

# FAITH AND VICTORY

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HAVE FAITH  
IN GOD



A PAPER  
FOR ALL  
CHRISTIANS

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## MY MOTHER

(Dedicated to my Mother)

Well Mother dear, I know I'm late in sending love  
to you,  
But 'tis the day that's set apart for me to think of  
you.

I'm glad today to wear a rose, and that the rose is  
red;

'Tis joy to me, my mother dear, to know that you're  
not dead.

There's not a mother anywhere that's half as sweet  
as you,

Although I know there's plenty that are kind and  
good and true;

'To me there isn't any that is half as dear as you,  
And I know there's not another one could take the  
place of you.

I love to hear the name you bear, that name you  
know is mother.

I love to think of you at night, my mother, O, my  
mother,

The days may come and days may go; there'll never  
be another,

My love for you, I long for you, my darling little  
mother.

And so I'm glad that yet today that you are living  
still,

And that my thoughts for you are love and they  
my bosom fill.

I want to see you, mother dear, sometime this com-  
ing summer;

I want to sit beside the chair that holds my little  
mother.

— Mrs. W. O. Hennings

There is a destiny that makes us brothers,  
None goes his way alone  
All that we send into the lives of others  
Comes back into our own.

## The Forgiveness Of Sins

“Through this man (Jesus) is preached unto  
you the forgiveness of sins; and by him all that be-  
lieve are justified from all things, from which ye could  
not be justified by the law of Moses.” (Acts 13:38).

What is forgiveness of sins? What experience  
do we enter into when we are forgiven? The nec-  
essity for it is not often denied, but the urgency of  
it is too seldom felt. If it be the first line in a dis-  
tinctively Christian experience, we should know what  
is implied in it. Let us examine our own experience  
of God's forgiveness of our sins.

To begin with, forgiveness is a real experience.  
It is not a state in which rapturous souls may rise.  
It is not the peculiar joy of those who have been  
plucked as brands from the burning. Without the  
forgiveness of sins a man is not a Christian at all.  
It is the one experience of which the thousands who  
have believed in Christ, speak in almost identical  
terms. The vividness of the experience depends on  
our temperament, our knowledge, and our past. In  
every case forgiveness is peace with God, the purg-  
ing of the conscience from its stain, the taking of the  
fear out of the heart. Forgiveness is as real as sin  
and sin is as real as the stones in the street.

If this experience be not real to us it is for one  
of the three reasons: either God is not real, or His  
wrath against sin is not real, or His love is not real.  
There are many men to whom God is merely a name.  
They cannot think of the universe intelligibly with-  
out God, but He is at the most a vague and far-off  
and unknown source of life and law. If God be no  
more than that to you, your sins will be unreal. You  
will never see it to be an offence against God, even  
if you are convicted of its folly and foolishness and  
baseness. You will never confess it, and never expect  
to be forgiven. It is one of the poignant sorrows of  
many men that they cannot be forgiven by the dead.  
“Milly, Milly, dost thou hear me?” George Elliot  
tells us as Amos Barton moaned out as he lay prone

on his dead wife's grave in the darkness of the night, "I didn't love thee, I was not tender enough to thee, but I think of it all now." The anguish of man reach no sense of forgiveness. When God is as far from us and as unreal as the dead this experience will remain an unreality.

Forgiveness, again, may be unreal because God's wrath is unreal. It is to me astonishing that so many men rest in a shallow conception of God's character. They speak and write as though God had no reaction against wrong, and that slander and pride and cruelty and lust do not move Him to anger as they do you and me. "God is not all soft mush." I heard a street preacher cry to those who stood around him, and their conscience responded to his rough-set truth. When we see a man torturing a little helpless child, when we see the blue of the bruises made by his cruel welts on his tender body, our moral indignation burns. We become intolerant of such sins. To be indifferent to moral wrong is the mark of the devil. Were God indifferent, were He not both grieved for and militant against it, no man would offer Him prayer. One of the men whom God holds up to condemnation is Eli. What was the sin of Eli? It was the lack of a hot moral anger against his son's wrong doing which a better man would have felt. "Thy sons did evil in thy sight, and thou restrained them not." To the man to whom the wrath of God, the swift reaction of his holiness against sin is real, forgiveness is a reality.

Again forgiveness may be unreal because God's love may be unreal. There are men who are quite persuaded that God and His anger against sin are certainties. But their sin has been so wilful, and their knowledge of its course on their body and in their souls is so clear, that they do not believe in forgiveness at all. There are men who think they must simply go on bearing the sins of their youth. They had their chance of a pure and noble life, and they lost it. They refused to think definitely about God and His forgiveness. They act as the man, sadly conscious that he is bankrupt, who will not audit his books, or even sum up the addition of his account at the bank. They think some how God will not be too hard at the end. But that God loves them and is waiting to be gracious to them, is eager to be reconciled to them, and his calling them to faith in Him is an idle tale. In the hour when a man believes the love that God has to him, forgiveness will become a reality.

Forgiveness is a personal experience. There may be no forgiveness in nature as there is no forgiv-

ness in law, but there is forgiveness with God, for God is a person. Forgiveness of course is possible only from persons to persons. "Who can forgive sins but God only?" ask the Pharisees, and they put a deep and moving question. Not often does a man forgive a fellow-man unreservedly and from the bottom of his heart. He may condone the offence. He may number the offender again among his friends. He may be thoughtfully kind to him, yet there will lurk a tincture of acid in his recollection. The sin dwells in the memory with a vividness it would not keep if he had really forgiven him. It is seldom wholesomely believed that a man whom you have wronged can be quite the same to you. It is a cynical saying but it holds the truth that you hate no one so much as the man you have unjustly slandered. God really forgives sins. Mark, how the scriptures search out the most absolute images to assure us of that. He cast our sins, "behind his back," that is to say, "He puts them out of his sight." He removes our sins from us "as far as the east is from the west"; that is to say that he casts our sins out of our neighbors' sight. He "blots out, as a thick cloud, our transgressions," that is to say He obliterates our sin altogether. He leaves nothing but blue sky over our heads. A forgiven man is face to face with a forgiving God. — W. M. Clow.

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## This Means You!

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"I seek not yours, but *you*." 2 Cor. 12 14

Dear reader, dear friend; poor sinner, 'tis true—  
This modern epistle is written for you.  
This means both the reader and all who hear it:  
I write unto you, both in letter and spirit.

Have you once thought just how bad I have cause to feel, for the way you have been treating me? I have been so good and have done so much for you. (1 Cor. 15: 3). How many times would you have me to die for you? How much more soul-cleansing blood would you have me shed for you? How much longer would you have me stand out in this cold, stormy world, and you will not even allow me to come inside of your house. (Rev. 3: 20).

What more could you require of me to prove to you that I love you yet? Though you treat me so contemptible, I still hold in my hands for you priceless blessings—some everlasting precious gifts that money cannot buy. Real joy and happiness I freely offer and will give to you. (Rom. 6: 23; 8: 32).

Do you not know that it was I who has already

made you rich with time, talent, and real opportunities which should weigh much in the estimations of every thinking man or woman. And let me warn you! If you do not use them to the glory of God and the salvation of your soul. I will take them from you and give them to another who will be too glad to use them. (Matt. 25: 28, 29).

You ignorant, careless soul, believe me. If I should refrain from loving you, and withdraw my mercy and goodness from you, you would fall at once into the hands of your greatest enemy this side of the grave, which is death, and from thence into hell and destruction (1 Cor. 15: 26y Matt. 25: 46). Now you listen in conclusion, (if you do not heed this important notice, you will always wish that you had) I died for you. Won't you live for me? I have waited long, knocking at your door. Won't you let me in? Truly, I am yet a stranger to you, but you will never know me as long as you keep me on the outside. I am your Savior, seeking to save you because you are lost in sin and death.

Howbeit, if you must drive my Spirit away. When you need me, and call in distress, I will say: "When I was a stranger, ye took me not in. Now have your reward—the due wages of sin."

In mercy I'm pleading again and again—  
The same loving Spirit you're rejected and slain.  
I've written and what I have written is true,  
And all I have written was written for you.

— G. W. McMillian

## The Kingdom Of God

NEED AND PROMISE OF THE KING

"From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matt. 4: 17). "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6: 33). From the above texts, which were spoken by the greatest teacher the world has ever heard of, we gather that God has or is going to have a kingdom. The purpose of this, is to direct the mind of the reader to the place where they may gain a knowledge of it.

Jesus says, "Search the scriptures." (John 5: 39). We have, and here are some of the things which we have found. That God had great reason to send a great King, a deliverer, a mighty Savior, into the world, and this is the reason. We now call your attention to the second and third chapters of Genesis where we learn that God formed man from the dust

of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul. Here we see that God gave him both natural and spiritual life as the other scriptures show, and by disobedience he lost his spiritual life. Just as we lose ours at the first conscious act of wrong. (Rom. 3: 23; 5: 12; 7: 9). So we are all concluded under sin and death that all of us who believe might be saved through Jesus Christ. (Rom. 6: 23)

Now God promised a Redeemer, a King. He was the seed of the woman referred to in Genesis 3: 15. He was also called a prophet, by Moses, to whom we should listen and obey. (Deut. 18: 15). Isaiah calls Him both Prince and King. (Isa. 9: 6-7). Many other places in the scriptures He is called King.

What is the kingdom? And how to find it.

We hear many talking about a literal kingdom which is to be set up some time soon. But is this true? And how may we know? Jesus, in the text, says, "seek for it." But how? The logical way would be to learn what the King and his high officials say of it. I refer to Christ and His apostles, those to whom He committed the Gospel. Please read the first twenty-one verses of St. John 3. Here we have in the language of Jesus the kingdom of God set forth as a spiritual one, and unless we are born again we cannot even see it. If it were literal and no other government, all could see it. But how can one be born again? (Isa. 55: 6- 9 and Rom. 10: 9- 14). We have already shown how sin or disobedience has separated us from God.

Now these scriptures teach that we must hear the Word and forsake our ways and thoughts which are wrong and return by repenting to the Lord and call on His name or ask His forgiveness and believe with all our heart that he does forgive us; then act like it by doing the things which He commands His people. This is the new birth, for God gives us a new spirit, that of obedience when we have done so. We are born into the kingdom.

What is this kingdom? Let Paul answer. (Rom. 14: 17). "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." We are indeed born into the kingdom but the Holy Spirit is given us as a seal, (Eph. 1: 13-14) as a Comforter, as a guide, as a teacher (John ch. 14- 16; Acts chapter 2). This is the most important part of the kingdom for it brings the power. (Acts 1: 8).

I surely praise God for the kingdom and can testify that I enjoy its blessings here, and expect to throughout all eternity, by the help and grace of our King, Jesus.

— Ray Key

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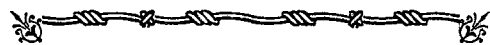
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From age to age this voice shall cheer:—  
Whate're may die or be forgot,  
Work done for God, it dieth not."



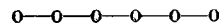
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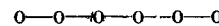
## EDITORIALS

Brother S. M. Helm of Anthony Kans. passed to his reward on the third day of April 1934. Brother Helm had been a minister of the gospel for most of his life and has been an instrument in God's hands for turning many to righteousness. Read the promise he has in Daniel 12: 3.



A sister writing to us asks the question, "If Mary, the wife of Joseph, had any more children besides Jesus?" The Bible answer to this question is found in Mark the 6th chapter and the third verse, "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us?" Again we find the Bible speaks of His brothers and sisters in the 55th verse of the 12th chapter of Matthew.

It is very evident by these scriptures that after Jesus was born of the virgin, Mary, that she continued to bear children of whom Joseph was the father. However they were half brothers and sisters to Jesus as He was begotten of the Holy Ghost. Read Matt. 1. 18.

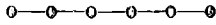


There are Atheists and false teachers in the world today that are trying to do away with the virgin birth and a great many other parts of the Bible. This is not a strange thing for unbelievers to do because their souls are darkened by the god of this world, the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.

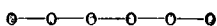
We who are saved by grace, through faith in the work of Christ, the Son of God have the witness within our souls that God is true for we know Him and the Power of His resurrection.

Jesus says, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, (spiritually) yet shall he live: (Be resurrected to spiritual life) whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." (John 11: 25, 26). We know that we have eternal life and that the whole world lieth in deception, wickedness and corruption. There are many people walking about and seem to be very much alive, talk much upon the Bible, but are dead as far as the real God is concerned. Many of them are vainly puffed up by their fleshly mind as Jesus told the Pharisees, "They are graves that appear not." This world, as a whole, is in a miserable, sad condition, plunging swiftly on to certain destruction. We warn every unsaved soul to flee to Jesus for refuge that they may escape the wrath of God against wickedness and unbelief. It is not enough to just make a

profession of Christ, we must KNOW HIM and the POWER of His resurrection. The devil does not care how much you profess Christ if he can keep you from receiving the resurrected life. For it is the life of Christ in the soul that makes us heirs of immortality, a glorified body. Without that life we have neither hope nor promise.



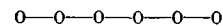
More than twenty-five hundred names were sent in on the three months subscription offer which is quite a good-sized congregation added to our number of readers. We deeply appreciate all those who have co-operated with us in this effort to extend the truth to the souls of men. We are expecting God to make the messages in the paper a great blessing to many and no doubt it will mean a good many souls saved through this effort. We are never supposed to faint in our efforts to save the lost. It ought to be the greatest concern in the life of every saved soul. If you do not have much care or burden concerning the salvation of the lost, you have fallen back among the foolish virgins. Seek Christ until He lets the burden down upon your soul and then no sacrifice will be too great to make for the prospect of saving a soul; your thought will be continually on how to please God and help some soul to find the Lord. The mission of the "Faith and Victory" paper is especially to carry truth to the souls of men that they may be saved from sin and be ready to meet God when He calls. When you subscribe for this paper to be sent to a friend, you become a co-worker with God in the salvation of souls. We have no time to fuss, quarrel or wrangle with bigoted professors who have rubber-stretched doctrines or casts of different calibers to fit their subjects in. Our mission is to preach the gospel in all of its purity and show men the Christ of the Bible, the salvation of our God. We cannot make people get saved, neither can we keep them saved after they get saved. Every individual will have to choose for themselves. God sets before them life and death in the gospel. If they choose Christ to follow, that will mean life, but if they reject Him, that will mean death. God's invitation is, "Come unto me all ye ends of the earth and be ye saved." In the last chapter of the Bible He says, "And the Spirit and the Bride say come. And let him that heareth say come. And let him that is athirst, come: and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." There is not one left out in these calls; but all have an equal chance to choose Christ and have eternal life.



In the fourth chapter of The Acts where Peter

is talking of Jesus he says, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." God planned that through Jesus, His only begotten Son, all men should be saved. In 1st. Timothy, 2nd. chapter and 5th. verse Paul says, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus." A mediator is one that goes between and reconciles two parties together. Jesus was both God and man and He went between us and God, suffered in our place that God might accept us and give us eternal life. When God the Father looked down upon that cruel crucifixion scene and saw Jesus suffering the agonies of death He was satisfied with the sacrifice, the penalty of the law, which meant death to our soul, was fulfilled. If sinners will repent and confess their sins and accept the sacrifice that Jesus made us an atonement they will meet God there and be at peace with Him. Any soul who is not willing to make his wrongs right has never come to Godly sorrow which worketh repentance. True repentance comes through having a Godly sorrow for sins committed.

Dear unsaved friend, you can be saved if you choose too. The way to God has been made through Christ. "He hath made Him (Jesus) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Cor. 5: 21.



When the enemies of King Asa came up against him, he became afraid for his safety and continued security and in place of trusting the Lord for his help, he took treasures out of the Lord's house, silver and gold and gave it to the King of Syria to help him and to be his security. He got great earthly spoil because of this league with the arm of flesh. But listen to what God says to him through his seer, "Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the Lord thy God,, therefore the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand." After reminding him of great victories he had won by trusting in God he then says, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him; therefore from hence forth thou shalt have wars." Asa was wroth with God's prophet, becoming enraged and put him in prison.

Later Asa became diseased in his feet and it was exceedingly great. He sought not the Lord but the physicians and Asa died and slept with his Fathers. You will read this account in the 16th. chapter of 2nd. Chron.

We see in this how God's wrath was kindled against Asa and because he took silver and gold from the treasures of the Lord's house, giving it to the arm of flesh for help, protection and security. What does he think of His children today that take treasures of silver and gold out of the Lord's house (His people are His house) and giving it to companies of earth for protection and future help and support, making league with unbelievers of earth, thus showing no faith in God's promises and ability to care for them? Some Life Insurance Companies have become rich because of unbelieving men who rob heaven of treasures and give it to earthly companies for help and future security. Brethren, we just will not, and shall not endorse such actions which belittles our mighty God and drags Him down to the weakness of the flesh.

There are so many going that way in a more or less degree. The teachings of Jesus are plainly and clearly against such. Who could imagine our dear Savior or the apostles connected up in any such a thing. It is absurd to think of such when we have on record their words, deeds, lives and faith in God with their complete separation from the spirit of the world. Jesus says, "Will the Son of man find faith on the earth when He returns?" Brethren, I feel like saying as faithful Joshua did, "As for me and my house, we will trust the Lord." It is better to have simple faith and trust in God here and be unknown rather than to make a fair show in the flesh, go down in defeat and also drag others to ruin. Brethren, let us shake ourselves from all earthly trend and keep putting our treasures in heaven where moth doth not corrupt nor thieves break through and steal. The command of Jesus to those who favor such is, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things (earthly needs) shall be added unto you." Matt. 6: 33. Does God see you obeying this scripture?

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As we have added several hundred subscribers to the paper through the "three month's subscription offer," it is going to take much more means to buy paper to print on to fulfill our willing obligation to these dear souls who will receive the paper each month and we exhort our brothers and sisters to keep in connection with heaven and pray much that many of these precious souls will be saved through this kingdom effort. We expect the paper to have a number of good salvation articles in it each month. Pray much for us here at the office. Remember, the devil hates a clean work.

We are preparing to make books out of the last year "Faith and Victory" papers, in fact, we are making them now. We are putting twelve copies of the paper together, extending from April 1933 to April, 1934. The cover is being made of double weight cover paper with a picture of the office building on the front cover. This will preserve this reading matter for years and years and it will be convenient to refer to. We will mail one to you for fifty cents. We do not have many of these books as some of the papers were limited in stock. If you want one of these books send your order NOW before they are all gone.

If you have not subscribed for *Faith and Victory*, a friend is having it sent to you; appreciate by reading.

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OBITUARY

Chas. W. Curry was born in Mason county, Illinois on March 13, 1866 and passed to his heavenly reward on March 28, 1934 at the age of 68 years and 16 days at Longview, Wash. where he had moved to in 1931 from Fairbury, Nebr.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Drusilla M. Curry and three children: George V. Curry of Hebron, Nebr.; Otho M. Curry of Gilead, Nebr. and Orval L. Curry of Longview, Wash. He leaves ten grand children, also a host of warm friends.

He had a stroke, and lingered only a short time—one week and a half. He suffered greatly but was patient. The Lord took away pain many times. He couldn't talk, but when we would pray he would nod his head. I would ask him if he loved Jesus and he would nod his head. He loved this good old Reformation and was standing for the whole truth. He trusted the Lord to the end and then he went home to be with Jesus. My loss is his gain.

Funeral sermon by Bro. Oscar Sponcel of Rainier Oregon. Songs in *Select Hymns* Nos. 125 and 252.

— Mrs. D. M. Curry

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray earnestly for Mary J. Shanon as she had a paralytic stroke and is speechless.

Sister D. D. Easton of Owasso, Oklahoma has been sick for ten weeks with cancer. She desires the saints to fast and pray on May 6th for her recovery.

Sister Bertha Mantooth of Los Angeles, Calif. writes that she has been afflicted with internal tumors for over a year, and has had to spend part of time in bed. She desires the Lord's healing touch, so we kindly request the saints to fast and pray on Sunday, 6th of May, for Divine healing of each of these bodies.

## Campmeeting Notices

The Shawnee, Okla. camp-meeting will be held July 6th to the 16th, 1934. Particulars will be given later. — O. B. Wilson

The annual camp-meeting of the Church of God at Neosho, Mo. will commence July 20th, continuing ten days. Particulars later. — John Strech

We are planning a camp-meeting here at Silver City, six miles east of Oilton, or ten miles southwest of Mannford, Okla. on the No. 33 paved highway.

Every one is invited to this meeting which will begin Sept. 14 if it is the Lord's will. You that have small tents, bring them, also bed ticks. Your saved Bro. in the one body, — Enoch Jones

The Missouri State camp-meeting of the Church of God will be held at Springfield, Missouri, August 16th to 26th. Particulars later. — E. D. Gibson.

To all the dear saints scattered abroad, greetings in Jesus' dear name. We want to talk to you a little about our camp-meeting which is to be held at Hammond, La., from July the 6th, to the 15th, inclusive.

For a number of years it has been held in July and we think it best to continue so. Most of you know that the dear Lord took our dear Brothers C. E. Orr and T. N. Watson to their eternal home last fall, which leaves us with very little help, but, nevertheless, we are expecting the Lord to send God-called ministers to our camp-meeting whom He can use in expounding the whole Word of God. Bros. Wm. J. Hawley and Paul V. Tharrett, both from the state of New York are expected to be with us in the meeting and any other spirit-filled ministers who feel led of the Lord to come will find a hearty welcome here as well as all other saints. You will not find much money here, but the Lord is here.

We especially desire the sincere and hearty cooperation with all the southern saints with your presence, prayers and means. This is the General Southern Camp-meeting in which all should take an interest. This is the 25th. year the camp-meeting has been held here. We have a beautiful camp ground, well located and well equipped for camp-meeting.

The meeting has always been run on the free-will offering plan. So let us leave our troubles at home and come with our hearts open expecting a good meeting. We are encouraged in the Lord.

Yours, in God's service, — Kathrine Watson.

The general Camp-meeting of the Church of God in Southern California will be held in Whittier on the corner of Penn. and Whittier Sts., commencing July the 7th. All lovers of the old, pure Gospel, come. For further particulars write Bros. E. M. Zinn, Bellflower, and A. E. Harmon, 1252 N. Spaizer, Glendale, or G. E. Harmon 339 W. 9th St. Pomona, Calif.

— G. E. Harmon

## Notice

To Saints scattered abroad, and especially in Texas: We are planning on purchasing a gospel tent (46 x 60) also a truck to haul it from place to place, and there has been nearly enough money promised to buy the tent, which is expected to be bought at Joplin, Missouri. The truck is to be bought at Waco, Texas. To those wishing to give of their means toward the purchasing of the outfit may write to the following, Bros. John Strech, Rt. 5, Neosho, Missouri, W. I. Miles, Rt. 2, Granby, Missouri, C. M. Hicks, 503 Sherman St., Waco, Texas, or Faith Pub. House in care of Bro. Fred Pruitt. Send money for the truck to C. M. Hicks at Waco, Tex. The first meeting in Texas is to be at Waco. Look for announcement later. One meeting will be held at San Marcus, Tex., one at San Antonio, Tex., and some of the meetings in Mo. and other places. Those desiring meeting may write either one or all of the above names and we will try to get to you if the Lord wills.

Let us hear from you, also may we ask your earnest prayers in behalf of the work of the Lord.

— C. M. Hicks.

The Tulsa, Okla. saints want to thank the dear saints so much for their donations and prayers for the building of our chapel. We have nearly enough to finish it, and expect to move in before June. We are building a basement at present, but feel sure God will have us finish next year. — Hettie Barton

Self is the only prison that can ever bind the soul;  
Love is the only angel who can bid the gates unroll;  
And when he comes to call thee, arise and follow fast;  
His way may lie thru darkness, but it leads to light at last.

— Van Dyke.

It is important to think right, more important to feel right, still more important to do right, but to be right is most important of all.

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### THE APOSTLE PAUL SEEKS AN APPOINTMENT

Dear Sirs and Brothers: Doubtless you recall the invitation you extended me to come over into Macedonia and help the people of that section. You will pardon me for saying that I am somewhat surprised that you should expect a man of my standing in the church to consider seriously a call on such meager information.

There are a number of things I should like to learn before giving my decision and I would appreciate your dropping me a line, addressing me at Troas.

First of all, I should like to know if Macedonia is

a circuit or a station. This is important, as I have been told that once a man begins on a circuit it is well nigh impossible to secure employment in station work. If Macedonia embraces more than one preaching place, I may as well tell you frankly that I can not think of accepting the call.

There is another important item that was overlooked in your brief and somewhat sudden invitation. No mention was made of the salary I should receive. While it is true that I am not preaching for money, there are certain things that need to be taken into account. I have been through a long and expensive course of training; in fact, I may say with pardonable pride, that I am a Sanhedrin man — the only one in the ministry today.

The day is past when you may expect a man to rush into a new field without some idea of support he is to receive.

I have worked myself up to a good position in the Asiatic conference and to take a drop and lose my grade would be serious.

Nor can I afford to swap "dollar for dollar", as the saying is among us Apostles. Kindly get the good Macedonian brethren together and see what you can do in the way of support. What are the social advantages? Is the church well organized?

I recently had a fine offer to return to Damascus at an increase in salary, and am told that I made a very favorable impression on the Church at Jerusalem. If it will help with the board at Macedonia, you might mention these facts, and also some of the brethren in Judea have been heard to say that if I keep on, in a few years I may have anything in the gift of the Church. For recommendations write to the Rev. Simon Peter, D. D., Jerusalem. I will say that I am a first-class mixer and especially strong on argumentative preaching.

If I accept the call, I must stipulate for two months' vacation and the privilege of taking an occasional lecture tour.

My lecture on "Over the Wall in a Basket" is worth a dollar of any man's money.

Sincerely Yours, — Paul.

The application of the above letter is to preachers of today who are backslidden in heart. Prov. 14: 14. The apostle Paul was far from writing such a letter as the sun is from the earth. Many preachers that once taught the pure gospel and manifested faith in God have become filled with their own way. The sad part of it is that many others are drifting that way, holding the truth in unrighteousness, showing less faith in God. (Ed.)



# ◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

## STEPPING HEAVENWARD

Step by step the Master leads me,  
 In strange paths I ne'er have trod;  
 Step by step I follow closely  
 In the way that leads to God.

Sometimes through dark vales He leads me:  
 Sometimes where the sun is bright;  
 But where'er He goes, I follow,  
 Knowing this, He leads aright.

"Just one step today," He whispers,  
 When my heart o'erwhelms with fears,  
 Questions the unmeasured distance  
 'Twixt me and the future years.

Just one step, and then, another —  
 With my Lord I gladly go;  
 Steadily progressing upward  
 In my pilgrimage below.

By and by, the last step taken  
 In the path my Master trod,  
 I shall reach the glorious summit  
 Of the way that leads to God.

— Selected.

## EDITORIALS

In the 5th verse of the 19th chapter of St. John we read these words, "Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, *Behold the man!*" When the chief priests and officers beheld Jesus, the Son of God, dressed in this fashion, they cried out, saying, "Crucify him, crucify him!" (John 5: 20).

At this time Jesus had been taken and was on trial before Pilate who found no fault in Him. I trust that we can see the suffering and humiliation which He endured. The soldiers had platted a crown of thorns and placed it on His head. A purple robe was put on Him, and they smote Him with their hands. Through all this He did not try to defend Himself. His hour had come and He gave Himself up willingly. I wish we would really "behold the man" in the light of the truth of the scene, and not as the wicked, murderous chief priests and officers who cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him." If we

would view Him and know the purpose of His being in this humiliation, we would reverence and praise Him more for His love shown to us in our redemption. It would help us to be more thankful if we would often "behold the man." Yet how true it is today that many people, when they "behold the man," turn away, leaving Him unthanked and unhonored. Each of the Gospels give a vivid word picture of His crucifixion. How that scene ought to melt our hearts in gratitude as we "behold the man!"

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We read in Hebrews 10: 38, 39: "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition, but of them that believe to the saving of the soul." Here the Apostle Paul teaches that the just shall live by faith. After one is justified by faith, he also lives by faith. We do not live by feelings, or by what people might say, or by confessing to a man (priest) every once in a while. Yet if we draw back from doing God's will, it proves that our faith is weakening. In such the Lord has no pleasure. In the last verse Paul testifies that "we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul." Thank the Lord, it is possible.

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Through the blessings of the Lord we have received a large number of 5 cent subscriptions since the last issue went out. We are certain that every one who put forth an effort to have this paper sent to the new addresses will be abundantly rewarded. The gospel is what people need, for it is "the power of God unto *salvation* to every one that *believeth*."

— L. D. P.

## MAN LIVES AFTER HE IS DEAD

A young man who lay dying said, "I want you to **bury my influence with me.**" Alas! such cannot be done! Influence lives on. It never dies.

The son of a wealthy man was scratching upon a show window with the diamond in his ring. A ragged newsboy said to him, "Don't do that." The rich boy replied, "I guess I have a right to do as I please." "Yes" answered the newsboy, "but you can't rub it out." And so it is. The life we live cannot be erased. Jesus can forgive, but the evil influence that was started flows on. — C. E. Orr.

## What Lack I Yet?

The young rich man that came to Jesus may have been overbalanced by his love of riches, yet he had an anxious desire to know his duty toward God. After being told what was required of him, the question, "What lack I yet?" certainly indicates a disposition of heart that is to be praised. He was not just exactly satisfied with his present record although it included that great foundation principle — "Love thy neighbor as thyself." And the fact that Jesus loved him argues sincerity in all his claims and questions.

Paul manifests this same disposition of heart when he said, "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ, in my flesh for his body's sake which is the church." It seemed that the young rich man could not live out his desire, but Paul has given us a real example of faith that knows no bounds; and surely we should not be willing to follow the character that has come down in history as a failure in preference to characters, the very mention of whose names make us better.

But perhaps the young rich man, — failure as he seemed to be, is ahead of many of us. It seems that we suffer no uneasiness over the thought of "What lack I yet?" We find thousands of excuses for not doing many of the commands of the Lord, and rejoice that we have been permitted to indulge ourselves in every bad of a past age, while souls all about us are going to perdition and many are suffering for the necessities of life. Instead of the question, "What lack I yet?" we so often hear, "Do you think the Lord will require that of me?" (in reference to some of His plain commands). They seem to want to get through with the least possible service.

The feeling that promoted the question, "What lack I yet?" if nourished and kept alive, would solve the problem of building up the cause of Christianity everywhere. If such a restless desire were in the hearts of God's people it would mean a missionary in every destitute field, and they would not be left to starve or be bound hand and foot for lack of means to carry on their work. It would mean a fellowship that would bind God's faithful together so that when one member suffers all the members would suffer with it.

It would seem that this great desire in the young rich man was smothered out by greed for worldly riches. It makes us sad to think of him. But brother, sister, the absence of this restless desire, —

"What lack I yet? What more can I do?" in our hearts indicates the same condition of heart that led this young man to destruction.

With Paul let us watch for the opportunity to suffer hardship for Christ. — Lottie L. Jarvis.

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Maysville, Ark. — Dear Saints scattered abroad: I send greetings in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It has been some time since I wrote you a letter so I am sending you word this morning reporting victory over sin; praising God for a salvation free from sin. If Jesus is able to save us from sin, He is able to keep us from sin if we hold to the faith and do His will. Praise His dear name. "If we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanseth us from *all sin*." (1 John 1: 7). Praise the Lord. We've got to live spotless from the world and free from *all sin* if we expect to make heaven our goal. Read 1 John 2: 15, James 1: 27, and 1 John 3.

I am sending in a few subscriptions for the five-cent offer. It isn't much but Jesus has showed me each widow's mite helps if it's given in the right way. May the dear Lord bless you. A sister in Christ,  
— Louise Wilson.

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"Born in another man's stable,  
Buried in another man's tomb,  
His first companions cattle in the stable,  
His last companions thieves on the cross,  
His first resting place another's manger,  
His last resting place another's tomb."

## CORRESPONDENCE

Henryetta, Okla. — To the saints scattered abroad: Greeting all of you in the name of Jesus. This leaves me still saved and working for Jesus, and I mean to go all the way with Him. I have been saved for twenty-eight years and there is nothing that I see in this world that will make me turn away from Jesus.

I have been sick for three weeks. The Lord wonderfully touched my body and answered the prayers of the saints. One of the Lord's ministers sent me an anointed handkerchief, and I put it on my head and the misery left my body. Oh, how sweet it is to trust in Jesus. I mean to fight the battle for Him at any cost.

I desire prayer for my unsaved family that God will call them back to the fold before it is too late.  
Your saved Sister,  
— Elizabeth Murdok.

New Paris, Ohio. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. May His blessings rest upon you both and your work is our prayer. Through Him we can do all things and without Him we can do nothing. Thankful to say we are still on the winning side with a determination to fight on till the battle is won, and we still feel a deep desire to help support the cause for the dear Lord.

We are sending you 50 cents to renew my subscription and another . . . . . for one year each. Also sending 50 cents and addresses of 12 persons for *Faith and Victory* for three months. I am also asking your earnest prayers, and would like for you to ask through *Faith and Victory* that all the saints take my request in earnest prayer to God that the Lord touch my body and heal me of stomach trouble and severe headaches. To God be all the glory. We request prayer for Bro. Decker who needs the prayers of all the saints. He has ulcer stomach.

May God keep you both encouraged to press on. Your Bro. and Sister in Christ, — W. R. & Leona Jenkins.

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Chillicothe, Ohio. — Dear Ones in the Lord, Please find enclosed subscription price for one year for "*Faith and Victory*". I sure enjoy the paper and don't want to miss one copy. I wish it were a weekly paper. It seems so long to wait for it. It contains the same Bible truths and the testimonies are like the "*Trumpet*" published thirty years and more ago. I pray the Lord to help you keep the "*Faith and Victory*" pure, and be edifying to all saints and be the means of saving souls and bring all into the one fold. May the Lord's richest blessings be upon you daily spiritually. Amen. Please remember me in prayer. Yours under the blood,

— Chas. E. Hagely.

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Cherry Valley, Ark. —Dear Bro. Pruitt: God bless you and yours, and continue to make your little paper a blessing. It was through reading pure literature that I was convicted it was a sin to use snuff. I began to ask God to deliver me from it. It just seemed like a voice spoke to me and said, "Will you use the money to the glory of God?" It was so plain. I got a pencil and writing tablet and wrote to the Gospel Trumpet Co. to pray for me. There were no holiness people here at that time. After the letter had time to reach them, the snuff commenced to make me so dizzy headed. I could not keep it in my mouth at all. I promised God I would use the money in His service the best I knew how. It took six dollars and a half for snuff a year. God delivered me from it.

I used the money buying tracts, books, Bibles, religious papers, getting shoes for a poor widow, fruits for the sick, clothes for the needy and to bear ministers' expences. It will be 21 years ago the 31st day of this month since God delivered me from it. How I thank Him for it! I have seen two souls saved through that money; one of them in a T. B. sanatorium at Booneville, Ark. who has gone on before me and the other one, a young mother who has taken up tract distributing. I thank and praise God for ever delivering me from it and giving me love and wisdom to use the money in His service. "Every good gift and perfect gift is from above; cometh down from the father of lights." James 1: 17. I give God the praise, for I tried so many times to quit and couldn't. If every one who professes to know God and uses tobacco in any form would quit and use the money saved for God's cause, the work of God would soon be on the forward move. Jesus said, "Him that cometh after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." Matt. 16: 24. Self is the hardest person on earth for us to deny, and if we are not careful the enemy will cause us to serve self instead of God.

Pray for me that God will give me grace, love and wisdom to know and do His will. Pray for my unsaved husband and son. Your Sister in Christ,  
— Neva Buchanan

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Bristow, Okla. — Greeting to all the dear Saints: I am happy in Jesus. Tonight finds me saved and encouraged to go all the way with the dear Lord.

I feel that I should tell about the good meeting the Lord gave us at Salt Creek. One got saved and all of the saints were much encouraged as never before in life to live true to the dear Lord. We had ten nights' meeting and the Word of God was preached by the power of the Lord. After our meeting closed we had three nights' meeting with dear Sister Moore who is away from all the saints. The Lord gave us a good meeting there and several raised their hands for prayer. We had with us in the meeting, Bro. Robinson, Sister Bell, and Sister Edwards of Okmulgee, Okla., Brother B. J. Douglas and Brother W. M. Bray of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

I want to ask all the saints to remember Brother Houghton in prayer. We were called to pray for him last Sunday night. He was very sick when we got there, but we got hold of the dear Lord by faith and He touched his body and he rested just fine. Pray that the Lord will completely heal him. Just he and his family are the only ones saved out there.

Your Brother in Christ, — J. T. Johnson.

## The First Resurrection

Our Lord tells us about two resurrections, a resurrection of souls and a resurrection of dead bodies. The resurrection of the soul is a spiritual resurrection.

After Pentecost thousands of resurrected souls went out from Jerusalem to all the world to tell of the wonderful works of God. Thousands of dead souls were "born again or resurrected". St. John was an eye witness to these things and later he says, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection, on such the second death hath no power."

St. Paul, one of the resurrected ones, says, "Nothing could separate them from the love of Christ; tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, perils, sword; yea, in all things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. Death nor life, angels, principalities, things present, creatures or any thing else shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Following this wonderful work of God, the devil, the Roman power, arose up to stop it. The saints in the morning of the gospel dispensation were clear in their souls. They were "Born Again", and they were in that wonderful Kingdom of which Daniel prophesied, and of which Jesus begun preaching, saying, "The kingdom of God is at hand." They learned of Jesus, their King. They walked in the spirit, they lived in the spirit, they were of one heart, mind and soul, they were full of divine love, the love of God. The devil knew he could never deceive them so he killed them. That great host of martyrs sealed their testimony with their life's blood; and thereby proving to this world that nothing could separate them from the love of God in Christ Jesus their Lord.

The great apostacy was on and continued until God, through Martin Luther, brought the light of the Bible to the world again. Very few Bibles escaped the flames and these few were chained fast in some convent so the common people knew nothing about the Bible and lived in heathen darkness until Martin Luther brought the reformation.

After many years God raised up John Wesley, filled him with the Holy Ghost and sent him forth a mighty herald of the truth. The devil was awakened from his long slumber and begun his work on another line, deceiving souls. Instead of people following Jesus Christ and learning from Him, many of them became followers of men. The devil appearing as an angel of light in many pulpits. Jesus has said, "Many will be deceived." — Mrs. J. E. Wetzel

## A Letter From India

Oct. 26, 1932, Darjeeling, India. — Dear Brother in Christ: Greetings to you in Jesus' dear name. I will never forget when in October, 1895 while walking up 16th Street in Denver, Colorado, how gentle He spoke into my left ear as though He was walking by my side and telling me to cross the street and buy a Bible which I did, and when I got to the curb stone on the other side, another voice said just as clear, "Don't go in there, they will look down on you." When I got to the store, later I knew that it was Satan not wanting me to buy a Bible, but praise the Lord for Him having me buy the Bible, for by it He led me to Him and saved me, on the night of the twenty-eighth day of May, 1897, and that instant when He changed my heart and life I knew He could heal me without the aid of medicine and He does. Praise His name. At that instant I took Him as the healer of the complaint I had between my shoulders for about two years and that very instant He made me almost well. I knew He could and would make it perfectly well and He did. About two days after, it was all gone and has been gone ever since. Praise His name. We can have Him as our doctor with us all the time, can't we? We don't need to take medicine like the people of the world, do we? During my conviction I gave up my bad habits, and the pleasures of the world. I prayed to God to forgive me and the desire of those things left and have been gone ever since, so I can say with Paul, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." (Rom. 1: 16).

A little later He sanctified me, which was another real experience, with my heart cleansed from sin, free and light and the heavy burden gone. Praise the Lord. I began to wonder which was the right church and the one that the Bible speaks of. One evening on my walk home from the Mission I thought of the many denominations, then wondered which was the Bible church. Just then the audible words came from the Lord, "None of them; you belonged to the right church the moment you got saved." He had me to see that moment that I belonged to all the other saved people which was His church, named by His name, "Church of God." My parents belonged to the Reformed Church which believed in baptizing infants, sprinkling infants, which they call baptism. I did not know but what my being baptised that way when an infant, as my father told us that we were, was alright. Soon the Lord helped me to see in His Word, immersion is His way, the Bible way. Then

I got a minister to immerse me. Oh, how the Lord filled me with joy for my obedience to Him. When I arose from under the water I thought all heaven opened up and came down over me. I had a long distance to go to put on dry clothing, and I had to shout and praise the Lord all the way for joy. Brother Samuel Smith went with me and he said that he had never seen any thing like that. Had I disobeyed the Lord and went on in my infant sprinkled sinner baptism, I would not have received that blessing from the Lord, would I? God says in His Word, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." An infant can't believe. I had to be converted, regenerated, born again, which made me believe and ready for immersion, the Bible way of baptism. (Prov. 5).

Right from the beginning the Lord did so much for me that I wanted to do all I could to have others let Him do the same for them by letting Him reveal Himself to them also. I began, at once, to give all my wages for that purpose, except what I needed for food, clothing and room rent, etc. For about a week after finishing my work I tried to find a hall where I could have the news boys come, so I could tell them what the Lord did for me, but to my surprise one night between twelve o'clock and one I was awakened from my sleep by hearing a crying in my room as if my room was full of people crying aloud for help. I sat up in bed and listened to the crying then soon the Lord said, in audible, tender words, "Go to Lahore, India, but go to New York City first." I intended to do as He said, then the crying ceased and I went to sleep again. This was the middle of December, 1899 so I kept working at my trade thinking to earn money to pay my way to India. To my great surprise again on the 26th. day of the same month getting up early to get ready to go to work, my room being dark yet and while on my knees praying by my bed I saw like a flash of lightening come from the ceiling of my room and with it came the words from the Lord, "Are you going to India?" I said, "Yes Lord, I will go." Then He said, "Well, quit your trade and get ready." I did not go to work that morning. The next day I told my boss that I was going to quit and go to India. He said, "All right when you come back you can go to work again." I had only a half month's pay coming to me, but I took that and went to New York City, as He told me. After seeing there what He wanted me to see I felt impressed to go home via my father's house. On arriving there I found Father ill and soon after he died. Before he died he said that I should stay there and take care of the farm. To take charge of a farm could not have me disobey the Lord and it could not keep me back. When I got to Denver my

half month's wages were gone. I said nothing to the people about money, I only told them the Lord wanted me to go to India. The first one the Lord had give me money to pay my fare was a sister who handed me five dollars saying, "This is toward your fare to India." Praise the Lord.

Please pray much for these people and for me that the Lord will quickly help me get a place for the orphan children. Yesterday, the 10th. of Nov. was my birthday and the Lord has let me reach 78 years. I remember when I and my brothers used to play together and I would stand on a box and talk to them like preaching to them, but never thought the Lord would grant me this great privilege. I am very thankful to the Lord for all His blessings in every way.

— Andrew E. Shiffler.

The above article is an extract from a letter written to a Brother in America, and shows the definite call that Bro. Shiffler had from the Lord to labor as a missionary in India. Those of our readers who feel lead of the Lord to help Bro. Shiffler as a missionary in India, can send your offerings to this Office and we shall be glad to forward them on to him. We also send offerings to Bro. Robert Jarvis and Bro. K. V. Cherian of India, and also to Bro. Hanna Arsanious of Egypt. We should not forget our brother missionaries who labor in foreign lands. (Ed.)

## Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

(By Sadie E. Orr, Box 370, Hammond, La.)

**Sunday May 6, 1934**

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- April 30 — Jesus Acclaimed as King. Matt. 21: 1-14.  
 May 1 — The King's Coming Foretold. Zec. 9: 9-17.  
 May 2 — The King Acclaimed and Rejected. Luke 19: 36-48.  
 May 3 — The Reign of the King. Psa. 2: 1-12.  
 May 4 — Not of this World. John 18: 33-40.  
 May 5 — The Heavenly Triumph. Rev. 5: 6-14.  
 May 6 — Devotional Reading. Heb. 1: 8-12.

SUBJECT — Jesus Acclaimed As King.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion* — Matt. 21: 1-14.

1. And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,
2. Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose *them* and bring *them* unto me.
3. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall

say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.

4. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5. Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

6. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,

7. And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set Him thereon.

8. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees and strawed them in the way.

9. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

10. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved saying, Who is this?

11. And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

12. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves.

13. And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

14. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

Memory Verse — "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name." Phil. 2: 9.

Central Thought — Jesus' right to be enthroned in our hearts as king because of His sacrificial death and victorious resurrection.

Practical Truth — Subject to King Jesus thru the resurrected life. "Reigning in this life" over the world, the flesh and the Devil.

#### Suggestions To Teachers

1st. Singing to Jesus and when the children sang to Him. 2nd. Jesus our Savior, King and owing loyalty to Jesus, our King. 3rd. Lord, help us to bow to our supreme ruler or king.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

Jesus was presented as king to fulfill prophecy. The disciples, in obedience to Jesus' request procured the humble beast of burden, upon which never man sat as the prophet had said. How Jesus wept over the people of that day and time who rejected Him, and now how must His dear heart feel as He is re-

jected by the masses of man-kind today. There are so few to live the *life* and "lift Him up" so He can draw all men unto Him.

The cleansing of the temple presented to view the King's power and authority and gave the people one more chance to accept Him as their *Mesiah*, but alas, they received Him not. Read Luke 13: 34, 35.

Jesus deserves our adoration and heart-service. Let us receive Him as our *Savior* and *Lord*.

#### Sunday, May 13, 1934

#### HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

May 7 — Christianity and Patriotism. Matt 22: 15-22.

May 8 — The Great Commandment. Matt. 22: 34-40.

May 9 — The Royal Law. James 2: 5-12.

May 10 — The Responsibility of Rulers. Job 34: 10-20.

May 11 — Respect for Authority. Acts 19: 35-41.

May 12 — Good Citizenship. Rom. 13: 1-7.

May 13 — Devotional Reading. Rom. 13: 8-14.

#### SUBJECT — Christianity and Patriotism

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion* — Matt. 22: 15-22, 34-40.

15. Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk.

16. And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men.

17. Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Cæsar, or not?

18. But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?

19. Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny.

20. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?

21. They say unto him, Cæsar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

22. When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.

34. But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.

35. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,

36. Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37. Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord

thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38. This is the first and great commandment.

39. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

40. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Memory Verse — Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Matt. 22: 37, 31.

Central Thought — Upright, impartial, co-operating, conscientious and complete abiding by the law of our land is good citizenship.

Practical Truth — Upright, impartial, co-operating, conscious, spiritual and complete abiding by the law of God is what makes good citizens in the kingdom of God, or *Christians*.

#### Suggestions To Teachers

1. Being good neighbors by keeping the great commandment. 2. How to be a good citizen and a Christian Patriot. 3. How to fill our places as citizens in a Christian nation.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

Jesus was a good citizen, while the Pharisees with the Herodians by attempted flattery were trying to "entangle Him in His talk." Jesus is no respecter of persons and has no *pets*. In God's kingdom all have equal opportunities. Dear soul, the more you grow, the more you can enjoy God's grace, "lawful to give tribute." While they were attempting to tempt Him; He was equal to the occasion, and said, "Show me the tribute money." Oh, how sad, the things which are God's are so withheld from Him and the world is growing more wicked and farther from God every day. No man can be a citizen in the kingdom of God and not be a good citizen of our country. There are such few real Christians today and that is why our country is in such a state of unrest. Read Luke 21: 26.

#### Sunday, May 20, 1934

##### HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

May 14 — The Parable of the Ten Virgins. Matt. 25: 1-13.

May 15 — Watch. Matt. 24: 42-51.

May 16 — Be Ye Ready. Luke 12: 35-40.

May 17 — Who May Enter. Luke 13: 22-30.

May 18 — The Entrance Supplied. 2 Pet. 1: 1-11.

May 19 — A Better Coming. 2 Pet. 3: 8-14.

May 20 — Devotional Reading. Rev. 21: 1-7.

SUBJECT — The Future of the Kingdom.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion* — Matt. 25: 1-13.

1. Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

4. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

6. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

7. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

9. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you; but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came: and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

11. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Memory Verse — The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever. Rev. 11: 15.

Central Thought — None but those who are ready can partake of the marriage feast.

Practical Truth — Only those with oil in their vessels and with their lamps trimmed will be ready.

#### Suggestions To Teachers

1. A story of a wedding when Jesus comes.

2. Always Ready. 3. Christian preparedness.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

Jesus left the temple for the last time and returned to Bethany for the last time also.

On the way over to the Mount of Olives He stopped and delivered to the twelve, His sermon on "The Last Things"; recorded in Matthew 24th. chapter. Referring to the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the world, gradually coming to the final *judgment*,

He urges watchfulness as pictured in our lesson — the five wise and the five foolish virgins. Being ready is a great necessity. A profession alone is not enough. Oil is needed in our lamps which typifies the saving grace of God in the soul — ready in profession, ready in activity, ready in spirituality, ready in waiting, ready in hearing, ready in equipment, ready in companionship, ready in receptivity and ready for reward will give a victorious entrance. Oh, how precious to know God has made every provision for each one. "Whosoever-will" may be thus ready.

### Sunday, May 27, 1934.

#### HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

May 21 — The Last Judgment. Matt. 25: 31-46.

May 22 — Faith and Works. James 2: 14-20.

May 23 — Helping with Heart and Hand. Deut. 15: 7-11.

May 24 — The Test of Obedience. Matt. 21: 28-32.

May 25 — The Measure of Responsibility. Luke 12: 41-48.

May 26 — Personal Accountability. Rom. 14: 7-13.

May 27 — Devotional Reading. Psa. 86: 1 - 7.

#### SUBJECT — The Last Judgment.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion* — Matt. 25: 31-46.

31. When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32. And before him shall be gathered all nations. and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33. And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35. For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36. Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38. When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39. Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40. And the King shall answer and say unto them,

Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

41. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

42. For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

43. I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

45. Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

46. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Memory Verse — For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. 2 Cor. 5:10.

Central Thought — All will be present at the "last judgment".

Practical Truth — No one need be unprepared for the "last judgment", so they will all receive a reward.

#### Suggestions To Teachers

1. Doing things for Jesus. 2. The King's test of service. 3. Serving Christ by serving others. 4. Christ, our judge.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

When Jesus left the temple the last time with the forecast of utter destruction of Sanctuary and city, the astonished disciples ask, "When shall these things be?" Late one after-noon of crucifixion week as Jesus and His little company reached their resting place on Mount Olive, from which they could see the city in its evening splendor, Jesus preached the sermon recorded in Matthew 24, reaching His conclusion in the picture of the final judgment and the eternal state of both the righteous and the wicked which we study in today's lesson — the gathering of the nations, the approval of the righteous, the condemnation of the wicked, and the separation for eternity. There can be no appeal from the judgment throne. Everlasting punishment will be everlasting. Eternal life will be eternal. Heaven and hell will be of equal and unending duration. Knowing all this how can any soul remain unprepared. "Prepare to meet thy God."