though some strange thing happened unto you; but rejoice in as much as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings that when His glory shall be revealed ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.” 1 Pet. 4: 12, 13.

When we study the history of the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we find that they were ever a people that were acquainted with hardships, persecutions, buffetings, excommunications, and in fact, all kinds of besetments; some being persecuted even unto death, nevertheless there was within an inward force or power that caused them to keep pressing onward. They had a prize in view, and the desire of obtaining it was so great that nothing was able to keep them from their purpose. It was Christ in them, the hope of glory; a hope that anchored beyond the veil of death, a hope that caused them to persevere even though at times they were accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

As we pursue the pages of holy writing we are

made to believe that it pleases God to have a tried and tested people, for the Scripture teaches us that all who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. So we see there is no other way; all shall suffer. This word 'all' means each and every one who will be a follower of Jesus Christ. Therefore the apostle exhorts us to "think it not strange" concerning these things, for we are appointed unto such. Some may be called upon to suffer in one way and some in another, so we should always keep the thought in our minds that it is better to suffer for righteousness sake than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Also we read in 1 Pet. 4: 1, 2, "For as much then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind, for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men but to the will of God." God's will and the will of the unregenerated are not in harmony one with the other, and it is no wonder that there always was and always will be a conflict between the two, and "as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now." Gal. 4: 29. But the word of consolation comes to us again, saying, "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye." Why are we happy? "Because the spirit of glory and of Christ resteth upon us, and God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Cor. 10: 13.

No doubt but what God has a purpose in view for every trial and every test that he permits to come upon us, and if we humble ourselves under his mighty hand and suffer patiently as did Job in the days of old, then our love toward God and our fellow man will be increased and our hope brightened. The Psalmist has said: "Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Psalm 34; 19.

May the Lord help us to keep our trembling hand in his and continue faithful until we reach those portals where the wicked cease from troubling and where the weary are at rest. Your brother and companion in tribulation.  
—Ulysses Phillips.

I once learned a lesson from a dog we had. My father used to put a bit of meat or biscuit on the floor near the dog and say, "No," and the dog knew he must not touch it. But he never looked at the meat. He seemed to feel that if he looked at it the tempta-

tion would be too strong; so he always looked steadily at my father's face.

A gentleman was dining with us one day and he said: "There is a lesson for us all. Never look at temptation. Always look away to the Master's face."

Yes, this is the good old way; do not look at temptation. "Avoid it, pass it by." When the thought of doing wrong in any way comes into your heart, you may be sure it comes from Satan; so do not look at it, but look up to Jesus and ask him to keep you and make you more than conqueror over every temptation, through him that loves you. —Sel.

## Water Baptism

For some time we have been impressed to write on the subject of water baptism. Who it is for, and what it is for, and when it should be applied, how it should be applied, and by whom it should be applied.

First, we will notice that it is a commandment. Matt. 28: 19, "Go ye therefore (Disc. For this or that.) and teach all nations, (or making disciples--Morgan) baptising them, (those who are made disciples) in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Mark 16: 15, "And He said unto them, 'Go ye.'" (signifying a commandment). Now these two texts is sufficient proof that water baptism was and is a commandment, if there was no more; there are a number of others in the following references. Acts 10: 48,—Acts 22: 16.

Second, Jesus set the example of baptism, showing who it is for in Matt. 3: 13-17. And we see again in 1 Peter 2: 21-22, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for US, leaving US an EXAMPLE, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." Now if it was necessary for him to be baptised, and it was or he would not have been. It is necessary for us to be baptised also at a certain time and for a certain purpose, and that purpose should be for the same that Jesus was baptised. The Word says to fulfill all righteousness. Now there are different creeds which teach that water baptism is for the remission of sins. Well, if it is, Jesus was baptised in Jordan for the remission of sins. Dear reader, can you see the inconsistency in claiming that it is for the remission of sins; for Peter said, "Jesus did no sin." 1 Peter 2: 22. How absurd to teach that water baptism remits sin. The blood of Jesus Christ is the only thing that can remove sins. Yes, it is the precious blood of Christ that cleans away the guilt of sins. According to 1 Jno. 1: 7; it cleanses us from all sin, thank God.

Now let us again notice some scriptures which are

very wrongfully applied by some people, which is found in St. John 3: 5. Jesus here was talking to Nicodemus. "Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." If it meant literal water or in other words water baptism. Why it would have been applied to the heart to remove the guilt of transgressions. If it is literal water, Paul was mistaken when he said it was by the washing of water by the word. Eph. 5: 26. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

Now let us see if its water baptism Jesus gave the woman at Jacob's well. "Jesus answered and said unto her, if thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, give me to drink; thou wouldest have ask of him, and he would have given thee living water. The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw." St. John 4: 10-15. So it was not literal water to be baptized in, because she was not yet ready to be baptised. She was just getting to where she could get a good conscience. Which baptism would only be an answer to. See 1 Peter 3: 21.

Water baptism does not put us into the body of Christ, but being born of the Spirit of God does. Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life." Paul said, "I have begotten you through the gospel." 1 Cor. 4: 15. Peter said, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." 1 Peter 1: 23. So it is a spiritual birth that makes us members of God's family. "For by one Spirit are we all baptised into one body." 1 Cor. 12: 13. "How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptised into Jesus Christ, (by Spirit) were baptised into his death? Therefore (that being so) we are buried with him (not to him) by baptism." Hid-away with Christ in God.

Now folks who die, are then buried; not while they are yet living. "And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principallity and power; in whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcission made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by circumcission of Christ." "Buried WITH (not into) Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith, (not baptism of water) of the operation of God, (not the preacher while he is with the candidate in the water) who has

raised him from the dead." Col. 2: 10-12.

Now we have proven by the word of God that water baptism is a command, and that it does not put us into the body of Christ, and that it does not remitt sins, but it is for the same specific purpose that Jesus was baptized, and was because he did no sin. Now, we will give some more proof at this point. The like figure unto even baptism doth also save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh) (Paul called it the sins of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 3: 21.

Now here is a point worthy of our consideration. Now note carefully, water baptism comes as an answer after good conscience had come. Now the Lord help us to be honest. So does the burial come after death. We could give many more passages of scripture to show these truths. Surely these are sufficient proof, nevertheless we will endeavor to give one more. "Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead." 1 Cor. 15: 29.

May these truths be a blessing to many who have been deceived by many false teachers.

—C. M. Hicks.

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### Guilty or Not Guilty?

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It is quiet uncommon for one to refuse to accept a gift from a friend or relative, yet how heart-rendering is the fact that lost humanity is going on and on rejecting the one great gift, salvation through Jesus' blood. God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life. "Ho every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money: come ye, buy and eat; yea come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Isa. 55: 1 "All we like sheep have gone astray: we have turned every one to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of all." Isa. 53: 6.

I was quite impressed by an incident which I witnessed in my own home town this last spring. One of the big business houses (a hardware store), to celebrate the opening of their new added structure, were giving away free gifts to customers holding the "lucky number." The streets were crowded, no standing room left on the side walk near the truck where the drawing was to take place. A gospel preacher mounted the truck and announced that he had a gospel message to deliver after the drawing from

the same truck. People listened eagerly, watching their numbers closely until the last number was called. Of course, many were left out; there could not be gifts for all. Those, no doubt, turned away disappointed, going on their way unheeding the message of the one great gift, salvation, free to all who would only accept it; their number would be written with the blood of Jesus Christ. A gift for all; no one need turn away disappointed, but they did, reader. They went about their business laughing, talking, passing occasionally, yet there were perhaps not more than one dozen persons left to hear the Word of God. It did not interest them. One young lady, walking up close, exclaimed, "Oh, is he preaching!" Then turning her back she went ahead talking and laughing with friends, utterly unheeding the Word of God. I tell you people, it won't do thus. Religion isn't only a form to be carried out on Sundays or at church; it is an every day business. The same preacher that afternoon offered a New Testament to any boy or girl under a certain age who would come and get it. May God have pity! there was not one who would take a few short steps to receive as a free gift the Word of God. Yet only a short while before they had eagerly gathered around the same truck, hoping to receive one of the other gifts. Seeing that no other would accept the Testament, I told my little girl that she might go and get it. She is too small to read, yet was included in the invitation. God help us to teach our children not to be ashamed of the Word of God, but to hold it in reverence. It was sad to see so many turn away, not even willing to listen to the plan of salvation, the free gift to all through His only begotten Son that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

Do you realize that today everywhere people worship idols? Not the graven images as of old, but fine homes, cars, money, fine clothing, etc. which are idols of the heart. Their hearts are set on those things instead of Jesus Christ and His will. People are utterly failing to "pocket their pride" as God has commanded, yea, it is abroad in the land. God's Word says, "Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall." What is a soul worth? God's Word says, "What will it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul." Dear reader, if at this moment God should require your soul, would you not give all of your worldly wealth, if it were in your power, for even a spark of hope of eternal life in heaven? Remember the rich man who refused the poor beggar Lazarus even

the crumbs from his table. When he lifted up his eyes in torment and saw Lazarus afar off (in heaven) in Abraham's bosom, oh sinner friend, how gladly, yea eagerly, he would have given all of his abundance of earthly wealth for just one spark of hope, one more chance to accept eternal life through Jesus Christ, the free gift of God. But alas, it was too late; he had put it off too long. His heart being set on earthly instead of heavenly things caused him to disobey the Word of God which says, "Set your hearts on things above and not on things on the earth." Sinner friend, today if you would hear His voice harden not your heart. Now is the accepted time; today is the day of salvation, to-morrow may be too late.

Reader, God's free gift, salvation through Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, has been rejected. Are you guilty or not guilty? Have you rejected or accepted this free gift? If you are guilty, dear sinner friend, your bond is already made, for Jesus Christ freed you from the yoke of bondage (sin) when He shed his precious innocent blood on the cross of Calvary. Come now, accept Him as your personal Saviour; repent of your sins, confessing them. Though your sins be as scarlet, you shall be white as snow. They shall be as far from you as the east is from the west and shall be remembered against you no more. Our God is a merciful God; His mercies endureth forever. Take a stand for Christ; He will never leave you or forsake you. I was lost and doomed to die down in dark dismay, but the blood of Jesus washed my sins away. Sinner, listen now I pray, every word is true: Jesus Christ has done for me what He will for you.

I am safe forevermore under the blood of Jesus. My house is built on the solid Rock, Jesus Christ, my Saviour and Redeemer—and yours.

—Mrs. Craig Wesson

## Is Insurance Right or Is It Not?

(By Clarence L. Miles.)

It is very often the case that people are not contented in the place where God sees best to have them. They begin to worry and to complain. To worry and to complain is not beneficial in any way. We should learn in whatsoever state or condition we are to be content. Then God could help us and draw us out in many deeper things in this wonderful plan of salvation.

How well I remember when a boy I would sometimes be working with mules and horses. Sometimes in hitching them up to the wagon, I would have them

harnessed and just ready to hitch them to the wagon, then they would jerk loose, pitch and kick out of the harness. Just so with some who pray and ask God to lead them into greater works for Him. They like to be led but when it comes time to pull they fail to do so.

There are many people of today who are debating the question of insurance, is it right or is it wrong? We are told in God's word that in the last days perilous times would come. Read 2 Tim. 3: 1-5. We are now in those days. Insurance is a practice contrary to the teachings of our Saviour. He told us to trust in God.

All down through the ages for years and years God has taken care of His true children. We are witnesses of many testimonies how God sent help by some mysterious way, and how God did many wonderful things in answer to prayer. What God wants is a people who will trust Him without fear. Peter began to sink when he got his eyes off of Jesus. "And Peter answered and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water, and He said, come, and when Peter was come down out of the ship he walked on the water to go to Jesus, but when he saw the wind boisterous he was afraid, and began to sink. He cried, saying, Lord save me, and immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand and caught him and said unto him, oh thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt." Matt. 14: 28-31. Are we doubting today? God being able to take care of his children we must hold fast to this hope. The children of Israel were dissatisfied without a King, and after God warned them of what would follow He permitted them to have a King. "And ye shall cry out in that day because of your King which ye shall have chosen you and the Lord will not hear you in that day, nevertheless, the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel and they said, nay, but we will have a King

We know the story of the man who fell among robbers and thieves, how he was cruelly handled and so many passed by, even those who had a profession of salvation. At last a Samaritan came along and rendered aid. Read Luke 10: 30-35. "And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite when he was at the place came and looked on him and passed by on the other side. But

a certain Samaritan as he journeyed came where he was and when he saw him he had compassion on him, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him, and on the morrow when he departed he took out two pence and gave them to the host and said to them, take care of him, and whatsoever thou speakest more when I come I will repay thee.' We see that this love manifested by the Samaritan was strong enough to touch his pocket-book. He did not have to do this but love was working.

Jesus did not have to leave his home above and descend to this wicked world to suffer and die the cruel and shameful death on the cross, but He did it for you and for me that we might escape the tortures of a burning hell. Love did this. Do we love our brothers and sisters as Jesus loved us? If so, let us prove it more by actions. Let us use our dollars if need be to care for our brothers and sisters who are in need. Let us help them in time of sickness and in time of death. And in so doing we will show to the world that our love for each other is strong enough to care for one another. One time a brother was at the bedside of a dying saint. He thought of the financial condition of the family. He asked if the family had sufficient means to take care of the funeral expenses. This brother was not a wealthy man but his means were consecrated to work where God could use it best. This is what God loves. We will do this if we have heaven-born love. The Bible tells us it is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20: 35. This we have proven and found true.

Why do the green leaves and green grass shoot forth in the spring. Because it is its nature. Just so with the Christian who is enjoying the presence of the Holy Ghost. It is his nature to manifest love. What all Christians need is a lot of love and abundance of faith. If we carry insurance we will at time have our mind burdened with such thoughts as this: Tomorrow my premium will be due, and I have not sufficient money to pay it. God at this same time might be calling for just the amount that you have. Will you use it where He has called for it to be used, or must it go for insurance? We say that our means and all we have are consecrated to the Lord. If so, we will use it as God has called for. If God blesses us in this life are we not able to take care of the means and to distribute it to good causes as God impresses us? God said he would never leave us nor forsake us. *(Continued in next issue)*