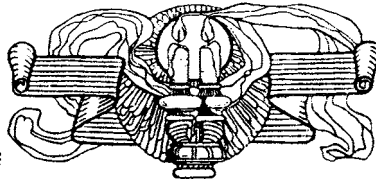


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Light Ment Life

For years within the realms of doubt
I wondered blindly on;
There, without the Spirit's light,
I wondered all alone.

O'er ways of darkness, cold and grim,
O'er deserts bleak and bare—
Along the worldly ways of sin
I packed a load of care.

My eyes were blind, I could not see;
My day was dark as night,
For there within the realms of doubt
Shone not the Spirit's light.

Down, down the worldly way of sin
I wondered, till at last
A gospel tract, by God's dear child,
Within my path was cast,

I picked it up and read it o'er;
(Those words were meant for me)
It said that he who has the Holy Spirit,
With spiritual eyes shall see.

Then I believed those words of truth—
My doubts, they fled away;
The Spirit's light shone out at last,
At last my eyes could see.

How happy am I in this way of life,
Salvation free for all;
I left behind my worldly ways,
To heed the Master's call.

My doubts and fears have passed away
In truth's eternal light,
And faith's redeeming power saved me
From sin's dark deathly night.

— Curtis Fowler.

Christ In Man And Man In Christ

“Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him and he with me.” Rev. 3: 20. Open the door of your humanity by death to all fleshliness in humanity, and Christ will take it up into Himself and stamp it with divinity, and stamp divinity with humanity. Christ will sup of your humanity, and you will sup of His divinity and it will be Christ in you and you in Christ. This is the way and the only way to heaven. Multitudes are trying to climb up some other way, but will miss the goal. In the sanctuary of your own humanity there must be formed a perfect union of yourself with Christ. It must be done while in the body or never.

Open the door of thy heart to the Savior;
The door of His heart is open to thee:
The day will come when He'll cease His knocking,
And His heart's door be closed eternally.
And what if you be shut out!

Fellowship With Christ

To have fellowship with Jesus we must become of like life with Him. To be of like life with Him there must be a like death with Him and a resurrection. Now do not think of that resurrection of the body. We are talking of a death to the fleshly nature in your humanity and the resurrection of the divine nature in its stead. Christ's life mingling with your life and the two becoming one. This is fellowship, partnership, heirship with Jesus. You are the son of God and Christ is your Brother. You are joint-heirs with Him to the whole of the Father's estate. Thank God.

Fellowship is partnership. It is the sharing of all things—the holding of all things in common. You share with Jesus of His peace and joy. “My peace give I unto thee.” This is the wonderful life. You will share with Him of His suffering. You will share with Him of His triumph, His victory. All this is found at the cross where you died with Him. You may sing, “The Old Rugged Cross” and “Simply To

Thy Cross I Cling," but if you have not taken up *your* cross and died on it, your singing is without meaning in true life.

The Glory of the Cross

"Oh, the cross has wondrous glory!" The cross is not some dreaded something. There is glory in it. Paul gloried in the cross. (See Gal. 6: 14). The cross is the only way to glory. Life out of death. The world crucified to you, and you to the world. This is victory, this is glory. You triumph over the world, over self, over sin. The world has no power over you. You bow down to it for nothing. No earthly circumstance can disturb your peace, can not make you to fret, worry, complain or be discontented. Jesus wept over the lost sinners, but He never shed a tear because He had no place to lay His head. He was dead to public opinion. The opinions of lords, noblemen and kings never swerved Him an iota from the true course of life. All men were alike to Him. He sought not to win the "better class." The cross sets us free from all thirsting for life's pleasures, all cravings, hungerings, wishings for things we do not have, and makes us content with what we do have. It gives to man the glorious liberty that belongs to a son of God. He pursues the world for nothing. It can not cause him a moment's anxiety. He will bow not down to any worldly god though the furnace flames await him. He will not break his communion with God though the lions are awaiting him. Lashings, stonings, dungeons and fastening of the feet in the stocks can not engender the least feeling of murmur in his soul nor stop his singing. You might misunderstand him, misrepresent him, speak evil of him, but he hears it not. He is dead. This is victory, this is glory. This is holy living and the way to that land where people never die and are always happy. There is no other way.

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone,

And all the world go free?

No, there's a cross for every one,

And there's a cross for me."

— C. E. Orr.

God's Grace Is Sufficient

"And he said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's

sake: for when I am weak then am I strong." 2 Cor. 12: 9, 10. Paul was tried almost above measure it seems, but when he would pray to be delivered of the trial the Lord's answer would be this, "My grace is sufficient." God would not take it off him but would give him grace to bear it. So it is with you and I; we shall not be able to shift our trials but God will give us enough grace to bear them, and after all, friends, we want God to have His own dear way with us, do we not? Surely, it is the only way for us to learn our lessons and the only way we can be ready to meet our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The flesh has to have many hard bumps in order to learn our lessons as we ought. The only way we can become fit for heaven is through much suffering. Heb. 2: 10 will bear me out on this. We are to be tried as though by fire, and you know as well as myself that we must really be under the blood of Jesus in order to stand the test. Fire burns up all that comes in its reach, and so does God burn up all the dross which is of no account to Him or us. We are infested with a good many things which are a detriment to us and to God. The only way we can get rid of the excess baggage is for God to burn it out and make us pure and clean. He says we will be as gold tried in the fire. God wants us to shine so that His image can be seen in us. We may be tested and tried almost above measure, but God is near by to see that we do not get one bit more than we can stand. 1 Cor. 10: 13 tells us, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man. But God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able but will with the temptation also make a way to escape that ye may be able to bear it." There are times in my own experience that I feel there is no hope left for me. I feel I am an abused and forsaken creature; my heart will mourn, and feel as though I had lost my last friend, and I sometimes say there is no use trying. I make so many mistakes, but when the clouds become so dark, and there seems to be no ray of light, then Jesus will make His face to shine on me. I then will feel like there was nothing to the trial. This is God's grace being given to me in time of trouble; praise God from whom all blessings flow. There never is a cloud so dark but what it has a silver lining, for on the other side there is sunshine and dear soul, when the cloud of disappointment or other troubles pass it will be sunshine in your soul for you. It seems we are so self-centered and self-willed that we can not get anywhere in our experience unless we have plenty trials. We need trials to keep us from going astray. If we were

to have it easy we would forget that there was a God, and forget that Jesus had to make such a sacrifice for the world. We can not stand to be free from trials, for we just sit down and take it easy, and truly that will never do, and of course God knew all this, so we must take whatever He sends, and say, amen, Lord, for He knows what's best for us.

James tells us to count it all joy when we fall into divers temptations, knowing this that the trying of our faith worketh patience. James 1: 2, 3. We ought not feel so badly when we are going through a trial, for it is for our good and God's glory. God does not glory in seeing us suffer, but He will get glory when we are purged by it. We should count it a privilege to suffer for Christ's sake, and this will be the means of us being ready when He comes again to take His Church without spot or wrinkle.

Some people remind me of a balky mule. You know how they act when they get stubborn and do not want to work; they stand just as firm and will not budge no matter what their master does to them. Isn't there people like that? God will use all kinds of means to get them out of their soft nests, and they will balk, pull back and complain; do almost anything to keep from doing what God wants them to do, but if we do not look out Jesus will catch us unaware and then what will happen? God is taking note of every thing that we do, so let us beware and be pliable. Why, folks, are we so stubborn when we know that the Word plainly tells us to be obedient, for obedience is better than sacrifice. God says if we are obedient we shall eat the good of the land. Sometimes I wonder how God can ever love us when we are so stubborn and self-willed, and don't want to do another thing but to please ourselves, no matter how it may inconvenience others. Self is the one that must rule. May God help us to get rid of this selfish way, and get in the place that He expects us to be in when He comes. The Word says, will I find faith in the earth when I come? Well, from what I see and know I believe many of us will have to do some praying to have faith enough to believe in Him when He does come.

Let us be at our post of duty, quit playing around God's business and get to real work for Him. Friends, we are at the closing hour. We will have to say the summer is ended and what have I done to bring in sheaves for my Lord? It would be terrible to have to go to our Savior empty handed after He has done so much for the world.

So many of us act like little children; we never seem to grow up. We keep in the place where we

must be fed on milk. We should begin to eat meat and grow, instead we are never able to come to the knowledge of God. We are ever learning but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Let us turn loose of petty things and grow in grace. I have been watching people these days, and surely I see much foolishness going on among the so-called Christians, but when Jesus comes there will be no room for foolishness. We will need to be prepared for him or there is no hope for us. I know it seems hard to know just how to do the things that God expects of us, but He says in His Word that His sheep know His voice, so let us listen to hear Him speak to us, and let us not listen to any other, for if we do we are not His, because Jesus Himself said, no other will they follow.

Isaiah 35: 8, "And an highway shall be there and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for those: The wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein." So we see there is no excuse for any one of us, for even a fool can know the way of God, and our God has not left us with an excuse of any kind. His way is perfect, and we must come to His way and understanding if we ever expect to enter into the glory world. Many times folks try to bring up excuses for to fit their case but, my friend, there is none. God has fixed everything in a perfect condition, so we must measure up to the good old Word of God, for it surely will pay us when we come to the great *Beyond*. What does this life amount to anyway if we have our way about things? We live here a few years and then we must take our place at the Judgment, and what if we miss the mark God has called us to? What an awful awakening we will have if we do not do what God has planned for us to do! My friend, let us take warning and get into our place of duty and help to win souls who are going to a Christless grave except some one rescue them. God expects you and I to do our best. Matt. 25: 40 says, "And the King shall answer and say unto them, verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." This is what we want said to us, do we not? Let us be up and doing while it is called day. It soon shall be night when no man can work.

— Ethel Lasley.

"Don't swear, the parrot does that, he knows no better. Don't growl, let the dog do that, it is his nature. Don't smoke, let the fire do that, it can't help it." — E. R. Gieger.

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EDITORIALS

In 1 Gal. 6: 10 the apostle Paul says, “As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” In the preceding verse he tells us, “Not to become weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.” While the grace of God frees us from the stern, cold law in a legalistic sense, yet we are not without law unto God, and His law is a law of love. In order to continue in His goodness, we continue to let His law of love work through us in doing good to all men and with special carefulness we will do good unto those in the faith. It matters not how ill one may treat you, or how much they may impose and trample on you, if God’s love is filling your soul you will continue to do good to them, will bear and suffer long, not fainting and cease to do good, because

we know that we shall reap in due season (God’s time) if we do not faint (cease to do good). One definition of God is “good,” and when we are doing good, God is being manifested. He is being glorified when we are doing good to those who are doing us evil. Peter says, “And above all things (he makes it imperative) have fervent charity (divine love) among yourselves: (fervent means in a large way or manner, active, zealous) for charity (divine love) shall cover the multitude of sins.” If we keep filled with divine love, it will cover up or hide from manifestation a multitude of sins which otherwise would come from our hearts, for when divine love leaves our heart God is gone and the enemy begins to work. You think evil thoughts and speak ugly words to those you dislike, irritate and cause sins to be committed. If your heart is filled with divine love, envy and malice will have no place there, and you will not see a lot of imaginary evil in others. Godly love will excuse, bear and suffer long with the mistakes, shortness and weakness of others, and you will keep right on doing good and manifesting God who is in your soul. John says, “God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.” If we want to dwell in God and have God to dwell in us, let us continue to do good to ALL men. “Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.” Rom. 13: 10. In the eighth verse of the same chapter we read, “Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.” Brethren, let us continue to do good, for when we cease from this, evil will set up which will be the beginning of our fall. Many run well for a while, and because they see very little results, become weary and faint or cease. It isn’t what we see, but what God sees which counts for eternity. There is an abundance of room in this dark world to manifest God, as nearly all men are evil; few possess Christ, although many profess. The majority of religion in the world today is white-wash. It is not merely the show of religion that counts, but it is the reality of God in the soul.

“Most men have a general idea that religion is of some importance. Few can wholly suppress it, or reason themselves out of it. But what religion is and wherein it consists they seldom inquire, and never examine with any degree of attention. Such opinions as flatter their ungodly lusts, or pacify their guilty consciences, they warmly embrace. That scheme of doctrine which will make converts without exacting reformation, and give assurance without putting them

to much trouble, they highly approve. The path which will lead men to heaven with little self-denial they readily pursue." Many others blindly follow the examples of the world. Whether such a practice is right or wrong they take little pains to examine. It is enough that they see many who adopt it. They would rather incur the censure of their own minds and the displeasure of their God than stand distinguished by a singularity in virtue. They move on "According to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience."

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"Bitter and rancorous words. If a man studies how much of spiteful venom he can pack into a single sentence, how he can most skillfully whet and sharpen the edge of his words so as to make the deepest wound and raise the most violent storm of irritation and ill-feeling, unalterable as the course of nature, the harvest is sure to come. Our unkind words come home to roost. The man offensive with his tongue is the devil's bellows with which he blows up the sparks of contention and strife, and showers of the fiery embers are sure to fall back upon himself to seath and destroy.

False words. If we deliberately and malicious concoct a lie, and utter the same with whispered humbleness and hypocritical commiseration, as sure as there is justice in the heavens, the lie will come back with terrific recompence upon the head of the originator.

"Kind and loving words. If we speak in the kindest spirit of others, especially in their absence, if we stand up for a friend unjustly maligned and defend him with dignity and faithfulness, if we study to avoid words which cannot but grieve and irritate, then as we have sown so shall we reap—reap the tranquil satisfaction of conscious inoffensiveness, and best of all, the divine approval. Heaven in sunshine will requiet the kind.

"Selfish deeds. If we live for our own selfish gratification, indifferent to the rights and woes of others: if we surrender ourselves to a covetous spirit, living poor that we may die rich—as we sow we reap. The thing we lived to enjoy ceases to gratify, and our noblest sentiments are buried amid the rubbish of our own sordidness.

"Generous and noble deeds. If we aim at the elevation of ourselves and others, if we seek to act on the highest level of righteousness and truth, if we are diligent, unwearied, and persistent in WELL-DOING then in due season we shall reap the harvest—reap it

in a heightened and expansive nobility of character, in an intensified influence and enlarged capacity for doing good, and in the eternal enrichment of the divine plaudit, 'Well done.' "

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Every child of God should be alert to lay up treasures in heaven. When we note the man of the world, how anxious he is about earthly treasures, how he will work, watch and scheme to add dollars to his bank account, acres of land to his already broad holdings, or earthly fame and honor to his name. It ought to put a stir in our hearts to do good deeds to add to our treasures in heaven. It seems that the people of the world are wiser than the children of light, as they are very zealous and anxious to pile up earthly treasures, but many of the children of light are slothful and neglectful of laying up treasures in heaven. They are burying their talent in the earth and will hear the pronounciation, "Thou wicked and slowful servant." It is a grievous thing to note how that some who have been in the light for years and God has blessed them, giving them some earthly substance, that they will leave it to ungodly children or relatives to squander and waste, and at the same time separating them farther from God. Those with much earthly substance seldom ever come to God, and parents generally do their children an injury in leaving them earthly goods. Just think of the treasures they might have had laid up in heaven if they would have used this substance while living in the cause of God or else left it for that purpose. The cause of God is languishing and souls are dying without a Savior because men are robbing God, withholding from God the things God has made them stewards over, allowing the enemy cunningly and slyly to divert their means or substance into channels whereby the cause of God is not profited, and all becomes a waste with no treasures in heaven. Brethren and sisters, let us walk as children of light and continually seek opportunity to lay up treasures in heaven.

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We will send you "Steps to Christ," a 128-page book, for 25 cents. Two booklets of "Helps to Holy Living" will be sent for 25 cents, or if you will send us four subscriptions to Faith and Victory at 25 cents per year, we will mail you a copy of this booklet free. If you want a Bible or Testament, send for our circular catalog which will give descriptions and prices.

We print and circulate over fifty different tracts on various subjects; send for a free sample of these tracts. We are anxious to get them into the hands of those who read and profit thereby. Many are getting

these tracts, handing them to others and God is blessing them in this service. All whom God saves are anxious to do something for the Master. There is no time to be idle; the Master is calling for you. Those who want to help in the printing of these tracts in a financial way, are welcome to do so as some of the important ones are out of stock and others are nearly out. We shall be very thankful to the Lord to be able to print a goodly supply of these tracts soon.

Grandma Spradling, who is old and feeble in body and mind, and whom we have mentioned before as having to be cared for, is about as usual. We have secured a place for her now where we pay thirty dollars per month for her care and keep. The funds for which to pay her keep are pretty low and we shall appreciate hearing from those who wish to contribute to her needs. This is a chance to lay up treasures in heaven. She has been a precious, active saint when she was in her right mind. May God bless and provide for her now.

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In the January issue of Faith and Victory we printed a poem written by Bro. Harlan E. Locker, entitled, "The Reformation." It gives knowledge of the general drift to worldliness and the compromise with other sins which has characterized the Trumpet movement for the last ten or fifteen years. This truth in poetry was given of the Lord to Bro. Locker many years ago when the compromise was in its infancy. At the time he wrote this poem the drift, decay and corruption was not near so plainly to be seen as at this present time. Any one with their eyes half open can see the awfulness of it at this present time. Some are awakening to the perils that exist and feel the strong current dragging them on to destruction and are looking about for a way of escape. They seem not willing to loosen from the whole thing but just want to put on 'brakes'; such as that will never get them out. They must come clean from the whole thing, and just be out and out for God. Hanging on to a few worldly compromising things will only be giving the enemy a hold to pull them on into the downward current, while others will be deceived and follow after them. The using or selling of tobacco, taking out insurance policies, double marriage, and the wearing of gold and other unnecessary adorning articles of dress are indicators of evil, and are not tolerated or endorsed by those separated unto God by the Holy Ghost.

We have this poem, "The Reformation", in the form of an eight page folder and any one desiring

some of them just write to us and we shall forward them to you as the Lord permits.

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The rejection of God's redeeming love involves man in the deepest of guilt and condemnation.

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To have the smiles and approval of God upon the soul is a source of the greatest blessings and pleasure that man can obtain in this world.

Christ is the door-way to heaven; the gate that is open to every man that chooses to make heaven his eternal abode.

In Memory

In sad and loving memory of our dear husband and father, Gilbert M. Norcutt, who departed this life February 22, 1930.

Thou art gone but not forgotten—
Thou wilt always remembered be;
We must bear the separation:
There's no suffering now for thee.

Thou art safe within the portals
Of the morning land so bright,
Where the faithful ones who enter
Never more shall say good-bye.

Rest in peace, thy cares are ended,
Rest in peace, thy work is done;
Thou art gone where those who love you,
Now are coming one by one.
— Wife and Children.

OBITUARY

On December 12, 1930 the death angel visited our community and took from our midst A. W. West, a beloved brother in the Lord and faithful friend to those of his neighborhood. He was born near Rockvale, Tenn. July 3, 1856 and spent most of his life in this country. In 1884 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Alcorn who preceded him, in death many years ago. To this union nine children were born, seven of whom are living. In 1913 he married Mrs. Viola Covington who survives him.

Bro. West made a profession of Christianity when a young man and lived to the light he then had on God's Word. A few years later a sect holiness preacher came into his community, and as he taught a holy life, Bro. West accepted it at once. However,

there were other points in the doctrine that he did not indorse, so when he heard the Lord's true ministers preach the pure gospel, he immediately embraced it and since then he gladly advocated the true Bible way as taught in this reformation.

His home was one of prayer and his conversation was almost wholly upon heavenly things. One always left his presence feeling encouraged to press on. For thirty years he taught and lived divine healing, so in this last illness he was faithful in his trust in God. Anxious friends and loved ones suggested human aid but his answer was, "I am trusting in God." Several times he called for his favorite hymns to be sung: "I've Started Out to Find a Better Home," and "Bright Anticipation."

Truly his last days were as much encouragement as those in which he taught our Sunday School. and at prayer meetings which we held in his home weekly. We miss his kindly smiles and his hospitality, but feel sure that God was finished with him on the earth and took him home to die no more. Funeral services were conducted by the writer. Text Psa. 91: 1 and 9.

— W. C. Hughes.

The Reformation

The Prophet Joel said, "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit." Joel 2: 28- 29.

The very beginning of this glorious reformation was brought about by the Spirit of God. "As the prophet Zechariah said (14: 6), "At evening time it shall be light." The law dispensation was tried out thoroughly and did not work a reformation in the heart of man; offerings for sin did not change the moral nature of man. Turtle doves and pigeons only brought temporary relief, but there was a time coming in which the heart of man was to be purged from all sin, and work out a real reformation of heart and life. Heb. 9: 10.

At the appointed time Jesus appeared on the scene, lived thirty-three and a half years of suffering, and was crucified for the sins of the people. He arose triumphant from the grave, leaving the Holy Spirit to work a reformation of heart and life. The office work of the Spirit of God brings conviction and conviction begins a reformation of heart and life. As we

begin the work of making our wrongs right the work of reformation starts. We are fully convinced that the reformation in the apostolic times was conducted by the wisdom of the Spirit of God, and even the heathen of idol worship was convinced that the Spirit of God was so working that even the very heart and nature were changed by the power of God, insomuch that they loved not the things which were so sacred in their pagan worship. The Spirit of God called men from the various walks of life, called them together in one perfect union. (Acts 2: 44-47 and Acts 4: 32-34) from all the different nationalities and creeds of that day; destroying all partition walls. History says this glorious unity lasted about two hundred and seventy years, then a period of darkness of long duration (1260 years) came, as it were the "sun going down at noon," also a time of famine, not for bread, but for the hearing of the Word of God. Amos 8: 9. During this period of time many were beheaded, burned at the stake and tortured to death in different ways. Their fervor was not chilled down; many gave their lives for the cause of God and went home to glory and God. Later on the time came when the sun was partly shining, a time known as "not clear nor dark," but cloudy. About 1530 Martin Luther, doing penance, was convinced by the Spirit of God that a man was justified by faith and arose shouting his glorious freedom from the papal rule under which he had been. This is the beginning of what we might call the Evening Light reformation, a time in which a revival of the spiritual working as it was in the apostolic times, a time when men got light on the creedal systems of worship in which they had been and the Spirit of God said, "Come out of her my people," which they gladly obeyed, choosing rather the narrow way with the despised few and suffer the persecutions which were sure to follow those that let the Spirit of God have its way. The prophet Daniel said concerning the kingdom of God that it should break in pieces all these other kingdoms and that it should stand forever. Dan. 2: 44. As the light increased those that were led by the Spirit came out of those sectarian creeds and became the real body of Christ, brought about because a real reformation had taken place; a heart reformation in which their hearts were purified from the dregs of Catholicism and pagan worship and the superstitious teachings of Protestantism. Ere long the enemy saw that if this glorious reformation were to continue with its apostolic teachings and power, that the creedal systems of worship would utterly fall, and the reformation would get the

cream of their numbers, and leave them dead and powerless without any or at least few of the Christian graces. The enemy saw all this and a scheme was planned and laid out to destroy the reformation. The first objective was to scatter the power of God by bringing in division, and where there is no unity there is no power. The second phrase of the scheme was to enact laws to so govern those who may get entangled in the meshes of deception that what has been light may become darkness to them, and in this condition formulate rules to hold in check those who may seek light, by branding those seekers as fanatic or old timers. Instead of the Spirit ruling the movements of the reformation, an ecclesiastical head was set up in which rules were given and handed down until the Spirit of God is legislated out. This being true, then they are no part of the reformation. The reformation that made it the Evening Light was brought about by obedience to the Spirit of God and a willingness to walk in the light. We may profess all kinds of professions, but James said to "be doers." We may claim to be in the reformation and a part of it, but unless we walk in the light as He is in the light we are no part of this evening light reformation, having a name and are dead. We might be identified as being in the reformation but unless those principles of truth are in our hearts, we are only in the movement in name and not in truth. But as everything of worth or merit has been counterfeited, it is no wonder that the reformation may be assailed even on that line. There will be no other reformation, because the one that was ushered in by men being filled with the Holy Ghost contained all the fundamentals of the New Testament church, such as were practised in the beginning. As those principles become, as it were, a thing of disgrace and belong in some other age and not to be used now, is it no wonder that the reformation has not that spiritual drawing power? Because of that lack various things are being substituted for the Holy Spirit. Instruments in worship, for instance, were not used in the apostles' day, neither in the beginning of this reformation, but Jesus was the drawing power, and thank God, He is still the One altogether lovely.

We admit we have, since the beginning of this evening light reformation, had two extremes, namely: compromise and also fanaticism. Neither belong to or are a part, yet they have been an enemy to the truth of this reformation; both are equally dangerous.

When compromise attacked the reformation it has left in its wake many who are weak and so blind-

ed as to see no way out, and preferring to stay in spiritual starvation rather than to come out and be branded as a division-maker or a fanatic. God loves one kind of division; that which separates the pure from the vile. God's church is a pure church. The reformation was the result of walking in the light. The church is now God's sanctuary, His habitation, a pure reformation free from man-rule or human ecclesiasticism.

As the Spirit called men out of sectism in the beginning of this glorious reformation and thus preserving a holy remnant, so it is now. When any movement becomes formal and dead, God's remedy has been to come out of her. Rev. 18:1-4, 2 Cor. 6:14. No movement or church having lost its power with God has ever been known to right itself, but God calls, come out, which means also to stay out and be not entangled in the yoke of bondage. Some of the seven churches in Asia had the legalistic phase of worship but were lacking in experience. One had tried false apostles and proved them liars—lost first love. The remedy: repent and do first works else the candle stick (light) be removed. Oh how many of the present age have lost the candle stick (light) and are claiming to be in the reformation movement, and are fostering the very spirit of sect-making unconsciously, not knowing the danger of human church-making rules. May the Spirit of God so direct that every honest soul may see light in the Light of God's countenance.

— E. M. Zinn.

THE CHURCH OF GOD

As we have already proved the Church to be a light in this world, we shall now proceed to prove it to be a complete organization.

Its name is, Church of God (Acts 20:28). It was built by Christ (Matt. 16:18). He is its only founder and builder, a minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched, and not man (Heb. 8:2). It was set up by the God of heaven, and in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom (Daniel 2:44). The government was to rest upon His shoulder (Isaiah 9:6). He is the High Priest over this organization, and having an high priest over the house of God (Heb. 10:21). The apostle Paul instructed Timothy that he might know how to behave himself in the Church of God. "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God which is the Church of the living God, the pillar

and ground of the truth." (1 Tim. 3: 15). This organization is the ground of the truth; it is the light of the world, so ye are the light of the world (Matt. 5: 14).

Webster says, to organize is to form with suitable organs, to construct so that one part may co-operate with another, to distribute into suitable parts and appoint proper officers that the whole may act as one body. There is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling (Eph. 4: 4). We ask, did Christ form this body or church with suitable organs? We answer, yes, by building it together. In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit (Eph. 2: 22). He joined and compacted it together (Eph. 4: 16) by tempering it together. God hath tempered the body together (1 Cor. 12: 24). God sets the members in this body as it hath pleased Him. But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased Him (1 Cor. 12: 18). And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved. (Acts 2: 47). Among these God distributes into suitable parts and appoints proper officers that the whole may act as one body, and that one part may co-operate with another.

Now every gift in the Church should be recognized by the whole body, as God places the gifts in His church. Wherefore He saith when He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men (Eph. 4: 8). And He gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. What for? For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ (verse 12). And God hath set some in the Church; first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues (1 Cor. 12: 28). Elders and deacons are ordained in the church of God by the laying on of the hands of the presbytery, as for example, the ordination of the seven deacons in A. D. 33. Whom they set before the apostles, and when they had prayed they laid their hands on them (Acts 6: 6). And when they had ordained them elders in every church and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord on whom they believed (Acts 14: 23). For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city as I had appointed thee (Titus 1:

The Church of God recognizes no other discipline except that of the New Testament. It is to govern

the lives of all saints. It teaches the qualifications of bishops and deacons. When the apostle Paul sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church together, he recognized that the Holy Ghost had made them overseers to feed the Church which was purchased by the blood of Christ. They are to feed the flock of God by preaching the Word with the Holy Ghost sent down from God out of heaven. The gospel preached under this anointing is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth it. First they must be filled with the Holy Ghost. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business (Acts 6: 3). Notice, honest men and men of judgment. Bishops and deacons must be blameless. See 1 Tim. 3: 2-10; read the entire chapter, and the first chapter of Titus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also (2 Tim. 2: 2). Their commission and circuit: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." (Matt. 28: 19). And He said unto them, go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16: 15). Now we feel that these ministers under this commission are men of God who are filled with the Spirit of God. Men sent with authority under this divine commission will preach the Word. Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful (1 Cor. 4: 1, 2). For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. (Heb. 3: 14). The Apostle addresses the Philippian church thus: "Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons." (Phil. 1: 1). For every house is builded by some man, but He that built all things is God. (Heb. 3: 4) Now as this is a spiritual house or Church all the gifts are spiritual. Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. 1 Cor. 12: 1; read the whole chapter. To whom coming as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God and precious. Ye also as lively stones are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2: 4, 5). Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His, and does not belong to the Church, for by one Spirit are we all bantized into one body.

CORRESPONDENCE

Loranger, La. —To the dear saints scattered abroad, greeting in Jesus' dear name: It has been some time since we reported through a paper; we have been silent, but not with the Lord. Many times have we uttered a prayer for all the dear saints, that each one may keep true under the severest trials and tests of life, that you may let your lights shine brighter. While under a trial if we get noisy with murmuring and complaining our lights shine very dimly, but if we keep quiet and submissive to the Lord and let Him have his way with us, then our lights shine brightly. It makes me think of a lamp, when it sputters and flickers; the light is very poor, but when it shines quietly then the light is the best, so the same with us. Let us shine for Jesus. If you are the only saint in your community, the rays of your light can be seen afar, for the darker the night the brighter a light will shine. Our labors in the Lord are not in vain.

We are still living in the same community where we have lived for the last few years, near Loranger, La., in the home with Sister Minnie Joiner and her two daughters who are true, devoted saints, and have lived the life here for a number of years. There is a little congregation of saints here who, I think, are decided to go through for the Lord at any cost. They are proving their faith by their works. Praise the Lord! Since my husband's health is bad so much, we have done very little gospel work, but are doing what little we can around here. Then, sometimes we visit the few saints at Good Pine, La., and have meeting with them. Our aim is to do the will of God and encourage the saints to a closer walk with God and to get further away from the world and earthly things. We feel burdened for the saints, that the weak may become strong, and the strong may stand, and that in these days of peril none may be moved from the faith and lose sight of the truth (which many dear ones have done), but keep at the battle front and show our colors. We know we have the truth and must be bold to tell it, and, no, never be ashamed of it because we are few in number. God's people are the fewest people of all the earth, but the truest.

Just recently we enjoyed a feast from Father's table when Bro. Fred Pruitt and wife, and their son, Lawrence, of Guthrie, Okla., Bro. John Strech of Neosho, Mo., and Bro. Orville Kelly of Springfield, Mo. were with us in the Christmas Assembly meeting at Hammond, La. The Lord wonderfully used Bro. Strech and Bro. Pruitt in delivering the Word of God and our souls were drawn nearer heaven. Other

ministers present were: Bro. C. E. Orr who has charge of the work at Hammond, and Bro. L. L. Perry from this community. The brethren came out here into our community and held two nights' meeting before they left for home. We believe many of the saints received lasting benefits from the meeting. Surely we praise the Lord for the unity of the Spirit and the sweet fellowship of the saints, just the kind exactly that is enjoyed in heaven. May the Lord help each one of us to be true and keep on the whole armor of God. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Yours in the one true way, —Mrs. T. N. Watson.

Fallis, Okla. —To the saints scattered abroad: Greeting you with much holy love. This evening finds me saved, sanctified and healed by the mighty power of God.

Dear saints, I write you these few lines to tell you of my wonderful healing after I had been sick over a month. I went to the Guthrie Assembly meeting. The evening of the first day I was there, I became so sick that I felt unable to walk from the dining hall to the chapel. When the ministers came to the dining hall I told them to pray for me and they did, so I felt better until the next morning, then I felt worse. My son brought me home. I went to bed and had a chill, and after they got me warm I went to sleep and next morning I was feeling fine, but before night I was near death with acute indigestion for a while. I was unable to speak or even to think. Finally I came to my right mind but could not talk, yet my soul talked with the Lord and I said, Lord, if it is thy will for me to live any longer please stop this terrible pain. The Lord touched my body and the pain left. I was not able to turn over in bed. In three days I was up and now able to do all my house work. Praise God. I want those that have been praying for me to know that the Lord has healed me that they may rejoice. Oh, help me to praise Him for this wonderful healing. It is more wonderful than I can express in this short letter.

Dear saints, I mean to go all the way with the dear Lord who was so good to me.

Your Sister, — Ellen Chandler.

Anthony, Kansas. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Just received your dear letter and was so glad to know that the dear saints pray for one another. I felt the effect of your prayers.

It pleased God to take my dear boy unto Himself. Though my heart is bleeding and a dear boy taken, yet I thank God that he was wonderfully

saved. I arrived at his place on Tuesday morning at 3 a. m. I found him real sick with pneumonia. I felt he was going. I said to him, Floyd, you must pray. He said, mother, I am so sick to pray. I found a dear woman who knew the worth of prayer. We prayed through and I knew God was going to do something. I went in where he was and said, Floyd, you must pray. He said, I have been praying. I asked him if he held anything against any one. He said, no, not a soul, and he looked up and said, Lord help me. I then asked him if he felt that the Lord had forgiven him. He said, I do. Oh praise God, what a sweet evidence; he smiled so sweet and it seemed such a heavenly atmosphere. How merciful the Lord is!

So thanking you for your interest and prayers, I remain your Sister,
— Allie McAdams.

Varnell, Ga. —To the dear saints scattered abroad, greeting in Jesus holy name: I'm glad this morning for Bible salvation, for Jesus is our all and all. Without Him we would be most miserable in this world of sin, but thank the Lord for victory over sin and the fashions of this world.

May God bless you all in your work in spreading the pure gospel. I enjoy the paper so much; it is real food to our souls. Please pray for our meetings and Sunday School. We had a good meeting this fall; several souls were saved and they are a real blessing to us. One dear Sister has been sanctified since the meeting on Thanksgiving day. We do praise the Lord for them.

Please pray for me each day that I may be a blessing in this world to others. Your Sister in the Lord,
— Mrs. J. F. Daugherty.

Garner, Iowa. —Dear Bro. Pruitt: I have been thinking for some time of writing to you and telling you how I enjoy your paper. My mother had it sent to us and we certainly like it. My wife and I have been saved only a short time and we certainly get much soul food as we read the many things that you publish.

There are not many saints here in this part of the country. We have a small assembly at Mason City at Bro. and Sister Hanson's house. The saints are scattered a hundred miles a part, so we only get together once in two weeks. We certainly like to gather together with God's true children to sing His praises and to worship as our dear old Bible tells us. I wish we were closer to Guthrie so we could see and talk with you and the saints there.

Up here in Iowa where we live the country is

so polluted with sectism and false gospel, that it is almost impossible to tell people of the true way (the Church of God). We certainly are nearing the end. Jesus said, when ye see these things come to pass know ye the end is nigh, even at the door. (Matt. 24: 33).

I have never been a member of the so-called church, but I have been a partaker of their sins which would make me just as bad. But praise the Lord; He opened my eyes and filled me with His Spirit, and now 'I' no longer live but Christ lives in me. Nevertheless I want to press on and do as Paul exhorts in 2 Cor. 7: 1, to perfect myself in holiness.

May God bless you, Bro. and Sister, and help you to continue to spread the gospel in His own way. Pray for us that the Lord will open a way for a revival meeting of true holiness.

Yours in Christian spirit, — Clark Lackore.

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Purdy, Mo. —Dear Sister and Bro. Pruitt, greeting in Jesus' name: I received your good encouraging letter a few weeks ago. I thank the Lord that He has reserved to Himself a few that have not bowed their knee to Baal. May the Lord ever bless you in every way, and keep you encouraged in your labor for Him, is my prayer. This evening finds me still saved with victory in my soul over all the powers of the enemy and determined to press the battle on till the victory is won. Praise His holy name. I am trusting Him for both soul and body. I thank Him for the many times He has manifest His healing power in our home, and for touching my body a few days ago, making me well. I want to use all the strength He gives me to accomplish something for God. A heart filled with the love of God longs to gather in some precious sheaves, so that at last when life's short day is over they may not stand in His presence empty-handed. But how many dear souls feel that they are not in a position to accomplish anything for God. The enemy brings in discouragement to prevent the good they might do for God. Let's bear in mind that no Christian life has ever been spent in vain. The life that is kept filled with God's blessed Holy Spirit can accomplish something even under the most discouraging circumstances. If Christ was here on earth wouldn't He accomplish something? Then if Christ is dwelling in our hearts, can't we accomplish something? Yes, indeed. God wants to use us and will use us if our lives are in submission to His will, and keep filled with the Spirit. There is a place for every one in God's great harvest-field. Some must sow the seed, others are needed to gather in the golden

grain, and still others to carry a cool drink and to lighten the burdens in every way of those upon the fields. Because God has not placed some great work upon us, don't think He has nothing for you to do. How much good may be accomplished if every one would faithfully perform each duty. Only eternity will tell the great loss as a result of some one not doing or being what they ought to. We are workers together with God. Let us not be weary in well-doing whether we see any results of our labor or not. Be encouraged in the Master's service. Let's put forth every effort we can to help bring in some precious soul. Let us be thankful that we can all have a part in this great work. Let every soul be fervent in Spirit, serving the Lord.

Your saved Sister, — Artie Bowers.

Hammond, La. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' name. The dear Lord is still blessing us, and He is my Savior, Healer and Keeper. I am still saved, and by the help and grace of God I am going to make heaven my home. I see several places where I can move up and measure up, and by God's grace I am doing it. I know it means much to live a true Christian life; means more than just saying it. So I am praying God each day to help me on all lines that I have fallen short, and to help me live, walk and talk in a way that is pleasing to Him. The dear Lord has done so much for me. Only a year ago this past fall He raised me up from death's door, when the doctor had given me up to die. He told it over town that I could not live. Praise God; I am living, and serving a true and living God.

I have been sick since the Christmas meeting. I have an awful bad cold, and almost had pneumonia. I trusted God, and He has healed me to a certain extent. The other night I was real sick. Bro. and Sister Orr came in and prayed for me. My breathing was better and my pain almost gone when they prayed.

Pray much for us that we may get closer to the Lord and just do everything He would have us do. I have been encouraged so much by you coming down. I enjoyed the meeting so much; it was a feast to my soul. The way you and Bro. Strech preached is just the way I like to hear it. It was the way I heard it preached when I was a little child, although I have failed to walk in the light and live it out since I first heard the truth. But by the help, love and grace of God I am going to serve Him the rest of my life. This is my decision and determination. May God ever bless you is our prayer.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus, — Mrs. E. Forbes

Anson, Tex. —Dear ones in Christ: I must say that the "Forty-eight Hours in Hell" is the best tract that I ever had anything to do with. I put the "Forty-eight Hours in Hell" and "Strange Dream" together; then you see, we have the description of both places. Each and every one of us are certainly going to one place or the other. One place will be eternal life, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. God will wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, and Jesus' righteous name will be praised and glorified through all eternity. The other place will be eternal torment in the unquenchable fire where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched.

A stranger came to my room and I gave him one of those tracts, and at the same time said to him, "I do not know whether you are a Christian or not, but I do know that if you will read this, it will stir up your feelings, if you have any." In just a few days he came back to my room and said, those pieces were so good I would like to get some more of them. I have seven children scattered over the country and would like to send each of them one. I gave him the tracts and he went away. I hope and pray to the blessed Lord that each one of these children will be touched as their father was. It was easy to see that the old man was touched.

Another man living fifteen miles from town came to my room, and I gave him one of those tracts. In a few days he came back and said, you know I didn't get to read that tract. I laid it on the dresser, intending to read it when I got time. A young lady visitor was there, got hold of it, and said she would return it when she got through with it in two or three days. She came back; said another lady saw it and took it, and there is no telling where it is by this time. Will you give me another one? I gave him four or five.

I will close with love to all in Jesus Christ,
— E. O. Wyatt.

Perkasie, Penn. —Dear Bro. Pruitt: Once more I am glad for the blessed privilege of greeting you in the ever blessed and all-prevailing name of Jesus, our Savior and King, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. All glory be to His dear name, for such a wonderful Savior as Jesus our Lord and King, who now sits at the right hand of the throne of God to make

intercession for His saints. All praises be to His dear name, for He is the Author and finisher of our faith. We are only His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works. Praise His holy name, for His love and mercy surely is great toward us, in that Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. Oh, what love! No wonder the Psalmist so often urges us to give praises to His dear name for His mercy endureth forever. He mentions so often, "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men." Truly the dear Lord is not praised enough for His goodness to the children of men.

As we just stop and look back over the past year that has just passed on and rolled over into eternity, we think of how good the dear Lord has been to us unworthy creatures, that He has preserved these unprofitable lives of ours with all our shortcomings, blunders and mistakes, that He has seen fit to lengthen out the cord of life so that we can behold the beginning of another New Year, while many of our fellow-travelers have been called from time into eternity. Surely the happenings of a year are many. Many harmful traps and snares have beset us on every side by the enemy, the adversary of our soul who desired to destroy us if he possibly could. Many traps and snares were laid in our pathway. Praise God; the Lord delivered us out of them all, and here we are today the spared moving monuments of His great love and mercy.

We will live in hope that perhaps some day and some how in God's own way and time that we may be able to meet in this time world. If not in this time world let us so live and serve God in singleness of heart so that we can all meet in the world to come and ever be with the Lord where we can spend the ceaseless ages of eternity together with the Lord.

Bro. Pruitt, I want to thank you for your last letter and the tracts you sent me. I enjoyed them very much, as some of them were new to me; I had never read them before. I always enjoy reading good tracts, especially new ones.

The very thought of eternity should awaken us more and more, as we think of the millions of dear souls that are still unprepared to meet God, and that are fast hastening on to that never-ending eternity. Yes, the very thought should awaken us to a deeper sense of our duty to this lost and dying world. May the dear Lord just help us each one to be faithful in every respect concerning our duty toward God and our fellow-man throughout the coming year, and that

we may endeavor to live lives that will be more useful in lifting up Jesus to a lost and dying world.

We wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. I will close for this time, praying God's richest blessings upon all the dear ones there. I remain your Bro. in Christ, — Chas. L. Houck.

The Ten Commandments

(Continued from last issue)

The fourth commandment reads thus, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

There are perhaps more professing Christians deceived about this commandment than any other. One reason for this is because the Lord has spoken considerably about this Sabbath day, and has used some very imperative language in commanding this observance because of its importance as a shadow of the supreme soul rest that Christ, the real "Passover", gives to us when He comes into the soul in this grace dispensation. Many not being able to see and discern the shadow and the real, get under condemnation about this day and think to appease the wrath of God by keeping Saturday or Sunday somewhat like they did under the law dispensation. When Jesus was here on the earth the Pharisees were very zealous about keeping the Sabbath and was continually finding fault with Jesus because He was not careful about it as they were. Jesus knew that He was the "Rest-giver," and that He came not to destroy the law and the prophets, but in Him they were all fulfilled. Paul declares that "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." Rom. 10: 4. So when we are in Christ we are not righteous because we are keeping the law, but because Christ is dwelling in our souls, and yet we are great law-keepers because Christ has become our law. In Him we find that He more than fulfills the law, the shadow, giving us life and power to live free from condemnation every day. Under the law, the shadow, they kept one day holy and rested from all their labors; in Christ, the real, we keep every day holy and have a continual Sabbath rest in our souls, for the Rest-giver has come in and dwells there.

The Pharisees troubled the Lord so much about breaking the Sabbath that finally He just told them plainly that, "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath." Mark 2: 27. Man was not made for the Sabbath, but the Sabbath was made for man, thus God made the Sabbath for man to act as a

school-master, pointing man to Christ, the true "Rest-giver". Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, (trying to get satisfaction in keeping the law) and I will give you rest." When in Him, we rest from our labors and just let Him work in and through us to His pleasure and glory. The fourth commandment certainly pointed to a glorious continued rest in Christ. To us it is an important commandment. Under the shadow they were stoned to death if found picking up sticks on the Sabbath. You may say it was a very small thing for one to be stoned to death for. Yes, that seems so, but it teaches us a deep lesson that we, who are under grace, should be careful to live in the Spirit and not give way even to seemingly little things or spiritual death will come to the soul. The man or woman who frets, worries and becomes cross will grieve the Spirit away and death will be the result. In this way they break the Sabbath of rest which Christ gives in the soul. Paul learned that whatsoever state he was in, to therewith be content. We who are in Christ should look to Him for grace and power to resist all disturbances and not allow our glorious rest (Isa. 11: 10) to be broken by earthly conditions and circumstances. Keep in mind that we are a lively stone in the building which God pitched and not man.

The Fifth commandment says, "Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

This commandment was to the literal seed and God varified his promises to men who kept this commandment in those days. We find a number of cases on record where the sons did not honour and respect their parents and God soon cut them off and their days were short on the earth. The two sons of Eli harkened not unto their father and God slew them, and also Absalom had disrespect to his father David, plotting against him and God slew him early in life. If it was so under the law age, how much more so under the grace dispensation. The child that is filled with the Spirit, son or daughter, has great respect and honour for their parents and will be obedient, respecting their wishes and listening to their counsel and advice, and God will and does bless such ones with long life and much happiness. Should they show disrespect and become rebellious against their parents' wishes, such actions would grieve the Spirit, and if continued in would defile them with evil, finally ending in sin and soul death.

The Sixth commandment reads thus, "Thou shalt not kill." Under the law they were put to death for

killing a man. Levit. 9: 17. Under grace it is not necessary to kill a man to be a murderer, but he that hath hate in his heart is a murderer already, for John says, "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." 1 John 3: 15. So under grace the law is completely fulfilled insomuch that they do not even have hate in their heart, much less killing any body. If a man who was saved should let hate enter into his heart against any human (no matter how evil he might have treated him), he would then be a murderer in the eyes of God and death to his soul would be the result. Truly, all men who are saved by grace and have God's love dwelling in their hearts are great law-keepers; they are keeping the law in the fullest sense of the word, not through or by their strength, but through Christ who dwelleth in their hearts and gives them grace and power over sin and the weakness of the flesh. Their souls and minds are filled with the ways and thoughts of God and all condemnation and guilt are passed away because the Spirit of God dwells within and gives them power to keep the law in spirit and truth. What a glorious salvation God has given us. No wonder the redeemed praise God so much and exalt His holy name. — Fred Pruitt.

Humility

By reading the Word of God we find God has always chosen those of a humble Spirit as instruments to work through and bring glory to His name.

We read in 1 Samuel 9: 21 the words of Saul just before he was anointed King: "And Saul answered and said, am not I a Benjamite of the smallest of the tribes of Israel, and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin?" He was of a humble spirit and God blessed him while he remained humble, but when he became proud and lifted up in his own eyes the Kingdom was taken away from him and given to another. We also read of Gideon's call to service in the 6th chapter of Judges. Gideon's reply was, "I am the least in my Father's house." God used him in delivering His people from the Midianites and proved His mighty power. Today God is calling for those who are of a humble spirit to work with Him. God will never work with us while we are seeking honor to ourselves. Many a life has been wrecked by self and pride that could have been a power in God's hands if fully yielded to Him. Pride has caused the fall of many who were once jewels in

God's hands. "Pride goeth before destruction and an haughty spirit before a fall." Prov. 16: 18. When a little bit of pride comes into the heart it leaves an entrance for more. Beware of pride—a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. A little of the world in the heart and soon it is all worldly. How sad to see some of the people of God getting a little nearer the world; dressing a little more like the world, talking a little more like the world, and unless they see their mistake they will soon be going where the world goes. May God help us as the people of God to die out to self and live so humble that God can bestow more of His gifts upon us. "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5: 3. "A man's pride shall bring him low but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit." Prov. 29: 23.

Who would not want God to dwell with them? He dwells only with the humble. "For thus saith the High and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I will dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit." Isa. 57: 15. Is it not worth giving up all this world to have Christ come dwell with us while we abide here on earth and then when life here is over, take us to dwell with Him in the City of Love where all is peace and joy while the years of eternity roll.

We also find in Matt. 6: 19 -21 these words spoken by Jesus, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth or rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." As we see professed people of God laying up money year after year while God's cause is suffering for need of more means to spread the gospel we are made to wonder if such people have as much treasures in heaven as they have in the banks here on earth. Would it not be sad indeed if souls should go down to hell because we stored the money away that God intended us to use in sending the gospel to them.

Dear saints of God, let us awake to duty. Souls will be required at our hands if we fail to use the opportunity that God gives us in giving them the gospel. In Gen. 3: 9 God called to Adam and said, "Where art thou?" God knew where Adam was all the time but He wanted Adam to see himself where he was. Our prayer is that those who are failing to obey the commands of God may hear the call, "Where art thou" and that they will see from whence they

have fallen away, and come back to God.

Jesus is coming soon for His chosen Bride. Those who have obeyed ALL His commandments and have on the wedding garment (the robe of righteousness) will go to their heavenly reward. If we do not have it on when He comes, it will then be too late to put it on. "And behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22: 12. — Susie Whipple.

"Set Your Affections On Things Above"

On the morning of May 17, 1930 upon awakening these words came to my mind: Set your affections on things above and not upon the earth where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal.

We find the same truth in two different scriptures and I will quote them here as they are in the Word: "Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth." -King James version. The Emphatic Diaglott says, "Mind the things above, not the things on the earth." Col. 3: 2. In Matt. 6: 19, 20 we read the rest of it, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." How true it is that our heart is the seat of our affections and our treasures are contained in it. If our treasures are on the things of this world, then Christ is not loved. If our affections are upon Christ and He is the treasure of our heart, then all earthly things pass away, such as malice, hatred, envy, anger, wrath, evil speaking, impurity, passion, evil desire, and inordinate lust, which is idol worship; on the account of which things the wrath of God is coming. (Col. 3: 5, 6). These things are not in the Christian's heart. There are other things that many let their affections go out upon instead upon Jesus Christ. Some are loved ones, and beautiful lovely things, until the heart has no room for the lovely Son of God. If our affections are upon Christ then all these things must pass out of our heart. We don't hate our loved ones but Jesus must come first, and he obeyed, even though it displeases our nearest and dearest loved ones. Paul said that he counted all things as dross that he might win Christ. This was because his treasure was Jesus, the anointed One, and when Jesus is our treasure we love

and obey Him above all things else. Yes, even as Paul loved Him and gave himself to His service. In other words his heart already was in heaven with the Lord. From now on he was willing to be a prisoner for the Lord, willing to do all of God's will that he might win a crown in glory. This is the true standard of the Bible and we must come to it if our heart ever becomes satisfied with the heavenly way.

We know how hard it is to sacrifice anything for an object that we do not love, and how gladly we lay down anything and everything to an object that we love. Surely where our treasure is, there is our heart also. God knew that if our love remained upon earthly things that he could have no place in our heart, but if He has the love He would have all.

Suppose we should love a diamond ring and not be willing to turn it over to the Lord. How soon the love for God would leak out of that soul, and it would become dead to God, because the love rested upon the diamond ring instead upon God.

The Word says, "He that hateth not his father, mother, brother, sister cannot be my disciple." This means only that Jesus must come first and be obeyed regardless of relatives. I believe more people have lost out because of letting their affections lodge upon some earthly person or treasure than for any other cause. This is why we must guard our affections and keep them centered upon God and upon His kingdom.

Souls are to be won to Christ if He is our treasure, and this work is the passion of our soul if He reigns in us. If Satan can cause us to let our love lodge upon anything other than Jesus our Lord, he has crippled us for God's service. God then has no resting place in our heart, and He will not be satisfied with us until He has all the heart's love and service. This is purity; this is undefiled religion when Jesus has all the heart.

I will compare it to the lovely bride who loves her husband as she ought to. How pleased her husband is with her when she loves him alone. How glad and happy is that bride when her love is undivided and she cares not to be with another lover. This is the kind of love that God demands, but the husband who has a bride whose heart's love has gone out to another man, then there is no peace in that home, but all is turmoil, all is upset; no harmony or comfort there. Let me say this is the case right now in our own homeland, because Satan has robbed either the father or the mother of their rightful place in the heart of their companion. Just as there are very few people who love God above all earthly treasures, so also there

are few homes untouched by this free love spirit today. This spirit is filling hell with its victims. Let us watch our heart's affections and keep them centered upon Christ the anointed One of God. Keep our love set upon Him and all our belongings turned over to Him that they may be used to His glory, and we only as stewards of the things that have been entrusted to our care.

What peace has a soul that has laid up earthly treasures, and yet have no treasures laid up in heaven? How bright is the future to the one who has nothing laid up for the future world?

If we have not worked for God or His kingdom, what reward need we expect? We just enjoyed the pleasures of this life and did not deny self at all, and what reward can we expect if we have not loved and obeyed God? It will be good for us to look well to our heart's affections, and see who has them.

— I. Edith Kriebel.

The Way Of Life

Sometimes I wish that I might do
 Just one grand deed and die,
 And by that one grand deed reach up
 To meet God in the sky.
 But such is not Thy way, O God,
 Not such is Thy decree;
 But deed by deed and tear by tear,
 Our souls must climb to Thee,
 As climbed the only Son of God
 From manger unto cross,
 Who learned thru tears and bloody sweat
 To count this world but loss;
 Who left the virgin mother's arms
 To seek those arms of shame,
 Outstretched upon the lonely hill
 To which the darkness came.
 As deed by deed, and tear by tear
 He climbed up to the heights;
 Each deed a splendid deed, each tear
 A jewel shining bright.
 So grant us, Lord, the patient heart
 To climb the upward way,
 Until we stand upon the height,
 And see the perfect day.

— Sel. by Mattie Patton.

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