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HE NOTES THE SPARROWS FALL

My life, my all, to God I resign;
My thoughts and ways no more are mine;
I do not fear to trust my all
With One who notes the sparrow's fall.

The winds and waves obey His will;
When He commands, they must be still;
All power is His upon this ball,
And yet He notes the sparrow's fall.

He metes out heaven with the span,
The waters measures with His hand;
He weighs the mountains great and small;
But ne'er forgets the sparrow's fall.

The sun and moon and stars that shine,
He keeps in place by power divine;
He is Jehovah, Lord of all,
And yet he notes the sparrow's fall.

They do not spin, the lilies fair,
Yet gorgeous are the robes they wear;
God clothes the lilies though so small,
Just as He notes the sparrow's fall.

Now, if he sees the sparrow's fall,
Controls all things, both great and small,
Will he forget me? Nevermore;
He'll guide and guard till life is o'er.

— Sel.

HE WILL SHARE HIS THRONE WITH ME

The thought almost overwhelms me. How can it be possible! I am a weak, mortal creature, and He is Almighty, eternal, "God over all." And yet He has said it, and He has pledged Himself to fulfill it. "He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with Me in My throne, as I also overcame, and sat

down with My Father in His throne."

There is only one explanation of this amazing yet glorious fact,—He loves me. This love led Him to leave His throne in heaven, and to come to this world as the Son of man to take my place, and as my representative to win back that throne which He promises to share with me. He has thus given a new meaning to love.

It was Satan's purpose to drag the whole human family down to the depths of eternal ruin through sin and the consequent separation from God. God pitied us and loved us, and gave His Son to rescue us. Christ pitied us and loved us, and in an infinite self-sacrifice made a way of escape for us. God in Christ reconciled the world unto Himself.

But Jesus Christ does more for me than merely to restore that which was lost through sin, although that would be sufficient to win my praise and adoration throughout the eternal ages. Let the simple facts possess our minds: In His pre-existent state, in the mystery of the Godhead, Jesus was one with the Father, and shared with Him in the dominion of the universe. He was infinitely above all created beings. When He came to seek and to save me, He humbled Himself to my low estate, and accepted for me the consequences of sin. As a mighty conqueror the man Christ Jesus returned to His exalted station in the heavenly courts, and Himself became the Way—my Way,—to the throne of glory. When I accept Him as my personal representative and Saviour, when I become one with Him in that union of life made possible through the gift of His own Spirit to me, although still here in this world of sin and suffering, I am yet an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ. I am in the Way whose end is the throne of glory, and when I go to be with Him where He is, I shall find Him on the throne.

"Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O, what a foretaste of glory divine!"

This is no hallucination. This is not the imagina-

tion of a fevered brain. This is sober reality. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but His words will not pass away. His righteousness is mine. His victory is mine. His throne is mine. He is mine, and I am His. His love has won my heart, and through His grace I shall be an overcomer and sit with Him in His throne. To Him be the glory forever.

Does not this move your heart? Do not search for your treasure in the quagmire of sin, and fail to lift your eyes to behold the crown offered you. I urge you to accept the crown of righteousness, and be prepared for the crown of glory. —Sel.

The Church--What Is "It"

My heart has been made to rejoice because of the recent report of the good Assembly meeting at Guthrie Oklahoma. God bless the dear brethren. Continue to stand together with the 'old time religion' Bible teaching which is against every schismatic spirit, compromise or fanatic, which is destructive to the unity of God's people.

We read many good articles on the trace of the Bible Church, hear many good sermons and testimonies about it, and yet that is not 'it'. Then what is 'it' and where is 'it'? Apostle Paul said Christ gave Himself for 'it' that He might sanctify and cleanse 'it'. Then Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men." Why? That the world may see 'it'. Ah, that is 'it'. Some Greeks said, "Sirs, we would see Jesus." Yes, the world is looking for 'it,' for the beautiful Bride of Christ. But some will say that is easy to explain, "We are 'it,' we are teaching and practising all the doctrine and customs of this Reformation." Is that 'it'? Jesus said, "Ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but *within* they are full of extortion and excess." Again we hear the cry of the weeping prophet (Lam. 2: 15), "All that pass by clap their hands at thee; they hiss and wag their heads at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, is this the city that men call The perfection of beauty, the joy of the whole earth?" O no, this isn't 'it'. "But beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, for God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love which ye have shewed toward His name in that ye have ministered to the saints, and we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end." Heb. 6: 9-11. This is 'it'. Again. "Then shall the King say unto

them on his right hand, Come ye blessed of my Father, 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, naked and ye clothed me, I was in prison and ye came unto me." Matt. 25: 34- 37. Verse 40, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." This is 'it'.

We hear much about "old time religion". We find it in the following texts, "A new commandment I give unto you, that *ye love one another*: by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another." Jno. 13: 34, 35. Proof that we love each other, "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." 1 Jno. 3: 16. Result of such love, "And all that believed were together, and had all things common." Read Acts 2: 41 to 47. This kind of love gives us "favor with the people." Verse 47. It even makes you "love your enemies and pray for them." This is 'it'. When the above conditions exist, souls will be added to the church, for when Zion travails she brings forth.

This Church we are trying to write about is the real kingdom of God. It is not something external alone; "it is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." These things accompanied by the Holy Ghost is what it takes to constitute the real kingdom of God, the Bride descending out of heaven from God (Rev. 21: 9, 10). Some people are like the preacher who said in his discourse that the Baptist people look through blue glasses and the Methodist look through green. Some one asked him what color glasses did he look through. "I do not look through any," he replied, "I look with the natural eye, brother." Yes, many people are looking from the *natural*, unregenerate condition of their heart. This kind is ready to "call fire down out of heaven" if you don't agree with them. They are like the man I worked for once. He said, "George, do you like bacon?" I said, "I certainly do." "So do I," he replied, "and I don't like anybody who doesn't like bacon." Why should not men see the Word of God alike? It is logical; it is reasonable. We should not take an extreme view of the Word of God, that which we cannot prove directly or indirectly. If we keep well balanced with zeal and knowledge, we will not have much trouble in understanding each other. Zeal without knowledge is fanaticism; knowledge without zeal will compromise. Both are destructive to unity. It is written, "The zeal of thine house hath

eaten me up." Psalms 69: 9.

All true blood-washed saints are 'long suffering, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace.' Does not "condemn a man for a word." Always willing to forgive, make reconciliation as far as possible; compromise with nothing detrimental to unity or our spiritual life. Fanatic in nothing, and condemns no one for a thing he has no light on. Many more things could be said concerning this spirit-filled Church. Yours in holy love,

— G. E. Harmon.

PRIDE

It is the state or quality of being proud, inordinate self-esteem, an unreasonable conceit of one's superiority which manifests itself in lofty airs often in contempt of others. If we would be used of the Lord and to His glory we must be little in our own sight. As long as Saul was little in his sight and obeyed the voice of the Lord, the Lord was pleased with him but when he did not obey the voice of the Lord he was rejected of the Lord. Read 1 Samuel 15th chapter and you will notice that Saul told Samuel that he had obeyed the voice of the Lord, but Samuel pointed out the very thing he had done.

We the children of God had better be careful to obey the voice of the Lord. "Obedience is better than sacrifice." If the enemy of our souls can succeed in planting the seed of pride in our hearts, it will manifest itself in different ways. The apostle Paul, one of the greatest preachers the world ever knew, said he was "less than the least of all saints." Eph. 3: 8. He realized his inability of doing anything without the help of the Lord. Pride will destroy our usefulness in the service of the Lord, and that sweet anointing from heaven that made our worship so beautiful will cease. We should not attire ourselves in any way that would hinder that meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price. 1 Peter 3: 4. Truly, this is an ornament that should adorn every child of God.

May the Lord bless this little message to the good of precious souls, is my prayer. — Mary E. Hood

THE CHURCH VISIBLE

The first New Testament Church was a visible body, the body of Christ, the church of the first-born, the bride of the Lamb, the Church of God, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.

They were with "one accord in one place," Acts 2: 1. "All filled with the Holy Spirit," verse 4. Emptied of self,

filled with Him. "Gladly received the Word." Were added by the Lord, and not by men. "Continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship." Great signs and wonders were done through this visible church. Acts 5: 12- 16. World sees, takes knowledge of this visible church, knows that they are connected with God the Father and His Son Jesus. Acts 4: 13.

In order for anything to be visible, it must be seen. Hence, a visible Church must be seen, felt; its influence must go out in the community. Webster tells us the word *visible* means: capable of being seen, perceptible, apparent. The word *apparent* means: open to view, clear or manifest to the understanding; plain, evident.

God's Church is composed of visible, peculiar people, different from the world. It is easy to tell them from the world. Titus 2: 14, "Who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." In John 15: 19 Jesus said His followers were not of the world. Paul tells us not to be conformed (in harmony or agreement with) to this world. 1 John 2: 15, "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." The Church must picture the life of Christ to the world in order to have the right to the name as given in the New Testament. The visible Church today must be identical with the first New Testament Church in word, doctrine and practice; must live the same Godly lives, holding up the true Bible standard to the world. Thank God, we have such a people in the world today, and they are just as visible as the Church was on the day of Pentecost.

Saints, we must watch and pray, for if we do not, we will fall away and be spued out of His mouth. The visible body of Christ must have harmony. 1 Cor. 1: 10. God's Church is not a carnal organization (chapter 3: 3, 4). Cold, dead formal bodies must repent and be tried as gold in the fire to be part of the visible Church. Rev. 3: 14- 19. Must not fellowship false brethren knowingly. Rev. 2: 14- 16, also 20. Some who call themselves saints dress and act just like the world. Some preachers, who say that they represent the Church of God, are worldly. I have seen preachers (women) in the pulpit with bobbed hair, and who called themselves saints. God speaks of these in Isa. 2: 2, 3, which refer to these last days or present time. Chapter 3: 5, "And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbor, the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient (old), and the base against the honourable." This day is here. Verse 16, "Moreover, the Lord saith, because the daughters of Zion are haughty," etc. Isaiah goes on to tell us of these daughters and how God looks at and condemns their worldliness in the verses between 16 and 26.

Dear saints, we must keep close to the Savior or we too will be led astray in these last days. But if we keep humble before Him He will lead us safely through. I praise Him for bringing me to the light of this great gospel truth as we have it today. Pray that I may keep in the strait and narrow way.

Your Brother in Him,

— H. P. Huskey.

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From age to age this voice shall cheer:—
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EDITORIALS

For several years we have been receiving word from different readers of *Faith and Victory* paper asking us to come East and visit them, to hold meetings in which people could hear the truth and be saved. At different times I have taken this matter to the Lord in prayer and have promised these dear ones that we would come whenever the Lord led. We have been having a clearness from God for some time that He would have us make a trip East this summer. Five of us in a car will make up the company—preachers, singers and workers—will be ready to hold revivals, cottage prayer-meeting, street meetings, jail meetings and labor in His vineyard in any way He directs, leads and opens up places for public services. There will be many of our readers on our route to whom we can only be able to pay a friendly and spiritual fellowship visit. Some have written already that they are preparing for us to have revivals in their cities. We expect to go through Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Maryland and Penn. and return by the way of Michigan through northern Illinois, Iowa and Mo. unless the Lord changes the route. We are very anxious to see as many of our readers and saints on this trip as possible. Those living any where near this route should write to us if you want us to call and see you, giving us directions how to find you and whether you want a meeting for a few nights or longer or just a visit to refresh our souls together in the Lord. We expect to take a lot of tracts and papers with us and make good use of our time in giving out and throwing out tracts and papers to all we can. Our whole company will be much in prayer for the lost and for the edifying of saints wherever we meet them. We are preparing to make this trip with faith in God for all necessary things for the journey and for the saving of many souls. We ask your prayers and co-operation. Our company will likely be ready to start by the first part of June if the Lord wills.

When God led the host of Hebrew children out of Egypt, it is recorded that there was not "one feeble person among them." Further on He told them, "I am the Lord thy God that healeth thee." Since that time we find that those who loved and followed the Lord sought Him for their healing. In 2 Chron. 16th chapter, we have record of King Asa who was diseased in his feet. The disease became exceeding great; he sought not the Lord but the physicians, and Asa died. We have no record of Job seeking physicians in his sickness, neither did he receive his friends' advise or reproof. He trusted God through it all and God heal-

ed his body and gave him back more property than he had before, also his daughters were the fairest in the land. David, filled with blessing and praise to our mighty God, said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all of His benefits! Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." Psalms 103: 2, 3. When Jesus ("God manifested in the flesh") came, He wrought mighty miracles and healed all manner of diseases. He is ascended up to heaven, and is our great High Priest and He bids us come to Him with boldness or with perfect confidence. God always has healed His people, and always will heal those that fully trust in Him. He heals many others to show His goodness and draw them to Him. The goodness of God leadeth men to repentance. After Jesus ascended. He sent the Comforter upon the apostles and they went about preaching the gospel of salvation from sin and healing sick bodies every where; great and mighty miracles were performed by them. Healing of the body was a prominent part of their work. Healing of the body goes along with the preaching of the true gospel of Christ now just as much so as it did in the early Church. We hear Paul exclaim in Hebrews the 13th chapter and 8th verse, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Dear reader, He is just the same to every trusting, believing faithful child. He is showing His healing power to those that look fully to Him in faith believing.

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It was no doubt because adultery was a very common sin that Jesus and also some of the apostles taught so strongly against it, giving no allowance for double marriages. It seems very easy for those who want to uphold double marriages or adultery in some form to twist the Scriptures just a little and thereby tolerate and uphold such. The Pharisees tried that on Jesus, saying that Moses gave a writing of divorcement. Jesus' answer was, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it WAS NOT SO." If God had intended for man to have more than one wife, He no doubt would have made Adam a dozen or so. John the Baptist lost his head because he told King Herod that it was not lawful for him to have his brother's wife.

From the reading of the Scriptures it seems that there were some professing to be in the early church who were in double marriage, for we find Paul writing in the 3rd chapter of 1st Timothy about the qualifications of both bishops and deacons, clearly stating

that they were not to have but one wife. He wanted to make sure that they would not select one of those professors or hangers-on to be a bishop or deacon. He said, "A bishop then must be blameless," which goes to show that they would not be blameless if they had more than one wife.

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We thank the Lord for the many new subscribers that have been coming in for the *Faith and Victory* paper. It encourages our hearts to know that God is making the contents of the paper such a blessing to so many. The clear, plain truth is what people need. One brother wrote and said that he was getting tired of sugar-coated preaching. All those who really love the truth will get tired of such. How can folks hear the truth unless they have a true preacher that preaches it? Believing and receiving the truth is what makes folks free. Practicing it is what keeps them free. Josephus, the Jewish historian, said that "Jesus was a man, if indeed he could be called a man." And he further said, "He was a teacher of those men who had a love for the truth." You cannot teach truth to men unless they have a love for it. There are only a few compared to the many that really have a love for the truth, and that is why not more people get saved. Paul spoke of some that perished because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved, and for that cause God would send them strong delusions that they should believe a lie. Some mistaken, deceived soul wrote two lines of poetry that explains the condition in heart of many souls who have delusions. It reads as follows:

"To good and evil equal bent,
I am both a devil and a saint."

It is not possible for a man to be a devil and a saint at the same time, yet the devil has many people believing this big lie and at the same time makes them believe that they are wise folks. Satan is a dirty, wicked liar and deceiver, and has many inflated, puffed up who are extremely hateful in the sight of God.

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We appreciate the good articles which our readers have been sending in lately. Some were in fairly good shape for publication, and others were poorly written without much punctuation, therefore, hard to get the clear meaning. Those sending in articles ought to write with *pen and ink* on only one side of sheet with a clear hand, or better still, have it typewritten. If it is hard to make out words in your writing, then we hesitate about printing it at all lest we supply the wrong words.

We have more manuscript on hands than we have space in the paper for same, and some of your articles will have to wait until we have space and the Lord directs in printing them. Many times it seems that those who are the most anxious about their articles being printed are the least appropriate for the Lord's use. Folks sending in articles should keep dead as to whether the Lord has them printed or not. When they leave your hands, commit them to God and let us be responsible to God whether they are printed or not. These are the only terms that we care to receive articles from anybody. We always look to God as to what would please Him in printing and sending forth. May God bless all whom He uses in writing.

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HAIL STORM DAMAGES PUBLISHING PLANT

Just before this paper went to press, a terrific hail, rain and wind storm struck Guthrie (March 23), doing over \$250,000 damage in this locality. It shattered nearly all the window panes and door glasses on the west side of the Lord's office building, and beat holes in the roof, permitting the rain to pour through and drenched the machinery, literature, etc. below. No doubt the Lord is trying to awaken a few souls by showing His wrath and displeasure on so much sinfulness. We are willing to suffer these things for the sake of those who might be awakened.

The Lord supplied some means since the storm, and we have replaced a small portion of the roof. The remainder will be repaired, and window and door panes will be replaced as the Lord provides means. A rain at present would result in further damage. However, the Lord knows best and so we just shift our burden on Him. Please continue to pray for us and the printing work.

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NOTICE TO THE SAINTS

—Publish a Book on Recent Instances of Divine Healing—

We are in receipt of a letter from Sister Ersa Carrick of Webb City, Mo. who is much interested in getting a book printed containing testimonies of Divine healing and miracles which the Lord has wrought in behalf of His trusting obedient children—testimonies of recent date, say the last ten years or not longer back than twenty five years. It seems to me that a book of this kind would bring much glory and honor to God and would be a wonderful way of getting the gospel of Divine healing to a great many people.

A portion of Sister Carrick's letter reads as follows: "I have been so impressed to write to you that I could not sleep. Saints, the Lord has impressed me

with the need of a book on "Remarkable Answers to Prayer". Not testimonies from folks years and years ago, but some of the miracles the Lord has performed in the last ten, fifteen or perhaps 25 years. If you have felt this need and would put it before the saints through the *Faith and Victory paper*, I believe you would find many willing helpers. It comes to me that it would rejoice our hearts and also the hearts of our children to read thirty or forty years from now the truth of God's blessings in healing our bodies and to recall memories of some that will have gone on to their reward." I believe that the saints will agree with Sister Carrick that this would be a good way for all of us to glorify God and leave our testimonies of God healing our bodies and otherwise working miracles in behalf of those that fully trust Him.

Our plan about the book would be for each saint who has a good testimony to write it up *briefly* and to the point without unnecessary details. Have your testimonies *typewritten* if possible. If not, then write it *very plainly with pen and ink* (not pencil). Be certain that words and punctuations are distinct, so that there will be no mistake as to the meaning of sentences. If more manuscript is received than we can get in the book, the best will be selected. With your clearly written testimony, enclose an offering to help meet the expenses of printing the book. If the book would contain 150 pages, a thousand books could be printed at the rate of fifteen cents each. Those sending in \$1.05 would receive seven books when finished; those sending \$2.10 would receive 14 books. Postage extra when they are ready to ship. They could give these books out to friends, or loan them out to neighbors and friends to read, and in this way spread the gospel of Divine healing. If the saints everywhere will stir themselves and get busy immediately, we can get this book printed before going out into evangelistic work this summer. Every one who sends in means will be sent a receipt for amount sent, and if the book should not be printed the money will be returned to you. Write up your testimony, send it to this Office accompanied with one or five dollars and we can soon get started on the book. We will write up a series of Scriptural truth on Divine healing, and otherwise fix up the book so it will be wholesome reading for the public. We are much interested in getting this book out and shall be earnestly praying with that end in view. Ask the Lord what He will have you do in this matter. Even if you do not have a testimony to go in the book, you may have some of the Lord's money to help along with the printing. God's people are

just one big family and we are all workers together with Him. God's business is of more importance than any other kind of business.

—NOTICE—

A meeting on the order of a camp meeting will begin at Okeene, Okla. May 17 and continue 10 days. Every one is invited to come. This meeting is not to be in town, but 7 miles east and $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles south of Okeene. For further information, write Velma S. Smith, R. 1. B. 83, Okeene, Okla.

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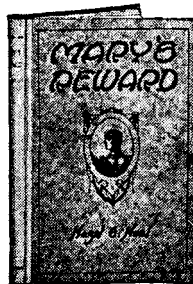
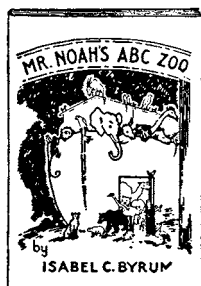
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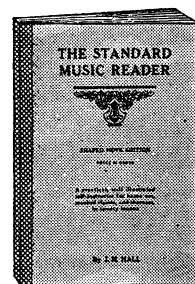
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HEALED OF HEART AND STOMACH TROUBLE

(The following letter or testimony was written to Sister Dan Eck of Meno, Oklahoma who is now healed of the asthma.)

Madisonville, Ohio. —Dear Sister, in Jesus' dear name I send you greetings: I read in the **Faith and Victory** paper concerning your sickness, so I felt impressed to write to you. I am a young woman 22 years old. Just last summer the Lord wonderfully saved my soul and healed my body. When I say He healed me, I trusted in Him alone. The doctors said I had a bad case of heart trouble, and they thought I would take T. B. also. Furthermore, the doctors said I had to have a major operation for stomach trouble. My stomach was terribly swollen. They said my ovaries and pulse tubes were in bad shape. The doctors had a lot of medicine for me to take; some to make me sleep, etc. and some to build me up because I was very nervous. Of all these troubles I think my heart bothered me the most. My heart would get so weak at times that I could hardly sleep, sometimes I could hardly breathe. It seemed like something would cut my breath off. I came to the realization that the doctors couldn't do anything for me and were only experimenting. I gathered up the medicine and told my mother to throw it all away, and if God didn't heal me I would die before I would take any more medicine. So without the medicine to put me to sleep, I lay awake night after night. I could not sleep in the day time either. My stomach was so swollen that I could not stand up straight, but I had decided to trust God. The devil certainly tried my faith, but I trusted doubting nothing. I knew all was possible with God, and after I yielded myself to His will to let Him have His way, and got willing to die, if that was His will, then He touched this 'old frame' and I became well.

He is still willing and ready to help all that come to Him if they will just let Him have His way. We must have patience and wait on Him, for He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Before I got completely healed, the Lord put it in my heart to straighten up my life, to make restitutions, to confess my faults, and if I had stolen anything, to return it. When God sees we believe His Word and take action, He will surely bless us. To believe His Word, we must obey. We are justified by

faith in God, and to have faith is to believe every thing in His Word, not only one thing, but every thing. Then after you have done everything, then plead His promise, and I declare unto you that if you seek you will find, if you knock He will open. He will not withhold any good thing from them that obey Him. Your Sister in Christ Jesus,

— Julia Mae Washington.

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Jefferson, Ore. —Dear Saints: I made mention in my last letter of going to visit my father. We left Fredricktown, drove out to wife's brother's home, spent the night, and the next day we drove to a brother's home by the name of Rea, a humble saint of God, and remained with him over night. He took our bereavement at heart and began weeping, (Rom. 12: 15), saying, "Brother, I cannot bear to see those children go without care, so you just bring them to my home and we will care for them, and it shall cost you nothing but to feed and clothe them. We have cows and get plenty of milk and butter, and that shall be free." So you see the Lord was preparing a way for my little motherless children; thank God.

We went to Grandma's, stayed a few days, then went back to this brother's home. A church being there, it seemed pleasing to the Lord that I be their pastor. The Lord raised up mothers for my little ones, and also blessed in church work. Beloved, I want to say right here that what the Lord does is done well. Though sometimes we can not see why things come as they do, yet if we will be still as He takes us through the crucible, He will bring us out as gold tried in the fire. O I love Him so! Every trial I have met has been a benediction to my soul, though sometimes when the chastening rod was laid upon me, it did not seem joyous but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yielded the peaceable fruit of righteousness. Heb. 12: 11; 1 Peter 4: 12, 13; 1: 6, 7.

The dear saints did all they could for me and my little ones, but there was a vacancy they could not fill. As time went on I began to have a strong desire for real companionship and motherhood, but I did not know there was another woman in this world that could take her place. One day as I was working with my hands, a deep desire came upon me to have her come back to me again, so I went down upon my knees before God and asked Him to restore my wife to me and my dear children, but the Lord made clear to me I was selfish. Why should I want that done? Beyond a doubt she is in Glory, but if she should come back to this old sinful world and meet with the trials of life, become discouraged, backslide, die, and go to eternal destruction, what would be the gain? I said, no, Lord; keep her to thine own dear self, for thou art God and will do all things well.

Will close, and tell how the Lord heard and answered prayer in my next letter. (To be continued) —H. W. White.

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Natchitoches, La. —Faithful ones in Christ Jesus: This is to let you know that the Lord has wonderfully healed the boy for whom I requested prayer. He is up and about. Praise His wonderful name! Faith without works is dead; this is the faith that works.

Pray much for me that I may not grow weary in this warfare. Yours in Him, —Sidonia Benjamin.

« Young People's Section »

LIFE'S TEMPEST

Though storms may blow from northern skies,
And drifts of snow blockade your way;
With patience in your heart, dear soul,
Old father time brings on spring day.

When life's commotion seems too fierce,
You feel you can no longer hold—
By faith partake the blessed hope,
“Lo, I am with you,” we are told.

— P. R. Anton.

EDITORIAL NOTES

On the morning of Jesus' resurrection, certain women went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away and the tomb was empty. Jesus had risen and departed. As they were wondering, two angels appeared and said, “He is not here, but is risen.” The angels asked the question, “Why seek ye the living among the dead?” Luke 24: 5. Thank the Lord, we are disciples of the *living Christ* who triumphed over death. Death, to the child of God, is only an entrance from the school of time into that unbounded eternal life. Eternity begins with us at death.

The women returned to the disciples and told what they had seen and heard, but the Scripture says, “Their words seemed to them as *idle tales*, and they believed them not.” Luke 24: 11. They would not believe the words of the women. To them it seemed that it was impossible for Jesus to be resurrected, and they were sad. Jesus said of them that they were “slow of heart to believe all that the prophets had spoken.” To many the gospel is an “idle tale” and they believe it not. The gospel is wonderful, yet it is not too good to be true. Its effect is a blessed reality to those who believe.

Unbelief is the most common sin. Total unbelievers are atheists and infidels, then those who profess to believe and do not, are classed as hypocrites. Jesus often reproved His disciples for their unbelief and very often encouraged them to have faith in God. At one time they asked the Lord to increase their faith. A person may have enough faith to get saved, yet they need a growth or increase of faith to take in the Lord's many other spiritual and temporal blessings.

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Jesus says, “I am the good Shepherd, the good Shepherd giveth His life for His sheep.” St. John 10: 11.

It is very inspiring to think of the many different ways God's people are referred to in the Scriptures; as the branches of the true Vine, as the members of the body of Christ, as the family of God, as God's building, but one of the most beautiful pictures in my mind is that God's people are referred to as His sheep.

David had the experience of keeping his father's sheep in the days of his youth, and thereby learned how helpless the sheep are without a shepherd, how they must be protected by day, watched over by night; in the heat of the day must be led beside the still waters where they can find rest in the shade of the trees that grow near by. They must be conducted to the best pasture by the best path. The shepherd lives for them and among them constantly, therefore learns to know them very intimately.

From this David learned how the Lord could be considered the Good Shepherd, therefore he said in Psalms 23, “The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside the still waters; He restoreth my soul, He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.”

How encouraging! We know when we roamed in sin, without Divine leadings, our soul had no rest; we longed for satisfaction and blessed quietness, but found it not until we became willing to come to the Lord and ask for His help. Now we are led in the paths of righteousness, enjoy God's choicest blessings, are fed on heavenly manna, as the pure spiritual food that will nourish us to growth, and we have that peace that surpasseth all understanding because “the Lord is our Shepherd.”

History tells us one of the most beautiful and familiar sights of the East is the shepherd leading his sheep to pasture. He depends upon them to follow him, and they in turn expect him never to leave them. He calls to them from time to time to let them know he is at hand, so it is with Jesus our Shepherd. From day to day He speaks to us through the Holy Spirit to let us know He is near.

Isaiah prophesied of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. “Behold, the Lord God will come with a strong hand; He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; He shall gather the lambs in His bosom, and shall gently lead those with young.” Isa. 40: 10- 11. Shepherds of the East wrapped themselves in a large cloak of sheepskin, and in it was an inner pouch in the breast large enough to carry a newborn lamb that had to be helped over rough places, and from hence came the illustration.

The sheep is an animal that has no thought of defending itself. Christ was brought as a Lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before his shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth. Isa. 53: 7. The apostle Paul in Heb. 13: 20 declares Christ to be “that Great Shepherd

of the sheep." "We were as sheep going astray, but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls." 1 Peter 2: 25.

How safe to follow that great and good Shepherd that is ever near. The sheep fare best that stay nearest the shepherd. "The One that watches o'er us never falls asleep." If we follow Him and obey His voice, we need not fear the dangers around us. Though through the valley we may go, at last He will lead us into the great Fold beyond this life.

May we be as obedient sheep, tender, mild and follow where He leads. — Ruth McNeely.

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Greenfield, Mo. —Dear saints of God scattered abroad: I feel tonight that Jesus would have me write my testimony to you through the **Faith and Victory**.

I am so thankful to God for his love and mercy and for the many wonderful things He has done for me. I especially praise Him for salvation, and I am determined by God's help and grace to make heaven my home at any cost.

On Saturday night, August 2, 1931 at Neosho, Mo. campmeeting twenty souls were saved. I was among the number. I lived for God over a year, then I became careless and was soon away from God. Two or three other times I started to live for Jesus, but was unwilling to do all that He wanted me to do. Therefore, I failed for almost two years. I kept drifting farther and farther away from the Lord. I would go to meeting and have opportunities to get saved, but would not.

On Friday, February 15, 1935 I became very sick. I suffered so much. I wanted father to call Bro. and Sister R. M. Porter from Springfield, Mo. to come and pray for me. Mother kept trying to get me to pray, but I told her I didn't want to after I had waited like I had, but when Bro. Porters' arrived they began to talk with me, and Bro. Porter said, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." They prayed, and also sang the song which says, "Oh let me bear thy cross, dear Lord, I cried, and lo! a cross for me appeared, the one forgotten I had cast aside; it was the cross that I had feared." I began to pray and ask God to let me bear "the cross" and lo, a cross for me appeared. And dear ones, I am determined to carry the cross until the crown appears. The Lord also wonderfully touched my body. I want to do all I can for Jesus and lost souls. So many are so carelessly traveling down the broad way to destruction.

Dear young saints, let us earnestly ask God to show us what He wants us to do, then obey Him. Youth is the best part of our life to yield to God's service. "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" We need not fear what the world thinks of us or says about us, for God will be with us. Trials and temptations will come against us, but we must "rebuke the devil" and he will flee from us. Draw nigh unto God and He will draw nigh unto us. Let us pray much and live close to God.

Sinner friends, why do you linger, wandering from the fold of God? Why not come and seek Jesus as your

personal Saviour. "He wills not the death of any, but that all should come to repentance." So don't neglect your soul, it is of more value and importance than any thing else in this world. Heaven is cheap at any cost and you can't afford to lose your soul just for a little worldly pleasure. So for the sake of your soul and the good you might do, seek Jesus now while He may be found!

I desire the prayers of the saints that I'll be all God wants me to be. Yours in God's service,

— Ruby Fern Wilson.

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Owasso, Okla. —Dear young saints scattered abroad, greetings to all in Jesus' dear name: Today finds me still saved and satisfied in Jesus. I am not tired of this way. I embraced the truth when I was sixteen years of age and I am now twenty. Truly, I thank the Lord for His keeping power and healing power. The Lord has wonderfully healed me many times. He healed me last winter (1934) when I was near death's door. Praise the good Lord.

Pray for my unsaved brothers. I am so anxious to see the dear saints. Your sister, —Miss Jessella Hardman

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Bristow, Okla. —Dear young saints scattered abroad: I thank God for salvation today. I am encouraged to press the battle to the Gate.

It is very dangerous to reject the light of God. The convicting Spirit might withdraw from the one who does. I have backslidden twice. The last time it seemed I almost waited too long to get saved. I drove the Spirit away several times as the Word was preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. On the night the Lord saved me I was convicted very deeply. I tried to get free without getting saved. The Lord told me he had set before me good and evil, and I should choose that night. My load was heavy, but I was undecided what to do. Praise God, by the prayers of the saints, I chose life. My old life was forsaken, and God did the rest. I promised God that if He would forgive my sins, I would live for Him the rest of my days, then God gave me the victory. I had one of two things to do: accept Christ and live, or reject Him and die. Thank God for the choice I made. Saints, pray for me that I will be found faithful at all times. Your saved Bro., —W. E. Bramlett.

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Enid, Okla. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I just received my latest edition of the **Faith and Victory** paper. You dear folks don't realize how much it helps me to improve the time, as my husband is working most of the day and part of the night. It seems like the different items I read bring encouragement and a peace that we only find in God.

I was wondering if you could spare some of your sample tracts. I will pass them on to my friends. I would certainly appreciate them. — Mrs. Gus Eberhardt.

CORRESPONDENCE

Meno, Okla. —Dear Saints of God, greetings in the name of the Lord: Most of you know that some time ago the saints were requested to fast and pray that the Lord would heal me of the asthma that I have had for many years. The Lord has answered prayer, and the affliction has disappeared. I can rest now at night, and work all day long. Praise God for the victory! I thank the Lord and all who prayed for me. Am encouraged to press on to Glory. Yours, saved and healed, — Sister Dan Eck.

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Hoffman, Okla. —To the dear saints that are scattered abroad, greetings to all with much holy love: Today finds me fully saved and encouraged to live for our Savior.

There is just a few of us here at Hoffman, but we mean to do what we can for the Lord. They are always at their post of duty ready to work for the Master. We desire your prayers. May the Lord bless all of you. Your Bro. in the one way, — P. M. Martin.

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Ind. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The greatest message ever heard—Jesus gave His life for us! His blood has never lost its power. Jesus saves, I know He saves!

I am sending you a list of ten names for Faith and Victory paper to be sent to them. I cannot tell you the good it has done me to send your blessed paper to other people, and we hope it does them more good than it does us. I am very thankful that some one sent your paper to me. I like to send it on to others. Praise the Lord.

Last fall in September (I think it was) I sent in a list of names and some money to be used for tracts. The next week I took the flu and was very sick, wasn't able to be up only just a little at a time. One day I seemed to be much weaker and worse in every way. Our mail man passed about 9:30 a. m. One of my boys went out and brought in the mail, and there was a package of tracts from Faith Pub. House. I laid them on a chair by my bed and commenced to read, and soon I read a certain one, and read it again and again. It was about the Blood of our Savior. As I read it the third time, the good Lord touched my afflicted body. Praise His name! I got up and walked the floor and praised the Lord. Went to work the next day and have not been down since. There is still power in the Blood! He is the same, yesterday, today and forever.

Your Brother, — F. E. Woodring.

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Garrett, Ind. —Dear Brother Pruitt and family: This evening I will write you a few lines and let you know we got home all right. I am very glad we came to the meeting and got to meet and be with the saints. I only wish we could meet with them real often. It does a person's soul so much good. It will be a wonderful meeting when all the saints gather around the throne in heaven and see the Lord. I want to get to more meetings if it is the Lord's will.

We received the Faith and Victory paper about last Monday. As long as a person is in the world, they will have temptations to overcome. The Lord said He over-

came the world and I know He will help us if we live close to Him. Brother Pruitt, I want you and the saints there to pray for us that we will live pleasing unto the Lord. I hope it is the Lord's will that you get up here this summer. When you write, please send me a few tracts.

Your Brother in Christ, — Scott Baker.

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San Francisco, Calif. —Dear Brother in Christ: I found two of your tracts in a park one block from my house. The titles are: **A Strange Dream** and **Angel Visit**. Please send me 10 cents worth of each and some samples of your other tracts. My wife and I distribute them for the glory of God. I was healed of a rupture 21 months ago by the Lord.

Thanking you in advance, we remain your brother and sister in Christ, — Mr. and Mrs. Al Fleck.

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Neosho, Mo. —Dear Bro. Pruitt and family and all the dear saints: The Lord has laid it on my heart in the still hours of the night a few nights ago to write a few lines of encouragement to those who need it. I feel the need so much of the children of God having a closer walk with God. The Lord has shed his precious blood and suffered so greatly that we might have more abundant life. He is so precious to those who draw near to Him and have all their affections centered on things above. Praise His name. I fear if we fail to give Him our very best and draw so near that we can get the sweetness of heaven in our souls, we will fail to see inside that glorious City. Glory to God who causes us to triumph in Him!

After so many years of up-and-down life, our blessed Redeemer has established unworthy me, and the Holy Spirit taught me the very lessons I needed to know to keep me in His love. It is more than I can express---the joy, peace and glory that fills my soul continually beyond my expectation after so long failing, but I thank God I never gave up trying. This kind of life is worth living if only we had hope in this life. We are well paid for enduring temptations and resisting the devil.

Dear saints, my prayer is that we all will give our very best to God, live under the drippings of the sanctuary of the precious blessings and have the approval of the Lord on our souls so we can welcome His appearing. Glory to His name! — J. W. Sell.

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Andover, Ohio. —Dear sir: Herewith is a record of a vision that happened at Williamsfield, Ohio about the year of 1890. This is a true story as told by a little girl about twelve years old--my mother's half-sister's daughter.

The Vision

My little cousin, Allie Bacon, started out to go to district school one morning in the year and month of May 1890. She was walking all alone on the public road when she noticed some one by her side. She turned her head and saw that it was an angel about five feet tall all clothed in white and wore a crown. As they walked, he spoke to her and told her that if her parents did not turn and serve the Lord, her little sister of four years would be taken from them within two years. The angel told her to pray and be a good girl and to pray for her father and

mother. When she came near the school yard, the angel bid her goodbye, then vanished from her sight. This little girl was so impressed by the vision that she could not study her lessons or recite them in class all that day. When she returned home she told her parents of the vision. They thought it was only her imagination. But within two years her little sister, Lula Bacon, died according to the word of the angel in the vision.

The little girl, now in middle age, is married and lives in California at the present time. — George Colby.

Magnolia, Miss. —Dear Brothers and Sisters: Several years ago I sent for some tracts from you. After receiving them I have continued to read them together with the Bible and now I am a devoted Christian. I cannot thank you enough for your kindness. May your publishing house continue to thrive and lead many lost sinners to travel the narrow path.

Your Sister, — Gladys Bates.

Texas —I want to thank you for the *Faith and Victory* paper and may God bless the printing work. By His grace and helping hand I want to do all I can.

I got your address from a *Faith and Victory* paper that was four or five years old. A friend gave it to me and God led me to write for the paper and some tracts. — Mrs. Marshall Brown.

Okeene, Okla. —To all the dear saints scattered abroad, greetings: Truly I have tasted of that love which comes down from above, from the Father of lights with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Jas. 1: 17. Yea, it is that wisdom from above, of which James tells us in the Word, that is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Jas. 3: 17. That love from above is marvelous love, unlike earthly love at its best. It is pure and holy and delights itself in the things of God. It is a walk of love, and walks in love with all who are in the body of His dear Son, also walks with love toward all who are as yet without the body of Christ. The Divine purpose and ultimate aim of this love is to win the world to Christ, and I am praising the dear Lord this morning for a heart tuned by the Infinite One, and my prayer is that it may vibrate more and more with pity and compassionate love for a lost and dying world!

Your Sister in the one body, — Ethel K. Miles

Lamont, Nebr. —Dear Brother and Sister in Jesus: Praise His name! I feel it my duty to the heavenly Father that I should write this testimony for the sake of turning some other soul to Jesus. I can say that the Father above is a true living God that gives us strength each day for our body. The love of the Father in our hearts is more to us than all the money in the world. There is nothing the world can give that satisfies the heart like Jesus. Praise His name! Jesus precious blood can wash our sins away and also has the power to keep us from sin. I am only started in this life with God but I am pushing on as God leads me and am willing to be a worker for

Him.

I only pray that this may help some other soul to the right pathway of life. I have just began this newness of life, but I am willing to follow the Lord Jesus every day. Pray for me. As ever a child to the Father above,

— Mrs. Ella Tucker.

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Hubbard, Ore. —Dear Bro. Pruitt: I feel it my duty to testify for Jesus for what He has done for us this winter. My mother had two ruptures which had been bothering her for some time before Christmas. On Tuesday morning I prayed a silent prayer and received an answer. It seemed like God just spoke to me and said, "Thy faith has made her whole." But the folks didn't believe much in Divine healing, so they got a doctor for her and gave her medicine. On Wednesday I got a Church of God preacher to pray for her. The folks kept on giving her medicine. Wednesday night I prayed through and got another answer from God, "She is healed." Thursday night they all thought she wouldn't live until morning. I prayed again and God said, "She is healed." I saw a man kneeling at the foot of my bed and saw two bright lights. Friday I went down to my sister's, and while there I wondered how mother was, and God spoke to me and said, "She is made whole," and when I got home her fever had all left her and she is up now, and doing part of the house work. I think the medicine was hindering her immediate healing. God would have healed her much quicker if they wouldn't have given any medicine, for God's Word does not say to call for a doctor and give medicine, but He does say to call for the elders of the Church and have them anoint the sick with oil and pray for them and they shall recover. Your Bro. in Christ, — Ray H. Freeman.

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Webb City, Mo. —To the *Faith and Victory* readers: My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I want to send my thanks for donations and kind letters of encouragement.

This leaves me improving in body. I am still very weak, but the dear Lord is helping me through your prayers. I still desire to be remembered in prayer that God will remove this growth so I can be up and about again, also that I may be able to eat food that will build up my body. Don't seem to gain much strength from strained juices.

I am not able to answer all the kind letters I received, but they were all a source of joy to my soul. I remain yours for the Gospel, — Wm. Barton, 400 S. Tom.

An Exhortation

Every reader of the *Faith and Victory* who has taken the name of a Christian or saint will find a wonderful message in the words of our Saviour recorded in Matt. 10: 16. If you are a true Christian, you will find gentle advice and instruction in the way of the Lord. For the Spirit of Christ is revealed in this verse and some other scriptures in connection with it. But if you are a false one you will find a command that you cannot keep. Also you will find yourself

described as a wolf. The text reads: "Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves. Be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves." And truly the dear Lord does send us all out that He saves to do something and this advice is to all, as well as to us who are called to the ministry. We are the sheep of His pasture (Christ's) and as such must show the gentle spirit of our Master who said to be wise and harmless.

We must realize that the people to whom He sends us are the creation of our God, entitled to the same advantages that we enjoy, but they are taken captive and are held by the cords of their sins as we were. Prov. 11: 30: "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life and he that winneth souls is wise." What is it that wins souls to Christ? Is it not His love? It was the goodness of God and the love and mercy of Christ that won my heart. And it must be these attributes of God in us that wins souls if they are won to God. Psalms 127: 1; 2 Tim. 2: 6.

Then it is not mockery or scorning or condemning the people that will win them to Christ, for they are condemned already. We need to show them by the word and spirit of God their lost condition and the error of their ways. "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be instructed, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." James 3:17-18.

If these fruits are in our lives, I believe we can win souls for Him. Oh that I might do more for Him who has done so much for me. — Ray Key.

Different Kinds Of Devils

We read in the precious Word of God of how Christ's disciples once failed in an attempt to cast out a devil; yet the Master Himself did cast him out. And when they had privately interrogated Him concerning the reason of their failure, He told them that it was a lack of faith. He also instructed them that they had met a devil this time much unlike the others they were daily meeting. "This kind," said He, "can come forth by nothing but by prayer and fasting." (Matt. 17: 18-21; Mark 9: 29.) He also taught that it took only a very small amount of faith to cause nature to obey us; insomuch that even the mountains and trees would obey us and be removed and cast into the sea (Matt. 17: 20).

We read also in the precious Word, "These signs shall follow them that believe: in my name shall they

cast out devils." (Mark 16: 17).

By carefully and prayerfully studying God's Word, we learn that the devil is an adversary, deceiver, father of lies, murderer from the beginning, prince and God of this world; compared to a dragon, a sower of tares, and a roaring lion. He talked with God, tempted even the Son of God, and yet today he is suffered to hinder the gospel by working wonders.

At the coming of Christ there seemed to be a few who were fully devil-possessed, soul and body. Today there are many, many souls in the same sad condition and don't know it. They are to be pitied. There is no condition on earth can be any worse, in my estimation, than to be devil-possessed.

Beware of his snare
And keep watchful unto prayer,
Lest you may fall a prey
In his hands to kill and slay.

He is not only one, but many devils called by different names. He is called, Satan, Apollyon, Abaddon, that old Dragon, and the Devil. His limited power is to administer sickness, sorrow, pain and even death, whose reign was from Adam to Christ our Lord and Saviour; the Son of God who was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3: 8) "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6: 23). We read also in the Word: "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning." (John 3: 8). Satan is raising an awful smoke today and he wrathfully opposes the oneness of God's people.

Friends, preach, teach, live and testify the unity of the one faith in the face of the enemy, and fear no evil: for we read, "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried: and ye shall have tribulation ten days. Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." O, what a glorious promise! Friends, have faith in God: for faith is the victory that overcomes the world. Pretense, pride, and prejudice or the world, flesh and the devil are of the kind that cannot be conquered only by fasting and prayer. Friends, let us fast more and pray as never before.

Be an overcomer wherever you go;
You are strong enough if you think it so:
Root up and cast out and wake up the dead,
"Till all that would hinder must help us instead.

— G. W. McMillan

PRAYER REQUEST

I request earnest prayer for the complete healing of Sister L. L. Humphrey of heart trouble. Two months or more ago she fell and dislocated her right shoulder. Since then her heart has given her trouble and we desire her healing.
— A Sister.

Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

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SUNDAY, April 7, 1935.

Home Study For The Week

- April 1—The Heavenly Father. John 14: 8- 24.
 April 2—The Chastening Father. Hebrews 12: 5- 11.
 April 3—The Forgiving Father. Psalms 103: 1- 13.
 April 4—The Omnipotent Father. Isaiah 40: 27- 31.
 April 5—The Providing Father. Matthew 6: 24- 34.
 April 6—The Regenerating Father. John 3: 1- 6.
 April 7—Devotional Reading. John 4: 20- 26.

SUBJECT—The Heavenly Father

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—John 14: 8- 24.

14: 8. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

10. Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12. 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; because I go unto my Father.

13. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

15. If ye love me, keep my commandments.

16. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17. Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

19. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

20. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

21. He that hath my commandment, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

22. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

23. Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Memory Verse—Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. Psalms 103: 13.

Central Thought—The Fatherhood of God.

Practical Truth—Helplessness of children without the great Father's care.

Suggestion To Teachers

Why we call God, Father. What makes it possible for us, young and old, to call God our Father.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

All through the Scriptures we are reminded of the heavenly Father's existence. David, in Psa. 103: 13 reminds us of His pitying father heart. Isaiah 40: 27- 31 brings to mind Father's unfailing goodness in giving to the faint and helpless. Matthew 6: 24- 34 Jesus showed the apostles why our heavenly Father commands and cares. John v: 3- 6 shows how Jesus taught the birth from above if ever we live above. He taught Nicodemus, with all others who come after Him. Jesus again in John 8: 40- 47 tells the Pharisees (who claimed Abraham as their Father) that they could be children of the devil. Read it, dear people, and find why that is so. Jesus again on the night of His betrayal speaks to the twelve in John 14: 8- 24, or the words of our lesson, the precious oneness of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. O the precious Three in One. Romans 8: 14. Herein Paul reminds us of our heirship, equal heir with Jesus. O precious heirs of God! Then again Paul in Hebrews 12: 5- 11 exhorts the children to not despise the Father's correction. Read all the scriptures, dear Bible students, and ask the dear Holy Spirit to make the heavenly Father more real to you as a Father than ever before. Remember always it is by faith in Christ Jesus we see parenthood of the heavenly Father. There is so much in this precious subject, the Heavenly Father, I fear I will be lengthy. Prayer through Christ brings power. Believe occurs so many times in John's gospel spoken by Jesus. He still longs for the salvation of souls and we are saved to serve. Now, as in the apostles' time, Reliance on Christ brings the fulfillment of Father's promises. Love for Christ makes us able to enjoy the presence of the Father. O the precious abiding with the Father! Thank God, this fellowship is possible here and now, but foretastes becomes fullness when we cross the Divide, the valley of the shadow of death.

SUNDAY, April 14, 1935.

Home Study For The Week

- April 8—The Saving Christ. John 3: 14- 21.
 April 9—The Justifying Christ. Romans 5: 6- 10.
 April 10—The Humble Christ. Phill. 2: 5- 11.
 April 11—The Inspiring Christ. 2 Tim. 1: 6- 14.
 April 12—The Healing Christ. Acts 3: 1- 10.
 April 13—The Seeking Christ. Luke 15: 1- 7.
 April 14—Devotional Christ. Isaiah 53: 1- 9.

SUBJECT—Christ the Saviour.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion--John 3: 14-17; Rom. 5: 6-10; Phil. 2: 5-11.

John 3: 14. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15. That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

16. For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Rom. 5: 6. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

8. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

10. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Phil. 2: 5. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11. And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Memory Verse--For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3: 16

Central Thought--The Son of God.

Practical Truth--Oh the precious sacrificial offering of Jesus is ours by faith. Father's gift to a dying world!

Suggestion To Teachers

The best gift of God. Why Jesus came. How Christ saves, and the real meaning of salvation.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

We have the announcement of the birth of Christ the Lord who is the Savior, in Luke 2: 11 and in Luke 2: 30-32 we have the recognition of the salvation of God in the presentation of the infant Christ in the Temple. Then again the picture Jesus gives in the parable of the 'Lost Sheep' of His saving work. Reference was made to His life being laid down in the story of the Good Shepherd. John 10: 9-1, 14-16, 27, 28. Peter, in Acts 3: 1-8, calls Him the Prince of Life. O the precious life of God through Him to every penitent heart. Paul tells us in Rom. 5: 1-11 of the peace which comes to those who are justified by

faith in Jesus. 2 Tim. 1: 9, 10 tells us of the destroying of death through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ. Dear eternity bound souls, let us appreciate our heavenly Father in the gift of His dear Son as given in our Memory Verse. Some one has outlined it: "God," the greatest lover, "so loved," the greatest degree; "the world," the greatest company; "that He gave," the greatest act; "his only begotten Son," the greatest gift; "that whosoever," the greatest opportunity; "believeth," the greatest simplicity; "in Him," the greatest attraction; "should not perish," the greatest promise; "but," the greatest difference; "have," the greatest certainty; "everlasting life," the greatest possession--wonderful gift of God.

SUNDAY, April 21, 1935.

Home Study For The Week

April 15--The Future Life. John 14: 1-6.

April 16--The Master of Life. Luke 24: 1-12.

April 17--The Judge of Life. Matt. 25: 31-46.

April 18--The Assurance of Life. 1 Cor. 15: 12-23.

April 19--The Victory of Life. 1 Cor. 15: 50-58.

April 20--The Hope of Life. 1 Thess. 4: 13-18.

April 21--Devotional Reading. Psalms 23: 1-6.

SUBJECT--The Future Life.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion--Luke 24: 1-12; John 14: 1-6

Luke 24: 1. Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

2. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

3. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

4. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

5. And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

6. He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

7. Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

8. And they remembered his words,

9. And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

10. It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.

11. And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

12. Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

John 14: 1. Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

4. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Memory Verse—I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. John 11: 25.

Central Thought—Life beyond the grave.

Practical Truth—The first resurrection, in which if you have a part you will be prepared to dwell with God in the future, or throughout all eternity.

Suggestion To Teachers

Life in the light of eternity. Life here and hereafter. Jesus living again.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The only thing that will prepare dear souls for an entrance into the life beyond the grave is the first resurrection. All men and women and those who have come to the years of accountability are dead in trespasses and sin, which must be forgiven. When the sinner repents and believes the gospel, he then passes from death to life or has part in the first resurrection. On such the second death has no power. No hope of escaping from the second death without the new birth, or first resurrection and today is the day of salvation; no future time promised.

"Life through the Lord of life." Death, burial, resurrection, appearance and witnesses of the Lord was the evidence of life to others. Those who repent and believe, and on no other ground is salvation possible, and without salvation no hope of eternal life. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." Only through Jesus can man come to God. He is the only way to God; the only perfect revelation of God and the only source of life with God. He furnishes life for every penitent soul because He is the "Lord of Life." Oh the precious hope of eternal life through Him, which hope is an anchor to the soul! Praise God for this abundant life, future life; not only spiritual life now, but throughout all eternity.

SUNDAY, April 28, 1935.

Home Study For The Week

April 22—The Inspiration of the Bible. 2 Tim. 3: 14-17.

April 23—The Worth of the Bible. Psalms 19: 7-14.

April 24—The Reading of the Bible. Neh. 8: 1-8.

April 25—The Study of the Bible. Acts 17: 10-15.

April 26—The Understanding of the Bible. Luke 24: 25-32.

April 27—The Theme of the Bible. Hebrews 1: 1-4.

April 28—Devotional Reading. Psalms 119: 105-112.

SUBJECT—The Holy Scriptures

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Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Psa. 19: 7-14; 2 Tim. 3: 14-17

Psa. 19: 7. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

8. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening

the eyes.

9. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12. Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

13. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

14. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

2 Tim. 3: 14. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15. And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Central Thought—The precious Word of God.

Memory Verse—O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Psa. 119: 97.

Practical Truth—The necessity of our getting the Word of God hid away in our hearts, that we may not sin against God and live it out on this dying world.

Suggestions to Teachers

The inspiration and authority of the Bible. How to use the Bible. The Book God gave us.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Moses in Deuteronomy tells Israel how to love God and obey His Word. Read it in Dent. 6: 4-9. Read Joshua 1: 8, 9 and see how God desired His Word by Moses to be observed by His people after the death of Moses. In 2 Kings 22: 8-20, with a part of chapter 23, we read of a revival or a reformation in Judah under Josiah, when the Book of the Law was found. Then again in Neh. 8: 1-8 we learn how the Word of God was appreciated when it was read and explained to the people. In our lesson today David gives us a word picture of God's Word in his day. In Luke 24: 25-32 we learn how the hearts of those two disciples on the way to Emmaus burned within them as the risen Lord opened to them the Scriptures concerning Himself. O dear never-dying souls, search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they that testify of Him. He was the Word, made flesh and dwelt among us. Let us heed or hear the Word, live by it. Live it out on this dying world. Show the nobility in you by searching the Scriptures daily as the Bereans did. Acts 17: 10-12. The different ways David describes the Word. 1. Perfect. 2. Sure. 3. Right. 4. Clean. 5. True. 6. Righteous altogether, telling what each will do for the one who receives them into his heart. By them dear souls are warned, and in keeping of them is "great reward."