

FAITH AND VICTORY

THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH. — 1 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

Volume 11, No. 9

Published Monthly

Guthrie, Okla., U. S. A.

25c Per year

April, 1936.

Stepping Heavenward

Step by step each day we're learning,
More of the grace of God to know;
So that in our daily living
The life of Christ we'll always show.

Step by step our minds are turning,
From this world and all its ways.
We are traveling on to heaven,
To our home beyond the grave.

Step by step, hour after hour,
We must prove that we are true;
Let us feel Thy cleansing power
In every test that we go through.

Step by step, when in affliction,
Don't call for man to ease the pain;
Just call for Elders of the Church;
The prayer of faith is not in vain.

Step by step, one day or night,
From this mortal we'll be changed;
And our soul will take its flight,
To forever with Him reign.
—Josephine Taylor.

God's Building

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." Psa. 127:1.

This article will include the origin of man, the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, and His redemptive plan in Gen. 1:26-27. "And God said let us make man in our own image, after our likeness. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him, male and female created He them." Men are making a lot of wild guesses and specula-

tions, which are foolishness to any man who has the Holy Spirit to guide him.

God placed the man and the woman in the garden. He had planted and told them they might eat of every tree but one. They might have eaten of the tree of life and have lived on with sinless natures and had constant communion and fellowship with God. Gen. 3:24, "But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it, for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Gen. 2:17, "But the serpent, the devil, said unto the woman ye shall not surely die." Christ said to the Pharisees, John 8:44, "Ye are of your father the Devil, he is a liar and the father of it." Eve believed the Devil's lie, disobeyed God, and began to do the works of the Devil by offering some of the forbidden fruit to the man and he ate thereof, wilfully disobeying God. Sin entered into their lives and they died spiritually, lost their sinless nature, lost communion and fellowship with God. Their natures now were sinful (like begets like) and Adam being the progenitor of the entire human family, every child born into the world is the seed of Adam (saving one, Christ), born with a sinful nature but with the power of choice. The first Adam was the beginning of a natural creation. The second man Adam was Christ, the beginning of the spiritual creation of God; see 1 Cor. 15:45-49. He was the one referred to by the Angel in Rev. 3:14-22. This new creation is the house-hold of God, or the "Church of God"; Eph. 2:19; Gal. 6:10; 1 Tim. 3:15. Jesus is the first-born in this new creation, Col. 1:15-18, therefore the head of it; 18th verse. Begotten of God, born of Mary, hence the only begotten Son of God. Every other living creature is of the earth, 1 Cor. 15:47. We are told that Christ was made of the seed of David according to the flesh, but only as far as the flesh is concerned is He the seed of David, but declared to be the Son of God according to the spirit by the resurrection from the dead; Rom. 1:3-4. Now let us go back to the beginning, Gen. 3:15. I

will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed. The woman's seed was to be a son; right there is the first redemptive promise to man. He declares he will perform a biological impossibility. There is no possible way in the propagation of the human family for a woman to bear a child without the man, but God announced to the world that He would perform a miracle; that a son should be born into the world with no human father. Listen to the prophetic word, Jer. 31:22, "For the Lord hath created a new thing in the earth, a woman shall compass a man." Again in Isaiah 7:14; "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Here again God said a biological impossibility shall come to pass. 700 years B. C. Micah 5:2 tells us of Christ, how He shall come forth out of Bethlehem, and again in Isaiah 9:6 "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given**** A wonderful counsellor, mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of peace." Now to the record of accomplishment of God's purpose as expressed in these prophecies we will go to Luke 1:26-38. The angel was sent to a virgin whose name was Mary, and he said to her, "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a son." Mary said, "How shall this be seeing I know not a man?" Mary's astonishment evidently was that she, a virgin, was to become a mother and her question seemed to be as to the method of accomplishment of that which the angel said should come to pass. The angel's answer was, "With God nothing shall be impossible. The Lord hath created a new thing in the earth, a virgin shall conceive and a woman shall compass a man."

Six hundred years or more after this was spoken the same God spoke to Mary; this is indeed a new thing. Next we want to notice the Church in view in prophecy. The Son shall build the Father a house. We go again to 1 Chron. 17:11-13; "I will raise up thy seed after thee, he shall build me a house." We have already shown that Christ was of the seed of David according to the flesh; this house is a spiritual house. When Jesus was born the house was commenced, for He was the head, Col. 1:18. This house is also called the "Body of Christ". He is not only the head but He is the architect, builder, foundation, door, shepherd and owner. Heb. 3:6, "But Christ as a son over His own house, whose house are we if we hold fast the confidence and rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." Also in 1st Pet. 2:5 we learn that every child of God is a component part in this spiritual structure, house or holy priesthood, to offer up

spiritual sacrifices. The name of this house or family is "Church of God", 1 Cor. 1:2; mentioned at least eleven times in the New Testament. Some say there is nothing in a name. Would it mean anything to you if your wife would insist on calling herself by another man's name? In another article I wish to show the construction of this building.

—G. E. Harmon.

The Provoked Spirit

What is a *provoked spirit*? A *wrong spirit* about *any thing*. Perhaps there is no greater hindrance than this to the Holy Spirit being poured out abundantly.

These verses sum up Numbers 20:1-13. The people were thirsty and uttered rebellious words against Moses. God came in and wrought deliverance, but the spirit of Moses and Aaron was *provoked*. See the comment; "It went ill with Moses." Who was Moses? Few men had such privileges. See this aged servant of God, who was faithful in all his house, yet in this fortieth year of the Wilderness journey this great disaster came on that man.

Are we not liable to disaster from the same cause? It went ill with Moses, and the crowning honor of his life was withheld. But the people were wicked? Yes, atrociously wrong; "they provoked his spirit." But Moses was wrong, and who can tell the loss it brought into his own life.

Good people (children of God) often talk of "Righteous indignation"; they feel wrong things *so keenly*, and the devil takes advantage to *provoke the spirit*, and the child of God does not see that this is a hateful thing to God, the greatest hindrance in Communion and Service.

Turning to the narrative in Exodus 17, of the smitten rock, we have the record of an event which took place forty years before. They wanted water—were thirsty; there was a wicked, mumuring spirit. much wrong-doing; they were aggravating and ungrateful to the last degree. But the wrong did not get into the spirit of Moses. He puts the case into God's hands, and God comes into it and works salvation. An *unprovoked spirit* always calls God to the scene. The *provoked Spirit* shuts God out. This is why the devil works to get us provoked. He knows if he gets us wrong, his triumph will be complete. If God keeps our spirit, we can get hold of Him to deal with the wrong-doer. In numbers 20, the scene

is very similiar. All goes well at first (verses 6, 7, 8); Moscs and Aaron get to God; but (verse 10) the *wrong spirit* gets into Moses. He smites the Rock instead of speaking to it and calls the people *rebels* etc. He "spake unadvisedly with his lips."

God is infinitely patient with wrong-doing. He is *never provoked*. He meant His servants to represent *Him*, and those men by their *provoked spirit* put a cloud over *God's character*. Sin on the Prophet's spirit hides from the wrong-doer God's character of patience.

In the New Testament we have similar scenes recorded. In Luke 9:51,55 is the narrative of the Samaritan villagers refusing to give Jesus and His disciples shelter. The wrong spirit gets into James and John. It was not the spirit of the Samaritans that grieved the Lord, but the spirit of His own children. God's greatest sorrow now is over our wrong spirits. What damage this has wrought! We do need this grace —NEVER to be *provoked in spirit*.

Turn to Matthew 26:47, and onward. Look at the Lord Jesus under circumstances of the most intense provocation. Look at Peter (verse 51), manifesting the *provoked spirit*. Peter could not stand it—his spirit was up; it was *not* the Spirit of Christ: Jesus could not pass it by. Peter altogether missed the duty of that hour. "If I had wanted retaliation on the evil-doers, ten thousand angels are at my bidding; I do not need your tiny sword, Peter!" Jesus Christ has too much to do now—healing the ears *we cut off*. He wants us to be filled with *His Spirit*. See how he treated Judas. "Friend. . . .". (Matt. 26:50). Wonderful, the *unprovoked Spirit of the Lamb of God!*—in the presence of such depths of meanness and baseness, as if Judas was an angel sent from the Father's throne. The *Lamb of God*—and *WE followers* of the Lamb of God!! Oh, brothers and sisters!

Do you ever think that God uses the evil in men around us to excavate our souls to *make room* for the Holy Spirit? I do not think we have taken it heart, how much our God counts on the *unprovoked spirit* in His People. He works always through this channel.

Look at Jesus on the cross—read again and again that wondrous story. What wrong done to you or me compares to the insults heaped on Jesus Christ, the beloved Son of God? What did He say? "Father, *forgive them*, for they know not what they do!" Behold the Lamb of God, wronged by evil-doers, yet untouched by it! Our whole Redemption is rooted in

the *unprovoked spirit of the Lamb of God*. The Lord God of heaven and earth came down to our utmost need in that *unprovoked spirit*. When God wants to reach atrociously wrong-doers He seems to say again: "I will let them do their evil will, that they may see *My Spirit* in my child;" and when our spirit is provoked, it hides His glory and stays His hand. We must make way for God, make way for the Spirit of His Son to possess our spirits. Have you *suffered sorely*? Do you feel you have a perfect right to feel so wrong? Let the Lord Jesus possess your spirit, beloved, and you will have all God's power on your side to overwhelm the evil-doer. Amen.

—Selected by S. E. Orr.

Plea Of The Modern Youth

By G. W. McMillan

The real modern youth, that loves the real truth;
A new modern Washington, Moses or Ruth,
Says, "Give me some work, I'll work like a Turk,
And not from a task will I falter or shirk.

When left unemployed, I can hardly avoid,
The sin by which so many youths are destroyed.
To all that are idle, the devil is entitled,
To mount and so ride without saddle or bridle.

So give me a job, lest Ike, Jack and Bob,
May tempt me to join them to hi-jack and rob.
To remain as I am, I just feel like a sham;
Getting by as a drone on my old Uncle Sam.

Give me something to do, and let me be true
To my God and this modern world all the
way through.
For the sake of the truth, that saved Moses & Ruth,
The only salvation for a real modern youth.

Truth really demands the work of my hands;
Consecrated to God in a real modern plan;
I'm no modern Booth, but the voice of the youth,
That would both live and die on the altar for
Truth."

Yea! truth is the thing that has power to bring,
Every work into judgment before the great
King.

Truth alone is the one when my work is all done,
To determine just what kind of crown I have
won.

"FAITH AND VICTORY"

16-PAGE HOLINESS MONTHLY

An exclusive, full gospel paper printed and sent out in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ in the interest of all Christians, which body of believers constitutes the one and only true Church of God.

This anti-sectarian paper is edited and published each month (except August of each year which is Camp-meeting month, and we omit this month to attend these meetings) by Fred Pruitt, assisted by Mary A. Pruitt, and other consecrated workers at FAITH PUBLISHING HOUSE, 920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Oklahoma.

(Entered as second-class matter June 10, 1930 at the Postoffice at Guthrie, Oklahoma under the Act of March, 3, 1879.) —SUBSCRIPTION PRICES—

Single copy, one year.....	\$.25
Single copy, five years	1.00
Five copies to any address, one year.....	1.00
Twelve copies to any address, one year.....	2.00
Ten copies to different addresses, 1 yr.....	2.00

This publication teaches salvation from all sin, sanctification for believers, unity and oneness for which Jesus prayed as recorded in John 17: 21 and manifested by the apostles and believers after Pentecost. ...By God's grace we teach, preach and practice the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the same gospel which Peter, John and Paul preached, taught and practiced, including the Divine healing of the body. James 5: 14, 15.

Its Motto: Have faith in God. Its Object: The glory of God and the salvation of men; the promulgation and restoration of the whole Truth to the people in this "evening time" as it was in the morning Church of the first century; the unification of all true believers in one body by the love of God. Its Standard: Separation from the world and entire devotion to the service and will of God. Its Characteristics: No discipline but the Bible; no bond of union but the love of God; no test of fellowship but the indwelling Spirit of Christ; and separation from all human organizations that are not authorized in the Word of God.

Through the Free Literature Fund, thousands of gospel tracts are published and sent out free of charge as the Lord supplies. Co-operation of our readers is solicited, and will be appreciated in any way the Bible and the Holy Spirit teaches you to do or stirs your heart. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Read Exodus 25: 2; 1 Chron. 29: 9; 2 Cor. 9: 7, and Luke 6: 38.

Free-will offerings sent in to the work will be thankfully received as from the Lord and used in the furtherance of the gospel work as God directs unless otherwise specified. All personal checks and Post Office Money Orders should be made payable to Fred Pruitt or to Faith Publishing House.

"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."

FAITH PUBLISHING HOUSE

920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Oklahoma

'Phone No. 1523-J.

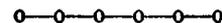
U. S. A.

EDITORIALS

In this April issue of Faith and Victory paper you will find more testimonies than usual and yet we did not have room for near all that were on hand. God is surely making the Faith & Victory paper a blessing to many souls. The contents of the paper is used of God to increase faith in the hearts of those who read and when faith is increased then victory is experienced, thus the paper is true to its name and is fulfilling its mission among men. Our hearts rejoice to know how the Lord is working and getting the paper into so many homes. Jesus says, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." When people hear the truth, believe it and embrace it, then and then only do they become free. Great freedom have they that love Thy law.

We not only have a large number of testimonies but also a large number of good articles. We do not have space in the little paper but for a very few of them so if your article or testimony does not appear just remember that our space is very limited and we cannot possibly print all the good ones.

One thing I would like to ask those who are writing articles or testimonies is to please write them plainly or better still, type them. There are some testimonies and articles, too, that are good but because it is impossible for us to make them out clearly we hesitate about trying to put them in print. We spend many hours in getting manuscript ready for setting up, together with much praying. You can help us by having your manuscript in good shape.



The Lord is truly encouraging our hearts here at the Office, as He is working and helping us along. The small paper cutter is being used with great satisfaction. This machine the Lord supplied the Print Shop and also a lead and rule cutter and we are much pleased with these machines. The Lord sent the means to us through His consecrated servants. We thank God that He still has some people in the earth that hear His voice and obey Him. Quite a number have sent in means to buy a paper folder with but not near enough, as yet, has been sent in to purchase this machine for the "Lord's Print Shop".

We're still praying the Lord to supply this machine and also for a good job press. We know the Lord has a way and we are waiting upon Him with continual prayer, supplications and thanksgiving. We are sure that our readers would like to see us have a paper folder and a good job press. The Faith Pub. House is sending forth the clean, pure truth with

much love, compassion and long suffering for eternity bound souls. We are workers together with God, so the Lord invites you to join in this great work. Work that is truly done for God will never die. Jesus says, "Men ought always to pray and not faint." Fainting means to lose faith and give up, cease to be active. Paul exhorts us in the last chapter of Gal., "Not to be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." There are folks who get saved and are very zealous to do and to give but as time goes on the enemy in some way gets them to let up, perhaps he gets them to think that all their doing and giving is in vain, as some whom they gave to may have proved unfaithful. They should realize that if they give as unto the Lord that they are no more responsible after it leaves their hands and they only injure their own souls by fainting or ceasing to be active in service to God. Remember, the trying of your faith worketh patience. Paul says we shall reap if we faint not. Nothing is promised to those who faint. We are exhorted to be "Fervent in spirit serving the Lord" and God says, "The liberal soul shall be made fat". Have you got a fat soul?



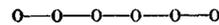
Anna Marie, our eldest daughter has gone to California. She felt duty calling her there. We hated to see her go but was constrained to say, "His will be done." Since we came home last fall from our eastern evangelistic trip she has been our Linotype operator here at the Office and God blessed her in this work. We have been very much pleased in her advancement in spirituality and in becoming settled and established in God in the last year or more and we pray that she will continue to make Him first and never be turned aside by any of the entisements of the old vain world or by persuadings of those who put very little value on Bible salvation. We are persuaded that she will follow Jesus and make Him first in her life. She has been a good girl and a great comfort to us. May His favors and blessings rest upon her is my earnest prayer.

Bro. Earl Laughlin has been operating the Linotype since she (Anna Marie) left but he feels a call in evangelistic work so he may not be at this work long. We are trusting God to keep all vacancies in the Office supplied. The pure gospel of Christ is certainly needed to be printed and sent forth to the people in this country as evil men and seducers are waxing worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. Satan's numerous preachers are cunningly teaching in such a way that they are gradually under-

mining the faith that folks have in God and there is much feigned faith, with worldly conformity. The more you become separated in spirit and conformity to the world the less the world will think of you and this is the saints' safest place.



The state of Missouri seems to be coming to the front, at least in some things. Your humble servant has traveled over Missouri quite a lot and has held meetings in various places and we have here-to-fore known that there was a wide range of religion there of different types, shadows, cliques and clans, that range from the wildest fanaticism to rank compromise and a soft soaped and poison-doped gospel. Sandwiched in between all this rubbish are some real saints of God who are continually grieved with Christ reproaching professors. The same conditions that exist in Missouri also exist in many other states. The thing we wanted to tell about was a recent letter, with circulars, which we received from a man in Missouri who claims that HE is Christ "The Anointed One". He claims that Christ has come the second time and that HE is Christ. He asks us to print for him a circular declaring that HE is Christ and wants us to scatter it abroad to all the people. He thinks it will only hasten his death but says, it must be done. We have sent him a sample of tracts and a paper with a prayer that this poor man's eyes may be opened to see the real truth of God's word. Pray!!

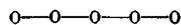


Bro. George Stephenson of Ind. has been holding a revival meeting here in the chapel at Guthrie. The meeting continued for two weeks and the attendance was very good as well as the interest. The saints were much encouraged and a few souls were sanctified. We do not consider it a failure by any means. He is now engaged in a meeting at Shawnee, Okla. He is a very sincere, earnest man and speaks the Truth with boldness and confidence. He is much blessed of God.

To know God is to love Him. It is strange that so few people really know God and yet He is declaring Himself to them day after day, week after week and year after year. The stars, the moon, the sun, the trees, the plant life, the animals that walk the earth and the fish that swim in the sea all utter speech stronger than words, and testify of God the Creator. All these things God created for man even before He made man. When He made man he soon committed sin and grieved the great loving heart of God, he ruined himself and became only worthy of death.

Then God had pity on him and provided him a Saviour in the person of His only begotten Son. He allowed wicked men to abuse Him, scorn and scoff at Him, lash Him, mock Him and then hang Him upon a cursed tree; bringing the worst of shame and contempt upon Him and yet He was innocent of any crime or wrong-doing. He suffered all this that we might have a Saviour, that we might be freed from guilt; freed from condemnation and everlasting ruin and destruction. Can you see the great love of God, the whole earth is full of His glory. He gave His Son as a sacrifice for sins and if we believe in Him we shall have everlasting life. There is no life for us outside of Christ. I say again, to know Him is to love Him. It is easy to teach people about God who love the truth. Those who do not love the truth will not hear His words, will never see Him, neither will they know Him. It is with them as Jesus told the Pharisees. "If ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins" John 8:24; and in a verse above He says they shall die in their sins and whether He goes they cannot come. Oh, that men would taste and see that the Lord is good.

Pray for us brethren and sisters and write us for we need your prayers and encouragement as we labor on here in the Office, getting out the tracts and papers and sending them continually to all parts of the world. Let us all keep up courage and never faint for there is a reaping time coming, when every man will be rewarded according to deeds done in the body.



Besides the continual work in the office and the regular meetings at the Chapel we have been having meetings at the County Farm and the Jail on Sunday after-noons. The Lord has been blessing in these meetings. The last trip to the County Farm one poor old man came to the altar of prayer and sought after God. It was very pitiful and touching to see that old man broken up in spirit and calling on God. At times he would burst out with these words, "Time is so short, Oh, time is so short." He undoubtedly felt this fact very keenly. It is truly so, time is exceedingly short with us all; eternity will soon begin, then where will your poor soul be. At the Jail the Lord gave us a precious service and the men behind the bars listened attentively as the word of God was expounded and the heart touching songs were sung. They eagerly asked us to come back again. We left them tracts and papers to read and continue to pray that God will get hold of some heart. Please agree

in prayer with us for these poor men. Jesus died to save them as well as us.

Camp Meeting Notice

The Neosho, Mo. Church of God Camp-meeting will be held this year in July from the 17th to the 27th. All lovers of the truth are invited. Particulars will be given later. —John Strech (Pastor).

Good Books To Read

We are listing two books, one for children and the other for young folks.

"The City of Self For God", written by Jessie B. Warmack contains 192 pages of large clear print, with beautiful paper binding. You will find much food for your soul in this book. Price 40cts, post-paid.

"True Stories of The West For Children" and "Father's Evening Stories" combined, is a splendid book for your boy or girl. It has a good clear print with illustrations and beautifully bound with durable paper. Price each, 25c post-paid.

OBITUARY

Little Ruth Cramer, infant daughter of William and Edith Cramer passed away on Mar. the 6th. She was only 13 days old. She had been sick for a week when God saw best to remove her to Himself. This was quite a grief to the parents but they are consoled with the fact that their darling has gone to be with Jesus. They have two children left to rear and teach them the ways of the Lord.

Funeral services were at their home at Souder-ton, Pa. on March the 9th and the remains was laid to rest in the Northwood Cemetery at Philadelphia, Pa. Bro Chas. Houch officiated and his text was 2 Sam. 12:23.

Along the silent path, by viewless spirits trod,
Another little traveler hath gone to be with
God.

Gone up from human love to higher love and care.
From pain below to peace above in mansion
oh, so fair.

Attune our hearts O, Lord, tho' they with sorrow
swell,

To say these meek submissive words, "Thou
doest all things well."

Bid us O, Lord, to go or bid us here to stay;
We'll walk with Thee while here below, on
up the silent way.

William Harry Brown was born May 2, 1858; died March 10, 1936; age 77 years, 10 months and eight days old.

He was united in marriage to Cynthia Rodden March 14, 1878. To this union were born seven children.

Mrs. Mary Ann Haddox; William Brown; George Brown; Hezekiah Brown; Katherine Brown; Fannie Brown and Cynthia Robinson.

His wife and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Haddox and Catherine Brown, preceded him in death. All the others are living. He was united to his second wife, Julia Glover, August 29, 1897. To this union were born two children; Fred Brown and Becky Brown.

He passed away the next day after being sick one month. All was done for him that loving hands could do. The Lord blessed him by giving him his right mind through his sickness.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Paul Gibson. Text, Job 14:1 & Rev. 14:13.

While our hearts are filled with sorrow,
And our eyes are filled with tears;
We know our Heavenly Father sees it,
Blessed thought, to know He cares.

o

MEETING REPORT

Meeting at Deep Fork, Okla. was a success. The saints were encouraged to press on. Brother Issac Chandler held a few nights' meeting at this place. All the saints were made to rejoice in the God of their salvation. We can truly say as the disciples said, "Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?" Bro. Chandler is a young Evangelist and has proven by his work to be able.

(Writer) —Bro. W. E. Bramlett.

A Letter Of Advice From An Old Minister

To our much appreciated young ministers of the Gospel, Greetings: May the Lord ever bless and encourage your hearts, ever keeping you in His divine order for His name's sake. We are glad you are still working on. Keep your courage; we have had years of things to bear as you are now having. I have often studied matters over, the conditions as we have them today, and after carefully considering matters I can't believe God is pleased with us laboring for a

people who are so dishonoring to the Lord by not caring for His ministers; and I believe the time has come when the God of heaven wants you and I, as ministers of the Gospel, to work where we are respected enough any way to be cared for. My confidence is growing less in those who will not help bear the burden. I know there are eager souls here and there over the earth who would be glad for a word of encouragement.

These conditions are growing worse and worse, and if we as the ministers of God do not take action congregations as a whole are going to meet God unprepared, and I feel we will be partly responsible. We have no right to make any demands of them, but that they carry out their duty toward us as we carry out our duty to them. If we have no right to live and have what we really need we must be out of God's order; for He says "He that preaches the gospel shall live of the gospel"; 1 Cor. 9:14-18.

Conditions must change. What we need to do I am certain is to preach to those who are lost and away from God, who can be awakened to their senses as to their duty before God on every line. I do not know of but one minister who is not entangled with the affairs of this life and he is loosed thru the deprivation of the real necessary temporal things of life, while nearly all others have only enough for themselves. This condition is grave; hence the Lord is relieving me of some burdens I have here-to-fore carried, hoping conditions would reverse toward the care of the ministry. The ministers are less cared for at this time than at any other time in history.

I am speaking in regard to the ministry who do not receive a salary. We earnestly contend the ministers have no right to charge for their services, but we see advantage is taken of us in the sense that we are not cared for. I am not writing you concerning this matter to cause you discouragement, but for the purpose that you may see the need of spending your life where it will be to the greatest advantage and the greatest blessing to the Lord; for now you are young, your life is before you. Many of the old ministers have spent most of their lives with congregations who have never cared for their temporal needs. I am advising you not to waste your life and time with people who do not and will not help bear the burden, and take up their cross and follow Him who died for us. When the Jews rejected the word of God the apostles turned to the Gentiles.

If a minister does not feed a congregation, over which the Lord has made him overseer, the congre-

gation has no obligations in regard to his temporal need supply and if a congregation does not care for their pastor, doing all they can in supplying his temporal needs, he is under no obligation to serve them; as they are breaking the commands of God and are only worthy to repent and get in touch with God and heaven.

We are sorry to hear of your unsupplied needs, while we are sure it could be taken care of by those you are laboring for, so I feel definitely led to advise you to turn to the Gentiles (the world). Preach to them, possibly they will hear the Lord and His word, and your reward will be great. May God bless you and keep you pure in heart and life to do His will.

I remain your brother,

—An old servant of the Lord.

(Editor) The above letter was sent in for publication and we send it forth with the hope that congregations will be stirred to supply the needs of ministers that labor in Word and deed among them. There seems to be a great lack along this line.

NOTICE!

I am informed that Bro. R. Walters of Kinta, Okla. has suffered the loss of his house and all contents by fire. They will appreciate any help sent to them to tide them through this disaster.

Bear Ye One Another's Burdens

“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Gal. 6:1-2

As I read that sacred truth this morning, I was made to wonder, my precious brethren, if we as saints of God have, at all times, carried out that sacred truth in the Church of God as we should, or have we been too much inclined to find fault with our brother; and air out his faults, and crush him down rather than build him up. Well some one may say, have we a right to compromise with sin? No, never, but listen, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself lest THOU also be tempted.

When Jesus was here on earth, and the woman that was taken in adultery was brought to him, did Jesus condemn her? No, but said go and sin no more; John 8:3-12. I have in mind a brother that I once worked with in the ministry, that I believe was a

dear humble man of God, and God used him; but somehow satan triped him and he, too, was caught in that act (and was to blame) but if he had been dealt with in the spirit of meekness, instead of very rough hands, he might have been restored. Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth and one convert him; let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Some might say, well Brother White, adultery is a great sin. Yes, I know it is, but it's classed with idolatry, strife, seditions, heresies or such like; read that catalogue of sins in Gal. 5:20-22. Brethren above all things let us have fervent charity among ourselves; for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

(To be continued)

—H. W. White.

o o o o o

Sapulpa, Okla.—Dear Saints of God; Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Today finds me happy in the Lord. I praise the dear Lord for His goodness and mercy to me and for the decision he gives me to live for Him, who has done so much for us all.

I feel it would be to His glory to testify to His wonderful healing power. Our oldest girl's eyes were weak and we took her to an eye specialist in Ponca City, Okla. He told us, in spite of all we could do, her left eye would cross. Last July Husband and I got saved at Neosho, Mo. Camp-meeting. We then attended part of the Tulsa Camp-meeting in August. We had Ruby Alice anointed and prayed for. The dear Lord healed her eyes and she now goes to school and, praise the Lord, her eyes don't hurt any more.

A few weeks ago our little boy became seriously ill. We called the saints from Tulsa, obeying James 5th chap. 14 verse, and called for Bro. and Sis. Pruitt to pray. The Lord wonderfully healed him.

“It pays to trust Jesus” “It pays every day.”

We find Him an ever present help in time of need. Pray for me that I be found ready when Jesus comes.

Your saved sister,

—Floy Woolery.

Wardville, Ark.—Faith & Victory, dear Sir; Inclosed you will find 25c in stamps for one year's subscription to Faith and Victory. I just happened to see a little Faith & Victory paper and picked it up and began to read it. It was dated 1934 but I liked it so well I thought I would write and see if I could still get it. I believe in God and want to live for Him.

Yours truly,

—Mrs. M. B. Robertson.

« Young People's Section »

A Friend

A friend is what we need,
No matter where we go;
We need some one to help us
As we travel to and fro.

We need someone to guide us
As we travel along the way;
To teach, to help and lead us
Both by night and day.

A friend that you can trust
In the time of every need;
One that we can depend on,
To be a friend indeed.

One who is brave and true,
Always doing what is right;
One that will stand by you,
In the darkest of the night.
—Olive A. Phillips.

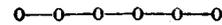
EDITORIAL NOTES

Our profession as Christians should be the rule of our conduct as children of God. If we are true Christians our profession will be that high standard which Jesus lived and taught. Many people today are having trouble in living up to their profession. It may be that some have never been created a new creature in Christ Jesus, and others may have let the grace of God leak out of their hearts by neglecting to watch and pray. Indifference and carelessness are tricks of the devil.

Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth", Luke 11:2. The Father desires to have His will done in us—His earthly vessels. God has chosen man as the vessel or channel through which He may shine forth His great attributes.

Let us notice especially one point of His will concerning us. In 1 Thess. 4:3 we read, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification." Thus it is God's will to sanctify all believers in Christ. It is a purging that they might be able to bring forth more

fruit. The infilling of the Holy Ghost sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts. It also destroys the carnal nature which is the very cause of division. Hence we notice that when Jesus prayed for the unification of believers, in St. John, He also prayed the Father to sanctify them.



The Bible has the largest place in the world of literature but no other book is so misunderstood or misinterpreted. The many hundreds of religious denominations of the world stand as a witness to this fact.
—L. D. P.

The Enemy's Deceptions

"If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." John 15:19.

Thank God that we are a chosen people. He says that He has chosen us out of the world, then if we are chosen out of the world we shouldn't partake of the entertainments, pleasures, jestings, revelings etc. that the world partakes of. Yet, still we hear professors of religion say, "God didn't mean that for the young people, that's just for those who are old and about to finish their life here in this world." He didn't specify that the young people should continue in sin until they are old then be chosen out of the world.

What we are told in the word of God is simple and easily understood but it seems worldly people every day are trying to make the Bible different than what it really is. They interpret it just any way to influence people to think that they are alright and living a Christian life; when really they are on the broad way going deeper and deeper in sin every day. God help those kind of people, that they might be brought out of their sinful ways into a life full of sweet fellowship with Jesus.

The young people of today are having more and more enticements to draw them into the world therefore it behooves us to pray more and live so close to Jesus that we can resist all powers the enemy might have to entangle us with and draw us away from God.

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” 1 John 2:15.. When we get a sweet experience of salvation our love for the world is gone completely; we feel that we don't ever want to partake of the things of the world at the present time. But the devil is cunning and clever, he will work in some of the most unbelievable ways just to get our eye attracted to some very small worldly object, then if we do not draw nigh to God the enemy continues in bringing up worldly attractions; each time a little more impressive on us until we finally awaken to find ourselves lost out with God and back in the world, in sin again. Then we must take a new start, all of our past accomplishments are lost and we have gained nothing. The Lord help us, as young saints, that we might keep in the fear of God, in the center of God's will, that we might be able to detect the Spirit's leadings and the cunning ways the enemy has to draw us into the world.

Let each of us search our hearts daily that we might not let the enemy get the least little corner in getting our attention and affection centered off of heavenly things. God is depending on the young people to lift up the Bible standard and carry on the work of God. Let's not fail Him but ever do God's will and prove to the world that there is a reality in salvation.

We are not conscious as to who is watching our daily lives. So, let's each let God guard and guide our lives that the lights that shine forth from our lives might be the right influence. We surely do not want to be held accountable at the judgment for the lost souls of those who have been led astray.

We must let God have His way with us to keep complete victory. By the Lord's help I intend to make it through at any cost. Pray for me.

—Minnie Mae Roush.

o o o o o

Greenfield, Mo.—Dear saints of God, scattered abroad: I desire that you join with us in earnest prayer for the complete healing of my mother. She has had an affected lung for years, also other serious afflictions, having to be in bed quite a bit of the time.

We know that the Lord can heal her if it is His will. He has healed us many times. We desire that Mother will be healed for the glory of God and that we can be in meetings and work for Jesus.

We read in the 13th chapter of Luke about the woman that had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years. Satan had bound her, then Jesus immediately healed

her. I believe that Satan is trying to keep mother bound to keep God from getting the glory from healing her. We know that it is the same Jesus that healed so many in times past. “Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.” Psalms 34:19.

Let us pray earnestly, not only for us but for the many others that need our prayers. Yours for God,

—Ruby Fern Wilson.

CORRESPONDENCE

Summers, Ga.—It hasn't been very long since I have received this wonderful little paper, which is good to my soul to read. I can't say very much, for this is my first writing to this paper. Dear saints, I am saved and sanctified and I sure do feel the power of God in my soul. Tongue can't tell and express how I do love my Lord, for He is so precious to me. I want to go all the way with Him regardless of what people may say; for I don't expect sinners to walk with the Lord. They don't know anything about Him, much less the good feeling we servants of God feel.

I wish everybody could see the need of prayer as I do, for all would get saved. Pray for me,

—Mrs. Albert Melton.

o o o o o

Kunnamkulaam, India—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Family: May God bless you and your workers. I received your good letter and the money which you sent. I sincerely thank all those who had a part in the sending of this offering.

I was glad to know about the assembly meeting as it is good for the saints to get together and open their hearts to one another for edification and comfort. The saints have many difficulties and problems to meet with in their Christian walk in this sinful world where Satan is the chief ruler, as he does all he can to discourage the children of God. He tries to diminish their faith.

We thank you for your kindness and prayers for us. The Lord is teaching us how to pray, is teaching us more about it, to pray so He will hear.

The work here is going on and we are encouraged with increased hopes and wish to make it more lively here and in other places. This is a hot season. The sun is so hot we cannot get out after ten o'clock until about four in the evening, without great suffering. To walk out in the sun is like walking through fire.

We send our Christian love to you and to all in the Office and to those who read the paper.

—K. V. Cherian & Wife, (Missionaries)

Mich.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: Greetings in the name of Jesus. I have intended to write before but on account of bad roads I thought it might get lost so have waited until now. Am so glad the good Lord is so good to us to give us health and the right use of our minds. We are trusting our God for soul and body as we know that all good and perfect gifts come from God and without Him we can do nothing. Well praise God, we would to God we could come to the meetings but it is not convenient. The best we can do is to trust God. and do the best we can. You will find enclosed \$1.00, for which take out 25cts for one year for Faith & Victory paper. The rest, use for the Lord. May God bless you in your work.
—Mrs. Eulah Sherman.

0 0 0 0 0

Wis.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We greet you in Jesus' name. It has been sometime since I wrote to you. We can say that the dear Lord is still with us, instructing us, teaching us and leading us. It seems that we are slow about learning but the Lord has great patience and encourages our hearts. We very much desire to see our dear sister, Louise, healed so she can see to read the good Word of God. We are holding on for her and the dear Lord has touched her eyes twice already. First she could see men walking along on the side walk and then again she could see me coming from the barn and could see the barn plain and the shade trees on the neighbor's lot. Surely this caused us great rejoicing. After awhile her sight left so she cannot see so well.. This is a puzzle to me as I cannot understand it. Perhaps a trying of our faith. However, since the last touch she can see better than before as she can see the hands on the clock without getting into a chair. Help us pray, dear ones, until the dear Lord gives her more faith and He can heal her completely. Continue to pray for us.

Yours in the Lord, —Fred Stahnke.

0 0 0 0 0

Peshastin, Wash.—Faith & Victory; Dear Bro. Pruitt and Co-workers in Christ Jesus. We have been receiving your good paper, "Faith & Victory" for the past year, thru the kindness of some one, who is interested in the work of the Kingdom of God. I want to say to the one responsible, MANY THANKS. We had no knowledge of "Faith & Victory" until we rec'd our first copy at the beginning of the past year. We have enjoyed twelve months of good reading.

The good Lord called Wife and I out of sectism about forty five years ago. God gave us one night at family worship Rev. 18th chap. I was then class

leader of the Methodist church in the little town of Rossville, Kansas. And being brought up with a sectarian environment all about us we naturally tho't these divisions were ordained of God, and that every one had a right to choose the sect that suited his taste best. We had never heard a gospel sermon showing the Church of God, nor the oneness of God's people. So when we were reading this chapter, which says, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of Devils, and a hold of every foul spirit, a cage of every unclean and hateful bird," there was a voice that whispered in my ear, which said, what is that thing that you are the class leader of? When I looked I saw a perfect picture of just what we were reading, and as we read on the Word said, "Come out of her, MY people," which voice we obeyed. We then began looking for a cage of pure birds. In our wanderings we never joined another sect. After about five years the dear Lord led us from Kansas to N. Dakota. Here we found a brother in the Lord, a German by birth.

He was getting the Gospel Trumpet. We sent to Grand Forks, N. Dak. and had Bro. Nelson and another Bro. come up to our town and hold a series of meetings. At the close of these meetings Wife and I got rid of the last of sectism, by being baptised in a little lake. We rejoiced in God and the beautiful oneness of the saints of God, as our hearts were knit together in perfect love, we did not think it was possible for the Devil to find a wedge, to pry apart that perfect love. But history repeats itself, as old Israel wanted to have a king, so that they could be like the other nations; just so innovation crept in little, by little, letting down the Bible standards of a holy life, modest apparel, factory made preachers, destroying the domestic ties of the holy bonds of matrimony and several of the ministers here in the north west divorced their companions and remarried. I cannot tell you of the sorrow and sadness this brought to my heart and life. I did not want to be stubborn or rebellious and I still longed for that sweet fellowship of my brethren; but the more I prayed and studied on these new doctrines, the farther I got away from them. They obscured the light I already had and more light always increases light.

For the past year we have been blessed with "Faith & Victory," so the reading of God's Book and letters and articles in these little papers are the source of our joy as we are here in an isolated place.

I am closing by sending my renewal and also the name of my son who lives in Spokane. —H. J. Nason.

Nebraska—Faith and Victory; Greetings in the name high over all, in earth or sea or sky; before it men and angels fall, and devils fear and fly. Brethren I have been reading "Faith and Victory" for some time and like it very well. I believe in old time principles of old time Gospel, bringing old time salvation to old fashioned people. I'm not a modernist by any means in what I believe, neither a nudist in the matter of dress, nor an extremist in every day life. I love the simple life, free from anxiety, fret or care and if there is any thing more in the Gospel I love that, too. Your Bro. in the Living Body,
—C. Z. Stonecypher.

Holland, Mich.—Dear Brother Pruitt and all; The last paper that we got on Mar. 1st surely was food to my soul. I do thank God that He has a people that will stand by the whole Truth and preach it. This day, on March the first, finds me saved and walking in the Light of God's word. By His grace I mean to go through with Him whatever the cost may be. I want to say that the Lord has taken out of me all things that pertain to this world and I have a great desire to do His will and to take Him at His word. Jesus says in His word, "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, you can ask what you will and it will be given unto you."

Your Bro. in Christ, —Bro. Brandt.

Pasadena, Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt; Greetings in Jesus name, who saves our souls from sin and heals our bodies when we are afflicted. Praise His precious name. I was healed instantly of severe fever when anointed and prayed for by Bro. Eugene Harmon. An awful cold in my lungs disappeared a few days later. What a mighty God we serve! My greatest desire is to draw nearer to Jesus each day and at last to live with Him eternally. Jesus is dearer to me than this old world.

May God's richest blessings rest upon you and all the workers at the Office. Your Sis. in Christ,
—Phoebe Schliefer.

Okemah, Okla.—Dear Brother and Sis. Pruitt; Greetings in Jesus precious name. This morning finds me saved and happy in the Lord. Still encouraged to go all the way with Him. You know you can't go with Him and live any way. If a man thinks so when he wakes up he will be mistaken. You can't serve God and mammon; you just can't do that. I have found it so long ago and it is so even now.

Give love to all the saints. The day is rainy and

wet and unfit to attend Church but I can write to some of the saints and tell them I am still saved. I am renewing my subscription. I have moved and you can change my address. —W. W. Crawley.

B'ham, Ala.—Dear brothers and sisters; Just a word this morning in Jesus' precious name. I am so thankful that Jesus Christ is one we can look to for peace and happiness. He is so dear to them that trust Him. Praise His name forever.

Dear ones I just want to ask you this morning to pray that my father will humble his heart that I might see and be with my loved ones and that Jesus will get glory out of it. I enjoy the Faith & Victory so much. It encourages so many to go on in the straight and narrow path.

The paper also opens the eyes of those that don't know Jesus. You will find inclosed 50c for renewal of my subscription to the paper for two years. Pray for me, both soul and body. May God bless you and guide you in His way. Your Sis. in Jesus,
—Ethel Sellers.

Holden, Missouri—Dear Faith & Victory; I am a little girl twelve years old and in the seventh grade. I was in a contest in Holden, Missouri and won third prize which was one dollar. So I am sending one tenth to help publish your paper.

I love to sing and I know that the Lord gave me my voice. I intend to send one tenth out of every dollar I make off of my voice. I want you all to pray for me that I might win in more singing contests. Yours truly,
—Mildred Ailen Smith.

—NOTICE—

I just feel like sending a word to those of our readers who are interested in the Bible study lessons which appear in the Faith and Victory each month.

Sister Orr, of Hammond, La., has been preparing these lessons since Bro. C. E. Orr's death. She has been very faithful in this work and loves to do all she can for the good of souls and we appreciate her services very much and I am sure that all of you do. Sister Orr is feeling the weight of years and she has asked to be released from this work. We have talked to Bro. O. C. Porter about taking over the Bible study lessons and it has pleased the Lord for him to accept this labor of love for the Master and so from now on Bro. Porter will prepare these Bible study lessons for the paper. We are thinking very seriously of putting out these Bible lessons separate from the paper in a smaller and more convenient size and sending out

to all who desire them every three months. In doing this we would have more room in the paper for good soul feeding articles. We feel sure that Bro. Porter will give you good service in these Bible study lessons as he has been interested in this kind of work for a long time and has experience in teaching and conducting classes. He is qualified in a spiritual way and has a life which backs up his testimony of full salvation.

In the future those who wish childrens cards, rolls, charts or Sunday School supplies order from O. C. Porter R. D. 6 Guthrie, Okla.

Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

This month's lessons were prepared by Sis. Orr. Beginning with the May issue Bro. Porter will edit this department.

Sunday, April 5, 1936.

Home Study For The Week

- Mar. 30—The Gospel For All.....Luke 14:12-24.
 Mar. 31—The Worth Of A Man.....Matt. 12:9-14.
 Apr. 1—The Universal Invitation.....Isa. 55:1-7
 Apr. 2—God no Respector of Persons.Acts 10:34-38.
 Apr. 3—Jesus The Friend Of All....Luke 5:27-32.
 Apr. 4—The Soul's Thirst & Satisfaction.Jn. 4:7-14
 Apr. 5—Devotional Reading.....Rev. 7:9-12

SUBJECT—Jesus Invites All People.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Luke 14:15-24.

Luke 14:15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

21 So that servant came, and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the

streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

Memory Verse—Come for all things are now ready. Luke 14:17.

Central Thought—A Great Feast Prepared.

Practical Truth—The great feast prepared and only those who accept the invitation can partake of it.

Suggestions To Teachers

Our responsibility in rejecting or accepting Christ's invitation. So great an invitation. The excuses made.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Each Bible student before entering into this lesson should study this 14th chapter of Luke from the first verse to the 15th verse, where our printed portion of this lesson begins and learn Jesus' teaching on what was right & lawful to do on the Sabbath Day, and also a precious lesson on humility, verse eleven; and the right use of our ability to make a feast and who to invite.

At the home of one of the Chief Pharisees where Jesus was invited to "eat bread" one that sat at meat with Him said, "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the Kingdom of God." Then Jesus said, "A certain man." 1st; He was God who had infinite resources and He was the giver of all good, so He could extend the invitation to "A great supper." 2nd; The invitation through Christ. "He sent forth his servant." Jesus the Son of God came to seek and to save the lost. Oh, His divine and glorious mission to earth. This great invitation to spend eternity with God was given to man through none other than the Son of God. 3rd; The invitation to blessings and fellowship with Christ. Oh, the blessing of being "Born Again" and as we grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ we enjoy the precious fellowship. "Come" and be a living companion with Him day by day; until He in His own good time and His sweet will says, "Come up higher." 4th; Invitation to service for, and allegiance to Christ. We cannot give or prepare the feast, but we can carry "the Master's invitation to it" and we must do that whether people accept or reject it. Oh, the joy of the

servant of Christ, when able to say, "Lord what thou didst command is done." No higher allegiance to Christ than to accept Him in all His fullness and extend His invitation in mercy to others. 5th; The invitation declined. "The master of the house being angry." He had made infinite preparation at an "infinite cost." Read John 3:16. Surely if precious souls realized what was involved in their refusal to accept Christ, they would be stirred to more serious consideration. 6th; The invitation withdrawn—alienation from Christ. "None of those that were bidden shall taste of my supper." They were sincerely invited, would have had a hearty welcome. The invitation is still extended and all who accept will enjoy the riches of Salvation; but those who reject, will be eternally separated from Christ. No greater punishment is possible.

Sunday, April 12, 1936.

Home Study For The Week

April 6—The Shadow of The Cross..Matt.16:21-28.
 April 7—The Crucifixion.....John 19:17-22.
 April 8—Jesus Triumphs Over Death.Luke 24:1-12.
 April 9—Christ Died For Us.....Rom. 5:1-11.
 April 10—A Song of Triumph.....Rev. 5:9-13.
 April 11—New Life in Christ.....Col. 3:1-11.
 April 12—Our Immortality.....1 Cor. 15:50-57.

SUBJECT—Jesus Triumphs Over Death.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion— Luke 24:1-12.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 And they remembered his words,

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

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

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

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

Memory Verse—Because I live, ye shall live also. John 14:19.

Central Thought—The resurrection of Jesus.

Practical Truth—The same power that brought Jesus from the grave, must bring a sinner from a death in sin to life in Christ. Wonderful power.

Suggestions To Teachers

Jesus conqueror. Our living Lord. A glad surprise.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Our Triumphant, living Lord was a glad surprise to the sorrowing disciples, but like many of His followers today they forget, or are "slow of heart" Luke 24:25-26. Moses and the prophets had told of our Lord's coming and what would take place at the finishing up of His mission on earth. His death and suffering was for us. Dear child of God, never forget, He suffered and died in your place. Dear unsaved soul, remember, He was your substitute also, and if you meet the conditions of His Word you will become His child. Read Rom. 5:8; Rom. 10:8-10. Oh, this wonderful Salvation brought to this lost world, at such a cost. Even the suffering, death and resurrection of our risen Lord. The tomb was sealed and guarded by Roman authority upon Jewish request. Paul tells us the infallible proofs of His resurrection. 1st: Roman guard reported, 2nd: The women, 3rd: Peter and John, 4th: Two men on the way to Emmanus, Luke 24:13-31. Then in the evening of the resurrection day; read again in Luke 24:32-43. Thus five times Jesus showed Himself to His followers on the day he arose from the grave. No wonder Paul said there were infallible proofs of His resurrection. Oh, praise God for a risen Lord. Living today at the right hand of God to intercede for us. The question might be asked, "Why did He appear to His followers?" Who but they could appreciate the privilege of seeing Him alive? No Christian can doubt it and no blasphemers can explain it away. Praise our God, belief in it is the test of saving FAITH and also gives assurance of the future, for we know that in Him and by His power

we shall rise on the morning of the Last Day. Oh! the groaning; Rom. 8:22-23.

Sunday, April 19, 1936.

Home Study For The Week

- Apr. 13—God's Forgiving Love.... Luke 15:11-24.
 Apr. 14—Our Need of Forgiveness.... Psa. 51:1-4.
 Apr. 15—The Joy of Forgiveness..... Psa. 32:1-7.
 Apr. 16—A Forgiving Spirit..... Mark 11:20-25.
 Apr. 17—Jesus Teaches Forgiveness.... John 8:2-11.
 Apr. 18—The Merciful Father..... Psa. 103:8-14.
 Apr. 19—Devotional Reading... Luke 7:36-38, 44-50.

SUBJECT—God The Forgiving Father.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion— Luke 15:11-24.

Luke 15:11 And he said, A certain man had two sons:

12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

20 And he arose and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23 And bring hither the fatted calf and kill it: and let us eat, and be merry:

24 For this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

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

Central thought—The blessedness of forgiveness.

Practical Truth—Only those with a forgiving heart, can know the blessedness of being forgiven.

Suggestions To Teachers

God's forgiving love. Welcome of a wayward boy by a good father.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Jesus had feasted on the Sabbath with His disciples and other guests, and being severely criticised for associating with such characters, Jesus delivered the parables of "The lost sheep", "The lost coin" and "The lost son". Jesus shows the difference between a straying sheep and a misplaced coin and the joy heaven feels over the penitence of even a single sinner. So the parable of the prodigal son is also the parable of the "Forgiving Father."

We have in this lesson 1st: The selfish son, "give me". To tire of restraint is a great Sin. 2nd: Took his journey; leaving the tender ties of loved ones at home, one who starts out to see the world, needs to guard well his steps. This young man did not know that. 3rd: Wasted his substance. One with plenty of money not only corrupts himself, but others also by riotous living. 4th: Spent all—in want—joined himself. All is gone, money, jewels, ALL, ALL, and he is hungry. He sought employment. 5th: Sent him to feed swine. The man in a far country does not take him into his home, but sends him to the hog lot. Those who were boon companions of better days do not care for him now. The outcast of sin is cast out indeed. Swine feeding was the most degrading work a Jew could be engaged in. But he would fain have eaten of the pods of the Carob Tree, which the hogs ate of. But Oh! the mockery of physical food. Then he "came to himself", which bro't repentance. 6th: "I have sinned". His heart is broken up. He took the right path to sob out his sorrow into his father's ear. 7th: "He arose and came to his father". What a change, from the swine pasture to his old home. 8th: "Best robe—a ring—shoes—the fatted calf." The past, even tho so bad, is all forgiven. Repentance brought a glorious forgiveness. The father's acceptance and feast, turned the dark night of sin into a bright new day, shining with love, such a type of the sinner today who may come to God and have the "Light of Life" enter his heart

thru repentance toward God and faith in the risen Lord.

Sunday, April 26, 1936

Home Study For The Week

- Apr. 20—The Dangers of Riches.... Luke 16:19-26.
 Apr. 21—Giving At a Sacrifice..... Mark 12:41-44.
 Apr. 22—Social Justice..... Amos 5:10-15.
 Apr. 23—A Charge to The Wealthy... 1 Tim. 6:17-19.
 Apr. 24—True Wealth..... Eccl. 5:8-17.
 Apr. 25—The Joy of Simple Living.. Prov. 15:16 &
 1 Timothy 6:6-9.
 Apr. 26—Devotional Reading..... 1 John 3:13-18.

SUBJECT—Jesus looks at wealth and poverty.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion— Luke 16:19-31.

Luke 16:19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate full of sores.

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried:

23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tougue; for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Mo-

ses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Memory Verse—The rich and poor meet together: The Lord is the maker of them all. Prov. 22:2.

Central Thought—Riches & poverty contrasted.

Practical Truth—One in possession of "The True Riches" can be happy and contented in poverty.

Suggestions To Teachers

Jesus' story of a beggar and a rich man. What money cannot buy. How can we make our Social Order christian?

EXPLANATORY NOTES

In our lesson the rich and poor meet together and after death the rich and poor meet again. But the poor here is rich there, and the rich here is there the poor man. What a contrast. Oh, that all could, or would, use wealth as God wills. "A Certain Rich Man". Think of the splendid opportunities of making the world better for his having lived in it. It is a great privilege to have high earning power, but dear ones with this ability take heed how you spend what God enables you to earn. "Fared Sumptuously"; Many dear souls with means *overdo* and live in selfish luxury; while there is dire need all around and even at their door, as this rich man in our lesson. "Desiring to Be Fed"; It takes the world's wealth to distribute the world's food. "Let the hungry be fed". Just one of the costly banquets of this rich man would have lifted this beggar out of his hunger and fed him, the rest of his life, with good nourishing food, and one change of raiment of the rich man would have clothed the beggar comfortably all the rest of his days. Would to God, that those with eyes, *had eyes to see*. "Full of sores"; How much suffering might be made less by the one who has means to furnish comfort for the sick and sore. "That he may testify unto them"; Oh, this rich man's opportunity to testify to his brethren was passed, *too late*, and they would not hear even though one rose from the dead. Dear dying souls, don't wait expecting to have *another chance*. If you hear not the message of salvation in this Gospel Day the door will be closed forever. Now is God's time; now is the day of salvation. You may be the one here in comfort and have all heart could wish, but without the "True Riches" eternal poverty will be your DOOM. This rich man became interested in evangelism too late. He might have kept several missionaries for many years and had fruit laid up to his account but not so. His brethren were left without his message, "*Do not come to this place of torment.*"