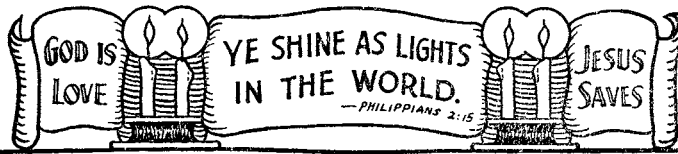


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Bend Me, O Lord

(By John Ramsay)

Bend me, O Lord, bend me,
Subdue each sinful thought,
And let my life to thy dear will
Be in subjection brought.

Bend me, O Lord, bend me,
Take self and pride away,
Implant thy ways within my heart—
Come in and hold thy sway.

Bend me, O Lord, bend me,
And may I ever see
I must be humble, meek and mild,
If I would "learn of Thee."

Bend me, O Lord, bend me,
This lesson daily teach,
That when I'm nothing of myself,
Then I am most complete.

Bend me, O Lord, bend me,
No more of "me" and "my,"
Myself in Thyself ever hide
Until I'm called on high.

Bend me, O Lord, bend me,
Too long has self held sway,
Now take me, body, soul and all—
And bend me to Thy way.

Launch Out

By OLIVER JOHNSON

God can never trust men or women with his message unless they have clean hands and pure hearts.

How many are going out to-day who ought to tarry at Jerusalem until they are endued with power from on high. How many are fishing along the shore and in the shallow while Jesus commands them to launch out into the deep. They forget that Jesus has suffered and died and has risen again to give unto us His Spirit, the Comforter, to guide us into all truth. Is it not sad to see so little of the Holy Spirit manifested in the lives of professors? Why are there so few who seem to get wrought up about their soul's welfare? Why are there so many who are asleep? I do not need to go outside of the churches to find those who are snoring their way to perdition. Soon the everlasting flames of God's wrath will enwrap them.

How are you occupying the pulpit, my dear brother? Are you not shunning to declare the whole counsel of God? and how are you doing it? Remember it is not always what we say, but how we say it. Do you possess and illustrate the character which you preach? If not, my brother, how can you undertake to guide erring souls in the way that they should go? How can you explain and teach others the language you never knew yourself? Is not the Holy Spirit and divine guidance the need of every person today?

Is it not high time to arouse out of our stupor and to shine forth in heavenly light? Let every minister of the gospel break down before God and cry for a touch from God's throne. Let them get filled with the Holy Spirit and it will not be long till their congregation will follow. Let every one get the mind of Christ and you will never hear them complain and murmur. It will bind them together in heavenly love. They will meet in one mind and have one spirit. They will prevail in prayer and have victory. The very glory of God will shine through their faces. This kind of experience will bring sinners in touch with God. It will melt their hearts of stone and will cause them to cry out for mercy. What harmony prevails where Jesus reigns alone! Souls see it and tremble and are brought to seek God.

May the God of love search out the secret of every heart. Are you doing that which pleases your Saviour? Are you helping to bring about a revival? If so, how are you doing it? Are you living and doing for God alone, saying, "Have thy way"? Are you taking hold of God by faith and works? Is your heart fit for the blessed Lord to come and reign there supremely? If this is your state of mind you will have victory and souls will be saved. If you have it not it is because you need to break down and pour out your heart before God, letting Him fill you with the Holy Ghost.

Another thought I wish to bring forth is, the mind of Christ will beautify the home. Father and mother you need it. If you get it, it will not be long till your children will want it. O brethren, wake up! wake up! O Zion, put on thy beautiful garments. Get filled with the Spirit. Get the mind of Christ. This will save you from finding fault with others. It will put a glowing love in your heart for your brothers and sisters, and it is the only way to secure a revival. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. If you fight with the sword of the Spirit you have the promise that no weapon formed against you shall prosper.

If you are sanctified wholly, do not think that is all. You may yet say with Paul, "Not as though I had attained, either was already perfect; but I follow after if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ." You have only begun to live. This is only the starting point after all. If your soul gets blest and the very heavens seem to have opened and the glory from God's throne seems to thrill your very being, don't think that is the immortal shores. The battles have not all been fought yet. There are yet battles for you to fight, and the battle may seem severe. The foes may rage hard, but your Captain cries with a voice that seems to thrill the air; and as your ears catch the sound your heart is lightened as the cry rings, "I have overcome for you. There are yet plains and deserts for you to explore. There are yet mountains and valleys to cross."

Father, Mother, look up. Sisters, brothers, the land is getting nearer. Soon you will have fought the last battle. Then you will lay down your armor on the banks of that river, where your Redeemer will meet you with a crown of rejoicing.

The enemy of your soul is raging hard. Then

"Watch and fight and pray;
The battle ne'er give o'er.

Renew it boldly every day
And help divine implore.

"Ne'er think the victory won,
Nor lay thine armor down.
The work of faith will not be done
Till thou obtain the crown."

Justification

Jesus says, "Come unto me, all ye (that includes you) that labor, and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Mat. 11: 28.

If we will take time to analyze that verse a little we will get more truth and understanding than we would otherwise. In the first place the word "come" imparts knowledge to a sinner that he is away from Jesus and has to COME to Jesus to get this rest. There is something on his part to do. If we can find what he has done to be separated from Jesus, then we will know what he will have to do to get back to Him.

When a child is born into the world it is in a justified state until it has a knowledge of transgressing the laws of God, because "where there is no law, there is no transgression." Rom. 4:15. Therefore, a child is innocent and blameless before God until they are old enough and have a knowledge that they are disobeying God's word and committing sin; then the Spirit of God convicts them as a sinner. They become guilty and separate their soul from God by transgression.

Sin and iniquity is the only thing that will separate a soul from God.

Listen to the Word of God, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened that He cannot save; neither His ear heavy that He cannot hear; but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you that He will not hear." Isa. 59: 1, 2. As we have sinned against God, and His wrath is abiding upon us and we have no way of removing it by our strength or power, we become wretched, miserable, and labor under this load of sin. With all the efforts we put forth, we fail to get relief as we sin more and more and the load of sin and guilt gets heavier and heavier.

We find in the above scripture that Jesus has told us to come to Him and He will give us rest. We believe this is so, but how can we come to Him? That is the question. Let the Bible answer this question for us. "He that covereth his sins (will not confess them to God) shall not prosper; (or have peace) but whoso

confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Prov. 28: 13. So we see the first step for a sinner to do in coming to Jesus is to confess them, and then he is to forsake them (quit sinning), then God will have mercy. Doing this is coming to Christ, and as we behold Jesus dying on the cross and know that His blood was innocent, spotless and blameless, we believe it to be an atonement for all of our sins, and accepting it as such, we have peace from God through our Lord Jesus Christ. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10: 9, 10.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." So we find, by confessing and forsaking our sins we come to Jesus and by believing on Him as an atoning sacrifice we have rest in soul and peace with God. All our sins are blotted out by faith in the sacrifice. The guilt and condemnation are lifted and our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Thus we are in a justified state before God. Not by any works that we have done, but by faith in the completed work of Christ.

Justification by Faith

Man stands condemned at the bar of God. Can God be just and yet acquit the guilty? The gospel says, "Yes; man may be acquitted or justified." What is justification by faith, and how effected? Justification just means getting put right with God. We can be put right with God only by faith in the work of God's Son for us. Christ says to the guilty: "You are unable to save yourself, yet your salvation is possible." How? Not by patching up a broken fellowship. Not by works the law condemns. The ground of acquittal from the condemnation of the law is the imputed righteousness of Christ. The guilty are acquitted in a way that humbles pride. Self-righteous efforts are of no help, but rather a hindrance. When they cease the bitterness of death is past, and a new life opens up. The ultimate privileges are many and far-reaching, but the immediate consequence is reconciliation, or peace with God.

The justified man, having received a new standing before God, feels himself no longer a culprit at the bar. The knowledge that God is at peace with him calms his fears and raises above the dread of condemnation. His peace rests on a firm foundation. Confidence in the finished work of Christ and conscious

reconciliation with God. That God is no longer angry is the pledge of forgiven sin, assurance that the danger is past and the soul is in safe keeping. This safety and peace satisfies the soul. There are many refuges of lies, but there is no deception here. Consciences approve. "My peace I give unto you," says Christ. How different from the world's peace! "Lord, lift on us the light of Thy countenance, and give us peace"—Thy peace. This alone will satisfy the heart, the intellect and the conscience. This peace is progressive in its nature. It deepens and widens as we grow in grace and in the knowledge of God. Not like a mountain torrent, but like a brimming river. At first a tiny brook gathering as it goes, till on the plains it is strong and calm, broad and deep. "Oh, that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments, then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea."

The peace of the justified is a permanent possession. Adversity may deprive you of earthly wealth and death of friends, but what comes as a result of union with Christ will outlive time and pass with us beyond death. Oh! for such a blessing as this! "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

As we set ourselves apart for God's sacred use, presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable in His sight (which is truly our reasonable service), He will sanctify us by the incoming of the Holy Spirit, setting us apart for God's sacred use, taking up His abode in us. Then the "more abundant" life will begin, and "out of our inmost being will flow rivers of living water." Then we can truly sing with the poet:

"My heart for gladness sings,
It cannot more be sad;
For every joy it laughs and sings,
Sees naught but sunshine glad.

"The sun that glads mine eyes
Is Christ the Lord I love;
I sing for joy of that which lies
Stored up for me above."

— Fred Pruitt.

The only money we keep when we are dead is what we gave away when we lived. — Jacob Riis.

God would never send you the darkness,
If He felt you could bear the light,
But you would not cling to His guiding hand
If the way were always bright.
And you would not care to walk by faith
Could you always walk by sight,

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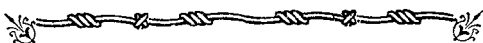
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EDITORIALS

There is little or no taste for jangling and the strife of words when the heart is sanctified. Entire sanctification means entire resignation of our will to the will of God and to live in the offering up of our soul continually in the flames of love, as a whole burnt offering to Christ. A pure heart and good conscience go together. A good conscience is joined with a sound faith. To be a power in our life, stimulating the growth of every Christian grace, faith must be active and sincere. Conscience is warped and love is feeble when faith is feigned and mere make-believe.

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The Apostle exhorts to "Be mindful to maintain good works."

Good works do not make a Christian; but one must be a Christian to do good works in righteousness. People are not made Christians by good works, but by Christ. One being in Christ will bring forth fruit for Him. The Spirit of Christ working in the Christian will cause him or her to "do all the good they can," (1 Tim. 6: 17-19) in all the ways they can, (1 Cor. 15: 58), to all the people they can (Matt. 5: 44, 45), at all the times they can (Prov. 3: 27, 28), as long as they can (Eccel. 9: 10), and do all to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10: 31).

This doing is profitable to us and profitable to others. It has a reflex influence. It blesses him who gives and him who takes. We cannot bless others without being blessed ourselves.

Giving prompted by Divine love gives room for the incoming of more of His great love. We pour out and He pours in. If the outlet of love is quenched, the soul becomes unprimed. Mark Anthony, when depressed and absent of his fortune, declared he had lost all, except what he had given away. Treasures laid up in heaven are never lost.

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The apostle Paul was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; but think of the thousands today who profess Christ with the mouth in certain ways and at certain times but in heart they are ashamed of Him. He who will not follow Christ through evil as well as good report are ashamed of Him. He is ashamed of the gospel who tries to explain away the meaning of those scriptures which require the practice of self-denial and real holiness. There are some lovers of money who explain away the true sense of the passage: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth." And also the scripture: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these

things shall be added," also, "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure."

There are some lovers of fashion, gay clothing, and foolish and expensive ornaments who explain away the proper meaning of the passage: "In like manner also that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety: not with broidered hair or gold, or pearls, or costly array." Such persons are ashamed of the gospel and uphold that which is "enmity against God."

The minister is ashamed of the gospel who wrests the scriptures to agree with his own unsanctified heart and to the depraved tastes of others. Multitudes are doing this. By this men make the gospel teach what it was never designed to teach. They make it favor practises which in reality it condemns. They corrupt the Word of life and poison the streams of living water. Oh, how sinners will accuse unfaithful ministers at the day of Judgment.

"Ashamed of Jesus! sooner far
Let evening blush to own a star.
Ashamed of Jesus! just as soon
Let midnight be ashamed of moon."

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While we have been away in the gospel work with many burdens for lost souls with whom we meet, yet we have a great burden that the printing work be kept moving, that the gospel may reach many souls by the printed page.

Wife and Lawrence have the responsibility of the work since I am away. We are praying that God will uphold them with His right hand of power and keep their hearts encouraged in this great and needy field of labor.

We were pleased with the Sept. issue of *Faith and Victory* and believe that many souls were blessed in reading it. Pray for them, as they will be very busy printing the paper each month and keeping the tracts in stock. They will need your prayers and co-operation in every way the Lord makes you know.

One of the greatest sins in these last days is "getting at ease in Zion". Sleepiness and slothfulness will cause your soul to be over-run with thorns and nettles, and the stone wall (protection) be broken down. Read in the 24th chapter of Proverbs, begin at the 28th verse to end of chapter.

The world in general is asleep and knows not the great disaster that is soon to come which will send millions down to torment. Satan is very busy getting every saint he can to believe his lying vanities. When they drink a little of this dope, they get sleepy and

slothful and will not sacrifice much time or means to spread the gospel; they do not seem to think it amounts to much whether souls are saved or not. Such benighted ones need to call upon God until He rains righteousness down upon them. They need to get some of heaven's eye-salve, the illuminating power of the Holy Spirit that they might see the awful sinfulness of sin and the terrible consequences.

If one soul is worth more than the whole world, what should we labor most for while in this time world? Men and women are going to torment because by their acts they believe not that Jesus is the Christ. Jesus says, "If ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins and whither I go ye cannot come."

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"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15: 14. It is certainly inspiring and exceedingly satisfying to our souls to be a friend of the Lord's. By reading the above text we see that we are friends on conditions and denotes to some extent the union that exists between Christ and His people and of the full sympathy that the "elder brother" has for the other members of the "family of God."

The union that exists between Christ and a believer is not only co-operation but in a deeper sense is one of incorporation. As my limbs are a part of my body and as a branch is a part of a tree, so Christ and believers are indeed members one of another. This is a solemn truth and reality. Do not think of it as a mere theory or speculation. It is a fact and one to be lived up to day by day.

Christ is the "first-born among many brethren," He is not ashamed to call us brethren. There is no sorrow, no trouble or emotion we need hide from our "Brother" in heaven; for there is no pain, wrong or emotion that the members feel which is not felt by Him. Nor does His sympathy languish or fail, as He is always touched by those things that touch the members of His "body". Christ is not ashamed to call us brethren; we certainly should not be ashamed of Him. Remember, that to confess Christ is to uphold Him as in authority when others may despise, to uphold His laws when others are breaking them, to oppose His enemies when in so doing we would make enemies for ourselves.

Let each member be faithful in confessing Christ his friend and "Elder Brother" which is our High Priest, that he may continually eat the flesh of the Son of God and drink His blood. The keeping of the

words of Christ mean Spirit and life to our souls.
John 6 : 63.

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MEETING REPORT

In our last report we told you of being in a meeting at Louin, Miss. and up to the date of that writing twenty-six had given their hearts to God. The meeting continued another week and eleven more claimed deliverance, making thirty-seven in all.

The Lord truly blessed greatly in that meeting, and we were loathe to leave the congregation at that place as they were all dear to us. In many cases husband and wife with part of the children got saved. It was good to be there.

We came to Folsom, La. which is about 220 miles south and west of Louin, and held ten days' meeting. Sister Rogers lives at this place. The Lord blessed in many ways in this meeting. Those who attended listened good and a number were much interested. The attendance at this place was not large; generally fifty or sixty at a service. No one claimed to get saved, but a number told us on the last night of the meeting that they enjoyed the meeting, and we believe that "some seed fell on good ground" that will bring forth fruit in time.

At this writing we are engaged in meeting at Loranger, La. The meeting is being held under a brush arbor. It is starting off good and some have declared that they are going to get saved in this meeting. This is the second night of the meeting. We are expecting a congregation to be raised up at this place.

(Here is a later report, dated Sept. 20, of the meeting at Loranger, La. The meeting under the brush arbor at Loranger is progressing fine and the interest is good. Five have claimed salvation and more are under conviction. The Lord is giving the messages that souls are in need of and opening their ears to hear. We give Him all the praise for adding to the Church such as believe).

Bro. A. E. Harmon, Sister Verta O'Raine, who is Bro. Harmon's neice, and Sister Hope Embly makes up our company in getting this gospel of Christ to needy souls.

We need your prayers, and if you want to write to us, address your letter in care of Bro. C. E. Orr, Box 370, Hammond, La. and he will forward it to us while we are in the South. — Fred Pruitt

HAPPY CONVOCATION

Jesus said, Go into all the world
And preach good news, the truth unfurl;
But few will go, own ease they seek,
Oh hear the call, be not so weak.

Fear not hardships, souls are wasting;
Judgment's coming, destruction's hastening.
True, times are hard, there's means no more
But Jesus sent the gospel to the poor.

Go, doubting naught, God's Word is true;
Satan ignore, ye born anew.
Poor souls are lost in night's chilly blast,
God's Word will save, their sins will pass.

The world at large is growing cold,
Some places yet are not so old;
The cities where the people race
There's no time for God a place.

But way back where people's slow,
Where there's no rush, no place to go,
The houses old, weathered and plain,
They are earnest, they do not feign.

Preaching — attention, ears attentive,
They sit with quiet hearts repentive;
House being full, as much without,
Believe the gospel, there is no doubt.

Many are the heads bowing down
The thought that Jesus may be found;
Some do find Him, then light as a dove,
Countenance bright, heart filled with love.

Such was the case in the South country,
Where good news told, salvation's free,
Thirty-seven souls, cheerful and bright,
Adorned for heaven with armor of light.

Then down the road with wagon and team,
Marching along down to the stream;
Following the ordinance Jesus had made,
Debt on Calvary, His blood had paid.

Happy souls as they arose again
Walking in newness of life with men;
Witnessing His coming near,
For this all men ought much to fear.

The meeting over, the parting sad,
Men were weeping, angels are glad;
The devil has lost subjects few,
Heaven's rejoicing for those born anew.

We linger yet around the altar,
Words to each one not to falter;
Hand shakes many, embraces not few,
They love each other and love us too.

The whole country, friendly and cheerful,
Bid us come back, be not fearful.
Yet many more are to be saved,
God made the plan, foundation laid.

— A. E. Harmon.

Saints, Take Courage

Today finds me still pressing on in the highway
which our Savior trod. Saints, I am still encouraged
to work for the Lord all the way, no matter what
may come. I know that it sure does mean something,
but by God's grace and help we can go through. Praise
His dear name.

Dear saints, it takes lots of praying and watching
to be ready to meet Him in peace. One of these
days He will call for us. Who will be ready? Only
those who have been faithful to the end. And when
the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive
a crown of glory that fadeth not away. 1 Pet. 5: 4.
As we read farther on, we find something good too.
It tells us to humble ourselves. therefore, under the
mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due
time, casting all your care upon Him for he careth
for you. Dear saints, He wants you to look to him
no matter what may come your way. Jesus wants
us not to be babes all the time, but He wants us to
be strong in Him and look to Him.

As I am thinking of what the Lord has done for
me, it just makes me want to tell others about it. I
have been in the Pentecost deception and was deceived.
I spoke in tongues and rolled on the floor just
as the others did. I was in it about three years, and
oh how hard it was on my nerves! I thank the Lord
that He ever did show me that it was not from Him.
The Lord sure is good to all mankind, as the Lord
sent some of His saints to our place. I did not think
that I would ever turn the Pentecost people loose.
The truth was so clear that I had to see the wrong
in it and had to be freed. When God got hold of my

heart I saw things different. The Pentecost teach that when you speak in unknown tongues, that is the sign you have the Holy Ghost, and that is the one and only proof that you have the Holy Ghost. The unknown tongue is positively a language known by some nationality or race of people on this earth. They also say they cannot keep from speaking in tongues. In 1 Cor. 14: 27,28 it says, "If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God."

O yes, there are lots of religions in the world, but not many have salvation. There is a vast difference in religion and Bible salvation. Many teach against worldly things and yet do them. But I know saints are the people you can go by. They live a holy life. May the Lord bless and encourage every saint in the world is my prayer.

Pray for me and my sisters that we ever do His will.

Your Sister,

— Myrtle Glass

What Does It Mean To You?

(BY ROSA OSBORNE)

"Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together." Paul, in speaking to the Hebrew brethren, made use of those words. No doubt he saw the real need of the exhortation then, and how much more do we need it today! I fear there is a great lack and that there needs to be a stir on this line. How about the mid-week prayer-meeting? Do you make as much of an effort, or sacrifice if need be, to attend as you should? Are you as anxious to attend, and do you look forward to the meeting with as much interest as when you were first saved? Just stop for a moment and look back over your past life when in sin and see how anxious you were to attend some show or some other place of amusement. Or when in the sect, and some big preacher came along, with D. D. attached to his name, did you stay at home because the wind blew a little cold or because it rained? Again, so many think that they have so much to do that they just can not spare the time to go; that their work is crowding them, etc. Do you know, dear ones, that the devil will pile up the work on that day and hedge up the way every time, if you will let him? That is his business, and he understands how, but what is our business? To serve God and to do HIS WORK FIRST and our work secondarily. You say you want to see your neighbor and your families and

others saved. Are you doing your whole duty by them or will souls say at the judgment, "We might have been saved if you had have done your duty"? Sad, sad, it will be. Your neighbors and friends are reading your lives are taking note of the interest you take in the meeting, and can you say to them, "Follow me, as I follow Christ"? Do you ever invite them to go with you to meeting, and do you put forth any effort to help them to go?

So many dear ones are allowing the cares of life so to rush them that they have no time for secret prayer, to say nothing of going to prayer-meeting. I am ashamed to say it, but I have actually heard professed saints say, when asked about the meeting, "I didn't go. I forgot all about the meeting." What does God say about the cares of life? There are so many excuses for not assembling together, at least some people find a great many, but are they available excuses to offer to God? Does God accept your excuse? He says, "Be diligent, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." God wants obedient children, and when He says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together," etc., He does not mean, "Stay at home." I do not mean by this that we can always go. The best way is to talk with God about it in the secret closet, and be sure He accepts your excuse. To me the meeting means more than words can express. It truly is a 'sitting together in a heavenly place,' and oh, how it helps one and prepares one better to fight the battles of life and meet the assailments of the enemy. I know from personal experience, that if necessary, one can work a little harder the day before, or get up a little earlier in the morning, so as not to let baking, etc., keep one from the means of grace. If the devil can not get us to stay at home, he will sometimes get us to overdo, so we shall be too tired to enjoy the meeting and when we pray, it will be a dry, formal prayer, and I really believe that some would be very much surprised if God would answer their prayers as they are uttered. God help His dear children. What does it mean to you? Can you afford to stay away from the meetings? Has not God promised, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."? Do you not want to be among the twos and threes? Well, amen; I do. Have you noticed, dear ones, that when there is a show in town, or a carnival, what crowds of people attend; even some who profess to follow Jesus go, and often times go and come in a storm? May God help His dear children to always be ready to 'fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life.'

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Weeds And Deeds

(Pauline Francis Camp)

A naughty little weed, one day,
Poked up its tiny head.
Tomorrow I will pull you up,
Old Mr. Weed, I said.
But I put off the doing till
When next I passed that way
The hateful thing had spread abroad,
And laughed at my dismay.

A naughty little thought, one day,
Popped right into my mind.
Oho, I cried, I'll put you out
Tomorrow, you will find!
But once again I put it off,
Till, like the little weed,
The ugly thing sprang up apace,
And grew into a deed!

So, boys and girls, heed what I say,
And learn it with your sums;
Don't put off till tomorrow, for
Tomorrow never comes.
Today pull up the little weeds,
The naughty thoughts subdue,
Or they will take the reins themselves,
And some day master you!

EDITORIALS

"I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." Luke 12: 19, 20. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6: 7. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in Him." 1 Jno. 2: 15. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord." 2 or. 6: 17. "Whether thereore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10: 31.

The foregoing scriptures point out the dangers, gives warning and advice to those of God's creation

who are lovers of pleasure, lovers of themselves, lovers of ease, and lovers of the world, instead of loving God with all their heart which is "the first and great commandment." Matt. 22: 37, 38. Satan has many attractions in his Vanity Fair to draw the minds and heart of God's people. We are forbidden to set our affections on the world and its ways. When Satan presents his Vanity Fair, we must close our eyes, say, no, and look to Jesus for help and guidance to love Him supremely.

God did not plan that His people should "go to heaven on flowery beds of ease." They must go the way of cross, for it alone leads home. It's the way that Jesus trod while here, and He said we should follow in His steps. The world is a cross to us. They are going in the downward direction, and we are going in the opposite direction, speaking concerning the care of the soul. The few who are Christians must press, fight and use the shield of faith to go up, but it's very easy to turn loose and go down, as so many are going in that direction and the current carries them along. The Christian comes to the cross daily. He is despised of the world, peculiar and zealous of good works. He experiences more inward peace and perhaps more outward trouble than any other people. However, the rough, hard places will be passed in safety when the Captain is leading and ever present. I praise God for sufficient power in the blood of Christ to meet every need of our life on time's side of eternity in preparing for heaven.

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We thank the Lord for how He has supplied and helped since mailing the last issue. Our trust for the future is in Him. He truly fulfills His promises.

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We appreciate the interest of the young people in this section. May you ever be zealous in His cause. We would like especially to hear from all the interested ones who have not written to us in the past. Let us help and encourage one another, for Satan is always using his tool of discouragement. — L. D. P.

Training Time

We do not wait until the fall of the year to train and tie up the vines. Take for instance, the goard vine. If it is not trained and tied up while it is growing, it becomes a matted heap upon the ground, with

little or no fruit; but if the right care is taken, when the tender vines first start to reaching out, the fruit will be plenteous and perfect. If we try to tie it up, and straighten it up in the fall of the year, we only break it in pieces. Alas! it is too late. We heard it said, "It is hard to teach an old dog new tricks," likewise, but few old people turn to the Lord. We should give Him our hearts in our tender youth, so He may shape and train our lives to suit His purpose.

Dear young people, let us be sure that we feed upon only that which will make us more like Jesus. And parents, let us see to it that we set the right kind of examples. — Erle E. Forbes.

To The Sinner

(By JNO. M. HARRINGTON)

Dear sinner friend, we felt moved by the love of Jesus to give a few words to the dear ones that are living in sin. By reading God's word we learn that He is rich in mercy. It is the Master's will that we all should be saved. 2 Pet. 3: 9. God has done all for man that He possibly can, creating him in His own image. Gen. 1: 27. But lo, man fell from that lofty plane and sunk deep in sin. It was then that God looked down and saw that the wickedness of man was great. Gen. 6: 5. It was for our good that the Savior was sent. 1 John 4: 9, 10. Oh, my dear sinner friend, how we ought to appreciate this gift! He came to save and redeem us. Eph. 1:7. Would to God I could impress upon your heart the great love that God had for you. Just think! He sent His only Son into this wicked world to die for you and me. This is the last thing that God will do to save the world. The things that the prophets desired to look into, we have the pleasure of enjoying in these last days. Heb. 1: 2. We read in the Word that the goodness of God leads men to repentance. As we by the eye of faith behold the Savior on the cross it compels us to cry for mercy, and meet the requirements as incorporated in God's Word.

Sinner friend, I pray God that you will stop and think about the welfare of your eternal soul. Some one might think that he is too mean to get saved. Christ came to save the vilest of the vile, and He will save you if you will meet the requirements; namely, forsaking all sin (Isa. 55: 7), confessing (1 John 1: 9), forgiving those that have wronged us (Matt. 6: 14), restoring to the extent of ability (Luke 19: 8). God requires no impossibilities of us. If we have done some

wrong in the past that we cannot make right, God will take the 'will' for the deed. Some dear ones will say, "I would get saved if it was not for certain ones living so crooked." Do not get your eyes on those crooked professors, but give your heart to God. If you wait for every professor to live straight before you make a start, I fear your soul will be lost in endless night. May God arouse you from your slumber and sleep in sin.

Many are the fathers and mothers, whose hearts are almost broken on account of their children going on in sin. Dear young man, do you want to see your parents happy? If so, give your heart to God. Well do I remember how my parents praised God when my sinful life was changed. Sinner, heed this warning, from one that loves your soul; come to Christ and He will save you and make you happy day by day. Do not put off your return to God. This life is only a dressing-room for glory. Get ready for this change.

The Little Foxes

(By D. S. Warner, written in 1884)

One little fox is, "*Some other time.*" If you track him up, you come to his hole — *never*.

Another little fox is, "*I can't.*" Just set him a plucky little "*I can,*" and he will kill him for you.

Another bad little fox is, "*Just a little*" pride, self-will, worldly conformity, etc. That little mischief will strip the whole vine if left go.

Another malignant little fox is, "*I haven't faith.*" He slips into the vineyard through a knot-hole called self. You can shut him out by removing the self-plank and filling up with Jesus only.

Another bad little fox is, "*I haven't power.*" Be sure and catch him. If you will take the pains to dig him up, you will find his nest somewhere beyond the end of your present consecration. It will pay you to take him, if you have to "dig deep" and work hard.

Another devouring little fox is, "*My church.*" "Salt" and "fire" is sure and only antidote for such nasty vermin.

We will point out one more little fox, and he is able to devour all the fruit of the vineyard and kill the very vines. His species is "*fear.*" One good dose of "perfect love" will kill him stone-dead. And a constant application of the blood of Christ will prevent this, with all other little or big foxes, yea, and all other animals, ever coming to life again.

Neosho, Mo. — Dear Bro. and Sisters in Christ: Greetings in the name of Jesus. Through the *Faith and Victory* paper I am not ashamed to acknowledge Jesus Christ as my Savior, Sanctifier, Physician, and the best Friend I've ever had. He has proved to be "a present help in every time of need." This strait and narrow way suits me. Nothing less will do.

Surely the angels in heaven look down and rejoice to see a few young folks who have left all the world to follow Jesus, and I'm so glad I can say I am one of them.

Young saints, let us be up and doing for the Lord. He is needing every one of us, and expecting us to practice self-denial more, and give more of our time and interest to His work. We must watch and pray, lest we enter into temptation, for we know the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. May the Lord help us to lighten the way for other feet, by brightly shining where we are. Pray for me.

Your Sister, saved to serve, — Ruth McNeely

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Richland, Mo. — Dear ones at Faith Pub. House: Today finds me saved and living for my Saviour who has done so much for me. I am glad I can report victory in my soul over the devil's temptations. I am truly thankful to my Lord for what He has done for me, that He ever saw fit to take me out of sin and place me in the strait and narrow way. I am glad I ever gave my life to Him, that I ever found Him when I did to be my guide through this dark and troublesome world where there is so much wickedness and sin.

To-night I am thankful for His love He has shown to me; for making the way for us to go to the camp-meeting at Springfield, Mo. which did me so much good. I heard the truth go forth straight and plain. I do not see how the people who have known the truth and been saved could turn away from the strait way and go back in sin and serve the devil, then go on down the broad road to hell.

I am glad for the little paper, "Faith and Victory". It does my soul so much good to read it.

Your Bro. in Christ. — Raymond Brown.

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Guthrie, Okla. — I thank and praise the Lord that I can give a few words in the Young People's Section, and for being on the Lord's side, the One in whom we have a hope of eternal life. The dear Lord is surely precious to me, and through His mercy and kindness He saved me.

It is so good to know that each one, whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely. It is a

free gift. The precious blood of Jesus was spilt for every one of us, and all we have to do is to accept Him and yield ourselves willingly into His hands, that He may mold us, as the potter would the clay, into the vessel that honors and pleases Him. If we try to be anything of our own selves, surely we will be nothing but miserable failures, for without the Lord to guide and lead us by His Spirit, we would be as a cloud driven about by the wind, or a ship out on the rough sea without a rudder to guide it with.

I am encouraged to press onward toward the prize at the end of the way. I want to live each day so that the Lord will be pleased, and that will count toward the crown which is for every one who will pay the Bible price and meet the conditions His Word demands.

Do not be discouraged, dear young people, because our Captain is one that has been over this same route and He knows all about the voyage and what it takes to get us safely across the sea of life and land us on that shore of eternal bliss and happiness. Do not be afraid to let Him take you in His care in the rough places as well as other times.

My prayer is that each one who is professing the name of Christ will lift Him up in their lives that when the world looks upon us nothing but Christ can they see. I desire your earnest prayers. Your brother in Him, —Melvin Flynn.

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Guthrie, Okla. — Dear Young People: To-day I am thanking the Lord for salvation. The Lord has done so much for me. He heals me when I am sick and helps me each day. There are many trials and hard battles to fight, but if we stay close to the Lord He will carry us through. Sometimes the way seems dreary but if we will only trust in God and obey His Word He will bring us through. My prayer each day is, "Lord give me more grace to fight the battles of this day."

Dear ones, it means much to serve the Lord. The Lord has a good table spread and there is no old, dry, stale bread on the table. There are many churches in the world to-day but they are eating dry, stale, bread. The ones who are serving the Lord (the saints) are feasting all the time on good things.

Dear ones, I read the Young People's Section every month and like to read the articles and testimonies of the young people. I also read the other interesting testimonies and articles.

I desire the prayers of all those who know the worth of prayer.

Your saved Brother,

— B. C. Miles

CORRESPONDENCE

Norwalk, Wis. —Dear ones in Christ, greetings: As we read of the need of dear Grandma Spradling, it makes us wonder why there is no more interest taken in her. Truly, times are hard, but when I see saints driving big, nice expensive cars, it hardly looks like hard times to me. If we had not denied our self and saved the money, being satisfied with a Ford, we would not have anything either to give to the poor and help the cause of God. Cars are (perhaps) the cause that brought hard times to most of the people. It seems as though saints of God have forgotten to count the cost and not to conform to the world. If we do it on one line, we are apt to do it on other lines also.

I know I am despised of the world, and even of some (so-called) saints, but if I can only please my Lord that is all I care for. I am glad we can send you \$13.00 for Grandma's upkeep and use the \$3.00 for the tract work.

Yours, for the whole truth, — Fred Stahnke.

Purdy, Mo. — Dear Sister and Brother Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. It has been a long time since I wrote to you, but I truly praise God I can report victory in my soul. Praise His dear name forever. I praise Him for the grace He gives me, and to know that He does all things well, if we will let Him have His precious way.

It is wonderful how He is working with His people; caring for them and supplying their every need. God is over all, and says, let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. May the Holy Spirit ever be your comforting portion, giving you heavenly wisdom to fill your calling.

I feel so glad to see so many young people saved and taking an interest in the work of the Lord. May the dear Lord ever bless them and keep them encouraged is my prayer. Multitudes are drifting from the Word of God, going out after the world, following the worldly minded, trying to find pleasure with the ungodly when once they had peace with God. In 1 Tim. we read that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits. There are men and women in the world to-day that are full of that seducing spirit and the devil will use them to lead dear souls into sin. We who have been on the way a few years know that we are living in perilous times and that Satan is seeking whom he may devour. We are going to have to keep our eyes upon the Lord if we make it through. If we get our eyes somewhere else besides the Lord, we will be like Peter

— begin to sink. When we see some of understanding falling, it makes us feel how close we must live to God. God will keep every soul who will do right at all times. He will keep that which we commit to His trust. Keep away from sin if you expect to gain heaven. Ruin is sure at the other end of disobedience. May souls wake up who have known this gospel is my earnest prayer.

May the Lord bless you and your family in every way. Pray for me.

Your Sister, —Artie Bowers

Mullhall, Okla. — Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: I am still enjoying salvation. I am trying to live pleasing to the Lord. Though I have many trials the Lord is always ready to help me. I am determined to go all the way through to a better world. Pray for me.

I am enclosing twenty-five cents for my renewal to *Faith and Victory* paper. I can't hardly get along without it. I like to read it, for it does my soul good. May the Lord continue to bless you.

— Mrs. S. J. Sain

Okeene, Okla. — Dear Bro. Pruitt and family: Greetings to you in the name of Jesus. This leaves me saved and encouraged, rejoicing in the Lord more than ever before. I am happy in the Lord to-night. My very soul is running over with happiness and joy from heaven for the many good things the Lord does for us.

I feel impressed to tell you what the Lord has done for us through these oppressive times. I pray it will encourage some dear soul who has been burdened this way.

It hasn't been more than two weeks ago when the dear Lord began to work and answer prayer in our behalf. I won't take time and space to explain how our condition happened to be, but it was such that we did not have sufficient clothes or means to go to camp-meetings, and we had missed all the meetings up to that time and the Lone Oak meeting had begun. Praise God! He began to send in clothes from different places for wife and the children and provided unexpected means. Oh praise the dear Lord! And after we had attended a portion of the meeting and the meeting had closed, I looked back just a few days and was just surprised and overjoyed to see what the Lord had done for us.

I am truly glad I found the Lord and now enjoy a portion of heaven's blessings on earth.

Dear ones:
 Be faithful, true and kind,
 And happiness you are sure to find.
 When a cloud of burdens seem to hover over you,
 Just remember to be true.
 Pray when you know not what to do,
 And our dear Savior will surely bring you through.

Be patient, keep sweet in your soul,
 If you hope to reach the goal.
 Clouds of discouragement may encamp around you.
 And again you know not what to do,
 But remember to pray, —be true,
 And our dear Savior will surely bring you through.

Your saved Brother, — Louis Droke
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New Orleans, La. — Kind Brother: The Faith and Victory paper that I received is so very interesting, and soul food for different members of my family that I am sending in four subscriptions for the paper to be sent to this month, if possible. The paper is very precious to the dear souls who are saved.

I was saved at the last Hammond, La. campmeeting, and ask all of you to pray the dear Lord to keep me right and encourage me to live for Him. The dear Lord has blessed us wonderfully. Praise His name.

We hope all of your family are well. Enclosed you will find \$1.00 for the subscriptions. May the dear Lord bless all of you in the continuance of this great work is my prayer.

Your Sister in Christ, -- Mrs. J. Zinzel.
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Whittier, Calif. — Dear ones in Christ: Enclosed find money order for one dollar, for which please send *Faith and Victory* one year to each of the following addresses,

I enjoy your paper and have missed it so much since my subscription expired.

May the dear Lord richly bless all of you in your service and keep you in the hollow of His hand free from any spirit that is not in harmony with the one true Holy Spirit. The only way we can be free in Him is recorded, "If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Then Gal. 5: 1, "Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Then verses 7- 8, "Ye did run well: who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?"

I am praising Him today that He is the Light and in Him is no darkness at all, and if we abide in Him

He will help us to discern the many different spirits that will try to bring a little leaven into our hearts and cause us to be hindered and lose out or become discouraged or brought in bondage. Satan not only tries to allure us back to the world but poses as an angel of light, trying to sever the unity of and divide the power of the holy people. My purpose and aim is to be one with all of God's children everywhere and desire your prayers that I may always live and walk in the Spirit so closely that God will help me to discern every false spirit regardless of where it comes from, and that I may have His approval upon all I do and not a hindrance to anyone.

Your Sister in Christ, — Mrs. P. C. McMains.

Eva, La. — Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' name. May God bless you and yours.

I desire an interest in your prayers. I mean by the grace of God to make a faithful fight. God is still blessing and caring for His own. My entire trust is in the Lord. Praise Him for His love. My mission is to carry the Word and I want to be the means of some coming to Christ.

Yours, in much Christian love, — G. T. Breland

The True Worship Of God

The Lord Jesus Christ, through His death, resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God the Father, opened up the way whereby sinful man might be fully saved and thus be enabled to worship the Lord Jehovah in an acceptable manner. Listen to the words of our Redeemer: "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." (Matt. 4: 10). "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is the spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." (John 4: 23-24). God does not accept mere lip service. The worship must needs come from the inmost soul made free from all transgressions and wickedness. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8: 36).

God has provided no other way to be freed from sin, but by the shed blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God. Listen to the testimony of John the Baptist, concerning Jesus the Son of God: "Behold the Lamb of God,

which taketh away the sin of the world— And again: “And looking upon Jesus as He walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!” (John 1: 29-36). How did Jesus become the Lamb of God? By being crucified on Calvary’s cross to prove the wondrous love, mercy and compassion of God the Father. Adam’s fallen race could not save itself. Both Jew and Gentile were utterly lost and undone. “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” (Rom. 3: 23). In foretelling His own crucifixion, Jesus says, “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. 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. For God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.” (John 3: 14-17).

God the Father gave His Son to die that we might be redeemed from evil. Jesus gave Himself. He made the supreme sacrifice. “I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.” (John 10: 11). “Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye are healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.” (1 Peter 2: 24-25). “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ: as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: 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. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man’s work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” (1 Pet. 1: 13-19).

“Wherefore, laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby: if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. 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 Pet. 2: 1-5). Truly verse five sets forth the acceptable worship of God. This is the climax of Christian perfection on this earth, and a glorious foretaste of the bliss of eternal life that awaits all true worshippers in those mansions of Glory, that Christ has gone to prepare. “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s House are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am there ye may be also.” (John 14: 1-3).

Oh may the saints of the Most High God be aroused to see that the true worship of God prevails in the public assemblies of the true Church of God, for there are many professors who seem to delight in defiling that which God would have us keep from all profaneness. Oh let us keep our lamps trimmed and burning, ready for the Master’s returning. “For the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.” (Luke 12: 40). “And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be.” (Rev. 22: 12).

— W. M. Potter

Laying Up Treasures Above

(By Emanuel Myers)

“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 and steal.” (Matt. 6: 20).

Dear reader, where are your treasures— in heaven above or in the vain things of this world? Are all your affections set on things above? By laying up treasures on the earth we are only wasting our time. May the Lord help one and all to see the awful depth of meaning in the foregoing scriptures. God Almighty solemnly demands us to give heed to this truth, as well as all others. Can we say we are doing so? If we were called into eternity today what would be our prospect? God wants us to be sure of our reward. Ask yourself the question, Am I more interested in the things of God and furtherance of His cause than anything else in the world? If not, rest

assured your treasures are not laid up above; for where your treasures are there will your heart be also. The Bible asks this solemn question: "What is your life?"

Brother, what is the object of your life? What are you accomplishing? Are we earnestly filling the design for which God has created us? Can it be said that you have done all you could do? Are you doing all you can by your means and efforts, or would you be ashamed to let the world know how little you really give to God's cause? Are you investing liberally in things above as in lands, buildings, bank accounts, etc.? Let us bear in mind it is impossible to hoard up our means in this world and be saved, when God's cause is in need. Oh, if people could but see the great needs of God's work, surely it would provoke to greater zeal many who are withholding their means to the detriment of their souls.

As we look about us we behold how people are bending every energy to gain some earthly object or attain some end in this world. No efforts or means are spared, be they ever so great, only to accomplish some cherished object in view in this world. Lives have been lost in this way; fortunes exhausted; people have endured untold hardships, years of self-denial and misery, only for worldly things. Now the question is, Are we laboring to the same extent for the things of heaven as the people of this world are to lay up earthly treasures? Are we living not for ourselves, but for Him that died and arose again? If not, dear reader, why not?

Songs In The Night

The curtains of night have fallen. The purple shadows clothe the earth in coolness. The duties of day have been laid aside. The noise has subsided. The winds have yielded to His "peace be still." How refreshing the hush of eventide! This is the time that God seems near. This is the time the soul yearns to be alone with God. Alone with God, earth's trials and cares vanish. We gain true knowledge. Our souls are refreshed. How true He giveth us songs in the night.

As I write a picture is before me. One of Christ alone in prayer. His days were busy. He was, no doubt, weary with the duties of the day, as He went from village to village preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing the sick and doing good wherever He went. His was a life of sacrifice for

others. Let not the cares of life crowd out the moments we need and that are most essential to our life's peace. We need to commune with our own heart;— and "be still." Cast not from you the songs in the night. Let them distill as the dew. Let the soul be refreshed with their music. All nature everywhere is trying to teach us the life worth while. The flowers bloom in their beauty cheering the world and gladdening weary hearts with their rich fragrance. The refreshing showers cool the parched land and causes the grass and flowers to grow. The sunlight gladdens millions of people. All things serve the purpose for which God created them. And should we, the greatest of all God's creation, not serve Him and fulfill the purpose for which we were created?

God wants our life to adorn His greatness. Like the pure white lily in the stagnant pool—its surrounding is the filthy black water. Yet the lily rises above the filth and blooms in beauty and purity. It has risen above its surroundings.

Follow Paul's advice to Timothy, "Keep thy self pure." How sad to see young men and women selling their souls for a mess of pottage; yes, selling a noble useful career for some fleeting pleasure — rioting on to judgment. Cost what it may, live the life that counts. Be not crushed by the busy, bustling world. The life that counts is one spent for God and the good of our fellow-men. What is the music of the dance hall compared to the music in the soul?

The cares of day are over;
Night brings me sweet repose.
The hour alone is to my soul
Like dew is to the rose.

Alone with God earth's trials recede
And vanish out of sight.
He giveth in the still hour
The music of the night.

Music, sweet within the soul —
Songs in the night are best.
For there is joy within the soul
And peace within the breast.

Peace that the wicked never know;
It's one of lasting joy,
It's one that keeps us full of hope
Though trials oft annoy.

— Goldie Finch.

Barabbas

(By G. B. Collins)

Many, after conversion, seem surprised when persecution comes upon them, and those whom they love turn from them in disgust because they no longer seek the pleasures of life. We are unnatural to them, and indeed must be: for we are told, "The natural man receiveth not the things of God: . . . neither can he know them." 1 Cor. 2: 14.

Jesus left us his peace, such as passes all understanding: but with it tribulation. John 16: 33. Because we are not of the world, is the reason it hates us. John 15: 19. The world loves its own. It was so when Jesus was on earth. The noted prisoner, "Barabbas," one who was a murderer (Acts 3: 14) was preferred. The world knew not Jesus. "Had they known Him, they would not have crucified Him."

The Pharisees of that day, the Sadducees of that age, were blinded by their creeds, having their consciences educated to a certain standard. Their religion was their idol. Anything that opposed their system of religion was not tolerated. A robber, a murderer, anything but Jesus. "His blood be upon us and our children." The old law is good enough for us! Consequently they rallied to uphold it, gathering in Jerusalem. ("Wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be." Matt. 24: 28.) Their food was there. The Mosaical law was all they knew. They feasted upon it; it was pleasant to their nature, but no soul food.

So it is to-day. What the formal professor feeds upon does not satisfy, yet like vultures around a carcase, they assemble in their old formal mode of worship. Crying with the Sadducees, "Give us Barabbas," "Anything but Christ," "Any time but now." Should we as a people fail to live the Bible, the Lord will raise up a people who will. Therefore we must remember that all who will "live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." 2 Tim. 3: 12. Any shrinking on our part from declaring the whole truth on account of persecution that will follow, must only decrease the power with God and "we as workers together with Him." must follow where He leads, with a consecration that not only makes us willing to be mis-represented for Jesus' sake, but to face death if need be. Acts 21: 13.

The nearer we approach the apostolic standard on divine healing with our preaching backed up by "signs and wonders following," the more men will

separate us from their company with reproach for Jesus' sake. Luke 6: 22,23. Hence we need not think it strange that the world with its allurements and follies is chosen before us. Let us remember it has always been, and will be to the end of time; for "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth into life, and few there be that find it." Matt. 7: 14.

LOOKING AT THE UNSEEN

" 'While we look at the things which are seen; but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.' 2 Cor. 4: 18. Looking at something invisible is from a human standpoint impossible. The keenest eye can not see farther than this natural realm, but the language of the text implies something far beyond the natural. We look at the things unseen. The Apostle was speaking of the promises of God in the great redemption plan. The spirit of faith speaks of the things of God in the spiritual realm. It speaks because it believes. We also believe and therefore speak, nor of he things that are seen, but of the things not seen. Faith, therefore, beholds thy invisible and deals entirely with the same. It beholds God and all his greatness. Its keen vision pierces the darkest cloud and rests upon him who has spoken the word. It does not see the visible things, but the invisible. This is why Moses endured so bravely the afflictions with the children of God, which he had, of his own will, chosen. 'He endured, as seeing him who is invisible.' The faith-world presented more beauties than all the pleasures the sense-world could hold before him, and enabled him to have respect unto the recompence of the reward. Faith being the 'substance of things hoped for,' it sees the promise, but its scope of vision carries away beyond the promise and rest upon the Promiser. It helps us hold in our hand the substance, which to the sense-world is invisible."

What if some one we valued
Has proved he is but dross?
It all has worked out for our good,
Our gain—instead of loss.

Choose the Savior, choose Him now;
All worldly gains forsake,
And shun the friendship of the world—
The path of life now take. --GOLDIE FINCH