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THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH. — 1 JOHN 5:4

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD



A PAPER
FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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The New Year

The old year is spent, the New Year is sent;
A God-given blessing for every intent.
Sent by the Infinite and all there is in it
Should be spent to his glory to the very last minute.

It's a mountain to climb, and may be a crime,
To try to use more than one day at a time.
New days make new years when sweetened with
tears,
They beautify old age with many gray hairs.

Each day God has given a blessing from Heaven
The six are now holy as well as the seven.
From sun unto sun, when the new year is done
There are three hundred and sixty five blessings in
one.

Whether sunshine or showers,
Whether thistles or flowers,
Each day is a blessing of twenty four hours.
Each hour also is divided into
Sixty little blessings so sweet and so new.
—G. W. McMillan.

The Need Of Prayer

“In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God.” Phil. 4: 6. The Lord asked us to come to him in prayer. We may tell him all our trials, our sorrows and it will bring us near to him, where he can help us. We must feel our need of him. We must tell him that our troubles are too hard for us; that our only hope is in him. Then he will hear our prayers. God knows all about us before we tell him. He is always ready to give us help. But he must help us in his own way; for that is the only right way. This he cannot do till we cast all our care upon him. We must trust God to care for us. He wants to fill our

hearts with love; but as long as selfishness rules in us, there is no room for him. Selfishness and the spirit of God cannot dwell together. How much better to turn out self and let in the love of God. Jesus said, “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.” We must ask for God's blessing; ask for his strength; ask for his wisdom. Above all we must ask for the Holy Ghost to guide us; for it brings all other blessings with it. We may have it by asking for it. Jesus has said. “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” Men seek after the riches of this world, which soon pass away. Let us seek after heavenly treasures that never fade. Men who seek after worldly riches do not always find them; but we have God's Word that if we seek after his riches, we shall find. But there is one thing we must not forget. We must believe that God will do just what he says he will. “What things soever ye desire, when ye pray believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” God will surely answer our prayers but may not give us just what we think we need. If we do not get exactly what we think we ask for it is because he has something better for us. He knows what we need better than we do and will do for us the best that can be done. None of us know how to pray just as we ought; but Jesus has promised to teach us. and to plead for us. He who has given his life for us will not neglect us at the throne of grace. The Bible says we must “watch unto prayer.” be “instant in prayer,” and “continue in prayer.” God's true children pray much. They ask his help and his care in everything. They carry the spirit of Prayer with them all the time. We can lift up our hearts to God in prayer at any time and in any place. The Lord looks upon the heart and not upon our words only. He reads our thoughts and hears the silent prayer just as surely as though we spoke aloud. But it is better to

pray in words when we can. God gave us power of speech, likes to hear us use it in talking to him. When Jesus was upon the earth, He felt the need of prayer. He was truly the son of God; but he had taken upon himself our human nature, and had human wants. He could suffer pain and hunger as we do. It is said of him that he was a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief. This does not mean that our Lord was not cheerful but that he could be touched with sorrow and grief, and know how to pity us when we suffer in the same way. Yes, Jesus our master prayed. He some times stayed away alone all night thinking and praying to his father in heaven. If Jesus needed to pray how much more do we. We, who are so poor and needy, who can not put away our own sins or make our selves any better without help from above. Jesus is waiting to hear us, and to present our prayers at the great white throne in heaven and he says: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will sup with him and he with me."

May God bless these remarks to the good of the saints

I am your sister in Jesus Christ,

Mrs. N. E. Hooter.

"I Am The Way"

In the political world to day there is nothing much else but strife, division, bloodshed, pain, and anguish in the present Italo-Ethiopian war. Each side perhaps think they are justified in what they are doing, but the results are terrible to even think about. In the religious world today we have the same thing spiritually speaking, "wars without, and fightings within." The latter clause of this text, "fightings within," is the sad part or feature of this picture that we wish to hold before the minds eye of the dear Saints of God. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man." Pro. 14: 12. But if this man will take time to read his Bible and inquire of the Lord instead of taking some man's word, he might find the way that, "seemeth right to him are the ways of Death." There are two extreme ways in the religious world to-day, and both far from, "the way".

To those who have thus strayed from the "narrow way" Matt. 7-14. I will take you to Jer. 6:16. "Stand ye, (call a halt) in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, (ask who? God and his word) and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. What is the good way? Jesus our leader.

our captain, our redeemer, our example, our God, that we should love with all our ransom powers and "our neighbor as ourselves". Love our enemies, do good to them who mistreat us, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, is this not a good way? What could be better? Then thank God our reward will be in Heaven, but to those who "will not walk therein" destruction and misery are in their path. Matt. 7: 13. "There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen." Job 28: 7. Which is the Highway of Holiness. Isa. 35: 8. (This is the way)

I said there are two extremes in the religious world, and the enemy is the author of both. One extreme follows another. I have watched the waves on the little lake lashed by the fierce winds. The waves would mount high on one shore only to recede and dash higher on the other shore. What's the cause of this great commotion that caused the water to destroy everything along its banks? The winds of agitation. Ah, that's it. When the wind stopped blowing the water became calm. So it is in the religious world, the spirit of agitation is causing the troublesome waters to roll high in the spiritual world, until we might say with David, "the proud waters went high over my head," Pride has become rampant in the earth until hundreds are being drowned in the overflow of its rampage, until because of the noise and excitement the still small voice of Jesus can be heard speaking to the proud waters, "Peace be still." "I have set watchman upon the walls." Isa. 62: 6. He sees an innovation coming in, which will injury our peace and harmony if allowed and for Zions sake he will not hold his peace, he will not rest. He warns, he pleads, he prays, yet on it comes with furious strides, it strikes like an avalanche bringing destruction in its path. Some who were supposed to be staunch supporters of the truth have fallen. The storm has past, the wind has stopped blowing, naturally, agitation also stops. Spiritually it does not, like the Civil War, which was supposed to stop in 1865, but did it? no. it was fought by individuals for years. After blood was shed, we in the spiritual realm want peace, without compromise. We must have it, but when we cry peace then we are called "compromisers" or the devil has his hand over our mouths. We must not compromise with wrong or any line, but the agitation that follows both extremes are slaying many souls.

In conclusion, to the dear ministry scattered abroad, Greeting: I love you all, God knows. I would love to meet you all in the Guthrie Assembly Meeting if God wills it so, but if we never see your faces again.

I beseech you take this from one who loves you, and having prayed much over this matter I feel that God has given me this little message for you, do not lend your aid or assistance to either extreme. Do not compromise in the least with anything that will cause division. Do not compromise with any harsh, hold down spirit, which unmercifully holds people, or who carries letters around for years to influence or hurt, or who hears something and tell it regardless of light or understanding, keep yourselves from any extreme, keep yourselves in the love of the Lord.

Just a few words to the traveling ministry. Keep humble, get in touch with the minister where you expect to go, and when you go to a congregation get in touch with the pastor for he is the one that watches over that flock, don't run a one-man meeting over the Pastors head, because the congregation loves something new. I have seen congregations torn to pieces for the lack of judgment on these lines. We are co-laborers together, not independent of each other. Finally brethren, farewell, be perfect, love each other, be pitiful, be merciful.

Yours in Holy Love,

—G. E. Harmon.

What The Lord And His Salvation Will Do

Dear unsaved readers: I feel the Lord wants me to write to you and tell you what Salvation will do for you. We know dear ones that you are not satisfied. We know that you are often sad and feel that there is nothing to live for. We know that you often get discouraged. We know that this is the way that unsaved souls feel. We know just how dear souls feel, as we was so dissatisfied and unhappy till we came to Jesus and got saved. So we know dear ones just what you need to put an end to all of these troubles. You need the Lord and his Salvation. Jesus will save you from sin, and will satisfy your heart. He will bring peace and joy that this world cannot give. So if you will get right with God, get his love in your heart it will put an end to this dissatisfaction. Dear people, don't think you will ever find anything of this world that will bring satisfaction, peace, and contentment. For without Jesus in the heart we cannot have real peace.

We read in Isaiah 57 chap. and 21, 22 verses where it tells us, "the wicked are like the troubled sea when it cannot rest."***"There is no peace to the wicked. So dear ones we know this is a sad state to be in. We ourselves have had the experience, and know that it is

but listen, dear unsaved ones, it would be sadder yet if there was no way out of this kind of unsatisfied life but friends, there is. There is hope for you, there is rest, joy, and pleasures that are far greater than any you can find in any of the pleasures of the things of the world. The world offers nothing to compare with it and the way out of this dissatisfied state is to come to Jesus and get this great salvation that we have been telling you about.

Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Matt. 11:28 and the 29th verse He says, "to learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Oh what a blessed promise and listen dear ones don't think it is hard to serve God. In the 30th verse He says, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light." God's grace is sufficient to keep you even if you have to live amid or even in homes with people who speak evil of you and of the Lord and his word. He can help you to so live that you can be a light and help to others. Now dear friends, do not try to find rest, peace, satisfaction, and contentment by going to the things of this world, for you will not find it. You may find a little pleasure and enjoyment just for a short time, but it don't last and the heart is left just as sad and lonely as ever. So dear friends, come to Christ, seek the salvation of your soul. If you feel you are not in earnest or not interested enough to get saved, ask God to help you, to convict you and show you how badly you need him, and when you come to the place where you want salvation more than anything else and really repent of all your sins and turn away from them, the Lord will come to your rescue he will show you the way to get saved. So dear friend don't put off salvation. We do not know when we may have to leave this world. How sad it is for people to leave this world and not be prepared to meet God. And how awful it will be to have to go down to torment where there will be no more hope no more chance to get right with God. Dear friends it is not God's will that you be lost. He is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9. Jesus promises you rest, and peace here and will be a friend to you while you are here and help you in all your sorrow or troubles, then he promises us a home in heaven after this life is over. It pays to serve Jesus, what more could he offer. Dear friends don't reject the dear Saviour. He is your best friend. Do not slight him. He is your only hope of heaven. Your sister, —Becky Brown

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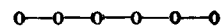
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EDITORIALS

As manuscript is being set up and other preparations are being made for issuing of the January, "Faith and Victory" paper our hearts are rejoicing not only because of Christmas time which brings to our minds the birth of the Holy child Jesus and what He meant to a world of people that were lost in sin but, we also rejoice because of the coming of a New Year and its future opportunities and too, we look back over the past year of 1935 and we can truly say that it has been a very busy one for us and we believe that God has worked through us and used us in many ways to the good of precious eternity bound souls. The evangelistic tour this summer has been the means of many precious souls finding the Lord and saints in different places have been encouraged.

We have heard from several different places where they tell us that our visit and meetings has been greatly appreciated and that God is still working and adding to their numbers. Some places there was no meeting and the few saints were much discouraged. God worked and now they have regular meetings and are rejoicing together in the Lord. We give all the glory and honor to God as He is the potter and we are the clay.

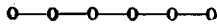
The tracts, papers and booklets sent out during the last year has reached around the world and many have received untold blessings through reading the gospel message by the printed page. We are grateful to God for this humble work which he has so definitely called us to do and we mean to always be at our best for Him. The Lord is blessing very much in the three months subscription rates and the five cent subscriptions have been coming in a steady stream and the silent preacher will visit many new homes this winter and add to their comfort in the Lord. He will reward those who are co-operating with us in bringing many to Christ the Saviour. God richly blesses getting this gospel message to the people. We are looking to God to do greater things in and through the coming year of 1936. We earnestly desire your fervent prayers.



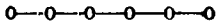
Since coming back from the eastern trip we have not taken up the jail meetings as we have been unusually busy in the office work, but we have visited the old people in the county home several times and the Lord blessed us with anointing and a precious service and the old people was made to rejoice, then we rejoiced with them as some sought the Lord.

Recently we have been employed much of the time

printing tracts as our stock of tracts was running low and some were out altogether. We are endeavoring to get our office work up in shape so we can let it rest mostly while the assembly meeting is going on.



Through the goodness of God and the manifested love of the saints for his cause we have been able to get many needed repairs for the machinery and it is in much better running order now. However, we expect to get some more needed repairs and perhaps added equipment as we find the right companies to deal with. We are so thankful that the Lord is encouraging us in these essential things so that the unadulterated gospel can continue to be sent out by the printed page.

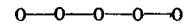


It is a settled fact that none of us can miss heaven but once. Knowing this to be true, what carefulness, watchfulness and prayerfulness should fill up our short stay here on this earth. Paul exhorted the brethren to "Lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." If we run well and strive lawfully we can all win a prize or the prize. Jesus willingly endured all things for the joy that was set before him. He resisted unto blood striving against sin. Moses had respect unto the recompense of reward and chose to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Daniel chose to go into the lions den rather than to disobey God and the lions hurt him not because he had the "lion of the tribe of Judah" in Him. The three Hebrew children walked in the fire in the heated furnace rather than to bow to the Kings image. This life was not dear to them when they compared it to the future home. John the Baptist in keeping in God's order, lived in the wilderness and ate locust and wild honey. Jesus sometimes had naught where to lay his head. Paul was accused, lied on, beaten, imprisoned and often went hungry and without proper clothing that God's will might be done in him. Just before he suffered martyrdom he said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Dear brothers and sister, if we keep our affections on things above where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God and not on the things of the earth then

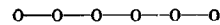
we would have greater victory. Keep dead to the world and let our life be hid with Christ in God. Just putting on a little worldly adornment is sowing to the flesh and shows a desire to shun to bear the reproach of the cross. The only safe way is to keep clean from all adornment and to live sober, righteously and godly in this present evil world, having fervent love for all the dear beloved children of God.

We pray that God will give all our readers a joyful Christmas and cause grace to abound so that you will live happy and be prosperous through-out the coming New Year of 1936. Pray for us, dear ones, and write us as we love to hear from God's dear children.

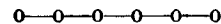


We have received word that Bro. John Royer of Kent, Ohio has passed to his reward on the first of Dec. He had gone to Tampa, Fla. with Bro. Will Harding to spend the winter. He was there only a few days when he passed away during the night, and was found the next morning with out any signs of a struggle. He was sick when he made the trip.

Bro. Royer was a good devoted man of God and witnessed for Jesus while living. We met him on our evangelistic trip this summer and held some meetings in Kent, Ohio where he then lived. And the last letter we had from him he was telling of how he was still working for the Lord. And we believe that one more of God's family has gone to join the family in heaven. He leaves relatives and friends to mourn his departure, as he was well thought of in his home town.



Bro. and Sis. J. M. Whiting, who formerly lived at Pomona, Calif. are now living at San Bernardino, Calif. Bro. Whiting's health has been very poorly and they live near their daughter, Sis. G. P. Poulos. Those of the saints who desire to write them an encouraging letter or send them some means you can send it in care of Sis. Poulos, 1048 Spruce St., San Bernardino, Calif. It will be greatly appreciated by these aged saints and honored of God.



We have received word that Bro. H. Robinson of Okmulgee, Okla. passed to his reward on Friday morning at 3 o'clock, Dec. 13. Bro. Robinson was a faithful minister of God and has spent a long and useful life in the Gospel work. He was well known among the saints of God through out the country and was loved by all for his fatherly advice and godly life. Particulars later.

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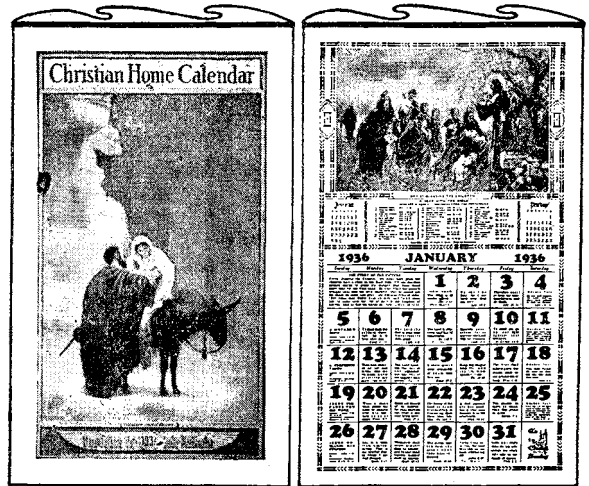
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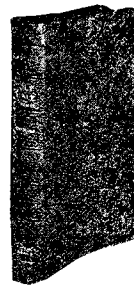
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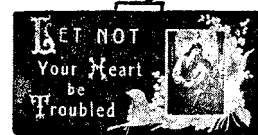
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Was Satan Ever An Angel In Heaven?

There has been much written and much more said about Satan at one time being an angel in heaven. It is very sad to read or hear many who speak of these things, wresting and twisting the scriptures on this subject until many honest folks are in confusion about this matter. It is unreasonable to think that evil ever existed in heaven where God is. He will not live in a man's soul where the spirit of evil is. No man can get saved unless they willingly sanction God to rule in their heart and when God comes in the devil or all evil goes out. God has power over the devil or Satan and he just simply could not exist in Heaven where God is, He could not originate there, the thought of such a thing is foreign to the purity, holiness and divine love that dwells in the heart of the fully redeemed soul.

Some of our would be instructors use the 14th chapter of Isaiah as a proof that Satan was in heaven and fell from there to the earth when the fact is Isaiah is referring to King Nebuchadnezzar who was king of Babylon whose Kingdom at that time reached to the ends of the earth, all was practically giving tribute to him and he was exalting himself almost as the "Most High." Read Daniel 4: 29 and 30th verses. Then read on and see how he fell from his heavenly exalted place. He was brought so low that he went out and ate grass like the ox for seven long years.

To exalt above the stars of heaven would mean above the godly Israelites at that time as God had given him rule over them. The commentator, Adam Clark says, the word Lucifer in the twelveth verse should be translated "Howl" which would make it read, "Howl, son of the morning." He also says, "this chapter speaks not of the ambition and fall of Satan: but of the pride, arrogance, and fall of Nebuchadnezzar."

In Luke the tenth chapter and the 18th verse Jesus speaks of Satan as lightning falling from heaven. This utterance came from the Lord when the seventy returned and declared that the devils were subjected to them through his name. In speaking this way he evidently was referring to the corrupt Jewish state where Satan had exalted himself in a heavenly manner as they claimed to be of God and Jesus told them in one place that they were of the devil their father. Read John 8: 44. There are many different places referred to in the Bible as heaven. Those that rule and are in authority here in this world are sometimes referred too as in heavenly places and then also ecclesiastical leaders are referred too as in heavenly places and in the second chapter of Ephesians, Paul says, "we, the children of God, are raised up together and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

When Jesus came with all power and greater power than the evil one and began to give this power to others and the devil was cast out he saw Satan suddenly falling as lighting from his exalted position in the hearts of men. His power and rule was broken by the coming of Christ and he, Jesus was beginning to set up his kingdom which should never be broken. While Satan is exalting himself in the earth today through his deceptive ways yet above all this Jesus is king and he rules and reigns for he said to the disciples just before he left that "all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." If we believe the words of Jesus we will believe that he is now ruling and reigning above and beyond all the powers of darkness, evil and wickedness in the world. We have so much wickedness and evil issuing from men in the world today because few believe in Christ to the saving of the soul. In the eleventh chapter of second Cor. Paul speaks of, "false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if ministers also be transformed as ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." Satan, has many ministers in the world today that are transformed as the ministers of righteousness, for they speak many right things and then twist and wrest the scriptures from their proper meaning and keep dear souls in darkness and in bondage to them and their cults or clans. Our hearts are made sad and our spirit is stirred within us when we see and know that Satan has many more preachers in the world today than God has and most people

swallow their poison doctrine and call it genuine.

There may be some throw up their hands in terror because we said that Satan has many more preachers than God has, nevertheless it is true and it is needful that he have them because he has so many subjects that it takes a host of preachers to keep them deceived, and to deceive others who want to be deceived being not honest at heart. Yes dear brethren and sisters we are truly living in perilous times. Satan is not having his subjects to kill God's children bodily but he is working trickery and deception on them and if the Christ life is formed in the soul he tries to deceive that soul and slay the tender Christ life that is formed in the soul, thus he is a murderer and never has and never will abide in the truth for he is the father of lies and a hater of true holiness and righteousness altho he puts on a cloak of holiness and righteousness and does his murderous work.

The thought of Satan ever being in heaven where God is, is preposterous and incredible to a soul filled with the elements of heaven. If evil ever did or could exist there it would not be a safe place to go for what has been could be again.

When we leave this world to be in heaven and with God we shall forever leave Satan with his wickedness and all of his infernal deceptive ways. Thank God for victory through our Saviour Christ Jesus and the hope of glory in our souls. Let no man deceive you but walk with God in soberness, righteousness and true holiness from day to day. Your blood washed brother,
Fred Pruitt

Exhortation

In one of Bro. Orr's tracts he says, that an innovation was something that was brought in that had not been taught and practiced by the early saints of this reformation. How careful we should be not to allow anything to be brought in that we had to give up to get saved, it will take to keep saved. If we lower the standard to take in a little of the world, we are getting on dangerous ground. A dead man doesn't care for any of the things of this world, so if we are reaching out after dress or any of the pleasures of the world we may know that we are not dead, persecutions are not so strong as they used to be, why so? because of a leaning toward the world.

Dear saints, let's wake up. Search our hearts and see where we stand before God. Is pride coming in? Do we neglect prayer and the study of God's word? Oh that the watchmen on the walls would cry aloud

and spare not when they see danger approaching, and if possible spare the flocks.

Time is short and the enemy is using every device possible to deceive souls.

Then how busy we as saints of God should be trying to reach out for that poor perishing soul that is in darkness. And to lift Jesus up in our lives. The world isn't looking for professors, but for those who are living the life. Remember Lot's wife. Also the five foolish virgins in the 25th chapter of Matt.

Yours under the blood, B. Mantooth.

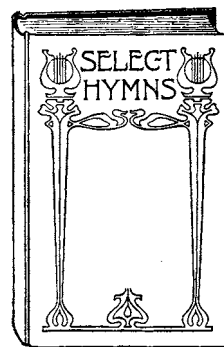
BEWARE

"Have I not chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? John 6: 70. This a sincere meditation or in other words an interrogation of our Lord and Saviour in a conversation with his apostles.

Just think about it: there is such a great difference in men. I am thinking of John and Judas. Both were chosen apostles: one a saint; the other a devil. One followed Christ because he loved Him with a pure heart. The other, seemingly from a business standpoint of view. The precious Word mentioned one as, "That disciple Jesus loved," but the other as the son of perdition. By faith we see a modern Judas leading a mob to persecute us. You, who possess true righteousness be ware of his deceitful kiss.

— G. W. McMillan.

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We are again advertising the "Select Hymn" song book (pictured at left) which is cloth bound, containing 633 songs in shaped notes. We will postpay this song book to any address in the United States of America for 75 cents each. If you want them by the dozen or more, write for special prices.

"The gate of opportunity will never open for the man who is too lazy to lift the latch." Sinners who fail to surrender all—will never be saints.

If we expect to be like Jesus, and to live like Him, we must have Him within us. He will never come in—until after the world goes out. "He that is a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

Easy preaching means little or no repentance.

— Erle Forbes.

« Young People's Section »

A New Year

A New Year's greeting, bright and glad,
To everyone we bring:
May care that's past be laid aside
And all hearts made to sing.

Another year before us lies,
With prospects fair it teems;
For us remains to seek the good,
For "all's not gold that gleams."

So let us, through this coming year,
Seek not a glitt'ring show,
But set our aim for things worth while,
And forward bravely go.

To live for self is all in vain—
This oft has proven true—
Then let us seek our brother's gain
In all that we shall do.

Some little act of ours this year
May help a fallen one
New courage take to try again
And past mistakes to shun.

While other's good we promote,
Let's not forget to ask
The help of Him who loves each one
To fruitful make our task.

—Sel.

EDITORIALS

How quickly the year of 1935 has passed and soon it will be gone, yes, gone forever and known as the never-changing past. History of the past years will remain unchanged, not only in the economic, political, and religious world, but the individual events of each of our lives are indelibly engraved upon the past. In other words, each of us are making permanent pictures or records as the days come and go. Now as we look back upon the pages of the *past* year, can we see victories won and steady progress up the shining way in spiritual growth, or are there signs of failures and indifference along the way? What advancement have we made in our pilgrimage to the celestial city? Looking upon the past will benefit us only as we heed the

warnings and lessons from those failures and mistakes and thereby improve the present time—the only time in which we have to act. With the poet we say:

"Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!
Let the dead Past bury its dead!
Act,—act in the living Present!
Heart within and God o'erhead!

In Phil. 3:13, 14 we find that the apostle Paul was doing something which would be very helpful for us to practice. He says, "But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." There is a prize for every one of us to reach forward after in the coming year of 1936. More battles and more victories are before us until life shall end. New opportunities consequently bring new responsibilities in our service to the Lord. How much the young and old need to redeem the time by watching and praying that we may be qualified to live a victorious, saintly life! The Lord has promised to give "more grace" in the greater conflicts, so let us march boldly forward in Jesus' name.

L. D. P.

MY BED IN HELL

A young man was deeply convicted of sin during a revival meeting. He was not a scoffer, or a blasphemer, but on the contrary, respected the Christian religion, acknowledged the necessity of it and expressed his full intention of seeking the Lord at some future time, but resisted every entreaty to turn to Christ then and there. Just about the close of the meeting, he was taken violently ill, grew worse rapidly and the physicians gave him up to die. He sent for the evangelist who had been so burdened for his salvation, and said to him, "Oh, if I had taken your advice a few days ago, I should now be ready to die. God's Spirit strove with me powerfully, but I was stubborn and resisted Him. If I had yielded then I believe God would have saved me from my sins, but now, racked with pain almost unsupportable, and scorched with burning fevers, and on the very brink of an eternal world, I have no hope in the future; all is dark and gloomy. I have resisted God, His Spirit and His ministers, and now I must make my bed in hell; lost! Lost. Forever lost—" In this condition he breathed his last.

— Sel.

Keep Thyself Pure

This is our earnest word of exhortation to you, young man, young woman. We can make no higher appeal than this. Purity is the highest attainment in life. Who can know something of its worth by what it cost. It cost the life-blood of the Son of God. That blood is the Fount of purity. The pure soul knows more of the real worth of things than any philosopher can through his philosophy. The pure sees the true worth where true worth belongs. It is only when the eye is single that the body is full of light. It is only when the soul is pure that vision is clear to see things as they are. Moral purity is the sole condition of clear spiritual vision. True beauty is hidden from the sensual. Sensuality blurs and befogs the glass through which the soul should look at the worth-while things. What transparency is in the crystal, that is what purity is in the character. The man of science scans the face of the sky and sees the distant star. The pure in heart look into the face of Jesus and behold the bright and morning Star. Man through his own wisdom may know much about the works of God, but it is only the pure that know God. Things reveal themselves only to things of like nature. God being pure can reveal Himself only to the pure.

Man may invent machines whereby he can hear his fellows speaking across the continent, or hear the song of the growing grass; he may gather pearls from the bottom of the sea; he may be able to explain the moon's control of the tides; he may be able to analyse the various stratas of the earth; he may count the stars; he may weigh the sun; he may be able to tell you the distance to Arcturus but if he does not have a pure heart he cannot know God.

Not philosophic minds, but pure lives are the world's best teachers. The poor widow in her mountain cabin who has God in her soul can tell you more about the best things of life than the President of a theological seminary who does not have God. The pure life is the guiding star that leads the way to the worth-while things of life. Men may teach you much about the mysteries of light, of sound, of electricity, or radio, but it is only the pure that can unfold the mysteries of God's wonderful economy of grace. Give me the man whose life is pure, though he be one of earth's most ignorant, that I may follow him instead of the man who can exhaust the dictionary in use of words in lecturing upon the ape theory of the origin of man, or the man who surpasses the oratory of Cicero in denying the virgin birth of Christ. There was an old colored wood-sawer who knew no gram-

mer; never saw the inside of a school room; who could not write his name; could not write a word, but when he prayed you felt like if you would put out your hand you would touch God. Give me such a man for a teacher. An hour in his presence is worth days in the presence of the worldly wise. It is only those who are like God that can see and know Him. "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Young man and young woman, we exhort you to associate with the pure. Shun the association of the impure. Just a little time spent in the presence of the vile and you will lose the clear vision of the delicacy of purity. A few moments contact with the ungodly will haze the mind until it will find it difficult to think the thoughts of God. A good man said, "I would give ten years of my life if I could forget the pictures which one year of my youthful days spent in impure doings has hung in my memory.

Keep thyself pure. Keep your thoughts pure. The indulgence of impure thoughts foul the very spring of life. A few impure imagination dim the mind to that which is pure and beautiful. You cannot have a high standard of thought and nobleness of life if you indulge in vain imaginations. If evil images are tolerated in the silent halls of your imaginations you will not see the realities and the beauties of worthy things. —C. E. Orr.

Be Not Slothful In Business

In Rom. 12: 10-11 we read "Be kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love in honor preferring one another, not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

The thought that has been on my mind is the need of professed saints being an example on the line of being prompt in business dealings with the world, and also with each other. In 1 Pet. 2: 21 we find, "that Christ suffered for us leaving us an example that we should follow in His steps." Then if we are to follow in His steps, by reading of His life we find He was true to His word. In John 14: 16. He told His disciples that He would pray the Father and He would send another Comforter that would abide with them forever." We find it came to pass just as Jesus had said. In all other instances He did as He had promised.

The unsaved understands not spiritual things, because "the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God, neither can He know them because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Cor. 2: 14. So its

true we can hardly reason with them of our spiritual life, and get them interested in salvation, but strict carefulness in our every day business affairs will gain their confidence, and maybe win them to the Lord, and being careless, will cause them to be greatly disappointed in us. If one in a congregation fails, the whole congregation may see, to that one's vision, who has been disappointed as careless and not living what they profess. Many have been turned away from the truth, never to return, because of such. My heart is so often made sad, when I hear some unsaved person remark of someone we are accepting and acknowledging as a brother or sister, who has failed to be an example of the believers, because of being slothful in business. We can all look back and see we have failed at times. May we become so concerned about our responsibility as professed followers of Christ we will examine ourselves to see if we be in the faith or not. 1 Cor. 13: 5.

Bro. Orr said, "Make few promises and keep them." We are living in a day when the spirit of failing to keep your word is influencing the world in general, and trying to creep in upon the saints. A person remarked recently that it used to be if a man said he would come to your house on business a certain day, you could stay at home and look for him, but now, it might be he'd come, but more often he wouldn't; and you wouldn't know the reason why.

Time brings about so many changes, we often find we can't do as we thought we could, but if we have promised an individual and cannot do as we promised, let us somehow offer an explanation and apology.

The apostle James says, "We ought not to say we will go into such a city and buy and sell," but that we ought to say, *if the Lord will*, we shall do this or that." So often we plan too much ahead, instead of leaving the future with God, as we should.

If we walk with the Lord in the light of His word,

What a glory He shines on our way,

While we do His good will He abides with us still,

And with all who will trust and obey.

With sincerity, —Ruth McNeely

CORRESPONDENCE

Ohio Dear Bro. Pruitt and family:— Grace be unto you and peace be multiplied. We received the paper, letter, and tracts that was in the letter. Was glad to get them.

I am glad God has a people who is getting nearer to him inspite of the opposition and powers of darkness that is on every hand. I was glad to see the article in the paper in the Editorial about trusting

God and meeting, the appointments God has for us as Job met his, that was very good and the kind of exhortation that is needed today, when there is so little faith and complete consecration manifested. The precious Lord is still working in our midst our little assembly is getting a little larger right along and praise God! God is doing the adding we are not, you know what God does, is well done. It is wonderful how God has bled here since the meeting you held. We have a Bible class here on Sunday afternoon now.

Bro. I want to send in a request for prayer for Mrs Herod she is a young woman about 29 I think she fell and hurt her back and has been down ever since, about two years. She can't walk and is helpless. She says she would like to be healed and live a christian life. Bro. Foster, Bro. Ray Key, wife and I went and annointed her. She seemed to get help and was better contented and rested better at night but can't walk. Pray that God undertake for her in both soul and body, also continue to pray for the meetings here. I would like to see all honest souls in this city gleaned out.

May the Holy Ghost guide you at all times and keep you always abounding in the truth is my prayer.

Bro. and Sis. W. A. McCoy

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Ore. Dear Bro. and Sis. in Christ:— I wish to say that I enjoy the clean little paper, "Faith and Victory" and that my testimony is that I am saved and sanctified, healed by the mighty power of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Your sister, Mrs. A. E. Graham.

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La. Dear Ones in the Lord, I take pleasure in writing you, to let you know I am on the Lord's side.

Ever since my Aunt Rosa Dillahunty and Sis. Francis Bell were here holding a meeting my soul has been filled with the Holy Spirit. I can say their coming has been a help to me. I have always tried to live a Christian but I didn't have power. Now I am stronger and can trust Jesus for all things.

My health has been poor for a number of years. I thought I had to have medicine. but I can truthfully say I haven't had a dose of medicine not as much as soda since Aunt Rosa and Sister Bell left.

By reading the "Faith and Victory" you sent me has helped me. I was thankful to get it

You pray for me that I will grow stronger in the Lord.

Your Sister in the Lord, Mrs. Viola Delton

Calif.—Dear Saints of God: I feel like writing my testimony to tell you I am still saved and enjoying the blessings of God. Oh I find it so sweet to trust in Jesus and often wonder how people really get along with out him. He is a present help in every time of need. In sickness he heals me and my family, in sorrows, he is my burden bearer, in time of need he is my keeper. Truly he is all in all to me. I can say with the Psalmist to any who do not know God, Oh taste and see that the Lord is good. I am so glad I ever found such a friend.

Your sister in the defence of the gospel,
—Nellie Poulos.

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Okla. Dear Saint's scattered abroad, I thank the Lord for saving me in due time. I am saved to sin no more, and encouraged to press the battle on, until I reach heaven. So dear saints be encouraged.

Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity for they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in him: and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light and thy judgment as noonday. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him. Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: Fret not thyself in any wise for evil doers shall be cut off, but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. Praise his Dear Name.

Yours in the one Body,

Mary Batts

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Pa. Dear Brother Pruitt: Just a few lines. I hope you arrived home safe and rejoicing in the Dear Lord. I promised to write to you when you was here and had a little prayer meeting with us. We thank you for the little book you gave us it was a blessing to us. Praise God for his blessings to his children.

Dear Bro. Pruitt will you kindly pray for me, as I'm not well. I have a very long rupture and this affects all my other organs. We believe in divine healing I know the Dear Lord is able to heal me. Praise his holy name for ever. Bro. Kipp sends his love to you all. I will close with many thanks for your kindness. Please pray for me.

Yours in Christian love, Ervald and Rosina Kipp

Minn. Dear Publishers of "Faith and Victory": I have seen a book made up of your 1933 papers and found much encouragement and instruction for the saints in it.

Oh how we do need to exhort and admonish one another in these trying times and as we see the day drawing near! And we read in Mal. 3: 16. that it is well pleasing unto God that Christians meet together when they can and I think it also means by letter or printed page,

I praise and thank God for salvation and for his wonderful and marvelous grace, that included a sinner like me. Pray with me that my life will be pleasing unto Him who did so much for me.

For the enclosed quarter please send me the paper for one year. May God add His rich blessing to your work, that His name be glorified and His will be done. Is the wish from a sister from northern Minnesota.

—Mrs. Selma Moe.

HIS CHOICE GRANTED

A young man with whom the Spirit of the Lord had been striving during a revival, when earnestly solicited by his mother to accept Christ, turned with a look of fiendish hatred and defiance and said, "I would rather be damned than yield." In an instant he fell forward with the cry, "O God. I am damned! I am damned!" And passed into eternity.

This is but one of the many well authenticated instances where sudden destruction was meted out to the perverse and stubborn sinner.

God's Word is full of loving entreaty to the sinner, and over and over again he is assured of forgiveness and salvation through the atoning Blood of Jesus Christ, the Savior, if he will turn to God. But the bells of warning also ring in the Bible from Genesis to Revelations, as to the dire consequences of continuing in sin, and neglecting God's great salvation.

Unsaved friend: You may be or you may not be as desperately wicked in outbreacking sins; but away from Christ and His pardoning love and mercy, you are in jeopardy every hour. Every time you resist the pleadings of the Holy Spirit, your heart is becoming harder, and the probabilities of your salvation less. There are multitudes in the dark regions of despair who intended some time to find peace with God, but they put off the day of salvation until it was everlastingly too late. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near." "Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

— Sel.

Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

By Sadie E. Orr, Box 370, Hammond La.
Send to her for Sunday School Supplies.

Sunday, Jan. 5, 1936.

Home Study For The Week

- Dec. 30—A Mother's Song. Luke 1: 46-56.
Dec. 31—A Mother's Joy. Luke 1: 57-66.
Jan. 1—A Mother's Heart. Luke 2: 41-52.
Jan. 2—A Mother's Dedication. 1 Sam. 1: 21-28.
Jan. 3—A Mother's Confidence. John 2: 1-10.
Jan. 4—A Mother's Sorrow. Luke 7: 11-17.
Jan. 5—Devotional Reading. Luke 1: 68-79.

SUBJECT—A Mother's Song.

Lesson Text and Printed Portion—Luke 1: 46-58.

Luke 1: 46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

50 And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

51 He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

54 He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;

55 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever.

56 And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

57 Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son.

58 And her neighbors and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her.

Memory Verse—My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. Luke 1: 46, 47.

Central Thought—Magnifying God.

Practical Truth—How a Mother's heart mag-

nified the mercy of God.

Suggestions To Teachers

A happy song sang by Mary. Why Mary sang. What our Mother's have done for us. A Mother's visit and influence.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Mary magnified the Lord. 1st in verses 46-48, she magnified him as our only Saviour. She praised God for regarding her low estate and choosing her to be the *Mother* of the *Messiah*—Christ the Saviour. 2nd in verses 49-50. He had indeed done great things for Mary, but not for her alone. His mercy and might, is conditional. "To those who fear him" 3rd in verses 51-53. When God shows "strength with his arm" he never errs. When he exalted a humble Hebrew virgin, he left the proud-minded out, while the wicked rich were sent empty-handed away, he satisfies the "hungry with good things." 4th in verses 54-55. Hebrew history bears witness of God fulfilling his promises to Abraham and his seed forever. "That promise is now reaching its highest fulfillment in the virgin's unborn child. Our Saviour and Lord."

What a visit of Mary to Elizabeth. How sweet must have been their communion with each other as they talked of the angelic announcements in line with the purpose of God through them and their unborn sons. "Magnify the Mother who magnifies the Lord." We see several things in the life of our Lord's Mother. The chosen Mother. Luke 1: 26, 27. The obedient Mother. Luke 1: 38. Wonderful submission to the will of God. The illustrious Mother. "My soul doth magnify the Lord." The meditative Mother. "kept all these sayings and pondered them in her heart." The consecrating Mother. Luke 2: 22. The guardian Mother. Matt. 2: 11-14. The seeking Mother. Luke 2: 48. The hospitable Mother. John 2: 3-5. The anxious Mother. Matt. 12: 47. The bequeathed Mother. John 19: 26, 27.

Sunday, Jan. 12, 1936.

Home Study For The Week

- Jan. 6—The Promise to Simeon. Luke 2: 25-35.
Jan. 7—The Saviour Promised. Matt. 1: 18-25.
Jan. 8—A Happy Future Promised. Isa. 35: 1-10.
Jan. 9—Everlasting Salvation. Isaiah 51: 1-8.
Jan. 10—A New Day. Isa. 65: 17-25.
Jan. 11—A New Heaven and New Earth. Rev. 21: 1-7
Jan. 12—Devotional Reading. Isaiah 11: 1-9.

SUBJECT—A Prophetic Vision.

Lesson Text Printed Portion —Luke 2: 25-35, 40.

Luke 2: 25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

33 And Joseph and his Mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

34 And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

35 Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

Memory Verse—Mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. Luke 2: 30, 31.

Central Thought—Jesus, hope of all nations.

Practical Truth—His salvation for all nations.

When conditions are met.

Suggestions To Teachers

When Simeon saw the child Jesus. His rejoicing. What Jesus can do for the world.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The consecration of Jesus at Jerusalem, by meeting the requirements of the law of Moses. A ceremony of Dedication for the child, and a ceremony of purification for the mother, Simeon the man of God who expecting the Messiah to come as the consolation of Israel was definitely led by the Holy Spirit to the temple court and at once recognized the child Jesus, with Mary and Joseph and took the child in his arms and magnified the Lord for fulfilling the promise to

him, that he should see the salvation of God.

He was now ready to depart in peace. Mary and Joseph were marveling at the things which were spoken concerning Him. Simeon's song of recognition called "Nunc Dimittis" from its first words in the Latin version, "magnified the Lord for letting him see the medium of the world's salvation" After praising God for Jesus Simeon turned with blessing upon Joseph and Mary. He prophesied, "the child was set for the down fall of those who reject him and the rise of those who receive him." Even now the shadow of the cross fell upon the "infants pathway." For to the precious mother Simeon declared; "a sword shall pierce thru thine own soul," we can well understand how she must suffer with her suffering son. Present happiness tinged with future sorrow. Jesus grew like other children, in "strength, wisdom" He no doubt was in a special manner filled with wisdom from above. He was more than a model, "He was our Master." We must ask for His wisdom, and ask in faith. "The Holy Spirit was upon Him." The power of the Holy Spirit is divine power. "His glory." "It is said Christ is the halo racially of Israel and religiously of all the people of God in all lands and in all ages." Truly with out the Sun of righteousness this world would be a dark place. The 30th and 31st verses of our lesson is the climax of all. "Thy salvation" Thou hast prepared. God so loved this world he prepared salvation for all who meet His conditions. "Before the face of all the people" anybody, anywhere anytime may repent of their sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved. "Mine eyes have seen" no wonder Simeon sang praises to God, who could keep silent, when the witness of the Holy Spirit comes as faith claims salvation.

Sunday, Jan. 19, 1936.

Home Study For The Week

Jan. 13—Jesus Baptized. Luke 3: 21, 22.

Jan. 14—Jesus Tempted. Luke 4: 1-12.

Jan. 15—A Leader's Preparation. Exodus 3: 1-10

Jan. 16—A Ruler's Preparation. 2 Kings 3: 4-14.

Jan. 17—A Young Man's Preparation. Psalm 119: 9-16.

Jan. 19—Devotional Reading. Rom. 8: 31-39.

SUBJECT—Jesus Prepares For His Work

Lesson Text, Printed Portion— Luke 3: 21, 22; 4: 1-13.

Luke 3: 21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heavens was opened,

22 And the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

4: 1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

3 And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written. That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

9 And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:

10 For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

11 And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

12 And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

Memory Verse—Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Luke 4: 8.

Central Thought—Preparation for work.

Practical Truth—The necessity of Preparation in those who work for God and souls.

Suggestions To Teachers

When Jesus grew up. When Jesus was baptized. Making a right start in life; finding God's way for Life.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Jesus prepares for His work by fulfilling all righteousness, being a perfect example for his followers for all time. How can anyone teach any mode for baptism except the mode Jesus set for our example.

He was tempted in all points as we, showing us the way to be a victor over temptations of a personal devil, Hide the word of God in your heart, and be filled with the Holy Spirit and you will be fortified against all the attacks of the accuser and adversary of your soul and body. Our precious example met each temptation by a portion of the word of God. Let us follow His example and we too, can fulfil all required righteousness. O that dear souls would learn (the needed lesson) to resist the devil. Ignore him, if you stop to argue the point with him you will be overcome no doubt, simply give him some of the word dictated by the Holy Spirit and all will be well with you while you draw nigh to God. Wait on God, Jesus waited a long time after he knew he must be about his "father's business" from 13 to about 30. Many dear ones run ahead of God and spoil things for themselves and others. There are always some things we can do while we wait, our dear example has taught us that. Keep being a conqueror while you wait. I am sure while Jesus was subject to his parents and learning the carpenter trade, he also stored much of God's word up for future use. Dear readers do likewise.

Who to worship and how to worship Him is a lesson all should learn, "Thou shalt," is still in vogue. In spirit and in truth, with nothing between. Worship God. He alone is worthy of our hearts adoration, "He is the author of Life and giver of all good" accept him as Saviour, obey him as Lord.

Sunday, Jan. 26, 1936

Home Study For The Week

Jan. 20—A scriptural Ministry. Luke 4: 16-21.

Jan. 21—A Faithful Preacher. Luke 4: 22-30.

Jan. 22—The Way of Life. Mark 12: 28-34.

Jan. 23—What Jesus came to Do. John 5: 30-38.

Jan. 24—A Life Purpose. Phil. 1: 12-21.

Jan. 25—A Life Investment. Luke 18: 18-30

Jan. 26—Devotional Reading. Isaiah 61: 1-3, 10, 11.

SUBJECT—Jesus Declares His Purpose.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Luke 4: 16-30.

Luke 4: 16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach de-

liverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

23 And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.

24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;

26 But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sapphira, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.

27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.

28 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things were filled with wrath,

29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

20 But he passing through them went his way,

Memory Verse—The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. Luke 4: 18, 19.

Central Thought—The purpose of Jesus' coming.

Practical Truth—Called, prepared, then wait for the word GO.

Suggestions To Teachers

Jesus first sermon from God's book to home folks. Choosing a purpose in life. What Jesus came to do.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

What Jesus came to do, he did. 1st. Fulfilled scripture. 2nd. Proclaimed the acceptable year of the

Lord. 3rd. "To set at liberty them that are bruised." 4th. "To proclaim liberty to captives." 5th. "Recovering of sight to the blind." 6th. "To preach good tidings." His supreme qualification for His supreme work was, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." The great need of today in those who are preaching the gospel, is the spirit of the Lord upon them, and the book. Jesus opened the book. Think of the word of God in the hands of the Son of God. Can he not open to us His own book and open our understanding to receive it?

Dear workers together with Him rely on the same precious Spirit that dictated the word to be written down to interpret it to you so you may teach it to others. Wonderful Saviour, Oh that dear souls would ask as one of old, "open thou mine eyes." Psalm 119: 18. so many spiritually blind. Many physically blind also. But it is of greater importance to have our spiritual eyes open than our physical eyes. If blind to the wonderful plan of salvation thru the dear sacrifice of Jesus you will never see the inside of heaven. Repent of your sins and let Him fulfill in you the mission for which he came to this world. "Save you to the uttermost." Heb. 7: 25.

FROM DAY TO DAY

"Lord help me live from day to day,
In such a self-forgetful way,
That, even when I kneel to pray,
My prayer will be for Others.

"Help me in all the work I do,
To ever be sincere and true,
And know that all I'd do for you,
Must needs be done for Others.

"Let 'self' be crucified and slain,
And buried deep; and all in vain
Many efforts be to rise again,
Unless to live for Others.

"And when my work on earth is done,
And my new work in Heaven's begun,
May I forget the crown I've won,
While thinking still of Others.

" 'Others', Lord, yes, 'Others'!
Let this my motto be;
Help me to live for Others,
That I may live like Thee,"

—Sel. by Sis. M. G. White