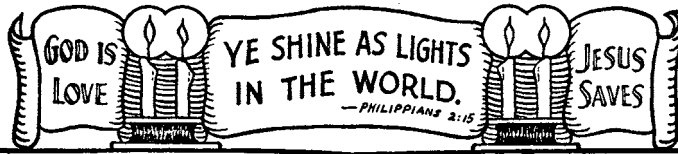


# FAITH AND VICTORY

THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH. — I JOHN 5:4

HAVE FAITH  
IN GOD



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FOR ALL  
CHRISTIANS

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## Temptation

As the bait that lures the fish to bite  
Conceals the hook that holds it fast,  
So does temptation's lure and shine  
Hold hidden stings that wound at last.

Surely in vain the net is spread  
Within the sight of any bird;  
The fowler seeks himself to hide—  
And seldom lets his voice be heard.

The trapper in some secret place  
Conceals his traps and deadly snares;  
That he may catch unwitting game  
That tramples in them unawares.

So does the devil in his way—  
Present the 'no harm' things to you,  
Nor lets you see the poison fangs  
That lie beneath concealed from view.

Beneath the blooming rose so fair  
Perhaps the poison adder lies;  
And just beyond temptation's door  
A guilty conscience reels and cries.

The thing that seems at first so sweet,  
Contains a bitterness like gall;  
Beware! for all who yield to sin  
Will sure receive an awful fall.

Then flee temptation, pass it by,  
Nor linger near its silver gate;  
For just beyond you'll surely find—  
A guilty conscience is your fate.

Now to be tempted is not sin,  
But those that yield, they do transgress.  
He that endureth to the end—  
Shall be rewarded, and be blessed.

— Ulysses Phillips

## The Old Oaken Arbor

How dear to my heart was God's grace in my childhood,

As in fond recollection past blessings I view;  
The early-time saints of this grand Reformation  
And the Truth I still treasure, my infancy knew.  
The freedom from Babylon and sectish confusion;  
The long tear-stained altar, where gladly I fell:  
The throngs of God's people made joyful together  
And e'en the brush arbor, it thrills me to tell.  
The old oaken arbor, the brush covered arbor,  
The Heaven filled arbor, it thrills me to tell.

The truth of God's Word as we heard, was a treasure,  
As time after time we returned to learn more;  
And now in this wicked and evening-time gleaning  
Still gladly we treasure those Truths as of yore.  
We learned that all sinful and selfish indulgence,  
Or trusting in money displeases our King;  
But dying to modern-time man-made devices,  
Full trust in the Lord was the homage we'd bring.  
The old oaken arbor, the brush covered arbor,  
The Heaven filled arbor; how glorious we'd sing.

How sweet from God's servants the news of redemption,

Made real in our lives, for in sin we were lost;  
No selfish reserves nor conditions were asked for,  
But, "Lord, save my poor soul, whatever the cost."  
But now far removed, —geographically speaking;  
A "tear of regret will intrusively swell;"  
But the saddest of all, that some leaving this treasure,  
Saying, "We were fanatics, —no longer we'll tell  
Of the old oaken arbor, the brush covered arbor,  
The heaven filled arbor where God we first knew."

O my God! in great mercy look down from above;  
Give wisdom to the old-time saints, filled with love  
That we, e'er the great day of vengence is come,  
Might win back some 'prodigal' to where they begun.

Lord help us contend for the Faith, as you said;  
 Live a life that will prove by Thy hand we are led,  
 So that joy in its fullness, as in childhood we found,  
 Might continue through life, as for Glory we're  
 bound.

O the old oaken arbor, the brush covered arbor,  
 The Heaven filled arbor where God I first knew.  
 — Erle E. Forbes.

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## Today

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My friend reader: This happened to be my last day, and I am ordered to warn you, that it really is yours also. We read in God's precious word, "To everything there is a season and a time. A time to be born, and a time to die." Eccl. 3: 1, 2.

This is true of the horse, the worm, the tree and the grass as well as you and me. By the living Word of God, nature produces a natural birth, and a natural death for every creature, and an appointed time for both. According to record, I was born May the fifth, eighteen seventy seven, and have lived a few days more than 20800 days. My birthday, my first day; today, my last day: up or down to this writing. I have no promise of to-morrow here in this world. Such is my mortal and deprived condition. How much does it differ from yours? But thank God, we have today, even if it is our last one. Now prayerfully and carefully reason with me a bit. Just think how truly you can make this the happiest day yet in your life! By accepting the blessings that it offers. I'm sure you are aware that the most of tomorrow's dreaded unhappiness is the result of a mistreated today. As it is written:—

"I am today your servant true,  
 A blessing sent to help you through,  
 If my assistance you ignore,  
 Quickly I go to come no more.

When I depart it would be vain  
 For one to look for me again;  
 Viewed in the light of common sense,  
 I am *Today* the present tense."

For you to put today off for tomorrow, would be like rejecting a well known friend for an unknown stranger. We cannot call back yesterday, for she is gone to come no more. Nor can we use tomorrow, for she is as uncertain as yesterday—as impossible. Let us be as good to today as it is to us. She is ours.

Today we have a chance to be born again, and start life anew: even if it is our last chance. We read also, "Ye must be born again," etc. (John 3: 7). And

truly, there never has been, nor ever will be a better time in this life for this glorious, new birth to take place, than today. God's Holy Spirit impresses this truth while I am writing. It will even do the same while you read. Think of the rejected, ignored, misused, wasted and thrown away days past, (God sent blessings) only to prove a curse to our soul unless we accept the blessing which today offers us. As it is written, "Today, if ye hear my voice, harden not your heart." (Psa. 95: 7, 8).

Now, dear reader, I will give you a bit of my experience. On the 14th day of August, in the year of 1926, I was buried with Christ in baptism as a result of a death I had previously accepted. Yea, I had died dead to sin and the folly and pride of a sinful world, and was made alive in Him (Christ). Such a death, thank God, is a birth and one of great importance. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the spirit is spirit." Little were you concerned about your natural birth; and little will you have to do with your natural death. But the power and Spirit of the Most High that changes our night to day, our heavenly Father allow us to choose it for ourselves. And "Today" may be the last chance. Amen. — G. W. McMillan.

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## The Greater Works

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We often wondered what greater works could be done than what Jesus did when in the midst of His ministry—healing the multitudes, raising the dead, feeding the thousands and doing good to all. But listen, Jesus is speaking to His disciples, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and *greater works* than these shall he do." Let us remember that the Father doeth all the works. God is a spirit and was dwelling in Jesus. "Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me." John 14: 10. The work of His kingdom was only started, and was in full power on the day of Pentecost.

Ever since the fall of man, God's great heart of love was set on man's redemption. Jesus in His ministry of three years was showing God's love, pity and power. The prophets and the Law were pointing to this time. When Jesus walked with His disciples to Bethany that day, He was telling them to wait at Jerusalem for the promise of the Father. How little they knew what it all meant as they watched their Master ascend up into heaven!

Pentecost was fifty days after the Passover feast

when Jesus was crucified. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all of one accord in one place. They heard a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind. The Holy Ghost was there. He sat upon each of them, He filled them and He spoke through them. The poor, Galilean fisherman had received the gift of tongues. Representatives of every nation who were gathered at Jerusalem understood them clearly in their own tongue. What has happened? People were in consternation. Perhaps those old doctors of the Law were among the mockers. Others said they were drunk. Peter clothed in holy boldness stood up and let the Holy Ghost speak thru him. He brings to their remembrance the words of the prophet Joel, then tells them of many of the prophecies of their beloved King David concerning Jesus whom they crucified. He tells them that God hath made this same Jesus whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. They could no longer resist the Holy Ghost, but cried out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Thousands repented, were baptized and received the Holy Ghost. For this purpose Jesus poured out His life blood on Calvary, to bring souls dead in sin back to life in God. The *greater works* went on through the apostles to the end of their lives, and will go on to the end of time when Jesus our King shall deliver up the kingdom unto the Father.

— Mrs. J. E. Wetzell

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## A Word On Giving

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For some time my heart has been stirred on the line of giving, as I see such a slackness on those lines. Now the Word says, "Have the same care one for another." 1 Cor. 12: 25- 26. If the members have the same care one for another, and when one member suffers all suffer with it, those who have this world's goods will not let some saints go destitute of food and raiment and not help them. Some will say, "Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding they give them not those things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit?" James 2: 15- 16. 1 Cor. 12: 26 says, "If one member suffers all the members suffer with it." Now I believe that means to suffer for food and raiment just as much as to suffer for anything else. We read in Luke 3: 10- 11 that the people asked Jesus what they should do. He answered them and said, "He that hath two coats let him impart to him that hath none, and him that hath meat let him do likewise." Read Matt. 25: 34 to end of chapter. Apostle Paul had showed the people all things, but he called to their minds the words

of the Lord, how He said "It is more blessed to give than to receive." In 1 John 3: 17- 18 we read, "But whosoever hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" Now the Lord does not want us just to love in word, just say "I'm sorry for them, I wish they had plenty," but He wants us to love in deed and in truth. Matt. 5: 44, "Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away." The Word says, "He that hath this world's goods" —it doesn't say they have to be a millionaire, but if he has two coats, give one. Also divide their groceries. In 1 Kings 17: 12, the poor widow just had a handfull of meal, but she gave it to Elijah and baked it for him. Was she rewarded? Surely, she was.

When the rich young ruler came to Jesus and asked Him, "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?", Jesus answered and said, "One thing thou lackest," although he had kept all the commandments. Jesus said, Go sell whatsoever thou hast and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasures in heaven, and come, take up thy cross and follow Me. But he was sad at this saying and went away grieved. God surely wants us to help those we see in need. We can get two good thoughts out of this instance of the rich young ruler. First, he must give to inherit eternal life. Second, it showed how covetous he was.

Now Apostle Paul gave orders to certain churches: "Upon the first day of the week lay by in store as God has prospered him." "The wicked borroweth and payeth not again, but the righteous sheweth mercy and giveth." Psalms 37: 21. "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over, shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again." Luke 6: 38. Dear saints, is there one thing thou lackest?

— Jennie Brooks

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Hammond, La. —Dear Sister Pruitt and all at the Office: Greetings in Jesus' love.

Sister Watson went to Kentwood, La. May 26th. She started a meeting that night. I joined her May 31st. Meeting closed June 9th. Fifteen were saved, eleven baptised and deep conviction on souls when the meeting closed. I fear some are crossing the 'dead line,' one man especially. He started for the altar weeping but stopped. Pray for him.

While God did such a gracious work there, yet there is much more to be done. — Sadie E. Orr.

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

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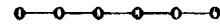
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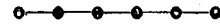
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## EDITORIALS

As usual, there will be no *Faith and Victory* paper put out for August. This is the month for the workers at the Office and for us to attend camp-meeting and have some change during the warm days. However we will put out the Sunday School lessons for August. All those who are not getting the regular rolls for their Sunday schools and want the Sunday school lessons, just drop us a card and tell us that you desire the Sunday school lessons for August and we will send them to you. We are thinking of printing the Sunday School lessons separate from the paper, as many desire them that way and it will also give us more room for good, wholesome articles which will feed the souls of men. We may make the change the first of October and make up three months’ lessons in one little booklet. This would be a more convenient way.



In this issue we are advertising a book entitled, “The City of Self for God,” written by Jessie B. Warmack. This is a soul-feeding, inspiring book and you should order one. It will contain nearly 200 pages with a beautiful and durable paper cover. This book will be in process of printing just as soon as this paper is mailed to you. Send in your order and we will mail you a copy just as soon as it is finished. The price is only 30 cents, postpaid.



The writer has just returned from holding meetings north of St. Joe, Missouri. Bros. Earl Laughlin and Ruben Hiebert accompanied us on this trip and helped in the revival meetings which were held at three different places. Bro. Laughlin remained in that part, expecting to accompany some of the brethren to the Neosho, Mo. camp-meeting in July. Our heavenly Father was with us in the meetings and the preaching was in the power and demonstration of the Spirit, conviction was deep on many souls; some yielded to God, some were sanctified and some bodies were healed by power Divine. In some of the meetings the power of God was so great that His glory filled the room and the devil was under the saints’ feet. We met real consecrated saints and our fellowship was plentiful. They earnestly invited us back again, which will be a pleasure to us should the Lord so lead. The meetings were held near Forest City, Mo. where Bro. Ed Whipple and his sister, Susie, lives. Sister Anna Hood, a minister, also lives there. Oftimes the house would not hold the people that came to hear the Word. It was good to be there.

Jesus says, "Ye are the salt of the earth." The righteous people are the saving, preserving element in the world today. If it were not for the righteous the wrath of God would be so kindled against the wicked and proud-hearted multitudes that flames of fire would burst out and consume the earth and the works therein—it would be burned up. 2 Peter 3: 10. The heavens and earth are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 2 Peter 3: 7. God reserved the righteous from the flood by the ark and destroyed all others. He took Lot and his wife and two daughters out of Sodom and rained fire and brimstone down on those wicked cities and destroyed them. The time will soon come when the Judgment will set, the Lord will come through the clouds with power and glory. Those who sleep in Jesus will be resurrected and the righteous who are alive together with them will be caught up to meet the Lord and ever be with Him, then the destruction of the wicked and unthankful men will take place as Peter says, —fervent heat and burning fire. Peter says they are reserved unto fire. God will fulfill His Word as surely as He fulfilled His Word to the antediluvian people of Noah's day and wicked Sodom and Gomorrah. Conditions point to the nearing of the end, as it seems that there are more backsliding and going back to the world than there are getting saved and standing true. The current of the world is so strong and winds of doctrines are so numerous that few seem to be able to stand the pressure. Lack of faith in God's care and unthankfulness is the sin of this time or age. Read Matt. 6: 25 to end of chapter.

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"The just shall live by faith," (Heb. 10: 38) is God's word to us. We should believe this just because "it is written" regardless of our feelings or men's opinions. When Jesus speaks and says, "He cares for us as He cares for the lilies of the field, the birds of the air, and that all the hairs of our head are numbered," we should believe this because "it is written" and act like it and not be trying to secure ourselves with earthly things, fearing lest God will fail to provide for us some where down the line. Who could connect such unbelief as that with Jesus and the ministers in the morning Church. Read Acts 4: 32, 33 and 34, and the Scripture says, "Great grace was upon them all." How contrary this truth is to the teaching of some of our would-be 'Peters' and 'Pauls' of today who endorse and uphold earthly security!

The Psalmist David says, "They that know God's name will put their trust in Him." "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they

that dwell therein." If we believe God's word, brethren let us act like it.

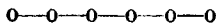
The Bible says, "That the wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God." This present great depression and startling financial conditions which exist in this country is a sign that the nation has forgotten God. They draw nigh unto God with their lips but their heart is far from Him. One great cry every where is a shortage of money, no money in circulation. The fact is that there is just as much money or more than we ever had. The trouble is that men, generally speaking, have become so deceitful and have betrayed one another's confidence so much that they have very little confidence in one another, nor in the law-makers and rulers who oftentimes show so much deception and corruption. Many who have money hold on to it tightly and have not enough confidence in their fellow-men to let it out in circulation, and then think of the millions of dollars held in reserve by insurance companies for men who have no faith in God and must secure themselves a long ways ahead, doubting God's provision. If the fearful and unbelievers in the world would trust God for future provision as the true saints do, the millions of dollars in reserve by insurance companies would be in circulation and that would help conditions very much.

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In meditating upon the present back-sliding of many and the present cry and scramble for earthly security, the thought came to us (which I believe the Lord gave) that as saints of God we make a very high profession of trusting God and having faith in Him and abiding in His word; knowing that this is true, life insurance should not be a question among us.

This turmoil and division-making that is going on is no doubt permitted of God and is for the purpose of sifting out those who have it in their heart to go back. We are in the closing up days and things take place fast and many are dropping back in the class with the foolish virgins. Matt. 25: 3. Brethren, if we become mindful of those things which God has delivered us from, He will let us have opportunity to go back. God forces no one to go on with Him. He wants and takes only willing heart service. He is looking for those whose hearts are perfect in faith and confidence in Him that He might show Himself strong in their behalf (2 Chron. 16: 9). The Bible says that He created us for His own pleasure and glory. When man fails to give pleasure and glory to God, he is failing to fulfill the purpose that God created him for and he becomes condemned as a rebel.

Brethren, we should "earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints." Jude 3. That faith is absolute trust and confidence in God for and in all things. Jesus says, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added," which means all needful earthly things. If each one from the heart would believe and obey this Scripture, no one would lay up earthly treasures and God would be glorified and would show Himself strong in providing for each one as the need was or would be. Unbelief is the sin of our nation and people are cursed with profession without possession. Joining an organization will not save the soul. Professing to be of the Church of God will not save you. You must have the life of Christ in your heart. There are many holding the truth in unrighteousness and are the enemies of the cross of Christ. Paul says, "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." The Spirit of Christ will never lead you to do contrary to the teachings of Christ. Jesus says, "If you love me keep my commandments," and again, "If a man love me he will keep my words," and again, "He that loveth me not, keepeth not my sayings." These scriptures are found in the 14th chapter of John. His commandments are not grievous, neither do they bring bondage to those who love to obey. The saint is the freest, happiest person in the world as they have a solid footing and their goings are established and a new song is put in their mouth, even praises unto our God. Psalms 40:2.



If our readers could see the thousands of tracts, pamphlets and booklets which are continually going to all parts of the world from this publishing plant, besides the *Faith and Victory* paper which reaches several thousand homes each month, they would no doubt have a greater inspiration to co-operate in every way possible to keep this work going and increasing for His glory and the good of precious, eternity bound souls. The writer would rather live on bread and water and fill a pauper's grave rather than to see the work go down and the pure, unadulterated truth withheld from needy souls. The more falling away we see the greater our souls are stirred against Satan's devilish work and we can plainly see that if we are not aggressive against Satan he will overcome, for he is always aggressive against the saint. These things have happened to many that have not been aggressive against sin and evil of every kind.

Brethren, earnestly pray for us as we mean by His grace to go all the way.

## Obituaries

Mrs. Merle M. Britt was born at Hallenberg, Kansas June 17, 1895. She departed this life May 25, 1934 at Whittier, Calif. Age, 38 years, 11 months and 8 days.

She was married Nov. 16, 1913 to Wm. E. Britt and to this union five children were born, two of which preceded her to the better world. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, three children. Hazel, Cecil and Frances, other relatives and a host of friends.

She gave her heart to God at a young age and lived faithful until death. She was very patient in all her sufferings. We know that our loss is her gain.

Funeral services were conducted by H. H. Means at Martin's Funeral Home. Text, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." Phil. 1:21. The song, "My Life Work," was sung according to her request before her death. She was laid to rest in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Calif.

Sister Annie Bell Tacker (better known as Mother Tacker) fell asleep in Jesus May 2, 1934 at her home in Shawnee, Okla. She was 65 years old, and had accepted the full gospel truth and was sanctified about twenty years ago under the preaching of Bro. C. S. Forbes and has lived a faithful Christian life. She was one of the most faithful in the congregation to be at the services. It can truly be said of her she was one that was peaceable and faithful in Israel.

She was seriously afflicted for almost a year, suffered much but with marked patience—never one time resorting to anything but the Lord for relief. Many times in answer to prayer she was instantly relieved of great suffering. Many were the good seasons of prayer by the saints who met in her room, and many answers to prayer, but God took her to Himself. Heaven and earth seemed very close together as she went down through the valley. She leaves eight children, 26 grand children, three brothers and many friends. All will miss her more than words can tell. She was kindly and faithfully nursed by her children while she had to sit in her chair most of the time for a year. Her husband had preceded her in death. She passed on happy in Jesus.

Funeral services were conducted in a large assembly of relatives, saints and friends with several ministers contributing words of encouragement in the services. Funeral text, Rev. 14:13. She was laid beside her husband and daughter in the beautiful

Fairview Cemetery at Shawnee, Okla.

— Mrs. O. B. Wilson

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Susana Eck (or Mother Eck) was born in southern Russia on June 9, 1861. She departed this life at her daughter's home in Kansas City, Mo. on May 4, 1934. Age, 72 years, 11 months and 25 days.

Although she suffered from complicated diseases for years, she was bedfast only four or five days and passed away with a smile on her face which greatly encouraged us. She knew she was going home and was ready to go.

From this earth we fade away like the stars of the morning,

Which lose their light in the glorious sun.

Thus our mother has passed from earth and its toiling,

Only to be remembered by the good she has done.

But the day is coming when we shall all go home,

To meet our loved ones up there,

Where we will all see Jesus upon His great white throne

In those beautiful mansions so fair.

And there'll be no more sorrow or pain to bear

In that home beyond the sky.

Oh, glorious thought when we all get there,

We will never say good-bye.

Her children, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Eck.

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Nannie Veach Brumback was born in Woodford county, Ky. on July 6, 1860. She was the mother of five girls and five boys. She was left a widow seven years ago by the death of a beloved husband and father. Mrs. Brumback lived a devout Christian life for nearly 40 years and was fully prepared to meet her Maker and Savior, Jesus Christ.

"A precious one from us is gone,

A voice we loved is stilled;

A place is vacant in our home

Which never can be filled.

God in His wisdom has recalled

The one His love had given,

And though the body slumbers here,

Her soul is safe in Heaven."

— By her daughter, Mattie.

## Campmeeting Notices

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

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The annual camp-meeting of the Church of God at Neosho, Missouri will commence July 20th, continuing ten days.

We are expecting the usual good camp-meeting which we have enjoyed in previous years. There will be no troubles considered or dealt with at this meeting. The saints here are all in sweet harmony and fellowship, enjoying the presence of God.

Those desiring to be met at the depot, please write us the date of your coming and you will be met at the train. All who can, please bring straw ticks and bedding. Dear brethren, don't stay away from this meeting on account of not having money or provisions. Those who can help in the expense of the meeting may feel free to do so. All expenses will be met by free-will offerings. — John Strech.

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The annual camp-meeting of the Church of God at Shawnee, Okla. will be held at 207 S. McKinley St., from July 6th to 16th. This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. Those desiring a tent or room, write to Ira Allen, 426 E. Main St., Shawnee, Okla. Shawnee is located on the Rock Island, Santa Fe and Katy R. R. Bus lines are going most all directions. Anyone desiring to be met at station, write O. B. Wilson, 726 N. Union Ave., or phone 2408W.

I think our meeting last year was as good as we have ever had, and we are expecting a still better one this year.

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The Missouri State camp-meeting of the Church of God will be held at the corner of Fort and State Streets, Springfield, Missouri, August 16th to 26th.

**This is an old-time camp-meeting** and we are expecting a real feast in Zion. We invite all the saints everywhere to come; every one needing help in their souls come and receive the help you need

We are expecting old-time able ministers here to preach the Word in its fullness.

As all know it is necessary to have provisions to carry on a camp-meeting and as this meeting is centrally located all the saints should be interested in helping to provide for it — groceries, fruits, vegetables or money, or anything that can be used in a camp-meeting.

This meeting will be run on a free-will offering plan. Let each one look to the Lord to see what He would have them to do.

Everybody welcome; come and bring your quilts, pillows, and straw ticks. Straw will be furnished free on grounds.

For further information regarding the meeting, write H. G. Pletcher, 731 S. Missouri Ave., or E. D. Gibson, 717 S. Lexington Ave., 'Phone 5538, Springfield, Missouri.

The camp meeting of the Church of God at Blackford, Ky. will be held August 30, to Sept. 9, 1934.

All are invited to attend this meeting. The old-time truth will be preached in its fullness. For further information address the writer, Thos. A. Bean, Blackford, Ky.

The 27th annual camp-meeting of the Church of God will be held on the General Southern Camp Ground at Hammond, La., one mile southwest of the Illinois Central depot, July 6 to 16, 1934.

This meeting is held in the interest of God's kingdom where people can find God in the salvation of their souls or the healing of their bodies. We are expecting able ministers to be present who will preach the full gospel in God's power as it was at the beginning. We extend a hearty invitation to all true saints and lovers of the truth to come and be with us. Meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. For further information write to C. H. Bailey, Box 668 or R. J. Forbes, Box 543, Hammond, La.

A camp-meeting of the Church of God will be held at Boley, Okla., beginning the 17th of August. We are praying that the Lord will give us a glorious meeting, as we are expecting able ministers to be present to break the Bread of Life to the needy souls. All are invited to attend. Please bring your straw ticks. Straw will be furnished free on the ground. The meeting will be run on free-will offerings.

„ Your Bro. in Christ, — Manley Spears.

The Oklahoma State camp-meeting of the Church of God will be held at Oklahoma City, Okla. as usual. The meeting will begin the first Friday in August which is the 3rd of August, and will continue ten days. Let all the saints prepare for this state camp-meeting with your prayers, presence and support for the salvation of the lost.

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

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The remainder of “5 cent offer” subscriptions expire with this issue. If you find a blank in your paper, it is for your convenience in sending in your renewal for one year at only 25 cents. Fill in the blank and mail at once, so you will not miss a copy.

For lack of space we can not insert in this paper some articles on hands.

The Sunday School lessons and Campmeeting Notices take up a large portion of the space. —Editor

## PRAYER REQUEST

Esther Harms of Garden City, Kansas desires the saints to fast and pray for her healing. She has been in bed for nine years with diabetes.



# « Young People's Section »

## TRYING TO LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

“I am trying to live a Christian life.” These were the words of a man with whom we were conversing. The lily does not have to try to bloom. The tree does not have to try to bear fruit. A Christian does not have to try to live the Christian life. It is the most natural thing in the world for him to do. What would you think of a caterpillar trying to live the life of a butterfly? We know it cannot. When the caterpillar is changed into a butterfly, it will naturally live the butterfly life. We cannot live the Christian life except we are Christians. — *C. E. Orr.*

## EDITORIALS

The camp-meeting season is here again. Many young people will be going to these camp-meetings which are being held at several different points. The unsaved should go to get saved, and the saved young people should go to receive food to their souls by the Word of God which is preached, and also be a bright light and a blessing to other young people. There is a work for everyone to do, both young and old.

The Christian young people of today will be (if they remain true to God) the ministers, workers, missionaries and saints in the Church tomorrow. If they are to take the places of the older ones, how necessary it is for the truths of God's Word to be implanted in their hearts while young that they may not depart from these Bible teachings and drift into worldliness—a common error of many religious movements.

We want to give a word of warning to all, and especially to the young saints. There is at present a spirit of compromise on several different lines among the ranks of the saints. The leaders of this compromise with the world, the flesh and the devil are upholding practices and teachings which are contrary to the Bible and the teachings of the “evening light” Reformation. They are being brought in at the cost of unity. We warn everyone to beware of this spirit, for it will blind your vision (as it has many others) if you give attention to it. I, for one, believe in perpetuating the Bible truths as set forth in the beginning of this “evening light” Reformation (1880 to 1900) which was brought forth under the direction and power of the Holy Spirit through humble, God-fearing, human instrumentality. The Word of God and the Holy Spirit does not change its truths. The

truths taught then, verified by the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, are the same unchangeable truths today.

If any one would like to have a correct, concise, written prophecy, foretelling this compromise which has now made inroads, send a few cents in stamps to this Office for the pamphlet, “*The Decline of Reformations*,” written by Bro. C. E. Orr, one who was a pioneer minister in this reformation and knows its teachings and practices.

Another old-time minister writes, “Many would go to heaven if it could be reached by the compromise route, for by lowering the gospel standard we could get many followers. *But, oh, what is numbers compared to purity!*”

“Who will offer soul and body  
On the altar of our God?  
Leaving self and worldly mammon,  
Take the path that Jesus trod?”

“Oh, for consecrated service,  
Mid the din of Babel strife!  
Who will dare the truth to herald  
At the peril of his life?” — L. D. P.

## “Remember Now Thy Creator”

As I look out on the beautiful things of nature—the flowers and grass of the field growing forth in their splendor, the trees budding out in all their beauty, it reminds me of youth. The flowers and grass are soon to pass away. The beautiful blossoms will soon perish. So it is with youth; it comes to each of us, yet soon passes away, never to return.

Youth builds bright hopes of the future. It looks forward to achieving something in this life. It cries out for adventure, and amusement, for something to satisfy the restless state of mind. Longfellow, looking at life in the days of his youth, said:

“Tell me not in mournful numbers,  
Life is but an empty dream,  
For the soul is dead that slumbers,  
And things are not what they seem.”

He declared:

“Life is real, life is earnest,  
And the grave is not its goal—  
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,  
Was not spoken of the soul.”

I have often pondered on the instruction which Solomon the wise man gave us, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." There are many reasons why we are so instructed. Youth desires to go the way of its own knowledge, and just at the time when the advice of a God-fearing mother and father would be so beneficial, youth cries out to experience some of the devices of sin. Therefore Satan is ready to take the advantage of ensnaring dear young people that know the true way into some evil that may ruin their life. Statistics, at one time, showed there were more criminals between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one than at any other age, which proves the sad results of serving Satan in youth.

We as young people can be God's choicest vessels. Bro. Orr said, "God has a plan for each of our lives, and by us yielding to Him, being willing to let Him have His way in our life, we can be the fullest development of the work of His hands; we can attain to the ideal life God has in mind for us. We can stand out on the great sea of human life a perfect divine production."

In reading of men of old, whom God chose, many were chosen in youth. Samuel, when very young, recognized the Lord's voice and answered, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth."

David, when but a youth, slew Goliath. In the name of the Lord he went forth to conquer, then when he was old he said, "For thou art my hope, O Lord God, thou art my trust from my youth." Psa. 71: 5. The Lord chose Solomon in his youth. 1 Chron. 29: 1.

There are many advantages and opportunities in life for the young people who are trusting God, and laboring in His service, but how sad to think of the danger ahead of those who pass from childhood into man and womanhood without the Savior's guidance!

A great step most young people take that will either bless or wreck their life is that of choosing a companion for life. Many young lives have been ruined by letting Satan help them choose instead of God. Oh, the great danger of choosing some one that may later prove to be a hindrance if you later decide to live for God. Then when trials and tests come, you'll see the results of choosing without God's help. If we live saved, and are completely submitted to God's will, He will help us choose the one that in this life will be the most benefit in helping us live righteous in this evil world.

Dear unsaved young people, may God help you to realize that NOW is the time to remember thy Creator. Yours, in God's service, — Ruth McNeely

## An Insurance Policy

An insurance policy is lottery (a chance game). Insurance Companies or Corporations have planned the scheme according to the statistics of mortality, general disabilities and accidents. Their scheme is planned entirely above loss. And very few insurance companies have gone into bankruptcy. But contrariwise, they have become immensely rich. Many of the policy holders have failed to keep their policies paid up and have failed to receive any benefits from the insurance companies. And have lost all the money that they have paid to the insurance companies.

Insurance is not for the saints, because they SHOULD NOT be unequally yoked together with a worldly, carnal-minded institution (2 Cor. 6: 14). Some one may say that they are not any more yoked together with an insurance company by having them to insure their life or property than they would be with the grocery company where they buy their groceries, or the bank where they have their money, but there is a difference. The grocery company will sell to us just what we buy and we receive it. The banking company will pay to us every dollar we put into it, with an interest on every dollar, and there is no chance game in their business methods. They are not trying to get something for nothing, but they are offering to the public a business proposition with no lottery in it.

The saints should believe and obey the Word of God, which says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6: 33. Take no thought about what we shall eat, or drink, or be clothed, for after all these things do the Gentiles (world) seek, but our heavenly Father knows that we have need of all these things. (See Matt. 6: 31-32). Saints are the light of the world. Matt. 5: 14. They are to be an example to the world. 1 Tim. 4: 12, Titus 2: 7-8. They are to have the gifts of knowledge and wisdom (1 Cor. 12: 8). They should be prudent in expenditures, live economically and save a portion of their income so that they may have means to be used for God's cause. They should go into all the world and teach all nations (make disciples). Teach the world to observe all things that Christ has commanded (Matt. 28: 19-20; Mark 16: 15). For Christ is the mediator of the new testament (Heb. 9: 15-17). Therefore whatsoever is written in the new testament is the commands of Christ.

Insurance leads to covetousness, because the policy holder is expecting to win in the chance game.

And like unto a gambler, he has paid out a sum of money on his insurance and he is too covetous to forsake it. If he could win a thousand dollars for only twenty-five dollars he would be only too glad to do so. On the other hand, if the person has paid into the insurance company a thousand dollars and they can not, or will not pay any more, after a specified time he will lose all, or a certain percent of every dollar which he has paid to the insurance company. Saints can not be covetous, neither should they want something for nothing, or a great sum of money for a small sum, because they would be extortioners, and extortioners, drunkards and covetous people CAN NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD. See 1 Cor. 5: 10- 11; 1 Cor. 6: 10.

The saints should walk, or live as the children of light, and have no fellowship with the unfruitful workers of darkness, but rather reprove them. Eph. 5: 7 -11. If the saints should have their lives insured, they are guilty of violating the new testament law—the teachings of Christ and show the spirit of covetousness which is a fruit of the flesh. —W. E. Skelton.

He who has the living waters of Christ flowing in his soul does not play in the mud puddles of the world.

— C. E. Orr

“God is love” is not a motto to be illuminated on a card, but illustrated in a life.

— C. E. Orr.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Clovis, New Mexico —Dear saints of God, greetings in the name of Jesus: This leaves me saved and sanctified and willing and ready to go all the way at any cost. The straight and narrow way just suits me. It gets brighter and brighter all the way. O, dear saints, let's stay true and ever watch and pray for the end surely is close, as the devil is trying in many ways to cause division and strife in our ranks. As the time draws near for the camp-meetings we need to stay much in prayer, for it seems the devil is working harder and harder each year to keep sinners from coming to the Savior.

I am glad to hear of the meetings that are in progress this summer; if we all keep busy and stay close to the great Leader, the devil will find it hard to hinder and faith will grow brighter all the way.

The saints out here are all standing for the old time truth and are going through at any cost, for we know He ever leads as long as we stay humble and low down at His feet. We pray God's richest blessings on all the dear saints, and ask you to remember us when you pray.

Your Bro. in Him,

— H. P. Huskey

Hennessey, Okla. —Dear saints: I feel like writing my testimony through the little paper this afternoon. I am still saved and sanctified. I praise Him for His goodness to me. He is a wonderful Savior. I am glad for the desire He gives me to live for Him. I mean to go all the way with the dear Lord. I mean to live this life just like the Bible reads.

The question concerning insurance had been a puzzle to me. However, the Lord caused me years ago to strip from my insurance, so if it was wrong then, it is wrong now. I'm against all forms of insurance.

There was a man wrapped in a suit of insurance and called himself saved for years, and when on his dying bed he asked a brother to pray for him because he couldn't get an answer through his own prayers. Dear ones, we should shake loose from everything that will hinder us from getting an answer from God. Read the first chapter of Proverbs, 26, 27 and 28 verses. Pray for me. Your saved Sister,

— Annie Wiley.

Nashville, Tenn. —Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints every where: Greetings in the dear name of Jesus.

As I was reading the dear little paper tonight, the dear Lord led me to write a testimony to all of you. In the year of 1924 a colored man gave me a copy of your little paper, *Faith and Victory*. I read it through, and liked it so well I subscribed for it. Before the next copy came, I had read that one over several times. I was a Baptist at that time, sinning more or less (most of the time, more) every day. The paper certainly was a feast to my hungry soul. It has been about 10 years that I have been getting soul food from Father's table through its pages. You may have a money depression at the publishing house, but you surely do not have a spiritual depression. The paper is getting better every month. May the dear Lord bless all of you, is my prayer.

I love the Lord above everything in this world, and his people next. Bro. Pruitt, I have read so many good writings from your pen that did me so much good that I would like to see you face to face, but if that should never be, I expect to meet you (not only you, but all the saints) in heaven and hear them all tell how they “overcome by the Blood.” Pray for me.

Your saved Bro. in the one body,

— Colonel Pendleton, 1210 --2nd Ave. North  
(Bro. Pendleton would like to hear from some saints in Ky. or Ala. —Ed.)

Sumter, S. C. —Dear ones in Christ: I send greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I still praise the dear Lord for His saving grace & healing virtue. He heals all my sickness. He is my only Physician and remedy. Some time ago He healed me of a severe case of lingering grip or flu. Praise His name. Pray for wife and me that we be true to the Lord. Yours, for the spread of the truth, — A. Newell.

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Bigelow, Mo. —To the dear saints everywhere: I feel like it would please the Lord for me to write my testimony. I am happy today to be able to tell you that the Lord has healed me. You remember that in the April issue of the paper we requested the saints to fast and pray for me. Praise the Lord, He has healed me and I am feeling fine. I can't thank Him enough. We are not afraid to trust the Lord for our body.

People usually think they surely will die when they have T. B. but we were not afraid. We trusted in God who can heal all manner of sickness. Different ones of us have been healed instantly many times. We are going to live for God by His grace and gain a home in heaven when our work here is done. We ask the saints' prayers. Your saved Sister, — Mrs. Floyd Knapp.

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Lansdale, Pa. —Dear Sister Pruitt: Glad to send greetings to you once again in Jesus' name. My prayer is that you may each one keep close to Jesus and that your hearts keep encouraged in the love and service of the dear Master. Surely He will reward you and give you many souls for your labors.

I appreciate the good articles and testimonies in the *Faith and Victory*. I just look forward to its coming.

The Word says, "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." I am thankful for a heart free from condemnation, a desire to obey Him and love for all saints. It is truly wonderful how the Lord through the operation of the Holy Spirit does change our vile hearts to love and serve the Lord.

We cannot watch and pray too much in these last and evil days when sin and deception is on every hand, and is trying to work in among the saints of God, too! There is a scripture, "For the *mystery* of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way." The Lord has made all provision for the soul that will be true.

Dear ones, let us be true. It won't be long and

it may be soon till Jesus comes. Please pray for me. With holy love, your Sister, — Julia Cramer.

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## Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

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

Sunday July 1, 1934

### HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- June 25 —Ahijah's Prophecy. 1 Kings 11: 29- 39.  
 June 26 —Rehoboam's Folly 1 Kings 12: 1- 15.  
 June 27 —Israel's Revolt. 1 Kings 12: 16- 24.  
 June 28 —Jeroboam's Idolatry. 1 Kings 12: 25- 33.  
 June 29 —Jeroboam's Deceit. 1 Kings 14: 1- 6.  
 June 30 —Rehoboam's Reign. 1 Kings 14: 1- 6.  
 July 1 — Devotional Reading. Proverbs 1: 20- 26

SUBJECT — The Divided Kingdom and Ahijah

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion* — 1 Kings 11: 29- 39

Verse 29. And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field:

30. And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces:

31. And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:

32. (But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:-

33. Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father.

34. Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes:

35. But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes.

36. And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.

37. And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.

38. And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.

39. And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.

Memory Verse—Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Prov. 16: 18.

Central Thought — The Divided Kingdom, on which the rent garment was a symbol.

Practical Truth — Disobedience to God's commands brought division to literal Israel, and it will bring division to spiritual Israel also.

#### Suggestions To Teachers

1st. Something about an unkind king. 2nd. Right and wrong choices—wrong choice leads to dethronement of kings. 3rd. How to prevent divisions.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

Solomon, king of Israel at this time, had so sinned against God that the prophet Ahijah told Jeroboam of God's intention to call another king to take the place of Solomon. Solomon's fall marked the beginning of the end of Hebrew monarchy. With piety and morality at such a low ebb, his wisdom, wealth, glory and power could not save his country from disaster. Jeroboam, "a mighty man of valor," took charge of Solomon's great buildings. Yet he started a stream of sin that polluted for centuries the current of Hebrew history. While he professed to do what was best for the people (for their convenience) He, Jeroboam, without apparent shock to the moral sense of his subjects made two golden calves and set them up in two religious centers, one at Bethel in the southern part of the kingdom far from Jerusalem. The other at Dan in the northern part of the kingdom, near the sources of the Jordan. Professing to let these calves simply represent "the mighty Jehovah of the Exodus," he established idolatry in Israel on a national scale, and in many places in Scripture he is mentioned, Jeroboam the son of Nebat "who did sin and who made Israel to sin." 1 Kings 14: 16. While Jeroboam reigned over Israel, Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned over Judah. Depravity in heart and life means disaster. The abused kingdom means the lost kingdom. The neglected talent must be taken away.

### Sunday, July 8, 1934

#### HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

July 2 —Asa Abandons Idolatry. 2nd Chron. 14: 1- 5.

July 3 —Asa Relies on God. 2 Chron. 15: 1 -12.

July 4 —Job Relies on God. Job 13: 1- 16.

July 5 —Hezekiah Relies on God. 2 Kings 18: 1- 8.

July 6 —Stephen Relies on God. Acts 7: 54- 60.

July 7 —Paul Relies on God. 2 Tim. 4: 1- 8.

July 8 —Devotional Reading. Psa. 27: 1- 5.

#### SUBJECT — Asa Relies on God.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion* — 2 Chron. 15: 1- 12.

Verse 1. And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded:

2. And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The Lord is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

3. Now for a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law.

4. But when they in their trouble did turn unto the Lord God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.

5. And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries.

6. And nation was destroyed of nation, and city or city: for God did vex them with all adversity.

7. Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.

8. And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the Lord, that was before the porch of the Lord.

9. And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manassen and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the Lord his God was with him.

10. So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

11. And they offered unto the Lord the same time, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.

12. And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and

with all their soul.

Memory Verse — The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. Heb. 13: 6.

Central Thought — The safety of reliance on God.

Practical Truth — Courage in reliance on God, as He never fails the one who places reliance on Him.

#### Suggestions To Teachers

1st. Why was King Asa called a good king?

2nd. The wisdom of the King in relying on God.

3rd. The necessity of courage in one's conviction. Even little ones just learning right from wrong needs courage to resist the wrong and do the right.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

The ungodly kings before Asa had allowed the country to decline morally and politically. Asa reigned at Jerusalem between the time 913 and 872 B. C. On the whole, his reign was righteous. It was marked by reform in religion and the upbuilding of the kingdom. While he recognized the *peace* was God-given, he prepared fortifications against attacks of rivals and foes. 1st. He built a number of fortified cities. 2nd. He collected and trained an army of valorous men from Juda and Benjamin, and in so doing was ready for national defense. When attacked by the General Zerah of Ethiopia with the largest army mentioned in Scripture, Asa and his men fought with fury, but it was God who smote the foe, and before Him the Ethiopians fell. What an example of courage!

Asa followed the foe for miles until they were completely routed, and returned in triumph with much booty. What an example of Gods' help for those who hear the Word of God and do it! Read 7th, 8th and 9th verses of our lesson. It requires a whole-hearted consecration to the known will of God, and success is on our side. Praise His name!

#### Sunday, July 15, 1934.

#### HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

July 9 —Elijah at Cherith. 1 Kings 17: 1- 7.

July 10 —Elijah at Zerephath. 1 Kings 17: 8- 16.

July 11 —Elijah on Mount Carmel. 1 Kings 18: 30- 40

July 12 —Elijah in the Wilderness. 1 Kings 19: 1- 8

July 13 —Moses on Mount Sinai. Exodus 34: 27- 35.

July 14 —Jesus in the Wilderness. Luke 4: 1- 13.

July 15 —Devotional Reading. Psa. 23: 1- 6

SUBJECT — God Cares For Elijah.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion*—1 Kings 17: 1- 7; 19: 1- 8.

17: 1. And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord

God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

2. And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,

3. Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

4. And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

5. So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

6. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

7. And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

19: 1. And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

2. Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to-morrow about this time.

3. And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

4. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

5. And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

6. And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

7. And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

8. And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

Memory Verse — Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Central Thought — God cares for those who put their trust in Him.

Practical Truth — Faith, soul-vision and the reality of the belief in the vision.

### Suggestions To Teachers

1st. How God cared for Elijah. How He cares for all who are obeying Him.

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

Elijah as God's servant executed the judgments of God. "There shall not be dew nor rain" by the authority of God. Guidance of God—"Hide thyself by the brook, drink of Cherith," and the ravens brought food.

God never runs out of resources. The poor widow and then the victory on Mt. Carmel. The threat of Jezebel, Elijah's discouragement, God's refusal to answer his prayer for death to release him. It is not good to give way to discouragement. Had God given Elijah his wish at this time, he would never have had his precious experience of going to heaven in a chariot of fire. God may have some precious experience for you in His grace. Dear discouraged soul, seek His will and not your own way.

Only as dear souls come to the end of self can God speak loud enough to be heard.

**Sunday, July 22, 1934.**

### HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- July 16 —Elijah Hears God's Voice. 1 Kings 19: 9- 15  
 July 17 —Noah Hears God's Voice. Genesis 6: 13- 22  
 July 18 —Abram Hear God's Voice. Gen. 12: 1- 9.  
 July 19 —Samuel Hears God's Voice. 1 Sam. 3: 1- 14  
 July 20 —Saul Hears God's Voice. Acts 9: 1- 9  
 July 21 —John Hears God's Voice. Rev. 1: 10- 20  
 July 22 — Devotional Reading. Psa. 57: 1- 11.

SUBJECT — Elijah Hears God's Voice.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion*—1 Kings 19: 9- 21

Verse 9. And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there: and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10. And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

11. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake:

12. And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

13. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he

wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

14. And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

15. And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

16. And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

17. And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

18. Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

19. So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was ploughing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

20. And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijan, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

21. And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

Memory Verse — Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth. 1 Samuel 3: 9.

Central Thought — Hearing God's voice.

Practical Truth — Not only an ear to hear God's voice, but a heart open to full obedience.

### Suggestions To Teachers

- 1st. Listening to God with a willingness to yield.  
 2nd. Learning how God speaks and how to hear and obey.

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

In the mountains of Sinai about 906 B. C. God revived Elijah's downcast spirit and pointed out for him the path of future service.

While Elijah was far from the domain of Ahab

and Jeebel, yet not from God's all-seeing eye. While this long journey was taken without the direction of God, yet God was present with the direct question, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" With the burdened, saddened and bruised heart, such as none ever before had through jealousy for Jehovah, Israel had turned to idols, digged down the sacred altars, ceased the worship of Jehovah and killed the prophets, so there was no voice to be raised for the right.

Elijah heard the still small voice after nature had spent its forces. He wrapped his mantle about his head and listened to God's instructions as to what to do. "Elijah learned that gentleness is a part of omnipotence and that toil is a relief from care." The Lord speaks in His Word, in His works, in His providences, through His servants, through conscience, and happy is the one who hears and heeds His speaking. God grant His humble ones the hearing ear, faithfully reporting all known messages, whether for weal or woe.

**Sunday July 29, 1934.**

#### HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- July 23 —Micaiah Speaks the Truth. 1 Kings 22: 1- 14  
 July 24 —Truthfulness Neglected. Jeremiah 9: 1- 9.  
 July 25 —Truthfulness Desired. Psalms 15: 1- 5  
 July 26 —Truthfulness Valuable. Ephesians 4: 14- 25  
 July 27 —Truthfulness Commanded. Exodus 23: 1- 9  
 July 28 —Truthfulness Rewarded. Zech. 8: 9- 17  
 July 29 —Devotional Reading. Psalms 119: 9- 16

SUBJECT — Micaiah Speaks The Truth

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion*—1 Kings 22: 1- 14.

Verse 1. And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.

2. And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.

3. And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we be still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?

4. And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramoth-gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

5. And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Inquire, I pray thee, at the word of the Lord today.

6. Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it unto the hand of the king.

7. And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord besides, that we might inquire of him?

8. And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the Lord: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

9. Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Hasten hither Micaiah the son of Imlah.

10. And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

11. And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith the Lord, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them.

12. And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the Lord shall deliver it into the king's hand.

13. And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good.

14. And Micaiah said, As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak.

Memory Verse — What the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak. 1 Kings 22: 14.

Central Thought — Truthfulness.

Practical Truth — Courage in bearing the message of truth.

#### Suggestions To Teachers

1st. Telling the truth. 2nd. Telling it under difficulties and telling it with courage.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

Truth must come from God. The word of God is truth. Truth must be sought. Truth may be made certain. Truth may be neglected or ignored. Truth may be compromised. Truth may be despised. Truth may be mis-represented. All of this was done in this lesson, but the prophet Micaiah spoke the truth accurately, fervently and faithfully. He spoke with courage. "That will I speak." Even so must every man or woman who has a message from God. Though the bread of affliction and water of affliction with imprisonment await you, success is assured through God to all who abide in the truth. Courage, brethren, do not falter!