

FAITH AND VICTORY

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

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD

GOD IS
LOVE

YE SHINE AS LIGHTS
IN THE WORLD.
—PHILIPPIANS 2:15

JESUS
SAVES

A PAPER
FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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What Christmas Means To Me

And now, I visualize the scene
Of heaven's seraph throng
As "Glory in the highest!" thrills
My heart with rapturous song.
Their "Peace on earth, good-will to-
ward men"

Inspires me till it seems
I see God's glory shining 'round
In perfect, radiant beams.
Then with the shepherds on their way
To Bethlehem, I go;
As fancy dreams I find the star
That led the wise men so.

And when I've journeyed thus afar
By faith, I find the King,
And unto him, my Savior dear,
My offering I bring.
Not frankincense and costly myrrh,
Nor gold nor earthly pelf:
It is my heart with all its worth,
My unreserved self.

And of the joy that Christmas brings,
All meaningless would be
Could I not claim the Christ and say,
"He's what it means to me!"

—V. M. Nixon

Is There Room?

Is there room in your heart for Messiah,
That he may be born today?
Or is it too crowded with others
Who selfishly throng the way?
Is your door locked to shut out the Savior,
Who down in his heart of love,
Extends unto you a glad welcome
To live in his heaven above?

Is there time in your heart for the Savior,
Or are you too busy just now,
A moment with him in seclusion
Or "Sweet Hour of Prayer" to allow?
Dear friend, do you trust and obey him
So much as to find time to pray,
Or are socials and pastimes and pleasures
Demanding the best of the day?

Is there love in your heart for Jesus,
A peaceful abiding within,
A deep sense of deep consecration,
Or are you but lusting for sin?
Is he first in your joys and your pleasures,
As well as in sadness or pain?
Is he first? Is he best? Is he dearest?
As King of your life, does he reign?

—V. M. Nixon

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The Twenty-third Psalm

No sweeter language, perhaps, was ever penned than this Psalm. What wonderful words, "The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want"! What beauty! The soul in contemplating these words is lost in admiration. Oh that my pen could tell the feelings of my soul as I stand with unveiled heart before these words! They come up from the dim regions of the past like the soft, sweet strains of some far-away choir and they point us forward to the glorious Lord who so tenderly shepherds all his creatures. How blessed to have Jesus for our Shepherd! How sweet to know that this is really true! Will you not lay this paper down and go into some place of solitude and think for an hour about this? Think of the time when you were almost in despair and about ready to murmur; think of the time when you were discouraged and ready to faint by the way; and let your head drop for shame.

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This Offer EXPIRES December 20, 1935 "Work while 'tis day"

Can we ever be anything else than happy and hopeful when we know Jesus is our shepherd? Ah! we will never fear again. We will never begin to tremble and draw back because the way is growing dark. No; we feel like trusting Jesus no matter how thick is the darkness. How safe we feel! Let the waves dash, our Shepherd can still them at his will; let the winds blow, our Shepherd can temper them; let the storm clouds gather, he can make them pour down blessings; let the darkness fall, the light of his countenance can dispel the heaviest gloom. We will never be discouraged again. We will never be anything else than happy again. O Christian heart, look up and be hopeful; look up and let these sweet words of light shine into your heart in all their glory.

The Septuagint version of this Psalm is so wonderful I can not refrain from transcribing a portion of it. "The Lord tends me as a shepherd, and I shall want nothing. In a place of green pasture, there he has made me dwell; he has nourished me by the water of rest. He has restored my soul; he has guided me into paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, even if I should walk in the midst of the shadow of death, I will not be afraid of evils; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, these have comforted me. Thou hast prepared a table before me in the presence of them that afflict me: thou has thoroughly anointed my head with oil; and thy cup cheers me like the best wine. Thy mercy also shall follow me all the days of my life: and my dwelling shall be in the house of the Lord for a very long time." This was so full of touching, thrilling, beautiful sentiment I could not stay my pen until the whole Psalm was written.

It will not take you long to commit these words to memory. I wish you would do it. And some day when in a deserted place and lonely feelings come creeping over you, let these words return upon your heart and melt away the despondency as the bright rays of autumn's sun melt the early frost. Some time, when the tear of sorrow is about to fall from the eye, let the sweet strain of this Psalm soothe the heart and wipe away the tear. Some day, when it seems as if all the world has forsaken you and you are but a poor, friendless wanderer in an unfriendly world, go and sit in some quiet place and sing these words. As you sing, "The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want," listen and you will hear the angels catching up the sweet refrain and shouting, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, goodwill to men."

Talk no more of fears and tears; talk no more of dark stormy days, of sorrow of heart and thirsting of

soul for peace and rest. This song sings to you of Jesus, who gives rest, whose love dispels every fear, whose sweet life quenches all the thirstings of the soul, and whose salvation opens up a deliverance from every evil. Glory to his name! How can the Christian's soul be disquieted and cast down, when he can see Jesus as his tender shepherd? How slow oftentimes is man to see what Jesus is to him!

— C. E. Orr.

THE MYSTERIOUS UNSEEN HAND

"And the living creatures ran and returned at the appearance of a flash of lightning." Vision of Ezekiel the prophet with the captives in Babylon, 595 B. C. Ezekiel 1: 14."

When the railroads first began building to points, west of the Missouri River in the Sixties, the Indian was greatly amazed at the power of the locomotive to pull the train.

When the radio appeared we called it the miracle of the age, and we wondered how the unseen mysterious power transmitted sounds from long distance points.

We are amazed at what the intellect and genius of mortal minds has discovered and are now put in use.

Did it ever occur to you that the Lord God possesses far greater knowledge and power to receive and transmit messages to and from the earth, than any mortal man can ever conceive?

When the Syrian king came to wage war against the king of Israel during the prophet Elisha's time. (894 B. C.) He wondered as to how the king of Israel found out all about his plans. The Syrian ruler thought there must be a traitor among his generals, but he was told that there was a certain man in Israel who could reveal all his secret plans even before he could execute any of his military plans of the strategic movements of his army. While he yet spake to his leaders in secret council, his plans were transmitted to God who immediately relayed them to Elisha the prophet. The Lord God can answer and does answer prayer from his throne on high to his loyal and faithful ones on earth, with the quickness of the living creatures that Ezekiel saw in his wonderful vision so long ago.

Far away from his native land with the captives in Babylon Daniel was offering up a sincere prayer to God in behalf of his people who had sinned against God. The Lord God was greatly touched at Daniel's petition and request, and he caused Daniel to know

his prayer was heard by an unusual manifestation of his unseen power, by sending the angel Gabriel who appeared to Daniel while he yet prayed. Dan. 9: 21.

It is in the time of the captivity 538 years B. C. that the Babylon king is having a great feast to a thousand of his lords; He orders the golden vessels which his father had brought from Jerusalem 61 years before, to be brought in for use at his impious feast.

Four hundred and sixty-six years had passed away since the dedication of the temple at Jerusalem when the presence of the Lord God was manifested, and now those once very sacred golden vessels of King Solmon's day, are now to be used at a scene of drunken revelry.

It is no great wonder that the Lord God's disapproval was quickly attested by swift judgment for there appeared upon the wall of the king's palace a hand writing the seal and doom of the king and his kingdom.

You tune in on your radio to find out what is being broadcasted from near by and distant points; but if you would know what wonderful things the Holy Spirit can flash to your Soul from the realms of heaven so quickly, then adjust your heart and life to conform to Godly living and tune in and you will be amazed at what is on the air, so to speak.

The mysterious power of God flashes to sincere and devoted Child of God, an answer to their petitions sent up for their temporal and spiritual needs when certain conditions are met according to the word of the Lord. Oh! the wonderful works of the Lord God are past finding out. Those present on the day of Pentecost who received the power of the Holy Spirit, testified to the wonderful works of God.

John H. Griffith

Smoking In Homes

I wish to write an article on the Subject of Saints allowing people to come into their homes and smoke tobacco in the presence of their children. Dear Saints of God, I am guilty of allowing this to be done in my home, at the same time, I felt that it ought not so to be. I have in times past ask people not to smoke in the house. Then later I saw other saints allow it and so I did also. Now I believe I should have kept on like I started, and I am willing to take a new start to not allow smoking in the home. I tell you dear people of God if we permit people to come right in our homes and sit or stand and smoke and we not say

anything against it, or show no dislike to such, we will not feel as free in the sight of God to teach and restrict our children from taking up the habit, as we would if we do our part to show our children that we are strictly against the thing. I am fully confident that God is altogether displeased and against the chewing, dipping and smoking of tobacco. And I feel sure that God wants his people to prove to his own household and the world that they are strictly opposed to the use of it. I really believe God does and will expect you and I to forbid smoking in our homes as we owe it to God and our children. May God bless these remarks to the good of the saints and his glory.

Yours for the narrow way,

J. S. Green

IDLE WORDS

Idle words say 'nothing.'

Yet many things they show.

They mar the beauty of the soul,

Though once as white as snow.

They leave a scar, a stain, a blot

When spoken by the fair,

And add unto the weary still

Another weight of care.

The perfect man withholds them,

The fool by 'these' are known—

'Tis by God's grace we overcome,

We'll reap as we have sown.

Idle words deceive us,

We think they're little things,

But oft' they prove as scorpions,

They, too, have bitter stings.

They are as fetters to the soul

That bind to things below.

Their power to thwart God's purpose

Himself alone can know.

They are as thieves, we bid them come,

They rob us of God's best.

They make His presence flee away

And never stand the test.

The Sun of Time is sinking low,

Our journey soon is o'er,

And we shall reap their emptiness

Perhaps forevermore—

Except God's mercy cover,

And every one forgiven.

Cannot we lay them all aside,

And press our way to heaven?

— Ethel Meadows

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"Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear.
From age to age this voice shall cheer:—
Whate'er may die or be forgot,
Work done for God, it dieth NOT."

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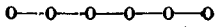
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EDITORIALS

It is with much satisfaction and comfort in the Lord to be back in the Office work again and to be at home with wife and the children, friends and saints at Guthrie. After the meeting closed at Iowa Falls, Ia. we came to Kansas City, Kan. and visited two nights and day with my brother and family. While there we visited a little congregation of saints in the north part of Kansas City and was favored by being in one service with them. The word went forth with power of the Spirit and we were all much edified and the saints testified with much anointing and power of the Holy Ghost and we all rejoiced together in the fellowship of the Spirit. Sister Hudson is the pastor of the congregation there and her labors has been very effective as a number testified of how it was through her devoted life and teaching of spiritual truth that they turned to the Lord and they are happy and joyful in the holy way. On Wednesday the 30th of Oct. we left Kansas City and arrived home about six o'clock in the evening after having traveled over seven thousand miles and having held meetings in seven different states besides visiting many saints and others who were sick and afflicted. The Lord verified His promise by signs following the preaching of the word and we had the privilege of seeing Him save souls, sanctify believers and heal bodies.

Our hearts were made to rejoice many times as we mingled with precious saved souls who had deep decisions to follow the Lord all the way. In our travels in the many different states we had an opportunity of seeing the good work that the tracts and papers are doing in drawing souls to Christ and encouraging saved men and women every where. Many precious souls have been settled down into the crucified way and are now rejoicing in the Saviours love with a determination not to drift with professors who look upon much of God's word in a light way and presume upon his mercy. Those of our readers who have been aiding with their means and prayers will not lose their reward. God's eyes are not closed to sacrifices made in getting truth to perishing souls. Our hearts are filled with desire to feed the souls of men on the bread of life and we want to keep the tracts and papers going out all through the fall and winter in a large volume that as many precious souls can be reached as possible. We are putting on a three months subscription to "Faith and Victory" for five cents or 25 subscriptions for one dollar. This will give every reader a chance to do something to get the truth to neighbors and friends. The best way to keep alive

is doing something to advance the cause of God in the earth which will bring forth prayers and supplications to God to make your labors effective. Paul says, "Live in the Spirit and you will not fulfil the lusts of the flesh."



We feel very grateful to the Lord for the offerings that have been sent in to repair the machinery. Through these offerings we have been getting some needed repairs. It was necessary to get a new Linotype Distributor Bar which cost \$43.60. This Bar has been fixed in its place and is doing good work. Other worn parts will be replaced as the Lord supplies the funds. We appreciate very much the love manifested by those who sent means for this purpose and we are sure that God will reward. Continue to pray for us and the workers here at the office. Our whole heart is in the Lord's work and we mean to reach as many souls as possible with the gospel by the printed page. We are extending the five cent subscription offer for three months on until the 20th of December so you will find another subscription blank in this paper. Please get the names of all you can and send them in and help get the gospel to many more thousands during the winter months when people read the most. Do and pray is the way to keep spiritual. God is depending on You.



God looked upon Job as a man whose heart was perfect toward Him; he was upright and feared God, and eschewed evil. Yet, God saw fit to literally turn the devil loose on his servant Job. When Job was in his fiery trials and bitter afflictions his wife said, "Doest thou still retain thine integrity? curse God and die." Job answered and said, "Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What! shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?" Job would not sin against God but yielded to His will and loved Him in spite of all his afflictions. In the 23rd chapter he tells of how his sufferings were bitter and his affliction was far greater than his groaning would indicate and with all this he could not find the Lord with all of his searching but he still holds his integrity and calmly rests on the fact, "But He knoweth the way that I take when He hath tried me I will come forth as gold." In the 14th verse he says, "For He performeth the thing that is appointed for me: and many such things are with Him." Job had an appointment of suffering and affliction to go through to try him and to prove him. He also says, "and many such

things are with Him." Dear souls, we have appointments today from the Lord. Let us not complain or murmur but calmly rest on the fact that when He has tried you he will bring you forth as gold. Jesus says, "Many are called but few are chosen." Dear readers, all saved people are called to follow the Lord in the crucified way, but only those who prove faithful through all the tests and afflictions or appointments in life will be chosen to dwell with Him through out eternity. My brother, sister be patient in troubles, afflictions, persecutions and when others wrongly accuse you or influence others against you remember God's eye is upon you and he is watching for the fruits of the Spirit through all these afflictions; keep in mind that it is impossible for man or women to influence Jesus against you. Man may look upon you with a critical eye, with scorn or contempt, may falsify and wrongly accuse but if you are bearing the sweet tender fruits of the Spirit, through it all Jesus will smile upon you with approval and will love you and call you his own. Always keep in mind that God's ways are opposite from the ways of the world. His ways are higher than man's ways, as the heavens are above the earth, for there is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. When in affliction let us be careful that we do not charge God foolishly but humbly receive from the Lord all the appointments of life. Do not push away the chisel which God is using to fit you for real service and at the same time shaping you up to live with Him through all eternity. Be patient and endure unto the end for the same shall be saved.

Look to self to be miserable,

Look to others to be perplexed,

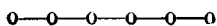
Look to Jesus to be happy.

There are three deaths spoken of in the Bible, spiritual death, physical death and eternal death. In contrast to this there are three lives spoken of in the Bible, spiritual life, physical life and eternal life. Jesus said, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11:26. I met a man that said, Jesus lied when he said this. He was thinking he meant physical death when Jesus was meaning eternal death. How sad to see men putting their own private interpretations on God's word and deceiving themselves and others.

Spiritual death is when the soul is separated from God through sin, physical death is when the soul is separated from the body. Eternal death is when the soul and body is separated from God through all eternity.

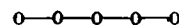
Spiritual life is when the soul is resurrected to life through faith in Christ and continues to walk in his truth, believing in Him. Physical life is the life or soul of the body which God breathed into the man Adam when he was a dead lump of clay for it is written, God formed man out of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul." He did not mean the air we breathe was our life, yet it is necessary to life. In Ecclesiastes the 12th chapter and 7th verse we read, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the Spirit shall return unto God who gave it." Neither did he have reference to the seed of man being his soul as some teach.

Eternal life has reference to that "Holy Spirit of Promise" which comes into the soul of man when he is fully saved by believing in Christ Jesus and if he is in this state at death he will put on a glorified body and live with God forever. We read in Philippians the 3rd chapter and 21st verse that the Lord Jesus Christ will "change this vile body, (or decaying body) that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body." In Romans the 8th chapter and 17th verse we read, "And if children, then heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ: if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together." Paul says in the 15th chapter of 1 Cor. and 53rd verse "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."



It is not fully in keeping with the New Testament truth or covenant to make a rigid law of tithing for Jesus says, "if ye love me, keep my commandments." Under this grace dispensation we freely give and do because we love him. Those who do or give because they feel compelled to by law or with the expectation of earning favor with God are still under the law which is a "school master" to lead them to Christ. When we are fully saved and the Holy Spirit is dwelling in our souls we have given up all to God and we give then of our means or substance as He moves upon our hearts. It is true that God has always been pleased for his children to give a tenth or more. Long before the Mosaic law was given, Abraham gave a tenth to Melchisedec and I am persuaded that any one under Grace who would give less than that will be lean in their souls and perhaps in time grieve the Spirit away altogether, be backslid in heart. Every soul who professes Christ should be careful to maintain good works and be sure to give a tenth or more of their earnings to the Lord's work. Many a soul has went

down because they thought only of their wants and needs and neglected to give to the cause of God. If saved people would give as much as a tenth to the work of spreading the gospel then there would be no lack and the tracts and papers carrying the truth of the gospel of Christ would reach a multitude of souls who are lost and in wretchedness and misery. If we keep in the Spirit of Christ we will always have a burden for lost souls upon our hearts and will be willing to deny our selves, sacrifice and give of all the means which He puts in our hands. We, in giving, only take of His and give back to Him, providing we realize that we have been bought with a price and we are not our own. Christ had such a burden for lost souls that he willingly suffered shame and contempt, and gave his life's blood, even for his enemies. Do we possess the same Spirit that possessed Christ? It is good to give of our plenty but it is more blessed to give when it means a sacrifice on our part. So let every one of us lay apart for the Lord's work as he prospers us for the "willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land." Isa. 1:19. Jesus says, "give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom." Luke 6:38.



We are under a heavy burden and responsibility here at the Office because of the many needs of the different phases of the printing work. Some of our good gospel saving tracts are out of stock and folks are calling for them, also some home necessities are needed besides the obligations of the general up-keep of the work. We ask our readers each one to pray for us that God will supply so we will not be over burdened and the sending forth of the papers, tracts and booklets will not be hindered. Also another thing we wish to mention is the buying of a car which is essential in the gospel work. The one we had was almost beyond repair having run over a hundred thousand miles and we traded it on a '31 model year which is in good condition and this leaves us with an obligation of the difference to meet. By mentioning these things you will know better how to pray for us and to help us bear the burdens involved in printing and sending forth the gospel by the printed page. If you send offerings to the work do it cheerfully as unto the Lord and God will write it down on his book. We do not care for offerings only as they are gladly and freely given as unto the Lord, for this work is not ours, but His. May God bless each and every reader in every good word and work is my prayer.

OBITUARY

Sister Mary Jane Brown- Buttram was born June 2nd 1861. Age 74 years, 5 months and 9 days. Sister Buttram was saved some 31 years ago, lived faithful and true and trusted her Savior to the end.

She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, Bro. J. M. Buttram of Athens, Tenn., four daughters, and one son. Who will miss her lovely presence. She was greatly loved by all who knew her. Her godly life stands as a monument of memory inviting us on to meet her. While Mother Buttram suffered severely, she bore her sufferings patiently and was resigned to the will of the Lord. Funeral preached by the writer.

Bro. John Strech

Our dear mother is gone; Jesus thought it best,
To take her away to that sweet home of rest,
Where we are privileged to meet her some day;
But, O how I miss her whenever I pray.

O how we did love her; none can ever take her place,
Sweet counsel and guidance with motherly grace.
Not long we'll be waiting to meet her some glad day,
If we trust in her Jesus, not forgetting to pray.

PRAYER REQUEST

Pray earnestly for the healing of Ethel Irving of Independence, Kans. She has been crippled in her knees for two years. She testified to having faith in God for healing.

BOOKS WANTED

If any of our readers has a book of "Bible Readings" called "Home and Fireside" that you would sell please let us know here at the office, as we have a number of calls for this book.

The State Assembly Meeting

The usual State Assembly Meeting at Guthrie during the holidays will begin this year on the Friday before Christmas which is the 20th of December and last ten days.

The unusual good meeting last year will no doubt be encouraging for all who were here last year to return again and be refreshed in soul and also there has been many more declared that they expect to be here at this meeting and so we are expecting an unusually large crowd to be in attendance.

The meeting will be run on the free-will plan and

all are expected to help as God lays it on your heart. The congregations and individuals who have means to send in to defray expences in the meeting can send it to, Fred Pruitt, 920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla. as he is treasurer. Those who have provisions can send or bring them to Fred Pruitt, Faith Pub. House or send them to Bro. G. W. Winn, 1309 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla.

Each year we have urged those coming to bring, quilts, blankets, comforts and pillows with them as we have always been short on bed clothes. Many in the past have been careless about bringing their bedding with them and it works a hardship on the saints here at Guthrie as they are not able to supply so many with bed clothes. If you fail to bring your bed clothes this time you will very likely have to sleep cold as the supply here is very limited. The saints here are expecting to supply straw ticks, mattresses and perhaps springs so do not fail to bring your needed quilts with you.

The State Business Meeting will be held on the last Friday of the meeting which will be on the 27th of December. All the saints in the State should be present at this meeting as some important questions are to be settled.

All lovers of the truth should attend this meeting and especially those who are desiring to get saved or sanctified and those needing healing. We are expecting able ministers of the New Testament to be present to preach the full gospel, backed up by the melting love and power of God. Trouble makers and those who sow discord among brethren are not invited as this is the Lord's meeting and not for wranglers. Those coming with a thought of taking part in spiritual teaching and instruction should bring peace with them, make peace and leave peace.

The saints here are going to do their utmost to furnish rooms, beds, and springs to all they can. All saints should pray for this meeting that it be a great soul saving time as well as edifying and unifying to all the saints.

ASSEMBLY MEETING NOTICE

The Christmas Assembly Meeting at Hammond, Louisiana will be held in the Chapel on the Camp Grounds, beginning Christmas Night, December 25th, and continuing as long as the Lords leads. Every one is invited to attend the meeting, and any minister whom the Lord sends is welcome.

Subscribe now!—"Three months for 5 cents"

In this issue we are advertising a nice line of gifts for Christmas presents and New Years. You should look over these lists and send in your order early to avoid the Holiday rush with jammed mail sacks.

We want to call your attention especially to our 1936 "Scripture Calendars" which are exceptionally beautiful. We have ordered a large quantity of these Calendars to meet our growing Calendar trade during Christmas and New Year. We will postpay a Calendar to you for thirty cents, four for \$1.00 and we will make you a special price on ten Calendars postpaid to your address. We will postpay ten for two dollars. Let us have your orders early to avoid the congested mail through holidays.

GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

"God's Gracious Dealings," 102 pages; autobiography of the editor. Price, 15c each, two for 25c or ten for \$1.00.

"Jinks Harris," converted bank robber, 80 pages. Price, 15c each or two for 25c.

"Gospel Glory" song book, 110 choice Reformation songs in shaped notes. Price, 15c each.

"Select Hymn" song book, 633 songs, shaped note edition, cloth bound. Price, 75 cents.

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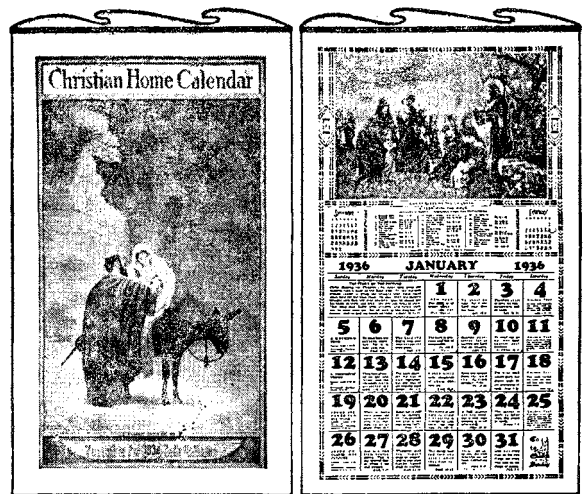
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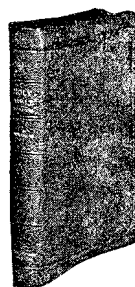
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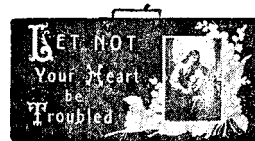
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He will take you through;
All your cares and burdens
He'll bear them for you.

Keep your eyes on Jesus,
He has comfort and peace;
Trust Him to lead you on
Then your troubles will cease.

Keep your eyes on Jesus,
And not on people here:
For they will lead astray,
So follow Him with fear

Keep your eyes on Jesus,
And on Jesus alone;
For he is strong and great,
And he will lead you home.

— A. Marie Pruitt.

EDITORIAL NOTES

When a person becomes convicted of his need of salvation, this question naturally presents itself to him, "Will it pay to become a Christian?" And to arrive at the true answer to this question, one must refer to the Word of truth which sets forth the cost and the reward to those who become followers of the Lord in the narrow way. The Word teaches us to fully count the cost before starting in the Christian life. This is necessary to help us to succeed, then as we go along with the Lord we can with the poet boldly sing, "I'm glad I counted the cost!"

What is the cost? "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not *all* that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." Luke 14: 33. This cost includes all ungodliness, "Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." Titus 2: 12. You must forsake your ways (Isa. 55: 7), and worldly amusements and worldly conformity (1Jno. 2: 15, 16; Rom. 12: 1, 2). Confess your sins to God (1Jno. 1: 9). Forgive your enemies (Matt. 6: 14, 15). Make restitution to the extent of your ability and opportunity. (Ezek. 33: 15).

What is the reward? It is more than has ever entered into the heart of man. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." 1 Cor. 2: 9. In this life he shall receive a hundred fold (Mark 10: 28-30), and all good things (Psa. 84, 11). In the future he shall receive an eternal home, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." It is termed "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you." 1 Peter 1, 4.

Just before Joshua's death he exhorted the children of Israel saying, "If it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve." Then he ended his exhortation by making this wise choice for himself, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." How many today will count the cost, count God on their side to carry them through and cast their lot with faithful Joshua?

—L. D. P.

Come Let Us Reason

Dear people: Where are you going to spend eternity? You will spend it where time will not be counted by years like it is now. My heart is heavy for those who neglect to be ready. We are all going some where; we are on the road to our home. The home we are preparing to dwell in forever. When time and eternity meets, we can no longer count time by days as we do now. When we are in pain, we often think in the morning I will feel better. When we are away from home and dear loved ones, we often look at our calendar and count the days, weeks or months, but there in the flames you will not count but forever and ever. No chance of ever getting out of misery. We are not trying to scare any one, but do want you dear souls to stop and think. "Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord." — Selma Hiebert.

"Shall Not Want"

Blessed experience. Wanting nothing. Having everything we want. Some of our younger saints may not have arrived at this experience. Older Christians are supposed to have. David said, "The Lord

is my Shepherd I shall not want." This seems to have been his experience. We are told in Heb. 13: 5 to be content with such things as we have. To be wishing for something we do not have is proof that we are not content with what we have. Does not the Bible say that there is no want to those that fear Him? Yes, it says those very words. See Psa. 34: 9. If you are wanting something is it not proof that you do not fear God? The Bible says, "They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing" Psa. 34: 10. If you are wishing and wanting some good thing is it not proof that you are not seeking the Lord? Again the Bible says, "No good thing will He (God) withhold from them that walk uprightly" Psa. 84: 11. If you are wanting and wishing, is it not proof that you are not walking uprightly? The fact is we all have what we want. You say that you want more patience, you want more love, you want more power, you want to be spiritual. We think you are mistaken. We think you have about what you want. Does God want you to be more spiritual? "Yes," you say, "I think He does." If He wants you to be more spiritual and you want to be more spiritual, why are you not more spiritual? There is a reason. Let us see if we can find it. Suppose you go to the shoe store to get a pair of shoes. You look at a pair that you like very much. The merchant says, "\$7.50." You look at them a while longer, then you look at others. None of them suit. You come back to the \$7.50 pair; you say, "This is the pair I want." The merchant says, "That is the pair I want you to have." Now why don't you get what you want? The fact is you don't really want them. You don't want them as you should want them that you might get them. You want something more than you want the shoes. You want the \$7.50 more than you want the shoes or you would get them. You really don't want more patience, more love, or to be more spiritual. There is something you want more than these or you would have them just as certain as you would have the shoes if you did not want the \$7.50 more. You say, "I do not know what I want more then to be more spiritual." We can tell you. It is the price it takes to get it. You are not willing to pay the price. Perhaps you do not want to consecrate all to God, or to deny yourself, or to wrestle in prayer, or take the time to read, mediate, and pray that you might be more spiritual. You do not want to give up all those little things that hinder spirituality. People get what they want, as a rule, if they want it hard enough.

—C. E. Orr

CORRESPONDENCE

Hammond, La. To the dear Ones whom we visited on our eastern tour: God bless and encourage each of you to press the battle to the gates and be true until the last battle is fought, for the promise is only to those who endure unto the end.

We feel so grateful to the Lord for the wonderful opportunity we had of meeting each one of you, and pray that the Word of Truth which was delivered in your midst may bring forth fruit for time to come and yield a precious harvest in eternity. Our hearts rejoice because we could meet you and to know that there are yet a few dear saints scattered about who are standing true, on the old landmarks. We miss you so much and it grieved us to say, Farewell, but if we are faithful we shall soon reach our eternal home where there will be no sad partings.

I just reached my home yesterday, Nov. 13. I left Bro. and Sis. Pruitt's home Nov. 4, but stopped several times on the way with saints and friends.

I am so glad to be back with the dear saints of Hammond, Loranger, and Kentwood, La. again and you pray that I may prove a blessing to them and never fail to hold up the standard of truth with the meekness of Christ. There are a few faithful ones here who are doing all in their power to promulgate God's cause. We are looking forward to a good meeting to be held here at Hammond, La. during the holidays, beginning Dec. 25th.

I shall be glad to hear from any of you. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with each of you.

With Christian love, I am your sister in the defence of the gospel.

Mrs. Kathrine G. Watson, Box 370, Hammond, La.

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Ore. Dear Bro. Pruitt and family: Greeting in the lovely name of Jesus. May God ever bless you, and keep you trusting in him is my prayer. Amen.

I feel tonight I should write you a letter to tell you God is still blessing dear wife and I, and encouraging our hearts to press the battle on to certain victory, but my health is still quite poorly; but God is still leaving me here for some purpose; I hardly know why, but he knows and I shall not question him about it, for he doeth all things well, and I am so glad it is so well with me as it is. I have this sweet assurance in my breast, my way is clear and I am just waiting for Jesus to come after me. You know dear Bro. he said that he would go and prepare a place for us and when he prepared it he would come again and take us to himself, that where he is there we would

be also, thank God for that sweet promise. I had rather have that promise than Wall Street today. Glory be to God!

Bro. Pruitt, I truly would love to meet you once in life and have a long talk with you. I could tell you so many good things the Lord has done for me, more than I can write, but if I never meet here I expect to meet you in heaven.

Last night a young man and his wife came to our home and seemed to get a lot of help. They are deaf mutes and they have been coming to our home for quite awhile and we have prayed and worked with them, so now she is getting where she can hear us talk, sing, and read: so last night we sang some songs, and she would listen to us. We would sing a verse and she would listen, then she would explain it on her fingers to her husband, then they would rejoice so much. Oh how it did make us rejoice to see them rejoice in their weak way Dear Brother do pray that God will make us a blessing to those dear children. We do know that he is hearing prayer, and bringing her hearing to her, so pray that God will perfect their hearing, and speech.

Love to All, H. W. White

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Minn. Dear Bro. Pruitt: Find enclosed \$1.10 to cover postage and other expences for Song Book and the 25 three months Subscriptions.

I'm happy to be a reader of "Faith and Victory" paper. I am pressing toward the mark of the prize according to Phil. 3: 13-12. I have laid aside every weight and the sins that doeth so easily beset us and running with patience the race which is set before us, looking unto Jesus. etc.

William H. Black.

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La. Dear Readers of "Faith and Victory": Greetings in Jesus precious name. We praise the dear Lord for his glorious light and power, of grace and truth, of full salvation, unity and healing.

We have been trusting the Lord for three years for both soul and body. We never resort to any other physician or remedies. We find that he is a very present helper in time of need. Two years ago our little boy, "Laddie" took very sick with chill and fever, It was a real trial to see him suffer with those burning fevers. He had such high fevers until he became delirious. Many advised us to call a Dr., but we held on to the Lord, and Sister Watson appointed him. We spent a whole afternoon in prayer. He was wonderfully healed and was soon able to

go back to school. The Lord also healed his foot of a bad cut last spring.

Oh we haven't time to tell of all the many ways the Lord has blessed us just now, but we praise him for salvation and for the dear Saints.

We are fully determined to go all the way with the Lord. Pray for us, that we will ever stay humble and true to him, at any cost.

Your Sister and Brother in the precious name of Jesus, — Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Miller

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Lindsay Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt: I am sending in for another bunch of tracts. Those tracts I last ordered I sent them away with copies of "Faith and Victory" papers. I am sending a quarter to cover postage of tracts and oblige.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ I can still say I am saved and kept by the power of God. I have no desire for the things of the world. My desire is to please God and do his precious will. The September issue was good. Jesus means more to me than anything else in this world. I will never go back into this world with God's help.

With love to all in Christ, Albert McPeake

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Ga. I have a boy 16 years old unsaved. I ask the readers of "Faith and Victory" to all lift up a prayer for the salvation of my boy. I would like to see all my children saved if it is His Holy Will. And pray for my healing, also that I may be happy in his love. I know the dear Lord has healed many, and I know He has power to heal me, for He heals today.

In His Dear Name, Mrs. Fred Whaley

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Okla. Dear Saints scattered abroad I greet you once more in the precious name of Jesus. Since I last wrote I have met many trials and seen many sad things but I never saw one thing that I had a desire to go back to the world, for when I once saw the beautiful Church in its oneness, I sold out, and died to the things of the world and had no more desire to go back.. I thank the Dear Lord for every one that is in the body and ask him to keep true, and to burden every backslider to get back to the house of God. Oh the souls that once were saved and now gone away from the Father, what did he do to you? whom do you blame? Jesus was pleading for you when you turned from him, and he is still waiting. Can you still refuse? See the nail prints where he hung till he bowed his head. You dear lost soul give your heart to God. He loves you still, some love to curse, some lie, some chew, some smoke, some live in adultery, some in

hypocrisy, some in pride, some accuse, some go to dances, and other revelries and many other things. Did you know that the Devil is at the bottom of it all.

—A. J. Hiebert.

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Mo. Dear saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper, greeting in Jesus holy name. I feel it is to the glory of God this morning to testify to what the Lord has done for me in answering prayer and healing my body. I suffered with pains in and around my heart, would smother till I would have to get up and sit up. I would have three and four chills during the night. I went to the Dentist and he said my teeth was causing the trouble. I did not have any aching teeth or any, that had bothered me. I could not feel it was my teeth, so I went to the Lord and asked him if it was not my teeth causing the trouble to heal the awful suffering that was around my heart. The Lord wonderfully healed the pain at once. Praise the Lord! What a mighty God we serve, one that can hear our prayers and can, and will heal our bodies. I am glad I ever was willing to give up sin and this world to follow Jesus all the way. I desire the earnest prayers of all the saints for the healing of my eyes, that they may be stronger. I always was near-sighted and now I wear glasses, and at times my eyes get so dim I can hardly see. I know the Lord can heal them and make them stronger. I believe he will. May God bless all his dear children and keep them by his mighty power.

Your saved Sister,

Fannie Brown

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Sunday, Dec. 1, 1935.

- Nov. 25—Ezra's Purpose. Ezra 7 :6-10.
Nov. 26—Ezra's Preparation. Ezra 8 : 21-30.
Nov. 27—Ezra's Prayer. Ezra 9 : 5-9.
Nov. 28—Ezra's Covenant. Ezra 10 : 1-8.
Nov. 29—Ezra's Teaching. Nehemiah 8 : 1-6.
Nov. 30—Ezra's Leadership. Neh. 8 : 13-18.
Dec. 1—Devotional Reading. Psalm 63 : 1-11.

SUBJECT—Ezra's Mission to Jerusalem.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Ezra 7:6-10; 8:21-23, 31, 32.

7 : 6. This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses which the Lord God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the Lord his God upon him.

7 And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and singers, and the porters, and the Nethinim, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king.

8. And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.

9. For upon the first day of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

10. For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

8 : 21. Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for our substance.

22. For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horseman to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying. The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.

23. So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was entreated of us.

31 Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way.

32. And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days.

Memory Verse—The hand of our God is upon all them that seek him for good. Ezra 8 : 22.

Central Thought—The work of Ezra.

Practical Truth—Fasting and prayer prepared Ezra and his willing companions for the great work.

Suggestions To Teachers

Praying for a purpose. How God helps. The long Journey and Gifts for God's House.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Seventy-eight years have now passed since the first company of Jewish captives numbering 50,000 returned from Babylon to Jerusalem. They had failed in spirituality. Prosperity grew less and they fell

into many sinful things, and a reform was needed. The captives in Babylon had been more faithful to God, so Ezra and the seven thousand mentioned in our lesson, who had come from Babylon and commenced a revival. By preparing for Service, they started first at the heart. "Set his heart" Second the intellect. "To seek." Third: "To do" Fourth: To teach." Fifth: by fasting and Prayer. That they might humble themselves and "seek of him a straight way" Sixth: by faith. "He was intreated of us." Faith brought victory. Seventh: a preparation for antagonism: "The enemy and lie-in-wait." Let us examine these seven Preparations for this great task in fulfilling the mission for which they left Babylon. 1st. If any work is done for the glory of God the heart must first be prepared, if it is not, no lasting good can be done for God or the Salvation of man. 2nd The mind must be stayed on God then peace in all things pertaining to God and to his work. 3rd Ready workers 4th. To teach, Ezra as a Bible student "in the law of Moses" was prepared for definite worthwhile work, teaching to be good workers. 5th. Fasting and Prayer mentality and gluttony cannot be made to accord. Spirituality does not grow in the "social whirl" they trusted God to bring them to the Holy City without the aid of an escort from the king. 6th. Faith gave the victory. 7th. They were now ready for the great work of reform. Oh precious Spiritual Israel, captives in the world and spiritual Babylon. Wake up and return to Zion, find your place in the Church of God, get the proper preparation for service and Heaven.

Sunday, Dec. 8, 1935.

Dec. 2—Praying Together. Nehemiah 4 : 7-14.

Dec. 3—Building Together. Nehemiah 4 : 15-23.

Dec. 4—Working Together 1 Cor. 2 : 1-9.

Dec. 5—Walking Together 1 John 1 : 1-10.

Dec. 6—Witnessing Together Acts 1 : 1-8

Dec. 7—Worshipping Together Psalm 95 : 1-11.

Dec. 8—Devotional Reading Psalm 85 : 1-13.

SUBJECT—Nehemiah Rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Nehemiah 4:6-9, 15-21
4 : 6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

7 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth,

8 And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.

9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

15 And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work.

16 And it came to pass from that time forth, that the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah.

17 They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon.

18 For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.

19 And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another.

20 In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us.

21 So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared.

Memory Verse—The people had a mind to work. Nehemiah 4 : 6.

Central Thought—Doing God's work together.

Practical Truth— Seeking God for unity of the Spirit that causes united effort in God's work

Suggestions To Teachers

United Effort, co-operation in religious work. working together.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

King Nehemiah, Artaxerxes cupbearer, was so burdened for the condition of his brethren (the Jews in Jerusalem) that his sadness caused the King to ask the reason. Neh. 2 : 2-8. He grieved because the wall was broken down and the gates burned by fire. The King granted him a military escort which took him along the most direct route. Before making his business known to his brethren, he went around the city by night to find out the real condition of things. He then made known his intention to rebuild the wall.

There was work for all. The nobles, the rulers, and the returned captives. Nehemiah was a good leader,

When the enemies threatened, he successfully defeated their attempt to hinder the work. The workers were well organized. Each had a place and filled it bravely, when discouragement presented its-self, Nehemiah inspired them with confidence by telling them to look to the God of Israel. Oh dear builder of today, with a mind to work, remember, God is the master builder, be sure to get His mind. Nehemiah with his faithful helpers succeeded in making Jerusalem a strong city. But today in this gospel dispensation, the gospel Prophet tells in his book, Isaiah 26 : 1-4 of "a strong city." Dear ones, be sure and read and find out if you are safe and secure in this strong city, and with "a mind to work" while it is day, to help dear eternity bound souls to flee from Babylon to "Jerusalem the new." The Church Jesus built and not man. There is so much that could be said on these lessons with a typical significance, but space will not permit. Let us seek God for guidance in doing his work as these returned captives did.

Sunday, Dec. 15, 1935.

Dec. 9—A Resolute Teacher of the Law. Ezra 7 : 6-10.

Dec. 10—A Praying Teacher of the Law. Ezra 8:21-23

Dec. 11—Ezra Reads the Law to People. Neh. 8:1-12.

Dec. 12—Observing the words of the Law Neh.8:13-18

Dec. 13— Finding Book of Law. 2 Chron. 34:14-19.

Dec. 14—Loving God's Law. Psalm 119: 97-104.

Dec. 15—Devotional Reading. Heb. 10:19-27.

SUBJECT—Ezra Teaching the Law of God.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Ezra 7:10; Neh.8:1-3, 5,6;8-12.

7 : 10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

8 : 1 And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel.

2 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month.

3 And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.

5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up:

6 And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

8 So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

9 And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the Lord your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.

10 Then he said unto them, go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto the Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved.

12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

Memory Verse—Thy word have I hid in mine heart. Psalm 119 :11.

Central Thought— Teaching the word of God to the people.

Practical Truth—Having a willing heart to receive the word of God.

Suggestion To Teachers

Giving thanks for God's Book. Studying the Bible together. The Bible in every walk of life.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Ezra had prepared himself to teach the law of God. Some think he (Ezra) compiled the books of the Old Testament as we have them today. Nehemiah the governor also arranged for instruction in God's word. The example of these two men is worthy of imitation. Oh that "men and women and all of those that could understand" today were as ready to hear the word of God. They listened with undivided attention. Few good listeners today, if respect for God's word is destroyed, the heart cannot receive its blessed influence. "He read therein from early morning until midday" perhaps five hours. Quite different from a modern

thirty minute address, with very little if any of the word of God in it. They wept. Penitent hearts do weep. They saw no doubt what they had missed. They were encouraged to go out and share what they had with others.

Oh for saved lives to go live the gospel on others. Our memory verse strikes the key note. Hide the word of God in the heart. It is not enough to have it in the head alone, it must enter and change the heart. With out it reaching the seat of affection by the Holy Spirit it cannot fortify against sin. But thank God it justifies the penitent heart, sanctifies the yearning heart, and makes the life a life of sweet submission to the will of God. Bearing the fruits of the Spirit
 "Herein is the Father glorified that ye bear much fruit."

Sunday, Dec. 22, 1935.

Dec. 16—A Better Day Foretold. Malachi 3:1-12.

Dec. 17—A Day of Restoration. Jer. 31:10-14.

Dec. 18—A Day of New Covenant. Jer. 31:31-34.

Dec. 19—A Day of Forgiveness Psalm 32:1-7.

Dec. 20—A Day of Blessedness. Matt. 5:1-12.

Dec. 21—Preparing for the Day. Luke 3:3-9.

Dec. 22—Devotional Reading Isaiah 11:1-10.

SUBJECT—Malachi Foretells A New Day.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Malachi 3:1-12.

3:1 Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiners fire, and like fullers' soap:

3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.

6 For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone

away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.

12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.

Memory Verse—Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me. Malachi 3:1.

Central Thought—The Messenger's Coming foretold.

Practical Truth—Present day worshippers are to see that they do not rob God.

Suggestion To Teachers

God's most wonderful promise comes true, and brings in a new Day, the day of salvation.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Jesus was persecuted in the temple and was recognized by Simeon. Luke 2:25-30. When an infant. He was 12 years of age. Read Luke 2:40. Jesus here makes known that he has a work to do, and at about the age of thirty God by the Holy Spirit, pronounced him the Son of God. Luke 3:22.

After his baptism and temptation in the wilderness, he commenced the work for which he came.. Truly wonderful, a new Day. Prophecy told of the time when the Sun of Righteousness should arise. "The angels sang, shepherds wondered, the wise men worshipped and the world was glad for the child born in Bethlehem was none other than Christ the Lord" Malachi prophesied the events of today's lesson, 397 years before it came to pass.

The forerunner (John the Baptist) delivered the message of his advent and by Jesus himself who declared the kingdom of heaven at hand. The work in the Kingdom or Church in this New Day is a day of 1. Cleansing—"Like a refiners fire and like fullers soap." 2. Consecration—"They shall offer unto

