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Be Faithful



Sometimes I get home-sick for Heaven,
When thinking of loved ones gone on,
Then the Spirit strengthens my courage
"Be faithful," the time wont be long.

Oh what a wonderful meeting,
'Twill be in the land of delight,
Those who endure through life's journey,
And can say I have fought a good fight.

For them a bright crown is waiting,
Now held in reserve by the King,
For all those who love his appearing,
And faithfully toil on in His name.

I hear the sweet voice of the Saviour,
Go work in my vineyard today;
Be faithful, and true in your service.
What ever is right I will pay.

So laboring on for the Master,
If duties be small, or be great,
Be faithful in one as the other;
And fear not to labor and wait.

Although the road may be rugged,
And the cross seem hard to be borne,
"Be faithful" He whispers "be faithful",
For the faithful shall wear the crown.

Then let these two words be your motto,
"Be faithful" in that you do:
For those who are faithful till death comes,
A crown will be waiting for you.

—Ulysses Phillips.

Convincing Bible Truths

Misled minds contend that we sin in thought and deed all the time. We see the results of wrong doings all about us; we read of criminal deeds and the bitter fruits of the abominable cursed intoxicating drinking habit everywhere. It is but natural that we think of these evils, but without any desire or will to partake of such. We can think of temptation to sin in many ways, but being saved people we just abhor all such tendencies to do evil, or to yield to sinful powers. The conscience of man becomes guilty when he considers or entertains a desire or thought to do a wrong deed in advance of actually doing it. Matt. 5:28; Ezek. 38:10.

In the 16th century a noted Spanish explorer, Ponce De Leon, landed on the shores of what is now Florida, in search of the fountain of youth, that he might drink therefrom and forever remain young. I am unable to say just how he got his knowledge or tradition of such, but I do have in mind that the Word of God informs us that if anyone will come and drink of the water of life, they will never thirst. Jesus Christ is the source of this never failing substance of spiritual life to all whosoever will come and drink.

He meant to convey to all that it would give strength, power and will to overcome evil and to sustain spiritual life without thirsting again.

He (Jesus) is the fountain of life declared the Psalmist, for we draw water out of the wells of salvation, so declares Isaiah the Prophet, and Jeremiah the Prophet says my people have forsaken the fountain of living waters. It does not require a long journey to distant lands and a long search to find the source of this fountain of life; it is within your grasp and only requires a few moments to find. Isa. 12:3; Jer. 2:13.

The Golden days of life have not all fled away, as we glance backward on the downward trend or journey of this life. Though we are on the downward journey on the other side of the hill, we need more strength to sustain us than when coming up in the day of youth. Old age is not a tragedy void of happy golden days as many contend, unless one does not have Jesus to go with them. The way grows brighter as they near the journey's end, for to them the sun-setting of life is compared to a beautiful and glorious sun-set with the sky and clouds lit up with the resplendent beauty or loveliness of the sky and cloud effect so suggestive of the glory world.

As the sun of life goes down to rise upon a fairer shore, how it thrills the soul that is at peace with God. The testimony of John Oztoby is so encouraging, for at the end of the journey he testifies as follows; "I cannot describe the light, nor is there anything to compare with the glory I see, for by me stands three shining ones with bright garments to convey me to the realms beyond." 2 Cor. 4:16; 2 Tim. 4:6, 7, 8.

Are you sincere when you sing that lovely gospel hymn, "My Saviour First of All?" Do you look forward to when life's work is ended at meeting some loved one dear to you first over there? Or is it Jesus who has done so much towards your eternal happiness or welfare more than any of your loved ones could ever hope to be able to do? Our Saviour declared that if anyone love father or mother, son or daughter more than Him, they would be unworthy servants. He was criticized, insulted and shamefully treated and crucified for you and I, suffering untold physical pain and agony, shedding His precious blood to complete the final act of the redemption of our souls.

Greater love hath no man than this that one should suffer and willing to die that others might live and find peace with God. It must be a voluntary or willing sacrifice to give up or forsake all earthly ties and all earthly possessions for the Kingdom of God's sake to place Jesus above everything. Luke 14:26; Matt. 10:37.

It is alarming at the many cases of suicides on account of financial losses, reverses in business, ill health and domestic troubles, and various other causes. Apparently they think it is the end of all their worries and troubles. Not having the peace of God and the hope of Glory in their souls they become miserable creatures and can't face the problems and difficulties incident to mortal life. If they

only could see a picture illustrating a scene of the state and condition of the lost, in the regions of despair, they would be so horrified they would cry out for mercy and help, and desire God to prolong their life rather than resort to self-destruction.

I am quoting two passages found in the inspired Word of God than conveys to us that the state and condition of the lost is so unspeakably awful that they will desire to die or hide from the presence of God, but death will flee from them. There will be no opportunity for suicides in the regions of the lost, to those who reject God. Luke 23:30; Rev. 9:6.

Living and yet dead; dead and yet living are strange and foolish phrases to the unregenerated, yet it is logical gospel truth. Godly sorrow for sin and repentance bringeth forth death to sin ushering in eternal life, a state of unending peace and joy. The unsaved are dead in sin preferring what they blindly think is a good time in corruptible worldly things. Natural death comes far too suddenly to vast multitudes to get ready to live, so they wake up in grief and disappointment among the doomed. Of such the Lord Jesus declared would weep where their worm (accusing conscience) dieth not; where hope fleeth away.

How glorious and far better it is to first weep for your sins and wake up in the glory world among the people of God than to wait too late to repent, for we have no message or assurance from God's Word that sorrow or weeping will avail anything after it is too late. Luke 13:28; 1 Tim. 5:6; 22 Cor. 6:9.

Evil designs, purposes and desires to gratify the lusts of the flesh, to covet or unlawfully take that which belongs to others, is a sense of gratification under disguise of false and foolish judgment. Such is compared to what the angel said to John about eating the book which would be sweet in his mouth, but bitterness in his belly or stomach; so likewise, all forms of wickedness results in bitterness, anguish and tormenting remorse if not repented of in due time. Sinful lusts is nothing more than sweet and pleasant things, apparently, but likened to a deadly poison smeared over with honey to deceive and lead astray.

The torment of an accusing conscience is indeed a most fearful and bitter reality of the retribution and judgement of God meted out to those who prefer the pleasures of sin to that of righteousness; Rev. 10:9; Heb. 10:27.

Popularity with mortal being at the frightful expense of the fate of the soul, is downright human corruption and common cheapness of profession; which is a greivous abomination to God and a curse of the devil to mankind.

To get up in the pulpit and for fear of hurting people's feelings, or to risk ones position as a pastor by failing to preach a full gospel; to warn people against the wrath of God and to confess and repent of their sins lest they perish or awake up in the regions of the lost is a most deplorable thing, too awful to describe.

On her death bed a young woman cries out she is lost as a result of placing confidence in her pastor whose duty was to warn her of the wrath to come by tell or instructing her how to find peace with God. Read the sentence of God in Ezekiel 33:6, to those that cater to popularity of men and fail to give full proof of their ministry. 1 Tim. 4:5; Ezek. 33:6.

Salvation comes to us as the result of our meeting certain conditions, required and expected of us by getting busy or active ourselves. It is stupid to think some one can pray God to forgive us of our sins without us confessing our sins or praying for a changed heart and life, which makes us a new creature. Remember it is you and your life that must answer to the call of the great Judge. Though Jesus died for your sins that don't mean that you are exempt from any responsibility concerning certain fundamental thing you must do. Luke 3:8; Heb. 4:16.

The writer of these messages is now near 68, and due to a break-down in his health, is unable to earn wages any more. It is very encouraging to him to receive letters from those who have been spiritually helped by reading the tracts bearing his name and also, now and then, articles in *Faith & Victory*.

I ask of you to please give God the glory for being so helped by an offering as much as you are able to do to Bro. Pruitt to help in the Lord's work of publishing *Faith & Victory* and other literature to be sent out as seed sown upon good ground. The expenses connected with a publishing house are very much in need at times. This is a fine way to demonstrate your love and consideration as a servant of the Lord; thus rendering needed help to the Lord, for I am sure you would be so willing to help Jesus if He were here and needed your help: Matt. 25:40.

—John H. Griffith, R. 6, Towson, Maryland.

Just Abiding



“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”
Psalms 91:1.

I am walking where the shadow of Jehovah falls
around,
And the way I follow homeward by his grace is Holy
ground;

I can see afar the brightness, where His glories kiss
the lea,
And His wings above the valley, temper everything
to me.

Oh, the Glory of abiding,
Underneath the living Word!
O, the blessedness of hiding,
In the shadow of the Lord.

I am dwelling in the shadow of the Lord with great
delight,

Where the fountains of His favor flow in fulness
day and night.

Where the mountain of His mercy safely shelter me
from sin,

And the bulwarks of omnipotence protect and wall
me in.

O, the safety of abiding,
Underneath the living Word!
O, the blessedness of hiding,
In the shadow of the Lord.

I am resting in His shadow though the burdens press
me down;

Peace in tumult, joy in sorrow, are my aftermath
and crown;

He my refuge is and fortress and whatso to me doth
come,

Is an angel of redemption to allure and lead me home.

O, the sweetness of abiding,
Underneath the living Word!
O, the blessedness of hiding,
In the shadow of the Lord.

—Selected by Susie Whipple.

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Duola, Oklahoma, —Dear friends: Please find enclosed 25c for some more of your fine tracts. I think they are as good as I have ever read. I have given them to many to read, and I hope they have all received as much good from them as I have.

Thank you, and may God bless you in your work.
Very truly yours, —Geraldine Shover.

we shall receive; seek and we shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."

Who will give themselves over to God for this great prayer service? To have a praying band like this it will be a great encouragement to those dear afflicted ones who will be assured that a band of intercessors are beseeching God in their behalf and God will be glorified again and again by healing bodies and doing other miracles in showing his power and love to those that really believe.

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It is with much joy and comfort in the Spirit that we write to all of our readers of Faith and Victory paper again as the Lord has been very gracious to us here at the Office in answering the prayers of our burdened hearts. Thanks be unto God who giveth us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, again and again.

It has long been a joy of our heart to visit jails, alms houses and Penitentiaries and preach the gospel of salvation to them and give them good sound gospel tracts and booklets to read. Experience along this line of work has taught us that these unfortunate are greatly neglected and misunderstood, are in great need of gospel light and truth: being bound, bruised and crushed by the enemy of all righteousness and in a large measure denied the hearing of the pure gospel. Jesus came, was persecuted and slain, giving his life's blood to save just such people, and the Lord has given us the joy of seeing quite a number soundly converted and begin to rejoice in a Savior's love.

The thing that brings us joy and comfort at present is the satisfaction of sending the gospel by the printed page into so many of these State and National institutions where a great army, or rather great armies of men are in gross darkness and steeped in sin and oftentimes in the deep-dye. Yet they have souls that will live on somewhere.

Since sending out the last issue of Faith and Victory paper with the testimonies of the need of these dear souls: Also making mention of the lack of funds to do that which was upon our heart, God has stirred a few of our readers who have responded with offerings amounting to nineteen dollars and we have been sending out to different Prisons in several different shipments, until now we have been able to reach more than a hundred of these institutions with tracts and booklets carrying the glad tidings of salvation, the gospel which Paul says, "is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes."

God will certainly reward and bless those who have given of their substance to this fund for the extension of the gospel into these dark places. While there are many reached already, yet we shall continue to send the tracts into these places as God continues to supply funds for this purpose. This is a great work for God.

While there are many foreigners across the waters in need of the gospel, yet the Lord has impressed us strongly that there is an abundance of work for us to do right at home. There is danger of us getting our minds focused away off and around to do some great work when the really great work in God's sight is near around in very humble places which have been greatly neglected.

The Lord gave me a very impressive vision one night about two months ago. In the vision I had a pole, line

and hook fishing, as it seemed in the ocean. I threw the hook away out in the ocean, thinking that there were plenty of fish out there. Something got hold of the hook and began to pull it back near the shore and as I pulled it to the top of the water it was near the shore and a voice said very clearly and firm, "there is work to do at home." This was repeated three times and every time the hook would be drawn back near the shore and the voice would sound out again, "there is work to do at home."

Since that time I have been seeking God earnestly to show me plainly the work at home as I was very anxious to go about to do all that He would show me to do and so God has certainly led me right into this Prison work, and He has showed me other things which are also opening up and I stand ready to be a "Minute man for Him," co-operating in every possible way to get the pure gospel of Christ to these poor unfortunate men, boys and girls who have their birth in this great United States of America, and being of our native country they ought to be first upon our hearts and reached with the gospel.

Who of you will co-operate with us in making up a good fund to keep the tracts and booklets going into these institutions to reach bruised and crushed souls?

I believe if the dear saints could really see and know the awful need in these dark places, they would be absolutely willing to do his will in these things and would be able to hear the Macedonian cry from these men behind the bars saying, "Come along with your means and help us receive the gospel." Some have already heard and responded and I am persuaded that many more will hear and the gospel by the printed page will be flooding into every penal institution in this fair land of ours and the Spirit of God will have an opportunity to flash light upon many darkened souls while Jesus whispers to them, "Come unto me and I will give you rest, I will heal your broken heart and pour the "Balm of Gilead" into your diseased soul and you shall live."

When sending offerings for the Prison work just say, "For the Prison Fund" and it will be used in that way.

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CAMP MEETING NOTICE

The Camp Meeting of the Church of God at Shawnee, Oklahoma will be held July 23 to Aug 1, inclusive. We are looking for the best Camp Meeting we have ever had. Particulars later. —O. B. Wilson,

726 N. Union, Shawnee, Okla.

Our 30th annual Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held on the General Southern Camp Ground at Hammond, La., June 25th to July 4th, 1937. The camp ground is located one mile southwest of the Illinois Central depot. The I. C. railroad goes through here, also highways 51 and 190. This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan as heretofore, and all who come will be cared for, but if you want to be more comfortably situated while here bring your pillows and sheets along.

We invite all who possess the Spirit of humility who feel led by the Lord to come, to come and help us, also dear honest sinners (for we are looking to the

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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."

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EDITORIALS

We have been praying that God would talk to some young man who is consecrated to obey God to come here and help us in the, "Lords Print Shop."

Ero. Willie Murphey who has been operating the Linotype and doing press work here in the shop for the last six months has been working as extra man at the Co-operative Publishing Co. of this city and cannot longer give all of his time to the work here and we are in need of a consecrated young man to learn to operate the Linotype and also run the Job and Cylinder Presses; doing general work in the shop.

The only qualifications that are necessary is to love God and be consecrated to deny self and spend and be spent for Jesus and the sake of needy souls. To have a good knowledge of Grammar or English would be very essential in Linotype work. Some young man that has finished High School would be in a good condition to begin this work for the Lord.

We cannot promise wages as commercial companies do as most of the work is free-will, or near cost and funds are generally very scarce. But if you have faith in God you will know that He will care for you as your needs may be. Anyone thinking of coming should write us first about the matter, telling us of your qualifications in Him.

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Those who wish to become members of this "Prayer Band" which the Lord is formulating should be established saints in this evening light gospel, sanctified holy and one that are not incumbered with the affairs of this world, and who will have time and complete willingness to enter into fasting and intercessory prayer with supplications and thanksgiving, until they are assured that God has heard. We would like to see at least ten willing vessels for the Master's use in these prayer supplications, and then others whosoever felt burdened could join in prayer and be in agreement for the need.

You will find an explanation of this "Prayer Band" on another page of this paper. We have been having many and numerous requests for prayer from God's children that are suffering under afflictions in body and in many other ways. We have been praying for them and often God has delivered; but owing to the great amount of burden and time that it takes for us to keep the printing work up in every phase, we do not have the time to get continually under the burden as one ought to that greater and more definite results might be obtained. It is often the will of God that we continue in earnestness and importune with supplications to Him to avenge us of our adversary. He gives us knowledge of this in the 18th chapter of Luke in speaking of the widow that kept coming and troubling the Judge that feared not God, but because of her continually coming he avenged her. He said, God would avenge his elect which cry unto Him day and night. Again, in the 11th chapter he uses the illustration of a friend coming to a friend's house at night when he was in bed with his children and wanted him to lend him three loaves but he would not arise and give to him. Yet, because of his continual importuning he arose and gave him as much as he needed. He then tells us to "ask and

Lord to make this meeting a help to such) but division-makers stay away. We are depending on the Lord to send such ministers as He can use here in proclaiming the full gospel. For further information write to:—

C. H. Bailey, Box 668, or R. J. Forbes, Box 543, Hammond, La.

The Church of God Camp Meeting at Sandusky, Ohio, will be held from July 1, until July 11. The Sandusky Saints extend a hearty welcome to all who come.

Brother John Strong of Payne, Ohio; Sister Cordelia R. Jones of Akron, Ohio; Sister Emma Gerig of Grabill, Indiana, and other able ministers are expected to be there.

This is a new field very much in need of help. Those sending means to help prepare for the meeting should send it to:

Lena Suggs, 121 Cherry Way, Braddock, Pa.
(The tent will be at the Solgers home.)

The Church of God camp meeting at Tulsa, Okla. will begin on the 25th of June and continue until the fourth of July. The Tabernacle will be located at Norfolk and Pine Place. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

Those coming should bring ticks, quilts and pillows.

The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan and those wanting to send offerings for the meeting or any further information should write to Sam Barton, whose address is R. 8, Box 680, Tulsa, Okla. His Phone No. is 2-9495. Able ministers will be at this meeting to preach the Word. Come and bring your family.

MEETING NOTICE

There will be a revival meeting at "Liberty Hill" meeting house, four miles southwest of Chillicothe, Ohio on May the 1st; it will continue over two Sundays and longer if the Lord wills.

We desire all in driving distance to attend, bring bedding as accommodations are not good, but we will do the very best we can by all. Those coming to this meeting can call Phone No. 5038-Y (Will Michels)

Tabernacle meeting will begin at Craigsville, W. Va., on June the 6th and at Sandusky, Ohio on July the first.

—Brother and Sister John Sstrong,
Chillicothe, Ohio.

THE MINISTERS' MEETING

The general Ministers' Meeting here at Guthrie, Okla., will begin on the 18th day of June and last three days and longer if need be. It seems to me that it would be good to have two ministers' meetings each day besides the early morning prayer meeting and at night have a

general meeting for the public for the salvation of souls or for the edification of the saints. The meeting can be run for ten days or more if the Lord leads. The saints of the State of Oklahoma will provide cooks and food for all who will attend and the saints here at Guthrie will do their best to furnish sleeping quarters for all. All ministers and gospel workers are invited to be present in this meeting and to share in the "Love Feast" that God is expected to give.

If I understand the purpose of this meeting it is not to enact into law anyone's fanatical idea or interpretation of scripture, neither is it for the purpose of sanctioning any world-ward compromising conclusions; but a getting together for the purpose of getting better acquainted and to have a better understanding of Bible truths which are essential in keeping all ministers and others balanced up in God's order for a greater promotion of His cause in the earth and also to give those who may have some differences a chance to iron them out, and others who may have for any cause got estranged from the general body of God's saints can find help from God and get restored to confidence and fellowship with all the holy.

The ministers and workers coming to this meeting should be much in fasting and prayer for God to have the preeminence in the meeting and too, that each one see that their souls are filled with the melting love of God. Genuine godly love will work no ill in the meeting but will perfer others rather than themselves.

This Ministers' Meeting was the voice of those attending the glorious assembly meeting here at Guthrie during the holidays which about 35 ministers attended. We welcome you to come and share with us the good things that Father wills to us in this gathering of God's holy sanctified ministry.

Have Faith In God

God's people must be urged and confirmed in the faith. We strengthen one another, if we are true yoke fellows, and we are! God's people ought to be more in sight, out in the open. A city that is on a hill cannot be hid! Our neighborhood ought to know who we represent! They ought to think of Jesus Christ every time they see us! Prayer changes things; God is depending on us to show Him, we possess His sacrificing love. Love, manifested through faith and prayer caused God to send His Spirit after me. From the time prayer was offered at five o'clock in the morning it was just 6 hours, till the Holy Spirit arrested me, and showed me my heart laden with sin and guilt, and taught me how to find peace and forgiveness, and because it was God who was dealing with me, I knew it was real, and I was saved at once; that was 1920. And I have been ripening ever since. Thank God! I feel like returning all the gratitude to my loving Saviour that is possible. And I can be of much help to Him if I remain faithful, and with His help I will, and His help, I have!

The faith we have is the same as Jesus had. Faith

is of one quality, simple and straight-forward! And God is always listening for it to call Him to help us out of our own difficulties, and to send His power to help others, because we ask it. Such love and devotion God shows to usward. Praise His name! Let us be faithful. He has a bountiful supply of everything we need—all for the simple believing prayer! Let us come to the altar continually, and drink and be filled, and glorify Him always. **Keep thyself pure! And then ask anything in my name, I will do it!** There is a big work to do! And God is big enough to do it, if we will prove ourselves! **And we will! Forward! March!** In solid formation with God! Nothing can stop faith and purity! And a willing mind! Whatsoever we ask we receive of Him because we keep His commandments. He delights to bless the trusting child. Children are lovers, if loved! Men are more so, when they understand, we must understand, before we can obey! We do understand and we do obey, because God first loved us, and showed us the great love He has for us, and made us realize the awful cost He paid to redeem us. So let us go forward in the almighty strength of our Saviour, with full faith ahead. Yours loving brother. —Ed I. Callan.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Bro. Callan, the writer of the above article has asked us about forming a prayer band to be intercessors for those sending in requests for prayer.

I believe his suggestion is a good one as no doubt many are called and burdened to continue in prayer for different ones who need help from God whether it be for soul, body or other afflictions and troubles that the enemy would confront God's children with.

I will ask those who want to become a member of this prayer band to write us and give your name and address, and we will print them in the next Faith and Victory paper so you will know one another and when requests come in here to the Office for prayer we will put them in the paper and the prayer band seeing them will begin to pray and continue to pray until they are assured that God has heard. Then those who have their prayers answered can testify to it through the paper, and in this way God will be glorified.

Those who join the prayer band ought to have a knowledge from God that He wants them to do this and should be in such a position that they will have time to get their minds fully upon the object of prayer. They should not be engaged about other things until they would have no time to linger in fasting and prayer for the needed ones. They should be those who have a clear, sanctified experience right now and know that there is nothing between them and God. This prayer and supplications unto God with thanksgiving for afflicted and needy ones in a great work for God and He is pleased for us to seek Him earnestly for the things needed.

When we put the names and addresses of the "Prayer Band" in the paper, then those who want help at once can write directly to them as the paper will not go out but once a month and some may want prayer sooner.

PRAYER REQUEST

Sister Hubbard of Phoenix, Ariz. is very sick and asks the Saints to earnestly pray God to heal her. She has faith in the healing power of God.

Sister Audrey Jennings formerly of Oklahoma City is there taking care of her and has sent in the request for Sis. Hubbard. Let us all be agreed for this dear saint.

W. N. Hastings and daughter of Texas ask the saints to earnestly pray for them for both soul and body.

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Maitland, Fla. —Dear Bro. Pruitt: The Lord bless you. Will send you a few lines and tell you of the great blessing we received on Easter Sunday. At 4 o'clock the good Lord sent His healing power over our lame sister, Mrs. Mahnke. It came to her to arise, so she did and could walk from one room to another. Praise the Lord for His mercy and love towards us. Surely the good Lord is preparing us for our home going. Thank God that we find Him true to His Word of promises. Surely He is a loving Father to His children.

Thank you for your prayers in our behalf and remember us yet, as we do you. —Fred Stahnke.

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Hammond, La. —Dear Readers of "Faith and Victory" and precious children of God scattered abroad: I desire to testify to the goodness and faithfulness of our God to one of the least of His little ones.

He so graciously supplies my every need, spiritually, physically and financially. Praise His dear name! I am expecting to leave the south and spend my remaining days (be they long or short) in the State of Washington.

I desire the prayers of all who know the worth of prayer that God would grant me more power in intercessory prayer. This lost world needs Intercessors. I feel like encouraging dear aged ones to remember it is our privilege to bear fruit in old age. Do not settle down and give way to loneliness and think there is nothing you can do. Pray, pray God to make you an Intercessor. While you are praying for others you will in a great measure forget yourself. It may be you can write some one a letter of encouragement, or answer some question that is troubling them about their soul's salvation. God will help and you will be helped. Let us be helpers together with God. This is the aim of my life in my agedness. I am living overtime according to Psalm 90:10 verse. The Psalmist says here that our allotted time is 70 years. Now I know by experience that by "Reason of Strength" as the 10 verse says, God has granted me 6 years more than the allotted time already, and He alone knows how much longer He will grant me life. But through His grace and strength and your prayers I will continue to bear fruit through correspondence. I do not expect to do much going about when I get settled down. I am trusting God to grant me a quiet place where I can serve Him in this way while my strength lasts for me to do so. I love Him and value his boundless love

to me.

Dear Saints of God, He is counting on us to tell the wonderful story of His saving grace to others. He is just the same today. Bless His dear name! Yours and Christ's all on the Altar for sacrifice or service in the sweet will of God.

When you read this, my address will be, Hartford, Wash. if the Lord continues to will it so.

My mail will be forwarded to me if sent to Hammond, La., Box 370. —Sadie E. Orr, Hartford, Wash.

SO LET ME LIVE

“ From day to day, from year to year,
As God doeth precious moments give,
In peace, in love, in holy fear,
Righteousness and hopeful cheer,
So let me live.

With face set forward in the race,
With heart as cheerful as the day,
Let me be strong in heavens grace,
And help another keep his place
On life's rough way

So many hearts are heavy grown,
So many need a word of cheer,
I have no time to be cast down,
Nor idle be, nor wear a frown,
Nor faint, nor fear.

No time to backward looking be
And wondering why things went that way,
Nor try through future's veil to see
Great things, but little things let me,
Do now— today.

As down the path of life I trod,
Offenses may I never give
To any creature, nor to God,
But helpful be in deed and word;
So let me live.

Then let my way lead where it may,
Through fields of roses or of thorns,
O'er rough or smooth, or up or down;
I hope to gain a starry crown
Some blessed morn.”

HOPE

“Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.” Titus 2:13.

Hope is confident expectation; it is the chiefest of our blessings. Hope is the parent of all effort and endeavor. It is necessary in every condition. The miseries of poverty, captivity and sickness would be almost unendurable without this comfort. I quote from a new Standard Bible Dictionary:

“Both the elements of the generic idea of hope—

i. e. expectation and desire for the thing expected—distinctly appear in the Biblical usage, as soon as that which is expected is realized, hope ceases. (Rom. 8:24.) Further, the term some times designates the expectation itself, and some times the thing expected. (Col. 1:5.) is an instance of the latter usage.”

Hope and faith are closely related, but whereas faith seizes upon the invisible in general, whether past, present or future, hope is limited to the realization of future good. Faith is a living principle, however, includes true hope.

The hope of the wicked shall come to naught: Prov. 11:23; 24:20; but the hope of the righteous is not vain, Psa. 37:4; 9:18; 24:20. Hence the definition of faith in Heb. 11:1, as the assurance of things looked for. The close association of the three basal elements of Christian experience: faith, hope and love, is significantly indicated in such passages as I Thess. 1:3; Col. 1:4; 1 Cor. 13:13; Rom. 5:1-11.

It was a living hope, full of a sense of reality, that was born into the world by Christianity and with which the New Testament is vibrant throughout Rom. 5:2; 8:24; 1 Pet. 1:3.

The pagan world was without hope, Eph. 2:12.

The Bible offers no hope for the wicked. We read in 1 Pet. 1:18: “If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?” Also in Psa. 9:17, we read, “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.”

There is hope in the saving grace of Jesus Christ who shed His blood on the cross of Calvary for our sins. Hope in Christ lifts us above the clouds of doubt and despair; it strengthens our faith and enables us to see light beyond. It gives us courage to go forward in the journey of life. With hope in our hearts, we'll bravely press on until we reach the goal.

Hope has brought us through the dangers,
And temptations of the past,
And we fear not those to come;
By her blessings we'll go forward,
While this mortal life shall last,
Then we'll joyously go home.

—L. D. Foster,

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◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

Watch And Pray



Watch and pray, till Jesus calls you,
Do the work He has for you,
Then when life on earth is over,
You'll be glad your life was true.

Watch and pray, we hear him tell us,
That we enter not in sin:
He has trod the way before us;
By his blood, we are made clean.

Watch and pray, and not grow weary;
Live the life and never faint;
Kind and loving, every moment,
Do your duties, as a saint.

Watch and pray, be ever faithful,
Seek the Savior every day:
Grace and comfort, He will give you:
If you only watch and pray.

—Verga M. McCoy.

EDITORIALS

"A heart too hard to be melted by the crucifixion scene or a conscience too seared to be touched by the love and goodness of God is certainly far beyond the reach of human efforts. A soul which cannot be reached by the power of the Holy Spirit or awakened by the thunder tones of the gospel is irretrievably lost, and human sympathy can never accomplish that which the Holy Spirit fails to do."



Often when young people get salvation and begin to follow the Lord, they desire to have an experience like some older saints or some one who seems to be on the mountain top all the time. Every child of God possesses a joy and peace that the world knows nothing about, but it is the Lord's will that we increase and grow in our experience which results in that "more abundant life." Each victory over the enemy makes us stronger in God, so step by step we reach higher heights.

The Bible teaches us how to increase in God. To the new convert comes this command, "Grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ." Then in order to grow, the word says, "Desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby." Feeding and meditating upon the word of God will cause us to grow. 2 Peter 1:2 says, "Grace and peace be MULTIPLIED unto you thru the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." And we are further exhorted to add the different graces. "And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." If we do these things, here is the promise, "ye shall never fall." Praise the Lord for such a standing experience. It is for every one who is willing to pay the price and live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

As the saint walks up the path way of life, the way gets better all the time, and therefore brings greater joy to the soul. The word declares, "The path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." If your experience is not getting better and your joy increasing in God, there is something wrong. Perhaps your affection is being taken from God and turning to earthly objects; or you are not willing to go thru persecutions, or to deny self in order to have a closer walk with God. There is a price to be paid if you would have a better experience with God; but how few are willing to cross the Jordan river and meet the giants and partake of the precious fruit of the Canaan land.

In the following quoted scriptures, Jesus our good Shepherd exhorts us to follow Him, "And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I deny before my Father which is in heaven. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Matt. 10:33, 37-39. Jesus must have first place in our heart or none.

—L. D. P.

CORRESPONDENCE

Cortez, Colo. — Dear saints of God: Greeting in Jesus' precious name. I am so glad that I am saved, sanctified and rejoicing in a Saviour's love. My desire is to go on with Him and make heaven my home. I want all the dear saints to pray for me to stay true to God as I mean to follow Him all the way. People here are starving for life giving bread. I was over and prayed for Brother Schrum and God touched him and healed him. The tongues' people did not want him to use the anointed handkerchief you sent: but he did anyway.

Pray for me and my children and for my husband's mother, Mrs. E. E. Ingham: her eyes are weak. I want to tell you how wonderfully I was healed through the prayers of God's dear children. I have been healed a number of times in the last two years, and he has also healed my little boy thrice who is eight years old, and my baby, Praise the dear Lord. He has taken me out of Satan's way.

When I think of the many things He has done for me, I cannot thank him enough. He taught me how to read his precious word. I am encouraged to press on and do God's will at all times. I want to be a help to others.

Your sister in Christ.

—Mrs. Jeff Belveal.

Charlottesville, Va. —Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I praise God for saving me in 1930. I know I have walked a Christian life with the Lord these 7 years. I have enjoyed these 7 years with God more than all the years I spent in sin. Thank God for the one true Church He built on the day of Pentecost. Where does the world get all the different way that are held up by man today? Let's study the Bible and see if the world isn't in the condition that Jesus said it would be before the end of time.

Dear sinner friends, if you knew the love, joy, and peace that a Christian has, you wouldn't put off your salvation any longer. Jesus is pleading with people and calling them out of sin today, just like He was when here on earth. Some times we have to walk with God alone here in this world, but His grace is sufficient to keep us at all times through anything if we will trust Him.

I enjoy this little paper and so does my unsaved husband. Please agree in prayer for his salvation. He was one time a true child of God and preached the gospel 2 years and on account of division and other strife of the devil, backslid from God. We are both young people and desire to live a Christian life together and be a help to God in our young days. Dear people, serve God instead of Satan because Satan keeps one in bondage and God sets people free. A sister in Christ.
—Mrs. Charles Sandridge.

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Okmulgee, Okla. —Dear Editor Greeting you in Jesus mighty name. I am still saved and encouraged to do all I can through Jesus Christ to bring or help bring souls to God. Praise His dear name. I mean to do more this year than ever before. When first I started to seek the Lord I fully measure to Jesus' word. I am yet willing to pay the price for He saved my soul that was lost. Now my treasures are in the skies. I believe in the old time religion which I know is right because it saves and keeps saved from sin in this present world. I am standing up where ever I go or be for Jesus in His strength alone and dare not trust my own or others for the arm of flesh will fail. Pray that I be a ready vessel for the Lord at all times. I pray that the Lord encourage, strengthen and bless you much in the work of spreading the true gospel.

Enclosed you will find \$1.00 subscriptions for 1 year, and one name for a sample. Your Sister in Christ,
—Frances Dixon.

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Payson, Okla. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: We send greeting to you in Jesus' name, and we do thank and praise Him for His consecrated workers (Yea, seeking out the needy bringing sinners to the blood). I was so glad to see you and others were going to the poor farm taking God's Word to those there, and often of late I have been asking God to bless in San Quintin Prison and also asked a helping hand in other prisons asking that they be stirred to live for God. How glad we were when Faith & Victory paper stated that tracts would be sent to prisons if means were provided to do so. Here is \$1.00

to help. May our heavenly Father bless the reading of them to the good of precious souls is my prayer.

I can see as never before how terrible for one to live a disobedient life.

Please send us a few of those tracts. We are yours pressing onward in the way of the Lord.

—T. B. & Rena Armstrong.

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Childress, Texas, —Dear ones at the Faith Pub. House, I notice that my subscription to the Faith and Victory paper has expired. Please find enclosed one dollar for which renew my subscription for two years, and use the other fifty cents where needed. I thank the Lord and I thank you for the little paper. It is next to the Bible to me.

I am getting old, 78 last October 25th. I am really thankful that I am up and can see to read. Pray for me; the Lord knows my needs. Your brother in the one body.

Your truly, —F. M. Drummond.

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Webb City, Mo. —Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the workers at the Office, Greeting in the name of our dear Savior. I wish to give in my testimony once more. This leaves me still saved and enjoying salvation and determined by the Grace and help of God to keep going on in this blessed and holy way as long as God lets me live here in this old sin-cursed world. I am more than pleased with the way the good Lord heals and blesses me in so many ways. I am surprised that He deals so kindly with me when I look back and see where the Lord has brought me from. I can't thank Him enough for what He has done for me. He certainly has more than made His promises good in my case. If I could only get people around me to accept this great salvation, how glad I would be; but they can't seem to realize what the good Lord wants to do for them.

I ask the prayers of the dear Saints that the Lord will help me to be faithful to Him as long as He lets me live here. Your Bro. in Christ. —E. M. Wood.

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Vassar, Kans. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greeting in the dear name of Jesus. I am happy on the blessed narrow way that leads up and on to glory after glory. I am so thankful for the saving, keeping, sanctifying power of my Saviour who saves to the uttermost. Praise His Holy name. To do His will is my meat and drink. My prayer is for a larger capacity of His Holy Spirit, and that I may ever be a vessel fit for the Master's use in the saving of souls. Holiness is the one great need today. Oh for more of a burden of prayer for the unsaved.

I am thankful for the day I sent to you for tracts and you put in one of your Faith and Victory papers. I love the "Faith and Victory" paper. One number alone is worth the price for the year to me, although with scarcity of money I appreciate your price. I enjoy the testimonies of the saints too. I thank the Lord for His wonderful goodness in so many ways.

He has given me faith to ask for healing, and praise

His name He healed me. I cannot praise Him enough.

I ask your prayers and this I know:

This blessed light within my soul shall never more grow dim,

While I keep my covenant—Abandoned unto Him.

Your Sister in His name, —Mrs. Geo. Neill.

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Watonga, Okla. —Brother Fred Pruitt: I am saved; Just lately got saved, and I need the prayer of the Saints to pray for me that I may grow stronger in the grace of the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Pray for my husband that he might get saved, and pray for my little girl, that I may raise her up in the fear of the Lord, and also my dear mother that she might get saved.

Your Sister in Christ, —Mrs. Helen Clardy.

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Hooperston, Ill. —Dear Bro. Pruitt: I am glad this morning that God gave me this opportunity to send in my testimony for Him. I am glad that I can say with a truthful heart, I am one of his children, and that I am in the strait and narrow way. I am in the same family with you brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus: God's family, the one body of Jesus Christ, and the one Church of God. Although I have not seen any of your faces, you are near and dear to me: I love the children of God. The Lord is the best friend I have, he is all and in all to me.

God heals my body when I get sick as he has healed it many times in answer to prayer.

Well brother, I want to tell you how I love and appreciate your little paper. I get more soul food out of it than any one thing out side of the Bible. I only wish it came once a week in place of once a month. I have not seen any thing in the paper that was not in harmony with the word of God. I am sending the names of seven subscribers besides two renewals..

Your brother in Christ. —Andrew Fink.

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Tulsa, Okla. —Greeting to the dear saints scattered abroad. I want to add my testimony for the dear Lord as he does so much for me. I am not tired of this way for I know it leads to heaven. He is my healer and my all and in all.

I desire your prayers for my husband for he has had to go on crutches nearly all winter and spring. I know God is able to heal him. Also, remember sister Will Barton's baby. It got hit with a car. The skull was cracked in two places and he is paralyzed until he can't talk or use his right arm and leg. Please pray earnestly that God will make this child well and normal again.

All saints will find a welcome in our home.

Your sister: Hettie J. Barton. R. 8.- Box 680.

Phone No. 2-9495.

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Cape Town, Africa —Dear Fellow Workers: In His precious name, greeting. You will find enclosed my application for about 2,000 tracts of different kinds. The literature goes out as fast as it comes in, and His blessings are asked on all before

distribution. We are not unthankful for past favors we have received from you and we leave the results in the dear Lord's hands.

It may interest you to know that we have a worker who visits the hospitals, etc., and leaves literature. If you are unable to send what I have asked for please send what you can. All for the extension of His Kingdom. May he open the windows of heaven and give you blessings pressed down and running over. In His glad service. —W. H. Thompson.

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Holland Mich. —This morning I feel like writing my testimony to the children of God everywhere and saying that, Jesus saves, sanctifies and heals and keeps us if we walk in the light of His Word.

I can say this morning that he is my all and in all. I cannot take time to tell you all the Lord will do if you will let Him; not only in saving you from a little sin but everything that is sinful in your life. In Ezek. 36:25 he says, "From all your filthiness and from all your idols will I cleanse you," and in verse 26 we read, "A new heart also will I give you."

You may say, I am a church member. That will not give you a new heart. You just put yourself into the hands of the Saviour as clay and He will mould you and make you look more like Him in your every day life. You will not be patterning after this old world. You will be satisfied with Him and you will be wanting to become more and more like Him and tell others of Him. —Elder C. Brandt.

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Kunnanulam, India —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Praise God for grace to keep His children true to Him amid the trials and disappointments of this earthly life. Truly, it is wonderful how His arm of love encircles, upholds and sustains His trusting children.

My wife has just returned from our oldest daughter's husband's wife and will go back after a few days. My wife had several meetings for women; all the women attends the meetings and likes the meetings very much. She is busy here also in conducting meetings in the houses among women. I am glad and praising God that my wife gets entrance to the women of those places to teach them the way of salvation. The women of this place have not freedom to hear the Word.

Both of us are praising God for His grace which is keeping us through manifold trials. We are learning more and more about Him and His way. It is a much needed thing that His workers should have much experiences in the way of life; which experiences should be learned through manifold trials.

We are still for the Lord and all of His work at any cost, thankful that you both are praying for us and the vital needs of the work. We are still waiting for a printing press and some other things for the work at this place.

I thank you for all the kindness you both have shown toward us. We are praying for you and His work. We send our Christian love to your dear children and all

others also. We received with thankfulness the papers you sent us, also the money. May God repay you for everything is our prayer. Yours in Him, —K. V. Cherian.

Reformation

My dear brethren, the apostle Paul in speaking of the first covenant and its ordinance and worldly sanctuary in the ninth chapter of Hebrews, tells us that these, "Stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, imposed on them until the time of reformation."

By "time of reformation," we know that he meant, the reformation that Jesus was to set in motion. A reformation that reforms every one that accepts Jesus as their Savior.

The word reform, means to amend or improve by change of form, by removal of faults or abuses, or reclaim. Our blessed Savior gave his all that we might be reclaimed from the powers of Satan, where we had fallen into when our fore parents sinned and brought sin upon the human race.

If the great apostasy had not hit the Church, there would have been no need of other reformations, but God has brought about several reformations since the apostasy. Why, several? Because these reformations ceased to reform the people, ceased to transform them, and therefore ceased to be reformations. Their leaders failed to walk in the light, therefore God could not use them. Reformation after reformation rose up and failed until the last reformation.

It is this last reformation that we wish to discuss as we believe God is using us to warn the people that claim to be reformed in this reformation.

Reformation denotes the act or state: reform, the fact or result. St. Paul explains what is meant by reformation in Romans 12:2. "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed," Reformation means the state of being transformed. "And hath translated us into the Kingdom of his dear Son," Col. 1:13. The word conformed, means to be in agreement with, or in harmony with, Paul is telling us not to be in agreement with or in harmony with the world; but to be transformed or translated, to be just the opposite to the worldly minded crowd. "Abstain from all appearance of evil." 1 Thess. 5:22. We are to abstain from everything that would appear like the evil minded world. "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him," 1 John 2:15. John tells us in the next verse what is meant by the world. "The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life." We are not to talk, dress

or walk like the worldly minded, but to walk as he walked, who did no sin.

Peter says, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning,"

Some say, "Where shall we draw the line?" "Not outward adornment." There is where to stop dear saints, do not put on any thing to adorn the body as the world does; they put on earrings, finger-rings, necklaces, feathers, artificial flowers, large buckles, large buttons, trimmings on their hats and dress, and adorn and set the hair to catch the eye, because they are not of the Father but of the world. But we are to glorify God in our bodies and in our spirits, which are God's, 1 Cor. 6:20.

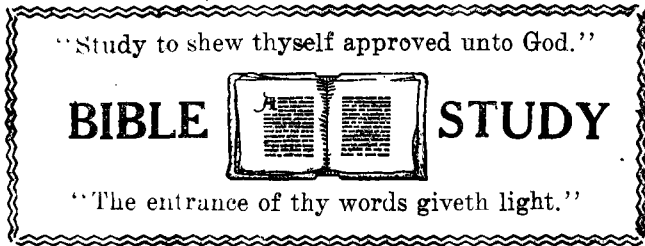
Fellow Saints and ministers of God, God wants to use us to redeem unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. We cannot do this if we do not teach all the truth and cry out against everything that is unlike God. Many that once were reformed in this reformation have gone back on the truth, and now say that we cannot teach people against worldly styles, because they say, "different people have different customs of dress." They also have different habits of sinning, but we must teach all people to forsake all sin; also outward adornment, and to dress as a people "professing godliness." "And to walk in the light as he is in the light." People anywhere under the sun can do this.

Just teaching the doctrines of the movement does not make us the people of God, but we must practice what we preach.

The doctrine of justification and sanctification was not lost when the Wesleyan Reformation failed, but they failed because they ceased to teach so as to redeem a people from the world and the things of the world, and failed to walk in the light as He is in the light. The many who have failed that started to walk in the light as taught by the teachers of this reformation, did not fail because they would not preach what the world calls essential Bible truth. They failed because they ceased to preach a doctrine that separated their followers from the world. "Ye are not of the world as I am not of the world," said the greatest teacher of all time.

Has the last reformation failed? No, she shall not fail as long as God has some one to lift up a standard for the people. Many that were out clear in the present light, have failed. But as long as there is someone that stands and teaches all the truth, yes, and more, lives it, being not a partaker of Babylon, God's reformation will live on and increase.

—H. P. Huskey.



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Sunday, May 2, 1937.

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

April 26,—May 1.

- M. The call of Abraham. Gen. 12:1-5.
- T. Abram's arrival in Canaan. Gen. 12:6-9.
- W. The promise to Abram. Gen. 13:14-18.
- T. False children of Abraham. John 8:33-39.
- F. True children of Abraham. Gal. 3:3-9.
- S. Justification by faith. Rom. 3:20-26.

Printed Portion.....Gen. 12:1-9; ..13:14-18.

Gen. 12:1. Now the Lord had said unto Abram, get the out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3. And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4. So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him: and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

5. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

6. And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

7. And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

8. And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

9. And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

Genesis 13:14 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was seperated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

15 For all the land which thou seest, to the will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

16. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

18. Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

Memory verse: Heb. 11:8. — By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out to a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Practical Truth: —Without faith it is impossible to please Him.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 Introduction of Abraham.
 - A The Setting From Religious Standpoint.
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 - B The connection of Faith and Obedience.
3. Reward—A fulfillment of Promise.
 - A "I will make of thee a great nation. (Spiritually and Literally.)
 - B Our present Reward—A richer experience, larger spiritual vision.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In our lesson for today we find Abram as the central figure. The history of the Hebrews and God's redemptive work begins with Abram. He was a Babylonian and he was also called "the Hebrew" meaning, "the crosser."

Abram believed God, and by so doing he became the father of a great and interesting nation. The Jews of Christ's day prided themselves upon the fact that they were Abram's descendants. Paul tells us that the true children of Abraham are not those according to the flesh but those who belong to Christ.

When Abraham was seventy five years old God spoke to him and immediately he made a new start in life. "Without faith it is impossible to please God." Because Abram had faith God could fulfill his promise to him.

Would to God that more people would completely and fully trust themselves in God's hand that He might prompt and direct every action. Do we full realize that God is concerned in every detail of life? By faith we know that all things work together for our good. By faith we dare to step out on His promise—take Him at His Word and allow Him to have His way with us.

Abraham's reward for His faithfulness consisted largely in the fulfillment of promises both spiritually and temporally. How many of these blessings can you think of? Consider the fulfillment of them.

Sunday, May 9, 1937.

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATION

May 3rd to May 8th.

M. God's confidence in Abraham. Gen. 18:16-22.

T. Abraham's confidence in God. Gen. 18:23-33.

W. Friends of Jesus. John 15:14-19.

T. Praying in faith. Mark 11:20-24.

F. Perseverance in prayer. Luke 11:5-10.

S. Acceptable Prayer. Acts 10:1-6.

Printed PortionGenesis 18:17-32.

Genesis 18:17 And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

20 And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the Lord.

23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

26 And the Lord said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes:

28 Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it.

29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake.

30 And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.

32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found

there. And he said, I will not destroy for ten's sake.

Memory Verse: 32nd verse of Lesson.

Practical Truth: God's anger is kindled against sinners and unholy pleasure lovers.

POINTS OF EMPHESIS

1. Abrahams character.

A. Permitting Lot to make his choice.

B. God chooses for Abraham.

2. Prayer.

A. Unselfishness of an intercessory prayer.

B. Consider Christs prayers.

C. Consider Abrahams petitions to God.

3. Self examination.

A. The extent of our prayers.

B. Is a general or sacrificial prayer more effectual?

Why?

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We continue to study the life of Abraham. Let us not overlook the God given character traits Abraham manifested toward Lot. Not a weakling, to sacrifice right for peace. He would not quarrel but trusted the case in God's hands.

We also take note of Abrahams intercession for the wicked cities. Was it only for a few or was he asking for the entire city? How is it with us? Do not most of our prayers and attention end in our own concerns? We do not notice Christ continually importuning for his immediate benefit. There are many lame, sick and blind people around us. They may or may not be acquainted with God as a healer.

On every hand we find those that are perplexed and discouraged, those that are loaded down with sin and know not Jesus as their redeemer nor burden bearer. Can we as the children of God be at ease in Zion, or does a still small voice stir our hearts to duty. Our we our brothers keeper and do we fully realize that their blood will be required at our hand if we are not doing all in our power to warn lost men of their condition.

How terrible and how permanent is hell. A bottomless pit. Enlarged dimension. A closed door and a never ending eternity. Behold the goodness and severity of God.

Sunday, May 16, 1937.

THE TABERNACLE OF ISAAC

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATION

From May the 8th to 15th.

M. Isaac envied. Gen. 2n:12-16.

T. Isaac wins by yielding. Gen. 26:17 -25.

W. Joseph envied. Gen. 30:5-11.

T. Living together peaceably. Rom. 12:17-21.

F. Saul envies David. 1 sam. 18:5-9.

S. Jealousy and the mob spirit. Acts 13:44-50.

Printed portionGen. 26: 12-25.

12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the

same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him.

13 And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great:

14 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him.

15 For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth.

16 And Abimelech said unto Isaac, go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.

17 And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

18 And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

19 And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.

20 And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is our's: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him.

21 And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah.

22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

23 And he went up from thence to Beersheba.

24 And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and will multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

Memory verse: And the LORD appeared unto him in the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham.

Practical truth: The Lord blesses those who are willing to suffer wrongfully for righteousness sake.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Causes and costs of war.
 - A. Sorrow, suffering, human lives - money.
 - B. Depression both financial and spiritually.
2. Life of Isaac.
 - A. Happenings in Isaac's youth.
 - B. Isaac digged another well.
 - C. Peace costs but strife costs more.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The history of the Jews come to us by studying the lives of leaders of those days, such as Moses, Abraham and Isaac. We learn how Isaac submitted himself to be bound and offered as a sacrifice when he was a young man. At the age of forty he was married to his second cousin, Rebecca. He lived to be about a hundred and eighty years old and was blind for about forty-six years.

Notice the price that Isaac paid, that peace might

continue. Lord impress these truths upon our minds. The power of gentleness and kindness can defeat many of our enemies and shield us from strife and contention.

According to authoritative data the world war cost in money, four hundred billion dollars. Enough to furnish every one in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Ireland, France, Germany, Belgium, Russia and Australia with a two thousand, five hundred dollar house on a 500 dollar lot, furnished each with one thousand dollars worth of furniture: also a five million dollar library for every community of twenty thousand or more in these countries: also a ten billion university for every such community. In addition to that it would provide a fund large enough to yield at five percent interest an amount sufficient to pay every year for all time, one thousand dollars each to an army of 125,000 teachers and 125,000 nurses: and still there would be enough left to buy every single bit of property and all the wealth in France, Belgium, including every cathedral and church, all public buildings, every factory, every rail road, every farm and every home. Can we imagine such an enormous amount and still nations are preparing more and more for war. When we consider the money cost of war together with 20,297,551 soldiers wounded and 9,998,271 killed: with the suffering and undescrivable heart aches, it makes us shudder.

In our fair land today, each year there are 12000 murdered, 50,000 robbed and 3000 kidnapped. In the face of these astonishing facts, many dare to say that our Nation is getting better year by year.

Sunday, May 23, 1937.

THE WEAKNESS OF ESAU

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

May 17th to May 22nd.

- M. A man of appetite. Gen. 25:27-34.
- T. A man of anger. Gen. 27:41-45.
- W. Bodily discipling. 1 Cor. 9:22-27.
- T. Weakness of the flesh. Matt. 26:40-46.
- F. Ruling ones own spirit. Prov. 16:27-32.
- S. Slave of appetite. Isa. 56:9-12.

Printed portion. Gen. 25:27-34; 27:41-45.

27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

28 And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

29 And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field and he was faint.

30 And Esau said to Jacob, feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.

31 And Jacob said, sell me this day thy birthright.

32 And Esau said, behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

33 And Jacob said, swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.

41 And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, the days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.

42 And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee.

43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran;

44 And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away;

45 Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?

Memory verse. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptable crown; but we an incorruptable. **Practical Truth:** To be controlled by appetite is a deplorable weakness in any one.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson again to day is a study of biography. It not only concerns Esau as the title indicates but it also gives us information about Jacob.

A chain is no stronger than its weakest link. Neither is our spiritual life stronger than its weakest part.

If our weakness is carelessness or neglect we cannot hope to fulfill our place in the body. In lightness or lack of earnestness our time will quickly pass from our reach. We must be aware of the fact that the enemy knows our weak place as he did Esau's life and took advantage of his weakness, thus he lost his most valuable possession.

We notice that Isaac was partial to Esau. Why? Was this a very consistent reason? Rebekah was partial to Jacob. Showing partiality will often cause much trouble and sometimes it becomes a serious trouble.

We also notice that Rebeckah planned that Jacob should take advantage of Esau: so she reaped for the wrong, in that Jacob had to leave because of Esau's anger and I do not think there is any scripture that informs us that she ever saw her son again. Do we recall how Jacob in later years reaped from evil seed sown in his dealings with his brothers? How did his sons treat him in regard to this same weakness, (partiality). "Be not deceived God is not mocked for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

May the Lord help us to realize that we should be stalwart Christians with well rounded up experiences; guarding against wrong on every hand.

Sunday, May 30th, 1937.

The remaking of Jacob.

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

May 24th to 29th.

- M. Jacob's dream of God. Gen. 28:16-22.
- T. Jacob's experiences of God. Gen. 32:24-30.
- W. How to know God. 1 Cor. 2:9-14.
- T. Seeing God. 1 John 3:1-5.

F. Facing Godward. Luke 15:11-20.

S. The new man. Eph. 4:17-24.

Printed portion. Gen. 28:16-22; -32:24-30.

16 And Jacob*awaked out of his sleep, and he said, surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, how dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, if God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on.

21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God:

22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

Gen. 32:24 — And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of day.

25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

26 And he said, let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

27 And he said unto him, what is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

28 And he said, thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29 And Jacob asked him, and said, tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

30 And Jacob called the name of the place, Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

Memory verse: — And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Practical Truth: —It is possible by divine power for a man to be remade.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The study of the life of Jacob is continued today. The few days that Rebeckah advised her son to spend in another part of the country proved to be twenty years.

By being mindful of earthly possessions Jacob cheated his brother and did him a great wrong. Nevertheless when Jacob turned from his ways: God, who is rich in mercy was ready to abundantly pardon.

"The goodness of God turneth man to repentance." When man has concluded to pass a sentence of justice upon the condemned, then God still will have compassion and show mercy. The love of God toward Jacob was greatly manifested to him during his latter days.

How many sons did God bless Jacob with and which one of his sons was sold into Egypt?