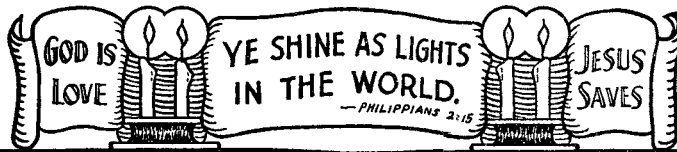


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## At The Corner

When we travel a road that leads us wrong  
And we come to a corner mark  
We stop and look which way to turn,  
Back to the path for which we yearn,  
Before the night grows dark.

It is New Year now and the milestone gleams  
By the side of Time's long road,  
Let us pause at the marker fresh and white  
To see that the way that we take is right  
And leads to God's abode.

— Don Moon.

“LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN” — A large flock of Christian sheep. When last seen they were browsing along the road of Indifference, that opens into the highway of Neglect, leading to the avenue of Worldliness, that ends in the place of Apostacy. Anyone finding these sheep will please drive them home—if possible. If they refuse to drive, then notify the Officer (Holy Spirit) who will put them in the nearest prison, lock the door and notify the Judge (Christ the Word).

## Back To The Fold

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that strayed away,  
In the parable that Jesus told;  
A grown-up sheep that had gone astray  
From ninety and nine in the fold.

Out on the hillside, out in the cold,  
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd sought;  
And back to the flock, safe in the fold,  
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd brought.

And why for the sheep should we earnestly long,  
And as earnestly hope and pray!

Because there is danger. If they go wrong,  
They will lead the lambs astray.

For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,  
Wherever the sheep may stray;  
When the sheep go wrong, it will not be long  
Till the lambs are as wrong as they.

And so with the sheep we earnestly plead,  
For the sake of the lambs today;  
If the lambs are lost, what terrible cost  
Some sheep will have to pay!

— Sel.

## Evidences Of Conversion

Conversion means a change of heart and life. And the only satisfactory evidence that we can have showing that we have passed from death unto life is a change in the whole tone of feeling and manner of life.

John the Baptist told the multitude who came to his baptism: “Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.” Jesus said, “By their fruits ye shall know them.” Paul in the Ephesian letter admonishes us to “put off concerning the former conversation the old man which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,” and to “put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

True conversion demands that we shall like Zaccheus, if possible, make restitution when we have wronged others. That we shall like Paul be ready to take up the work the Lord has appointed unto us. That we shall like certain of the Ephesians, forsake or destroy those things which lead us astray. That we shall love the Lord our God with all our powers, obey His commandments and love our neighbor as ourselves. Jesus says: “If ye love me ye will keep my commandments” (Rev. Ver.), and again, “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another.” John says, “We know that

we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren."

Many years ago, a young man who seemed to be truly converted, gave this answer to one who asked him if he was a Christian: "It is now two years since I was awoken out of the sleep of sin, and I trust also out of a state of death. In looking back over these two years, I cannot but observe a great change. Formerly I was indifferent about ordinances, now I would not think of being away from them except in case of necessity; and I have great delight in hearing the gospel, and in taking part in the other services of the sanctuary. I come to hear, expecting Christ to speak through His servants to His people and in particular to myself. I look for this in the way of conviction, of comfort and of seasonable instruction as regards duty. And the Lord has thus graciously dealt with me from time to time. Formerly I had no love for secret prayer, now I know not how I could do without it even for one day. I take delight in it as a duty, as profitable also to my soul. My gracious Lord has given me to experience many answers to prayer, and among these very precious spiritual blessings.

"Formerly I did not know what heart corruptions were; now I feel them very sensibly, and know I have need to be wholly sanctified that I may overcome evil and fully please Him. Formerly I understood not what it was to have recourse to Christ for anything; now He is mine and I am His, and through Him I can do all things. To Him therefore be all glory and honor now and forever." — Sel.

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## Secret Prayer

(By A. W. LUSE)

When on earth, Jesus taught secret prayer. See Matthew 6: 6. There was some reason for this. Why go into the closet and shut the door when you pray? One reason is, because you have the world shut out and you can get your mind upon God and His promises better; and you can realize your needs better. When you pray in secret your prayer is not made to be heard of men, but of God. Your prayer is then more likely to be a sincere prayer.

Secret prayer has many things to recommend it; but it is to be regretted that many people do not engage in it more. Many people have many trials, troubles and bewilderments; but a little honest sincere talk with Jesus in secret prayer would make it right and clear up the spiritual sky. Just try it. Yes, I ad-

vised you to try secret prayer and see how well it pays.

Parents, be sure to teach your children to pray in secret. Get them into the habit of it. It surely is a good habit to form. Sweet hour of prayer that draws us away from a world of care and bids us at our Father's throne; make all our wants and wishes known. By *secret prayer* we may escape the traps that evil spirits have set for us. If we get alone with God in *secret prayer* He will give us leadings and impressions so we will know what to do and where to go. Praise the Lord! We need not be left in the dark bewildered, if we pray to Jesus in secret. Do not let the work and cares of this world hinder you from *secret prayer*. If you do, you will miss the blessing and refreshment from the presence of the Lord. Prayer, especially *secret prayer*, is very necessary for us to keep salvation. Neglect prayer, and spiritual life, like an unwatered plant, soon dies. Whoever stops prayer, stops being a real saint of God; so pray much and pray without ceasing. Be sure and not neglect *secret prayer*. The devil as a roaring lion goes about seeking whom he may devour; and he will devour you unless you pray to your Heavenly Father in secret.

## Faithfulness To God

God, from the beginning, has desired His people to be faithful to Him in every trying time of life, in temptations, in sickness, in persecutions, in need of food, of clothes or any other circumstance of life.

Sad to say, He has been grieved many times with His people. Just as the children of Israel, when He was leading them through the wilderness, how soon they would lose faith in God and forget what He had done for them, but there were a few that were faithful. Here and there are a few that are faithful today.

Sometimes God permits us to go through some severe trials to prove that He is a mighty God and can deliver us out of the most severest trial of life, but if we give up and get discouraged because He doesn't answer the first time we call, how will we prove we are His children or that we love Him dearer than any thing else in the world. We are told in His word to lift Him up. How can we lift Him up by always giving down when the battle is on? The three Hebrew children when they were permitted to go through the fire, they stood true to God. They did not feel afraid or ashamed to not bow to their gods; yet, if they had bowed they would have never had to went through the fire, but they were looking at more than just what they would receive in this life.

When they were called in question by the king they did not try to make excuse, but said, "We are not careful to answer thee in this matter. The God whom we serve is able to deliver us out of thine hand, but if not, be it known unto thee, O, King, we will not serve your gods." They had it fully decided to live or die, they would serve God. They were put in the furnace, but God walked through with them. They had proved faithful to God and God is faithful to every one that will trust Him. The Lord didn't even let the fire hurt them in any way. It only burned their bands loose and they were free, walking in the midst of the fire. Oh, how happy they must have been that they were in a place where God could walk with them. Dear saints, God will do just as much for us today as He did in those days if we will be as true to Him as the three Hebrew children were at that time.

I 2 Chr. 15: 2 we read: "The Lord is with you while ye be with him and if ye seek him he will be found of you, but if you forsake him, he will also forsake you." If the three Hebrew children would have only not trusted God in this trial, and said, "Lord, if you will make us to know you will be with us and not let us go through the fire, we will not bow to their god." God would have never walked with them in the fire, but they had it settled, live or die, we will serve *our* God. The good Lord was watching from on high and when they went into the fire the Son of Man came down from on high and protected them. Oh, how it pays to be true to God.

When some people get sick, they start out to trust God, and if they are not healed when they think they ought to be, they will soon say, "If God don't do something pretty soon, I'll have to do something." Then God withdraws. "If you forsake me, I will forsake you." If we are in the furnace of affliction and have it decided that if the Lord don't heal me, I'll not take or use remedies of any kind, I'll just trust God until I die; the Lord is sure to come to our rescue and heal us and give us a blessing to our souls. There is nothing any sweeter to the soul than to have suffered a while, or the face of the Lord be hid for a season and then God come in so wonderfully and reveal Himself to us. How it makes the soul rejoice and how much stronger we feel than before the trial. If we had yielded and give down, how sad and lean we would feel.

We hear people say that there is not many wonderful miracles done today as there was in the morning time. True, there is not, but where is the trouble; is it God, or is it us? In 2 Sam. 22: 31 we read: "As for God, his way is perfect. The word of the Lord

is tried. He is a buckler to all them that trust him." How true it is; not one soul has ever trusted in vain, but every one has found His promises true. If God fails to work today as in days of yore, it is because we are not faithful as we should be, giving down a little here or a little there.

Saints that at one time were real examples in standing against life insurance, using a little remedies, having a little foolish talk, putting on or leaving off a little here or there, are now not standing so strong against such. Oh, may the good Lord help us to be strong in the Lord. These are perilous times we are living in, and it takes a close walk with God to hold up the Bible truth. The devil has many traps set to catch God's people.

The good Lord permitted me to be afflicted for about five months. The saints prayed for me several times. so husband and I sought God earnestly for my healing, but I got no better, but rather grew worse. Some advised me to do this or that. I was greatly tempted to go to the doctor to find out what was the cause of my trouble. The Lord showed me that He would be displeased with me to go, so we just trusted God. Some times Satan would try awful hard to discourage me, but I stood on the promises of God. Calling God to record, I had been as faithful to Him as I knew how to be. One time husband came home and said that some said I ought to go to the doctor, but we both settled it there, if I was healed God would heal me. After God saw that we would stand true to Him, He instantly touched my body. In about fifteen minutes later I was healed completely. To God be glory forevermore. We both feel encouraged to hold fast to God, and lift up Jesus as our Savior, Sanctifier and healer. May God bless every reader and help us all to be true to God. Pray for us that we may be faithful till death. "He that endureth to the end the same shall be saved."

— Mrs. Margaret Eek.

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## EDITORIALS

As this January "*Faith and Victory*" goes forth to its many readers, the old year of 1933 will be disappearing and the new year of 1934 will be approaching; the Christmas greetings will be in the past. At this season of the year a great many people think and talk about the Child, Jesus which was born in the little town of Bethlehem over nineteen centuries ago. The fleshly revelry that is indulged in by a great many is anything but pleasing to the Lord. It seems good to rejoice and give gifts in honor of the coming of the "Gift of the Son of God," but we are persuaded that the greater part of the Christmas giving, festivals and revelry are selfish and without sincerity of heart purpose. A great part of the people will dance, drink and carouse and call it giving honor to Jesus when it is more like blasphemy. When we consider the "Wise men of the East," who they were and how they came to see the star it makes us wonder if the devil isn't principally having his way. The wise men of the east or Magi men as some translate and others translate it Magicians were similar in spirit to the Spiritual Mediums that deceive many people today. We find that King Nebuchadnezzar called the Magicians to tell him his dream and they could not and then he called upon Daniel, the man of God, and he gave him the interpretation of his dream.

All of the miracles, signs, visions and wonders which are being done and related in these last days are not of God. The coming of Christ is soon to take place as the Bible teaches us in the 9th. verse of the 2nd chapter of second Thess., that His coming is after the "working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders." Read the 10th, 11th verses and you will see why there are so many wonderful visions, signs and lying wonders reported by those that err in the scriptures and wrest the meaning. There are not many in these days that love the truth, the crucified way, the self-denying way, hence, the delusions are plentiful in these closing up days. Satan is allowed much power because most men love to have it so. A great many people are satisfied with a show of religion, they play religion; they play house but very few are really keeping house with God. The definition of a saint is "Sacred Property." Saints are people "set apart for God's sacred use." How few are walking worthy of this vocation.

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In looking over our activities in the service of the Lord during the last year we can view it with much satisfaction as the truth of God's Word has been sent by the printed page to thousands and thousands of

souls. The plain, clear truth has been sent forth regardless of compromisers or fanatics, mote hunters or fault-finders. If we served men, we would not be the servants of God. To withhold truth from souls would be withholding their need. We are not surprised at those who drift back to the world, as these things are foretold in the Scriptures, neither are we surprised at unmerciful, clubbing preachers who are vainly puffed up by their fleshly mind as it takes all these to fulfill the Scriptures. Jesus said, "I do always those things that please the Father." Our eye is single on the Lord and we covet to be like Jesus and always please the Father. If we are sure that we are pleasing God, it matters very little what the world or professors think of us as they have no heaven for us to go to, neither have they power to keep us from pleasing God. Our aim and prayer is to always keep filled with love divine, to possess the same Spirit that Jesus did when He hung on the cross and, looking on His murderers with pity and mercy, said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Stephen possessed the same Spirit, and while they stoned him to death he asked the Father "not to lay this sin to their charge." When those who profess to be saints disagree with another, using the terms, "he is crooked as a barrel of snakes, he is a big liar, he is a snake in the grass, she is a she-devil, an old crook, full of the devil, he is rotten to the core," and many other slang phrases which is evil speaking, they cannot be right in their heart with the Lord. We are taught in the Word not to revenge or speak evil of any man. God says, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord." When those who take the name of saints continue to act and talk like saints, then will the blessings fall in a general sense and the world will know that we are the Lord's disciples.

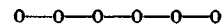
As the New Year is coming in, we are looking to God for a greater service than ever before. We are looking to God to make us able to do a full rounded up year's work in His vineyard. We realize an urge in our souls from heaven to waste no time or means, but to press the claim of God on souls that as many as possible may be rescued from sin or snatched from the burning. The true laborers are not many compared to the millions of souls who linger in darkness and bondage, and each of us ought to be at our best for God. If you cannot go personally, you can co-operate by giving of your substance and means that God places in your hands. The King's business demands haste and some souls will be lost unless you do all you can. There will be many souls in the region of the lost because they practice the sin of omission, omitting

to do, holding for self, leaving undone what they know they ought to do. All we possess here will perish with the using. We should each lay up treasures in heaven while we have opportunity. We will have no chance after death. If we do not watch, pray and do, we may be "weighed in the balance and be found wanting." "Many are called, but few are chosen." God will choose the faithful ones to dwell with Him in heaven. Many people have nothing to give because they hold out one hand to receive, put it into the other hand and hold it tight.

"God loves a cheerful giver,  
Even though the gift be small:  
What does He think of children  
That never give at all?"

It takes much thought, prayer and consideration to get proper manuscript together for the "Faith and Victory" paper so that when it goes to the people it will carry the truth in such way so as to make it impressive and helpful to all classes of people and the truth taught in articles or testimonies must be clear so that people reading will not think they see conflicting ideas set forth.

Those sending in articles or testimonies should write plainly or have them type-written, so the Linotype operator will have no trouble setting it up correctly. They should make their articles or testimonies short and to the point, remembering that long articles or testimonies are not used near so readily for lack of space. If your testimony or article is not put in the paper do not get discouraged as we often have to leave out good articles or testimonies for lack of space. Other times they are left over and used later as we have room.



Very likely when you get this paper the Assembly meeting here at Guthrie during the holidays will be in full force. We are expecting a large crowd to attend these meetings and the expence will be heavy as it is winter time. There will be a company of ministers here from Oklahoma, Missouri, Louisiana, and Ohio and New York and perhaps from other states. These ministers should have some means given them and any one of our readers who feel that the Lord would be pleased for them to help the ministers some, can send the money to us and we will see that the ministers get it. Let each of us consider the scriptures and not muzzle the oxen, for "Where no oxen is, there the crib is empty." "When Zion travails, she brings forth." Let us help God's ministers that they be encouraged to stay in the work and carry the Gospel of peace and cheer to precious souls.

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The *Select Hymn* song book is now being printed by the publishers in shaped notes only. They expect to have this book finished soon after Christmas.

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## Meeting Report

I take pleasure in reporting for God's glory His presence at the recent December Assembly meeting at Chillicothe, Ohio.

Brother and Sister Strong have been praying for some time that God would work in the salvation of several of the young folks of the community; and up to date, during this Assembly about seventeen sought the Lord; and this Assembly meeting runs on yet a few nights. Three married couples have sought the Lord.

The ministers present are: J. W. Foster of Yorkshire, Ohio; Frank Kutra of Cleveland, Ohio; Harry Hill of Cadiz, Indiana; Paul Tharrett of Troy, N. Y. and W. J. Hawley of Glenham, N. Y. Quite a number of saints attended over week-ends from Cleveland, Chattanooga, Dayton, Cincinnati, Vigo, Ohio; also saints from New Castle, Ind. and Rockford, Ohio, also a large local attendance. The Word of God was preached in all its old-time purity and the Holy Ghost honored the Word as ever. Signed, —W. J. Hawley.  
 Approved by Mrs. J. H. Strong.

Loranger, La. — To the dear saints scattered abroad: Again we greet you in Jesus' dear name.

As it has been some time since we have written to you through the columns of this paper, we thought it would be good to do so.

We are still encouraged in the Lord to do His will and go through to the end. We find there is never a trial so great, an affliction so severe but what He is able to handle the situation if we just commit it all to Him. It is sweet to trust the Lord and let Him have His way with us. He understands better what is good for us than we do ourselves, so I am willing for Him to have His way with me.

My husband and I lived in this community about ten years, until his death, last Oct. 22., and I expect to remain here as long as the Lord leads. I have rooms in Sister Minnie Joiner's home. She is a widow with two single daughters at home, who are

saved, consequently, this is a very agreeable place to live, where the Lord rules and reigns. Often we get together in prayer and speak of the goodness of the Lord. There is a nice congregation of saints in this community who, I feel, have a decision to go through for the Lord at any cost. We felt led of the Lord to have a week's meeting here, so we selected Thanksgiving week, and had services eight nights over two Sundays. While no one got saved, we feel that the saints were more encouraged at the close of the meeting than they were at the beginning. We could see them settling down into the truth with a stronger decision to meet with the obstacles of life and endure the trials and temptations just ahead for Jesus' sake. Often have I heard it said by others, mostly sinners, that this is the best community they have ever known. Visitors make this expression. While there are many sinners living here, they seem to have respect for the truth, and we have never known of a dance, party, or any other form of revelry in this place since we have been here. But we only wish that all were saved, for morality alone will save no one. So pray for us here, that the Lord may get hold of more hearts, that more of these nice people may get saved.

Let us live close to the Lord and say with Paul, "None of these things move me." Acts 20: 24. The Lord willing, we shall attend the Christmas Assembly meeting at Guthrie. Pray for me, that I may always understand the will of God and do it.

Yours, in the one body of Christ,

—Mrs. T. N. Watson

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## Giving

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Dives was rich with money and fame,  
But his judgment was dull, and his soul was lame;  
While Lazarus sat at his gate in sore need,  
The rich man passed by, and his cry would not heed.  
This covetous man God's way did spurn,  
So in awful pain, his soul did burn.

The rich young ruler was morally good, —  
Only one thing he lacked, —though he could  
Have given his means to those who had none,  
Made peace with God, and a new life begun.  
He loved his money and went away sad,  
So if we fail to give, — we will wish we had.

Giving our hearts to the Savior of men;  
Giving our lives to His service, what then?  
Giving our time to the One who gave all;  
Giving our means, and that is so small.

Giving a friend a kind word as we go;  
Giving, we pay but the debt that we owe.

Give, it will lighten the load of some soul;  
Give, 'tis commanded, if we would be whole;  
Give a kind look, even that will help some;  
"Give that there be no gathering when I come."  
Give, that the gospel be carried to men;  
"Give, and it shall be given thee again."

— Erle E. Forbes.

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## Experiences Related

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Guthrie, Okla. — Dear unsaved friends, young and old: I feel led this evening to write about God's wonderful saving and keeping power. I praise the Lord for His goodness and kindness to me. I praise God for salvation; O, I have so much to praise God for; I love to praise Him for our blessed Jesus and what He has so graciously done for me.

I am a twice backslider and saved three times. The first time I experienced salvation was up in northern Minnesota, in my little room up stairs. I was on my parent's farm at that time. I was all alone when I was saved, and reading the book, "Willis Brown, the Kentucky Infidel." I loved to read about Willis Brown and how wonderfully God used him to His glory and while I was reading and meditating on these things, I was wonderfully saved. Up to that time I had hated God from a child and up. I did not know that it was wrong to hate God. People will do many things ignorantly, not knowing it is sin, as long as there is no conviction or Godly sorrow. That was my experience, and dear unsaved friend, and backslider, this message is for *you*. May God help you, is my earnest prayer. God changed my hatred to love, and O, how I love Him and everybody. It was joy unspeakable and full of glory, but I don't remember what I backslid over. One thing I knew, I had backslidden and was sad at heart and was not satisfied in my backslidden condition, because I willfully didn't want to. In my backslidden condition I kept praying earnestly for God to forgive me and I wanted to be reclaimed, but I didn't get saved.

God put a great longing in my heart to go to Guthrie, Oklahoma and meet the saints there. I was much encouraged and was satisfied that I would get salvation there. It is wonderful how God works everything out His way. Mr. Smith (my husband) fasted and prayed two days and two nights about where we should go. God said, "Guthrie, Oklahoma," so we left my mother's farm last April 6, 1933 for

Guthrie. During that month Brother John Strech, of Neosho, Missouri was called to Guthrie to hold a meeting in the Church of God chapel. Brother and Sister Strech arrived at Brother Pruitt's the evening of April 26. I was wonderfully saved and reclaimed during that meeting.

I well remember, the 30th of April the ordinances were to be observed and I wanted to go. On my way to church I pondered and wondered if I was fit to go and partake of it. Satan said, "You better not go; you can't live it." When I had taken my seat in the chapel I was still wondering if I should partake or not. There was no condemnation in my heart and all of a sudden I felt the very presence of Jesus in the room, and a sweet peace entered my heart and soul. I knew that I was saved and that encouraged me to take part in the ordinances, (my first experience) and all the devils in hell could not have removed that great longing and desire to observe the Lord's supper and feet-washing that day.

For sometime I was very happy in my Lord and Saviour, until hatred entered my heart. O, this should be a warning to all. No wonder the Bible says, that one who had hatred in his heart is the same as a murderer in the sight of God. O, how unhappy I was and I knew that I was in an awful condition. I had backslidden again. The same old longing crept back into my soul. I wanted to get back to God. I sought repentance for some time, but could not find it.

God moved upon the saints to pray for me to attend the camp-meeting at Neosho, Missouri and praise God, He made it possible and we stayed throughout the whole meeting. It was not so easy to get salvation this time. It was necessary for God to burden the saints heavily in my behalf. My heart had gotten so hardened and seared with hatred that I could not shed tears, but I called upon my heavenly Father, unceasingly, night and day for godly repentance of my sins and also for a "contrite spirit and a broken heart," because my heart was so hardened. One evening an altar call was given for all who desired to be prayed for. I raised my hand. I did not feel like going to the altar, but I needed prayer so much. (Unsaved friend, never be ashamed to raise your hand for prayer if you are in need of prayer. Satan does not want you to, because he knows he will be loser if you become interested in salvation). One evening I went to the altar seeking salvation and the saints were praying for me, but I didn't get it. One of the saints and his wife offered to stay awake all night in prayer if I would do the same. I did stay up the greater part of the night. (Dear unsaved friends, it pays to

mean business with God. If He sees you are *willing* and *earnest*, He is ever ready to do His part.) The next day I walked to the cemetery, one block from the camp grounds, to pray and agonize my case with God about my soul and Satan was there to discourage me. He said, "Don't bother about your soul. Live a careless, carefree life while here on earth anyway." While I was out there praying the saints were heavily burdened also. I praise God for burdening saints. O, the load seemed so heavy to carry alone. As I write this I cannot keep the tears back. Truly I felt like giving up, I felt forsaken by God. I saw two saints at a distance from where I was and I heard them praying for me. Later they came over to where I was and asked how I was getting along. I broke down and cried. In a few moments three other saints came to us and God had burdened them also. That evening when the altar call was given, God removed all hatred in my heart and I stepped up to the altar at once. Several saints laid hands on me and prayed for me and I got the victory. Praise the Lord.

God burdened many saints at Neosho, Missouri in my behalf, so much so, that one dear sister was kept awake all night in prayer, another came into my room and prayed one evening after I had retired. O, what a merciful God we serve. I felt so unworthy that God should burden any saint in my behalf. I truly praise God to-night for the true saints of God and how wonderfully He has, and is, using them in prayer in my behalf. Before I was saved I was worthy of nothing but hell, because I was disobeying and dishonoring God. Of course I did this under evil influence. Dear ones, if you are disobeying God ignorantly or willingly please don't do it any more. Consider the blessed Jesus and what He has done for you and I. Remember, Jesus is not through praying and shedding tears for you. He is pleading with you in all love and kindness to right your wrongs, to try to do right in every way and to keep on asking God, on your knees, to give you a godly sorrow for sin. Don't give up until you get it, then God will sweetly lift the burden of sin from your heart and the unsaved and backslider will be a new creature in Christ Jesus. The things you once loved you will hate and the things you once hated you will love. Unsaved friend and backslider, you are not happy down in your heart; you know you are not, that is the reason I have given you my experience and I hope and pray by the grace of God that after reading this you will find peace and comfort in your troubled soul.

Your saved sister,

— Amelia Smith

My maiden name was, — Miss Amelia Gilge



# ◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

## Beyond The River

Just beyond the silent river  
That we call the stream of death,  
Lies a bright and golden city,  
Where the weary are at rest.

There they rest from all their burdens;  
Sorrows all have fled from view,  
And they dwell with Christ their Savior  
Where their joys are ever new.

One by one they cross death's river,  
Safely reach the other shore,  
And the prize they long had sought for,  
Now with gladness they adore.

All life's trials now seem nothing  
And the cross has lost its weight,  
And they hear the angels singing,  
Safe, inside the Pearly Gates.

Let us all be true and faithful;  
Ever trust Him, watch and pray.  
When our toils of life have ended;  
We will gather home some day.  
— Susie Whipple.

## EDITORIALS

At the beginning of this New Year of 1934 we send greetings in Jesus' name to all of our young readers. May this year be the best of your life, one in which you will have attained to a closer walk with God and enjoy His comforting presence and approval. May you have a clearer vision of the unseen, eternal things.

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In the 2nd chapter of Hebrews we read, "Therefore we ought to *give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard*, lest at any time we should let them slip. For is the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we *neglect* so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him." We notice that we are exhorted to "give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard." To those truths and

lessons which we have been taught during the past years, we should "give the more earnest heed." Why? "Lest at any time we should let them slip." This warning is given because the Word of God is stedfast, and the penalty is certain to come to those who let them slip, that is, fail to keep His commandments. The question is, how shall we escape if we neglect this great salvation? This implies that our neglect will not be excused, whether we neglect to get saved, or whether we neglect our duties to the Lord after we are saved. It means continual watching and praying—a constant warfare against the powers of darkness.

The years are swiftly passing by, and soon we will each one be facing the judgment bar. It behooves us to keep in touch with heaven all the time.

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Usually quite a number of young people attend the Assembly meeting here during the holidays. We pray that the meeting will prove a blessing to each one spiritually, and that those who are unsaved will make a full surrender. We expect the Lord to wonderfully bless as usual in our young people's meetings held during the Assembly, as well as in the other services.

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My wife and I are rejoicing in the Lord together since we were married recently. We are thankful for His many blessings upon us, and request the earnest prayers of the saints that our lives united will be of greater service in God's cause. — L. D. P.

## Take Warning

Dear young people and all the readers of "Faith and Victory" paper, I feel that it is the Lord's will for me to write this article tonight.

I can praise the dear Lord for sweet salvation and joy in my heart which only the Lord can give and which He will give to every one that comes to Him, with a full surrendered heart, giving up all this world for His sake. I am so glad that I ever found this narrow way. It just suits me. I don't see any thing in this old world to go back to. When I was in sin I had heartaches, trouble, sorrow and sickness, but praise the Lord it is all gone now. The Lord was good to me and so merciful to me in sparing my life. Many times I could have been taken from this world but God was merciful and spared my life until I found this blessed way in which I walk. I always had a de-

sire in my heart to live for Jesus, but did not know the right way as I hardly ever got to go to church. We lived in the country, and most of the time quite a ways from church. My dear mother was taken to the glory world when I was only four years of age and my father did not believe in going to church, therefore I did not have the opportunity to hear about Jesus and the sweet happy way as some of you dear young girls and boys have. Take your dear Christian parents' teaching and give your heart to the Lord while you are young and have a happy life. I sometimes wonder if you dear young people ever realize the great opportunity you have in going to the good camp-meetings and hearing the blessed Word of God preached and precious saints pleading to God for your souls. Oh, dear ones, grasp the great opportunity you have now, for the days are flying swiftly by, never to return.

Dear ones, don't let the perishable things of this world bar you out of heaven. When we start for heaven don't look back to the fashions and pride of the world. We should not put on the outwardly adorning. I have no desire for trimming of any kind, not even on my hat. I want to dress to please the Lord. I don't want to have even a proud thought, for it would not please the Lord. Pride is keeping many from living a true Christian life. When we strip off to run the race for the Lord let us see that we don't turn back and pick up some of the old things and let them have a place in our hearts again. The enemy of our souls will tempt us, but let us resist every temptation on every hand to try to get the saved people to go back in sin.

Dear ones, take warning while you have time and opportunity. —Fannie Brown.

Delaware. —Dear co-workers of the gospel: Greetings to you in Jesus' precious name.

I have received your tracts and the paper, *Faith and Victory*. The tracts were wonderful, and I enjoyed *Faith and Victory* very much, especially the *Young People's Section* and the letters of encouragement the young people send in from various cities. May the Lord's blessings be upon all of you and all your work.

Yours, for all the truth and lost souls,  
— Miss Mary Immediato

Bristow, Okla. — Dear Saints: Greetings this morning in Jesus' precious name. I thank God for salvation. I am glad I can report victory over sin. I am encouraged to go all the way with Jesus. I started out to make heaven my home when I was a small

child. I thank the Lord how He brought me up until this present time. It sure is sad to see our loved ones start out for heaven and go back into the dark world of sin. Dear young saint, don't get discouraged, because discouragement comes from the devil. Let us be stirred as never before to go all the way with Jesus because at the end we get our prize. The devil is going to do all he can to discourage the children of God.

So many young people start and turn back. It looks like so much can attract the young folk's attention and get them away from the Lord. I know of a young saved girl who went back to get her a husband. Dear ones, don't go back to get you a husband or wife, because every thing we need is in Jesus. If we need a husband or wife He will give us one. We don't have to get any thing out of the sinful world. All we need is in Jesus.

Please pray for me and my family.

Your Sister in Christ. — Luetta Bramlett

Dear readers of the Faith and Victory paper: I feel led to write to you, young people, because I realize we must step out and do something for our blessed Redeemer who is grieved by seeing so many grow cold and indifferent. Many do not see themselves slipping into hell; they still claim to be saved and call themselves saints. They see others and claim others are backsliding when they themselves are sliding faster than anyone else.

This writing finds me saved and very much encouraged to stay on the highway of holiness. I mean to go all of the way with my dear Savior who died on the cruel cross for our sins. I care not what the Lord wants me to do. Whatever it is, He will help me do it.

So many young people do not stop to realize just how important it is for them to be saved and keep humble at the feet of Jesus. Most young people depend entirely too much on the older saints. Dear ones, let's don't do this. The Lord wants you to launch out; not go only as far in experience as the one next to you, but you must go on even if you leave your partner, mother or father far behind. Seek to do the will of your heavenly Father. The Lord wants you to step out and do something for Him. He doesn't save us to do nothing or to have our eyes set on some one and backslide when they do. Some young saved people have their eyes on their parents instead of keeping their thoughts on the Lord, so when parents do something that hurts their feelings, they give up. They get discouraged instead of taking all troubles to the Lord in prayer. They think parents should

know and do better: no doubt, they should and it is a shame that they do not. Dear soul, keep your eyes on Jesus who trod this way before you and knows all about it. He will carry you through.

You may think you have your affections stayed on Him, but stop and think what will happen with you if your father and mother would get cold, indifferent and didn't seem so anxious to go to services, will you be faithful to the Lord and keep praying, or will you become careless too, and go to hell? This is very important to be considered. Some may think it is a hard saying, but we must be very careful. We hope this doesn't happen to any one, but it has happened in the past and we all know that Satan is on the watch to deceive and grab everyone he can get a hold of. Let us go on and on, and settle it once for all to go with the Lord—not with a certain preacher or saint. Imagine yourself all alone in this world on your road to heaven, no one to depend on but God. We know that nothing comes in our way too hard for us to bear and everything works together for good to them that love God.

Sometimes things will be told against us—sometimes we are evil spoken of. I do not know why it is, but I feel thankful and begin to praise the Lord for those tests and trials because they must be for my good.  
— Selma Hiebert

Our God has wealth untold of grace and peace;  
Depressions hold no sway in Heavenly things;  
As Christ once bid the storm tossed waves to cease  
Again a calm to worried hearts He brings.  
Our God is rich in blessings. Do not quail —  
There is no danger that *His* bank will fail!

San Jose, Calif. —Dear saints: Greetings in Jesus' name. I feel like I should send in my testimony that God's name may be glorified.

I have been worshipping with people who do not teach the Bible in its fullness like they used to, and who tolerate things that they used to preach against. I could not feel satisfied, as I came into this light under the way that they used to teach, so I kept praying for God to show me if His divine approval was on this movement which has drifted so far.

The 30th of October I took sick with yellow jaundices and only got relief when I was prayed for, but failed to get perfect healing. It was not long until I began to get worse and could not sleep at nights. When I promised God that I would come out from among them and stand for the old-time truth, I began to get relief, and oh what a wonderful blessing God poured out upon my soul. It seemed like we had all

the powers of hell and darkness to fight against after I had taken my stand. Through the prayers of the saints who were agreed with us we won the victory and God healed me of an afflicted kidney, stomach trouble and caused either an abscess or tumor to burst and pass from my body. What a wonderful God we serve, and who is the same yesterday, today and forever, and who is more than abundantly able to do all He has promised in His Word. Praise His holy name.

Yours, for the straight and narrow way that leads from earth to glory. Your Bro. in Christ,  
— E. F. Herfurth.

Bristow, Okla. —Greetings in Jesus' precious name. Today finds me saved and encouraged to press on and on. I am thanking the dear Lord for salvation. I have it settled in my heart to follow the Lord all the way. I have been saved almost four years, and everyday grows sweeter and brighter. My only regret is that I didn't start sooner. When I think how wonderful God is to all His children, it makes my heart swell with joy to know I am one of His children.

I am praising the Lord today for how wonderfully He has healed me. At one time I could not drink water or eat anything. Every thing I would drink would come back through my nose, but through the prayers of the dear saints the Lord saved me and then healed me. Praise His name forevermore! I am on the King's highway to stay.

I am glad the Lord tells us to cast all our cares upon Him. He will always see us through if we keep true to Him. Pray for me that I will keep low at His feet and to let this old dark world know there is a reality in salvation. Your Sister in Christ,  
— Mrs. M. L. Moore.

Boley, Okla. —Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greeting in the precious name of our dear Savior. I praise the Lord that I can yet claim victory over sin in Jesus' name; saved and yet on the altar for service for my blessed Master. Oh how my soul is rejoicing this morning because of the goodness of my heavenly Father unto me. My decision is to live for Him and work for Him all the days of my life. Praise His name forever.

Bro. Pruitt, I thank you so much for the precious little book, and also the tracts. They were a source of joy to me, especially the little book. It did encourage my heart greatly. I'm sure it will be a help to others too. If the Lord wills, we hope to see you at the Assembly meeting. We are praying that our heavenly Father will give us a great and glorious Assembly meeting this year, and His name be magnified and glorified, and the Church edified as never before.

Remember us in prayer. Much holy love to you and family, and to all the saints. Your Bro. in Christ,  
— M. J. Phillips.

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Natchitoches, La. — Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: With much thanks I am praising God for His wonderfulness to me, and for keeping me safe from sin, for truly it is His power that keeps me. I can feel His presence with me. Praise His blessed name forever. It ought to be all our pleasure to obey His word because it stands sure. All else may, and will fail but His word stands sure. I can not help but rejoice when I think of His goodness to us.

I wrote to you for my afflicted eyes. At the time I wrote I could not bear to be to the light and could not read the little paper and tracts that you sent me. I was really feeling a little distressed over it. My sight was worse than it ever had been. I was trying to have patience in my distress, so I asked you folks to pray with me on the 5th. On the 7th I could read the little paper. Glory to God. They are still getting better. I am thanking the Lord for affliction, and all things. It makes us learn more about Him and makes us able to bear them through His name. I am glad for our blessed Savior today. I am ever trying to get closer and closer. Savior, thou art more than life to me. I am clinging close to thee. I do pray that He will surround the wonderful printing office with so much peace that the enemy cannot hinder no way. May God ever bless and keep you all until He comes.

I am trying to be humble and live to my present knowledge about His Word. Please pray that I may learn more about Him for my heart's desire is to be ready to go back with Him when He comes. Bless His name forever. The small amount enclosed is to help in getting the hymn books printed also to pay for my subscription and renewal for "*Faith and Victory*" paper.  
— Sidonia Benjamin.

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McLoud, Okla. — Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear name.

This morning I feel led by the Spirit of our God to send my testimony. Truly I am saved and sanctified—got it settled to go all the way with Jesus and His saints. Just husband and I are here in this place standing for the whole truth. Saints, you can count on me until the breath is gone.

I have been sick for four weeks. We sent for Bro. Spears of Boley, Okla. He came as soon as he got our letter, anointed me and had prayer. I rested two nights, then the same trouble came back on me a little worse. At this I began to search my life over to see

if I could find anything. I found nothing, then I went over the old account before I was saved and found that was settled. Gladness filled my soul. This sickness is very hard on me. It starts about 6 o'clock and goes on until about 3 o'clock in the morning. I usually lose my breath—looks like life and death together. Please pray earnestly for me that the Lord may spare me, that if there is anything useful in this new life I now live for Him that I will move up to His will and Word.

Your Sister in the one way,  
— Edna Walker.

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Neosho, Mo. — Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt and family: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am thanking the Lord this morning for His wonderful goodness to all the saints. He is too good to us sometimes I think, as we don't appreciate His watchful care over us as we should.

The world is so full of wickedness that it is our duty to pray very often to overcome the devices that Satan puts in our pathway to destroy our souls. It is my desire to live true and faithful to the end and gain a home in heaven. The Lord sure has been good to our family. He has healed me of a serious skin trouble besides the many other times He has healed my husband and babies. He is an ever present help in time of trouble.

I want your prayers that husband and I will always be true and faithful to the end.

You will find enclosed sufficient stamps for a year's subscription to the "*Faith and Victory*." I am praying the Lord to bless you in your work.

Your Sister in Christ, — Mrs. Earl Reece

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Salt Creek, Okla. — Greetings to all the dear saints. I thank the dear Lord for victory in my heart. I am saved to sin no more. By the help of God and the prayers of God's people I am going to press my way through.

I feel that I should report our meeting through the paper. We had a good, old-time meeting. The Word of God was preached clear and plain. Nine were saved and seven were sanctified, also a large number were under conviction. Father Robinson and Sister Edwards of Okmulgee held the meeting. The Lord was in the meeting, and we are thanking God for the victory. Pray much for us. Your Bro. in Christ,

— J. T. Johnson.

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Pa. — Dear sir: I wish that you would send me some of the following tracts, as they seem to be doing very much good. I believe that God has blessed the ones that I gave out to some one's good. Now I am

still coming to you with nothing to send you.

I am very sick and need the prayers of God's people that He will heal me for His service, as I don't desire anything in this world only to serve Him for His glory. Please pray that I will be healed for His glory and I know it will be done. Thank God for His promises as I can stand upon them.

Dear friends, please send me what you can of the tracts mentioned, and any others that you have that can be used for His glory. Some day, if I live and get able to work, I hope to be able to help carry on your work. May God bless you in your labor for Him. From one who needs your prayers and help in any way that you can bestow, — W. W. Carpenter

## Few To Weep

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him." Psa. 126: 6. "A whole world weeps when a child is slain. It is a hard heart that could read of the awful crime and feel nothing of its awfulness. We fault no one for weeping with those who weep because of some sorrow that has come into their life, but what we regret is that there are so few to weep over lost souls. The souls of children are being ensnared by sin and the devil by the thousands and there are few to weep. Go out upon the street and you will see the small boy smoking, you see them going into the theatres; you will see the boys and girls going in the ways of sin and the world, but there are few to weep. You go into the various churches of today and what will you see to be the greatest consideration of their members? It is not the salvation of souls. Many of those religious congregations are nothing more than a social club. They are centers of social influence. Membership in many of these various churches is sought for political influence, social position, business advantages. These things are held out by the preachers to men and women as inducement to become members. They are not seeking in tears the salvation of souls. Such a thing is unknown. They are seeking members, and holding up some advantage in business, society or politics as inducements."

"Oh that my head were waters and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!" Jer. 9: 1. How many are moved to tears and a prayer for God to rescue those whose feet are slipping back into the sin of pride? How many have a tear to shed when they see the young man (and shall I say the young woman) light a cigarette? Oh, the destruction of

character that is going on in this world through the tobacco habit. Nothing but the grace of God through faith in the saving power of Jesus' Blood can break his binding chain. Shall we weep over the *falling and fallen* today as the weeping prophet did over fallen Israel?

Dear young people, seek God for His grace to be an overcomer over pride, worldly conformity and love for any thing that would grieve the loving heart of our God, and disqualify you for His service as a soul winner. "He that winneth souls is wise." Prov. 11: 30. Read Jeremiah 13: 15-17, also James 22: 4.

Oh, that I could encourage the young saints to lay aside every weight and the sin that does so easily beset them, seek God for more of His conquering power and pray God to grant that the mantle of those gone on before may fall on some of the younger ones. May it fall where it may be used to the parting of the waters and God's dear children be led to higher heights and deeper depths in the grace of God, make examples whose lives will be worthy of imitation. Those seeking to do something for God, the secret is more of God in your life. A consecration that lets you down into a death to self and a resurrection to a life where you have a heart to weep over the erring one, with a hand to lift up the fallen and in all things exhibit the life of Jesus to this world. — S. E. Orr.

Brother C. E. Orr had this article partly written before he passed away and his wife, Sadie E. Orr has finished it. (Ed.)

## Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

Sunday, Jan. 7, 1934.

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- Jan. 1 — The Word Made Flesh. John 1: 1-14.
- Jan. 2 — The Virgin Mother. Matt. 1: 18-25.
- Jan. 3 — Jesus Born in Bethlehem. Matt. 2: 1-12.
- Jan. 4 — The Flight into Egypt. Matt 2: 13-18.
- Jan. 5 — Jesus at Nazareth. Matt. 2: 19-23.
- Jan. 6 — Jesus in the Temple. Luke 2: 41-52.
- Jan. 7 — Devotional Reading. Isa. 9: 2-7.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Matt. 2: 1-12.

SUBJECT — Birth and Infancy of Jesus.

1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are

come to worship him.

3 When Herod the King had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9 When they had heard the King they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Memory Verse — Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt 1:21.

Central Thought — Salvation from sin and its consequences.

Practical Truth — Seeing Jesus inspires worship, opening of treasures, emptying of self.

#### Suggestions to Teachers

Primary — Gifts for Baby Jesus and Little Jesus.

Juniors — In diligent search for the "Savior-King" and honoring "Child-King."

Young People and Bible class — The Incarnation.

#### EXPLANATIONS AND COMMENTS

We have prophecy fulfilled in our lesson today. The child born of a Virgin in Bethlehem. Wise men in the east seeking Him, the wicked King Herod and all Jerusalem much troubled, the king fearing he should lose his kingship, but on pretense of desiring to worship Jesus asked the wise men to bring Him:

word when they had found Him. On seeing the Child and His mother they worshiped Him opening their treasures and presented Him with gifts. Whoever found Jesus and did not present Him with gifts? This giving of one's self to Jesus is the very best investment ever made.

Herod thought to destroy Jesus but his cruel order failed. The Babe of Bethlehem was overshadowed by more might than the monarch of Jerusalem could wield. His name meant *salvation* from sin to all who will accept the precious gift of God, *Jesus*.

"O name so sweet; O name I love! I'll ever sing thy wonderous praise; The charm of earth and heaven above, Jesus, precious Jesus."

**Sunday, Jan. 14, 1934**

#### HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Jan. 8—Preaching of John the Baptist. Mat. 3: 1- 12.

Jan. 9—Baptism of Jesus. Matt. 3: 13- 17.

Jan. 10—Temptation of Jesus. Matt. 4: 1- 11.

Jan. 11—A Common Temptation. 1 Tim. 6: 3- 10.

Jan. 12—Enduring Temptation. James 1: 12- 18.

Jan. 13—Christ Tempted as We Are. Heb. 4: 11- 16.

Jan. 14—Christ Helps the Tempted. Heb. 2: 11- 18.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION—Matt. 3: 13- 17; 4: 1- 11.

SUBJECT —Baptism and Temptation of Jesus

Verse 13. Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15. And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16. And Jesus when he was baptized, went up straight way out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17. And lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.

4: 1. Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward a hungered.

3. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4. But he answered and said, it is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

6. And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down; for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them:

9. And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Memory Verse—Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren. Heb. 2:17

Central Thought—Obedience that fulfills all righteousness.

Practical Truth — Co-operating to the same end and expressing approval of the work John was doing.

#### Suggestions to Teachers

1. How Jesus always pleased His Father. 2. Obedience prepares for the meeting of all tests. 3. Jesus faces His life's work as God's victorious Son.

#### EXPLANATIONS AND COMMENTS

Jesus set the example, and by his baptism placed Himself visibly in the ranks of the true or spiritual Israel, and made himself a shining model for all his followers who should in their baptism confess him before men. How fitting all these circumstances were to the proclaiming of Jesus as the Anointed One.

All who accept Him as their Savior from sin should follow Him in baptism, and no others should. Not a saving ordinance but by obedience fulfill all righteousness. Oh, the heavenly witness to Jesus' baptism, and in turn all who follow Him have the same (not visible) Father, Son and Holy Spirit present.

Then our precious example in temptation. Read carefully the last five days of home study to get His example fully. How we ought to appreciate Him and learn better how to follow Him who did no sin neither was guile found in His mouth.

**Sunday, Jan. 21, 1934**

#### HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Jan. 15—Jesus Retires to Galilee. Matt. 4: 12-17.

Jan. 16—Jesus Calls the Four. Matt. 4: 18-25.

Jan. 17—A New Teaching. Mark 1: 21-28.

Jan. 18—Teaching, Preaching, Healing. Mark 29: 39.

Jan. 19—Israel's Repentance. Judges 10: 6-16.

Jan. 20—Penitence Rewarded. Ezekiel 18: 25-32.

Jan. 21—Devotional Reading. Isaiah 61: 1-9.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION—Matthew 4: 12-25.

#### SUBJECT — Jesus Begins His Ministry

12. Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee.

13. And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

14. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet saying,

15. The land of Zabulon and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

16. The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

17. From the time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

18. And Jesus walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

19. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20. And they straightway left their nets and followed him.

21. And going on from thence he saw other two brethren, James, the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

22. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

23. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

24. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those that were possessed with devils and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy and he healed them.

25. And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judea and from beyond Jordan.

Memory Verse — Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matt. 4: 17.

Central Thought — Repentance is the first step.

**Repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ makes sinners Christians.**

**Practical Truth** — Repentance is a personal duty. Without it, there is no change of heart and therefore no change of life.

#### Suggestions to Teachers

**Beginners**—Jesus finds some helpers. **Juniors**—How Jesus began His work. **Young People and Adults**—The three-fold ministry of Jesus.

#### EXPLANATIONS AND COMMENTS

After recording the baptism and temptation, Matthew omits much of Jesus' first ministry—the miracle at Cana, His early work in Jerusalem, His further ministry in Judea, etc. While the imprisonment of John the Baptist brought things to such a crisis in these parts, Jesus changed his field of labor and returned to Galilee. Here He called the fishermen who were successful in the business of fishing and made them fishers of men. They left all and followed Him. He who had given up all for us expects us to give up all for Him. His sacrificial death calls for our sacrificial life. He can only make fishers of men of those who have sacrificed all for Him.

**Sunday, Jan. 28, 1934**

#### HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Jan. 22 — True Blessedness. Matt. 5: 1-12.

Jan. 23 — Loving Our Enemies. Matt. 5: 43-48.

Jan. 24 — The Golden Rule. Luke 6: 27-38.

Jan. 25 — Whole-hearted Seeking. Psa. 119: 1-8.

Jan. 26 — Mutual Love. Rom. 12: 9-12.

Jan. 27 — Christian Duties. Eph. 4: 25-32.

Jan. 28 — A Citizen of Zion. Psa. 15: 1-5.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Matt. 5: 1-12, 43-48.

**SUBJECT** — The Standards of the Kingdom.

1. And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

2. And he opened his mouth and taught them saying,

3. Blessed are the pure in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,

4. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

5. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

6. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

7. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

8. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

9. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

10. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

11. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.

12. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

43. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy.

44. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you:

45. That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

47. And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

48. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

**Memory Verse** — Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Matt. 5: 8.

**Central Thought** — Marks of the "Standards of the Kingdom".

**Practical Truth** — Putting into practice the marks of citizenship in God's Kingdom.

#### Suggestions To Teachers

**Beginners** — Jesus Teaches the People.

**Junior and Intermediate** — Following Jesus' Rules for Right Living.

**Young People and Adults** — A Christian According to Christ.

#### EXPLANATIONS AND COMMENTS

To have these Seven (1st. Be Poor. 2nd. Be Sorrowful. 3rd. Be Meek. 4th. Be Hungry. 5th. Be Merciful. 6th. Be Pure. 7th. Be Peaceful or Peacemakers) Character-forming principles in verses 1-12 will, when sought and found in Jesus, enable those having them, to meet God's will for them in verses 43-48 of our lesson for today. God bless and help all who study this lesson to see to it that they seek and obtain full citizenship and you will be prepared to fill your place in two worlds.