

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

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Light Changes Things

There'd be no summer, spring, nor fall—
All would be wintry night—
If God had never made the sun
To shed for us its light.

There'd be no gardens, trees, nor flow'rs,
No pretty birds to sing—
There might be slimy creatures here,
But not a lovely thing.

In such a bleak, chaotic place
Mankind could never dwell;
But 'tis a scene compared to this
Of which I wish to tell:

Within the body of each man—
O'er which he has control—
Is a concealed concavity
Created for the soul.

It is a cold, dark, desert place
Where not a rose can bloom
Before God sends His Son to shine
And dissipate the gloom.

'Tis decked with fleshly lusts and strife,
Malignity, and pride;
And in their dismal habitat
Nefarious imps abide.

This dreadful state need not be so—
God lets each person choose—
"The Light has come;" but man decides
To take it or refuse.

God wants to say, "Let there be light"
'Tis only His to give,
'Twould change waste land to Edens fair—
Souls need Son-light to live.

—Geneva Bailey.

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The Need Of The Holy Spirit

One thing is needful. In this present age of distress, people feel that they need many of these

material things. It is human nature to work and toil for those things which seem absolutely necessary. But there is one thing we need, which is of far greater value than anything of earth—the Holy Spirit. "The things which are seen are temporal but the things which are not seen are eternal." Again we read, "Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life." In this He is saying to us, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

Who the Holy Spirit is for. The Holy Spirit is promised to believers only. The disciples were saved when they became followers of Jesus, and he told them that their names were written in heaven. But before He went away we find Him praying that they might be sanctified. He realized that they needed something more. Salvation is not complete until the Holy Spirit reigns supremely in the human heart. We must have complete victory over sin with-in and without.

There are two very common mistakes made right along this line. Some people who are living in sin are convicted. They want to find the Lord and the first thing they do is to begin praying for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The thing they need to pray for first is for God to forgive them of their sins and to clean them up. Before a family moves into a house the first thing they do is to take out all the rubbish and clean it out. Then they move in. So likewise with the Holy Spirit. After we are washed in the blood of Jesus and made clean, then, and not until then, we are prepared for the Comforter to come in and dwell. He will not come into an unclean temple. The standard of justification must not be lowered to raise that of sanctification. To be justified means to be free from and forgiven for all the sins you have ever committed.

The other class who fail here is saved people who do not go on to perfection. Because their sins have been forgiven and their names written in heaven they feel satisfied to stop there. Brother, sister, the apostles could never have done the work they did if they had failed to receive the Holy Ghost. It gave them power to speak the Word of God

with boldness. We can never be the witness that God wants to make us until we are filled with the Spirit. How could the Holy Ghost speak through us unless He is in us?

It was not only for the disciples then but it is also for us in this present age. "For the promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off even as many as the Lord our God shall call." May God help us to see this imperative need and to stop short of nothing less than a Spirit-filled life.

—W. C. Murphey.

Perilous Times

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous (A. R. V.—lovers of money), boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof; from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women (and men) laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Beloved, this day these scriptures are being fulfilled before us; but the burden of my heart is to write more especially concerning the things as they exist among us since 1910. There is no doubt that God inspired Bro. D. S. Warner, and others, to bring about this glorious reformation; and many souls were brought to Christ by the power and influence of the gospel preached by men and women anointed by the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. But about the year of 1910, Satan began to talk to some preachers, saying, "Here, you are not progressing as you should—you have never reached any but the poorer class." Jesus said "The poor have the gospel preached to them;" but Satan says, "We've got to have money in this thing and the poor don't have it; so we must educate our ministers, that they may be cute and smart to reach the higher class, and get their money." (Now, brethren, I speak from personal knowledge.) Well what happened? Many ministers and God's people lost their vision, became blind, and went down into a miserable compromise with the world, and many lost their precious souls. Today it is one of the most dangerous sects in the world; and many of God's dear people see it as it is, and the ransomed of the Lord are returning and "coming home to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads." But Satan, being greedy

for souls, is not satisfied; but has dressed up a few preachers in a little semi-compromise dress. They say, "Well, the Trumpet people are wrong in some things, but it doesn't look so bad after all." But listen to God's Word: "He that would be a friend to the world is an enemy to God" James 4:4. Compromise is one of the most deadly things to spirituality I know of. When a man or woman falls under the spirit of compromise, they lose their vision and become blind with the gods of this world and lose their power with God, fall under an antiChrist spirit, become divisional workers, and make havock of the Church of God and waste it. Why should any man or woman stoop so low as to compromise with the enemy of all good, and lower the standard of eternal truth for filthy lucre or worldly applause? God help us to be true and stand for the whole truth, which saves from sin, and makes God's people one. I would rather face the dark legions infernal until the last drop of blood had flowed from my veins, and die a victor for King Jesus, than to compromise one inch with the world, the flesh, or the devil and be monarch of the earth. God wants men and women who will wade through fire and blood before they will shrink or falter.

WHAT IS COMPROMISE? "A settlement by arbitration or by mutual consent, reached concessions on both sides; a reciprocal abatement of extreme demands or rights, resulting in an agreement."—Webster.

Then, to compromise the truth of God's Word, means to arbitrate with the devil and concede that he is partly right. When an editor, preacher, or any other person concedes to the spirit of compromise, they just step over into the by-path of sin, and sooner or later without repentance, will come to destruction; but as Jesus spoke of the signs of his coming, he said because of iniquity abounding the love of many shall wax cold; Matt. 24:12, but as men lose the love of God out of their hearts, the love of the world comes in. John said, "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. Just as sure as men lose the love of God out of their hearts, the love of money comes in. And "the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" 1 Tim. 6:10. "But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness" (verse 11). I really believe the semi-compromise spirit is more dangerous than the Trumpet compromise; why? because it is possessed with such a slick, slimy spirit. They oppose some things that compromisers teach;

claim they are not with the compromise movement; but will go right down and hold meetings with and for them, and they unanimously claim them as their preachers. Beloved, "beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." Col. 2:8. Therefore, beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world; 1 John 4:1. Why should we try the spirits? Because Jesus said, they would come to us in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Matt. 7:15. Dear reader, this whole compromise movement is not of God, but of the devil; this being true, I feel as Bro. Paul, to cease not to warn every one night and day with tears; Acts 20:31. Brethren, my heart is broken, and I am made to weep, to learn of some of my dear brethren being influenced by this awful spirit of compromise; take the awful heresy of life insurance; think about us taking ourselves out of the hands of God, and putting our trust in sinful man, for our future support. No, brethren, I had rather be a Lazarus at some man's gate desiring crumbs from his table, when I die be carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom, than be a rich man, die, and life up my eyes in hell, and cry for some one to dip the tip of their finger in water and cool my tongue. Oh beloved, let us be sober and watch unto prayer; 1 Pet. 4:7. "For if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" 1 Pet. 4:18. For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God; "and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" (Verse 17). So I pray God that His little ones escape compromise. This is written in love for God, and His precious cause, with a prayer for good.

Your brother in the Beloved,

—H. W. White.

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The Way Of The Wicked

The Word of God describes two ways and, if the Lord wills, we here wish to call your attention to a few scriptures and thoughts concerning the way of the wicked, beginning with Prov. 4:14-19: "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men, avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away, for they sleep not except they have done mischief, and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall. For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence. But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. The path of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble."

Here we have the warning not to enter nor have anything to do with this way, or the way of the wicked; also, it gives a description of the people who are on it. This warning is to all who are not on it, and there is another to all who are on it. There are many reasons for this warning; one is, that those who travel it are brought into captivity and are bound so that they cannot escape by themselves. All manner of sin and iniquity is on this way as we read in Prov. 5:22: "His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with cords of his sin."

Now, let us consider some of the things which hold men captive on this way. "Now, the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, I tell you before as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (Gal. 5:19-21). All these things are evil and are on the way of the wicked.

Now, each way has a destination. Jesus tells us where this one leads: "Enter ye in at the strait gate for wide is the gate and broad is the way which leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in thereat" (Matt. 7:13). Then, again, we read in Psa. 9:17: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Every one has his own way in this way. "All we like sheep have gone astray: we have turned every one to his own way" (Isa. 53:6). There are a lot of professors who want to go their own way who are on this broad way, because the Bible says: "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 16:25).

There is only one way of escape when once one is on the broad way and has become bound by the cords of his own sins, and that is through the Lord Jesus Christ who says, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6). "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). The warning and call is to all who are on the broad way whether they have a profession or not. How must they come? "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord; and he will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord, for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:6-9). So, we are pleading with all who are living in sin to seek the Lord now for he is still saving people who will give up all to come to Him the Bible way. Amen.

—Ray Key.

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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

For two weeks after sending forth the September **Faith and Victory** paper, the office force has been very busy in the making of 1500 books. My little book entitled, "God's Gracious Dealings" has been out of stock for some time, and calls were coming in for it. The book was circulated far and wide, and many a soul has written us and others have spoken to us personally about the good their souls received in reading this book. A number have written us that they got saved by reading its pages. Who can estimate the value of a soul? If you have been an instrument in God's hands for the saving of one soul, you have accomplished more than if you had done something to gain the applause, approval, and honor of the whole world. The only things that any man or woman can do that are not vanity is to do things that will bring eternal profit, either to their own soul or some other soul. Anything done that only lasts as long as this earthen ball stands, is vain. This earth and all things therein are sure to be burned up. (Read the third chapter of 2 Peter, 10th and 11th verses.) If the deeds you do and the life you have and live does not reach beyond this perishable world, it is all a vain life and will only bring disappointment, remorse of conscience, and a continued soul-burning "where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched." Read the latter half of Matt. 21th chapter and Mark 9:44.

Before printing this book again, we have revised it and written more. Now it contains 125 pages including three pictures. The pages are much larger than the former book. We have the book finished now, and it is ready to send forth on its mission of love and comfort to men. You should get a quantity of these books to hand out or send to your friends, or to those who need Jesus. The reading of this book has proved to be a great blessing and help to those newly saved, for it teaches them to rely upon God and to be led by His Spirit.

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God says in His Word, "Ye are my witnesses" Isa. 43:10. Every saved soul becomes a witness for God here among men. A soul can only be a true witness when he or she possesses the Spirit of Christ. If the Spirit of Christ is in you, it will be continually telling the gospel story in words, in deeds, in truthfulness and uprightness with friends and with enemies alike, with great and with small, with those that are honored of men and with those that may be despised, with those that love you and with those that hate you, with those that treat you good and with those

that treat you evil, with those that speak well of you and with those that slander. A saint makes a good law abiding citizen as their real citizenship is in heaven. Salvation will cause them to be honest in all their dealings, it will cause them to be careful about making any promise which they may not be able to fulfill, it will make them diligent to pay any debt they may owe. They will go farther than the laws of the land command to be honest and upright because they are under law to God and God's law says, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect." Matt. 5:48. The laws of our country will allow a man to do many things which are not righteous, honest and upright which a saint can not, and will not do because they are under law to God. The saint would be honest and upright if there were no laws or government in our land, and would deal "square" and fairly with good and bad alike because they fear God and are under law to Him. To owe a debt and refuse to pay it because the law does not make you do it is plain dishonesty and ungodliness. The debts a man owes are never out-lawed in heaven. The only way you can get it erased from heaven's book is to confess it and pay it, or honestly and sincerely promise to do so just as soon as God makes you able. A real saint would be so honest with his fellowman that he would be willing to deny himself to the extent of living on bread and water in order to pay some or all the debt, and in this way prove his sincerity to the one to whom he owes the debt.

If saints realized the weight and force of the scripture found in Matt. 22:14 which reads, "For many are called, but few are chosen"; they would certainly be more diligent to let the Spirit of Jesus manifest Himself in and through them at all times and in every way that they might be sure of having on the "Wedding Garment," the "Robe of Righteousness" which would entitle them to heaven's mansions.

To be unwilling to pay your debt would make you both a liar and a thief in the sight of God. Read the thirteenth chapter of Romans and you will see how strongly Paul teaches us to obey the rulers and governors of our country. He teaches us that the officers are God's ministers, literally speaking, to attend to these things. (Rom. 13:6.) Saints do not do the right just because they fear the officers, but they look beyond the officers and fear God and obey because of Him who has placed them there. Saints would do right if there were no officers to enforce law.

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Both Paul and Peter exhorts the saints to pray for Kings, rulers and those in authority. If there ever was a time when our President, Senators, and Representatives and those in authority needed the prayers of the saints, it surely is now, as there are many perplexing problems confronting them; and the safety, welfare, and peace of our nation depends

upon sane governmental ruling and cool, divine-given decisions. News is coming to us daily from across the waters of much blood-shed caused by warring nations, and the outlook is for more yet to follow as nations become entangled. Carnal war and fighting is foreign to the peaceful spirit of Christ that dwells in the hearts of the saints and they do not endorse such. Paul tells us that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." 2 Cor. 10:4. We can use the weapon of prayer against the forces of evil and blood-thirsty men and nations. Prayer is a mighty weapon in the hands of the saints. Let us use it freely in these perilous times, and not compromise with Satan. Satan would have some to believe that war is necessary. War is necessary only to the extent that it is fulfilling the prophecies. It is never necessary with the saints. James tells us plainly why there are wars and fightings among the people. He says it comes from our lusts that war in our members (James 4:1). People who are carnal and have lusts of greed and gain in their hearts will war and fight. The saint that has crucified the flesh with the lusts and carnal desires has no war and fight in him, hence none will issue out.

All really saved people are "conscientious objectors" to war and the use of carnal weapons, and they will pray for the officers and those in authority to so govern that we can have peace in the land. What our country needs now, more than any thing else, is praying men and women who can touch God on His throne. The power of God is above all the seeming powers of armies and nations; and He says that His eyes are over the righteous and His ears are open unto their prayers; "but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." 1 Peter 3:12. Let us pray more earnestly.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for Sister Couch's son and husband of Okla.

Pray for Sister Marie Whiteside who is afflicted with itching on her body.

Pray for Bro. John Strech of Neosho, Mo. who is suffering much with sciatic rheumatism.

Lizzie Murdock requests the saints to pray for the healing of three grandchildren and three daughters. Also pray for their souls.

Pray for Sister Dorsen of Grayson, Okla. Bro. L. L. Jackson anointed her and she said the Lord wonderfully blessed her, but she still feel the need of prayer.

Pray for Jennie Deans who was taken to the Hospital. She requested the prayers of the saints. She lives in Okla.

Pray for Bro. Floyd Knapp who is suffering with his eyes and pain in his cheek.

Pray for Bro. John Strong who is seriously ill.

OBITUARIES

Sena Hilbun Miller, born Nov. 22, 1879; died September 4, 1939. She leaves her husband, four daughters, two sons, fourteen grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren—two daughters preceded her in death.

She will be greatly missed by the saints and a host of friends. She is the first of the saints to die since the work at this place has been recognized. She was an example of faithfulness.

Funeral services conducted by Sister Katherine Simpson. Text: Psalm 116:15 and 2 Tim. 4:6-8.

Sister Martha Florene Willie, wife of Bro. Bud Willie of Mandeville, La. was born April 25, 1884, and passed away September 6, 1939; age 55 years, 4 months, and twelve days. She leaves her husband, five daughters, one son, a mother, one sister, four brothers, and several grandchildren besides a host of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss which is heaven's gain.

She has been ill for a year or more, but in answer to prayer, the Lord would bless her many times to the extent that she could go to meeting. Two days before she passed away she called her children, husband and brothers to her bed side and told them she was going to die, and asked them to meet her in heaven.

The funeral was conducted by Sister Lottie Joiner. Text: Job 14:1-2.

Her body was laid away in the Willie Cemetery several miles from her home.

Darling sister thou art gone,
Never more with us to roam
On this earth that will decay;
But we expect to be with thee
Over in eternity.

Louisa Ripley was born Sept. 1, 1852; died Aug. 10, 1939; age 87 years, 11 months, and 9 days. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour 46 years prior to her death. She leaves four children: two sons and two daughters. The sons are Melvin Ripley of Webb City, Mo. and Elmer Ripley of Long View, Texas. The daughters are Mrs. Nola Craig of Webb City, Mo. and Mrs. Anna Church of Joplin, Mo. She also leaves 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Good-bye, Mother,—just awhile.
We'll ne'er forget your loving smiles.
Soon we'll follow—not many days
Till we'll meet you across Death's way.
We're not crying more for you,
You have finished all you could do.
Once again, we say, good-bye,
Till we meet beyond the sky.—Bro. Strech.

Lucus McKinley Warren was born in the state of Mississippi, March 21, 1876 and departed this life July 14, 1939—age 63 years, 3 months, and 23 days.

He professed a hope in Christ in 1896 and was united to the Missionary Baptist Church until he came to Oklahoma in 1916 when he came into the true light and was born into the Church of God, where he remained in full faith until the end.

In 1898 at the age of 22 he was married to Addie Byrd and remained until the death claimed her in the year of 1908. To this union, two children were born. One preceded him in death.

In 1915, after passing six years alone, he was united to Melie Ann Jeffries. To this union were born eight children, seven surviving—three sons, and four daughters. Also, seven grandchildren, three brothers, four sisters and a host of other relatives and friends, and his true, loving, and faithful wife are left to mourn his departure.

As a Christian, husband, and father he stands among the most sincere. His generous soul and modest spirit, his kind and loving deeds among his neighbors and friends will live on and on.

"A precious one from us has gone,

A voice we love is still,

A place is vacant in our home

Which ne'er can be filled."

Sermon by Bro. L. L. Jackson and Bro. Johnnie Johnson. Scripture Lesson by Bro. Wm. Bray. Prayer by Bro. W. H. Knight. Text: "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his." Num. 23:10.

NATIONAL CAMP GROUNDS PURCHASED

Bro. Strech writes on Sept. 12th that the purchase has been completed for four acres of ground at Monark Springs, Mo. These grounds, for which \$500 were paid, are to be used and known as the "National Camp Grounds of the Church of God."

The trustees accepted a loan of \$250 in order that the grounds might be secured and, of course, this amount must be repaid before building the pavilion and making other improvements. Leases on cabin sites are offered to the saints at \$10 per lot, size 24 x 24 ft. We had hoped to have the diagram of the grounds and the printed contract ready by the time this paper went to press, but we were unable to get it all finished. In a few days, no doubt, they will be ready to mail to those interested in leasing cabin sites.

These lots will all be numbered, and as soon as the contract is signed and payment made in full, then you may select a lot on the diagram, and the number of the same will be written on the lease. **The choice of the lots will be given in the order that the lots are paid for in full.** If you want

a lot, you may either pay for it in full, or make a small down payment when you sign the lease, and as soon as paid in full you may select your lot. All those who sign a lease should have their lots paid for within 90 days, so that the debt on the grounds might be retired and have funds for which to begin building the pavilion some time after the first of the year.

Address your requests for a diagram and contract to the secretary, L. D. Pruitt, 611 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Oklahoma. —L. D. Pruitt, Secy.

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—NOTICE—

Some time ago we made mention of Bro. Joseph W. Pearson of Valeene, Ind. being in need of a typewriter. He has not received sufficient funds as yet to purchase this needed machine. Sister Cora Dravis of 2443 Seminary Ave., Chicago, Ill. is receiving means to purchase this needed article for Bro. Pearson as she can get one very reasonable in Chicago. You can send your means to her and she will purchase the machine and ship it to him. Bro. Pearson has much writing to do for the Lord and needs a typewriter very much.

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BOOK FOR SALE

If you want one of the revised, enlarged books, "God's Gracious Dealings," send twenty-five cents in stamps or coin and one of them will be sent to you immediately. You can get three books for sixty cents, or six books for one dollar, all post paid to you. Buy a quantity of them and hand them out to your friends and to those in need of salvation. The reading of this book makes God real to men. This book has three pictures in it: one of the office building, one of the ministers who attended the first National Camp Meeting at Monark Springs, Mo., and one of the office workers in the "Lord's Print Shop." Order today, before Satan makes you forget it. Satan hates the truth in this book and will keep you and others from reading it if he can. The contents of this book show him up to be a liar.

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MEETING REPORT

Loranger, La.—Greetings of Christian Love:

Sister Joiner and I just closed a successful meeting at Batchelor, La. The Lord blessed from the beginning to the end, and gave freedom in preaching His word. There were fourteen saved, two sanctified, and several healed. Bro. Cecil Carver and family came over from Shreveport and were used of the Lord in preaching and singing.

Much Christian love to the workers in the office.
Your sister in Christ, Katherine Simpson.

NEWCASTLE CAMP MEETING REPORT

We greet the saints in Jesus' name. Glad we can still report victory. We truly witnessed the mighty workings of the Lord during the summer. We were in a meeting with Bro. Porter in Springfield, just preceding the National Meeting, in which the Lord worked in wonderful power. A number were saved, the saints encouraged, and 13 followed the Lord in baptism. The Lord worked throughout until the close, which was on the first Sunday of the National Meeting. We then entered the National Meeting which we enjoyed very much.

From there we came home and made some preparations for our meeting before entering the camp meeting at Dayton, which was another good meeting, blessed of the Lord throughout. The meeting here began with victory from the very first service, and continued that way throughout. Truly, I believe it was the best meeting we have ever had. The harmony and unity which prevailed, not only between God's ministers but also between God's saints, was noticeable to a gain-saying world.

At this time my body seems to be giving away on me and I earnestly solicit the prayers of God's people. I am hardly able to be up since the close of our meeting.

In Christian love, Bro. T. Z. Lawson.

CAMP MEETING REPORT

The Church of God camp meeting at Reform, Ala. was a glorious one. The Word went forth with much power of the Spirit. Bro. Byars and son were here from the northern part of Alabama. On Sunday morning, Aug. 20th, he preached on "Fruit Bearing." He is a man of God.

The devil was busy, but God's Spirit was more powerful. Prayer was offered for the sick and suffering ones on Aug. 25th.

All the saints were greatly blessed and testified to the wonderful Saviour's work. We are encouraged to press on in this narrow way. Pray for the saints in Alabama. Wiley Glass.

Stoutland, Mo.—Dear Saints: I need the prayers of all the people of God. I have been greatly afflicted in my body for two years. Please pray earnestly for me. I believe the Lord can heal. Also, pray for me to be completely delivered from tobacco. Pray that the Lord will take the desire away, because I really want to live right and be free from it. There are no Church of God services here. I wish we could have a meeting. Write to me. Mr. David Barnes.

"No matter what you say you believe, your faith is determined by what you do. Show your faith by your works."

DAILY MEDITATIONS

Sunday— I am a child of God.

Monday—I love the Lord my God with all my heart,

Tuesday— with all my soul,

Wednesday—with all my mind.

Thursday—I love my neighbor as myself.

Friday—God is love.

Saturday—The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

—Eugene Fulmer.

God's Attitude Toward War

"The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name" (Exodus 15:3). In order for us to rightly understand God's attitude toward war, it is necessary for us to duly consider God's character. We surely have read in God's word: "My thoughts toward you (the people) are thoughts of **peace** and not of war." In Psa. 122:6, 7 we read: "Pray for the **peace** of Jerusalem . . . **Peace** be within thy walls." And in Luke 2:14 we read: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace**, good will toward men." The essential nature of God's sweet Spirit is **PEACE**. This peaceful influence of the Spirit of God is the sweetest thing on earth to our soul while we are penning these lines. In John 14:27, Jesus, who was the spokesman of God, said, "**Peace** I leave with you, my **peace** I give unto you . . ." Three times in the 20th chapter of John (19, 21, and 26 verses) Jesus said, **Peace** be unto you. This is God's one great purpose in His dealings with the human family—**PEACE**. The law of God is **peace**; but this law **broken** is war. If man, pushed on by the devil, had never broken God's law, there would never have been, to this day and to the end of time, a battle fought on earth. War is always the result of the law of peace having been violated some where.

This is how it comes, in the language of our text above that the Lord is a man of war. We presuppose the fact that Mr. Jones, a God fearing man, is a man of peace. This is his one great cherished and predominant thought. But his little son violates this law of peace by some misconduct and the rod of correction is brought forth in some form. It was a corrective measure. War and retaliation was not in his heart. It is inconsistent with God's nature and character to be at war with his creatures. War ever has, or ever will, come only on one condition—"In the day thou eatest thereof." God is a "man of war" only as He sees fit, in His divine wisdom, to send it as a partial punishment for sin. Some may object on the pretext that war has leveled down mountains of difficulty and inequality and subdued and opened up countries for the gospel. But the very fact that the way had to be opened up is proof that "sin lieth

at the door" and had it not been so, the gospel of God's peace would already have been there without the blood-stain of war. And how eminently better this would have been. War is legalized murder and God is not a murderer. He is a Judge with a penalty for SIN. —J. H. Pierson.

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Cigarettes! Oh, how I hate them,
Hate the blue smoke curling high,
Hate the smell they leave behind them,
Hate the way they make men Lie!

Hate to think my darling boy
Must grow up and face them soon,
With their Satan-like influence,
And offensive, harmful fume.

Hate to go into a "sick room,"
Seeing folks now almost dead
Reaching yet for weeds so filthy—
Smoking still, though "sick in bed."

Hate to see dear children hungry,
While their Daddy—Onerly cad!
Sends smoke curling, flips the ashes,
While their little hearts "grow sad!"

Hate to think dear little infant's
Eyes and lungs must stand this strain,
Millions yet un-born must breathe it,
If the parents don't refrain.

Hate to try to go out riding
Where the air is fresh and clean—
God's great gift to man "polluted,"
By a nervous Cigarette Fiend.

Hate to see the highways and papers—
Littered with un-Godly LIES;
For instead of "Lift" they "Drag" men,
Down to Hell—not to the skies.

Hate to see our RACE, once stalwart,
Growing weaker every year,
Men should be ashamed to face God,
And I feel His coming's near.

LOVE to think that up in Heaven
Where God has prepared a place,
We'll be free from these great evils
That so greatly harm the race.

Minta M. Lampkins,

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

The Call of The Christian

Not always as the whirlwind's rush
 On Horeb's mount of fear,
 Not always as the burning bush
 To Midian's shepherd seer,
 Nor as the awful voice which came
 To Israel's prophet bards,
 Nor as the tongues of cloven flame,
 Nor gift of fearful words—

Not always thus, with outward sign
 Of fire or voice from Heaven,
 The message of a truth divine,
 The call of God is given!
 Awaking in the human heart
 Love for the true and right—
 Zeal for the Christian's better part,
 Strength for the Christian's fight.

Though heralded with naught of fear,
 Or outward sign or show;
 Though only to the inward ear
 It whispers soft and low;
 Though dropping, as the manna fell,
 Unseen; yet from above,
 Noiseless as dew-fall, heed it well—
 Thy Father's call of love!

—J. G. W.

EDITORIALS

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." 1 Pet. 4:10. Here the apostle Peter expresses the Christian obligation of stewardship and the Christian's relationship to God. How few fully realize their responsibility of being a "good steward of the manifold grace of God." The good steward ministers to others that which God gives to him. The last part of this text implies that the steward has been entrusted with "the manifold grace of God," or in other words, with many favors or blessings from God. There is a day when the steward must give an account of his stewardship.

A steward is a person entrusted with something of value for the purpose of increasing it, and one who must render an account to the one who gave it. A cashier in a bank is a steward, and at the end of the day he must give a satisfactory account before leaving.

In Luke 16th chapter, Jesus gives a parable of

a steward who was careless with his Master's goods. He says, "There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward." In the days of Christ the steward was often a servant or slave, into whose keeping all the possessions of his owner were placed, and he was to make use of these in the interests of the owner. Being a slave, he owned nothing, not even himself. The Christian's knowledge of this relationship to God is the first requisite to faithful stewardship. We may talk of "giving" of our means, our time, and our talents to the Lord, but we cannot really "give" anything to Him; we can only return Him His due. What is it that we have not received from Him?

There is no better example of a good steward than the life of Jesus. His attitude toward his stewardship is expressed in these words: "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish His work." In his stewardship of time, He was continually "about his Father's business." He did not walk along the seashores or up into the mountains just to "kill" time. Every talent was used to accomplish God's work. He imparted the power and love of God to others, not in word only, but in deed. Even His life was given to complete the plan of God. Jesus had no money so far as we know, but He was a perfect steward. He gave what He had, which is all God requires.

Young saints, in the light of these truths, it is well for us to take an inventory, and ask ourselves a few questions to determine our standing as a steward. God wants you, wholly and completely, and when He has you, He has your talents and possessions.

The rich man called his unfaithful steward before him. It was a day of reckoning. Today, Jesus says to you, "Give an account of thy stewardship." Will you be approved as a "good steward of the manifold grace of God," or will He have to say, "Thou mayest be no longer steward?"

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New problems are facing God's people today. The major nations of the world are again involved in war, and perhaps in a short while all the other nations will enter it. However, the saints are not particularly interested in civil and governmental affairs only so far as they affect our Christian responsibilities. In a period like this, millions of men will be drafted for actual fighting.

To the Christian, what does war mean? It means all that Jesus did not stand for. It is a complete reversal of the Christian attitude as outlined in Matt. 5:43-48. Instead of men treating each other as brothers, they consider each other as enemies, deadly enough to be killed. Instead of helping suffering humanity it inflicts greater suffering. War is wholesale murder, and it attempts to make the crime of murder honorable. One has well said that "Every war is a national calamity, whether victorious or not."

When Peter used the sword Jesus said to him, "Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." And we find no place where He commanded us to use it again. Therefore, in time of war we would be termed as "conscientious objectors" to the use of arms. In Germany today this class of men must either go to the battle-front or face the firing squad. "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in Hell." Matt. 10:28. —L. D. P.

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Guthrie, Okla. — "My grace is sufficient for thee." There is grace for every trial of life, if we will just seek after it. Life is what we make it. We have our own choice; but what would it profit us without Christ in our life? "For the Lord is a sun and shield: The Lord will give grace and glory: No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." If we treasure His commandments deep down in our hearts and keep them there we have a right to this promise. We are truly thankful for a Saviour to whom we can go in every time of need. He is always patient and long suffering toward us. So many times in life we have caused Him much grief and shame, and He labored more patiently with us. There is not anything I would exchange for the PEACE and comfort I have found in Him. His grace is sufficient, His mercy endureth, His blessings flow through and through—I find no need to seek another. He is all and in all to me. "Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart." —Hyrum Ray.

CORRESPONDENCE

NOTICE

Bro. McDonald of Glendale, Calif. (formerly of Okla. City) peacefully passed away Monday, Sept. 18th. (Funeral notice later.)

Those feeling led to help on the funeral expenses may send offerings to Erle E. Forbes, 4250 Perlita Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. or to our office here at Guthrie. Sister McDonald is a minister and needs your help and comforting prayers now.

Each congregation ought to take up an offering

to send in for the funeral expenses. Write Sister McDonald a comforting letter in care of Bro. Erle E. Forbes. He will hand it to her. (Editor).

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Senath, Mo.— Dear Sister Pruitt: I was glad to hear from you as you write such encouraging words that are so sweet to my soul. I don't get much soul food with any one around here in conversation. I only have one friend that believes and practices living a Holy and sinless life. She is the one that gave me my first **Faith and Victory** paper, and told me many things I did not understand. I live a sinless life as far as I know how, but if I ever received the Holy Ghost I don't know when it was; although it seems so easy for me to trust the Lord for all things, and it has been easy for me to give up all things; such as tea, coffee, bobbed hair, short and sleeveless dresses, shows, and all other kinds of worldly amusements. I know the dear Lord has been with me, blessing me along the way. I am trusting and looking to Him for help in all things. Please pray for me that I shall hold out faithful until the end.

My brother has two children. One is 11 years old and in the Mason Hospital at St. Louis for infantile paralysis. Please pray for her. I do wish they would have trusted her affliction with the Lord instead of the arm of flesh. Pray for my husband and boys who are out in sin.

May God bless all of you in your work. I do wish I could be with you in your good services.

Please remember me and my loved ones in your prayers. —Effie Miller.

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Asheville, N. C.— Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Today finds me still saved and sanctified, pressing on the upward way, praising the good Lord for His goodness and kindness to me. I have made up my mind to go all the way with Jesus. This is a lovely way and a holy way. I am so glad that I saw the real light in the Christmas meeting at Guthrie. Pray much for me that I may have a double portion of the Lord's grace. I am Bro. M. J. Phillips' sister-in-law who was saved in the Christmas meeting. Since that time the Lord has wonderfully blessed me, and is using me everywhere I go. I am so glad He can use me.

I send much love to Sister Pruitt and all the saints in Guthrie. I hope to be with you again if it is the Lord's will. M. Phillips.

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Henryetta, Okla.— Dear Saints of God: This morning leaves me still saved and trusting in the Lord. We had another three night's meeting at Watson School, and it was blessed of the Lord. The people said they were sorry we closed so soon. We were planning on having a meeting this month, but on account of sickness, we had to postpone

it until Oct. Any of the Saints desiring to come write to Lizzie Murdock Henryetta, Okla., R. 2, Box 222. Your saved sister, Lizzie Murdock.

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Seminole, Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Family. Greetings in Jesus' love: Wife and I are still saved, and trusting the dear Lord, for He has certainly carried us through. I feel encouraged, and have decided to do more for our dear Lord because He has done so much for me. I realize that the harvest is ripe and the laborers are so few. Now is the time to prove if we are true laborers for God. I am subscribing for your **Faith and Victory** paper for a year, you may use the remainder of the money to the glory of God. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless you and your good work.

Pray for us; we need your prayers.

Your Bro. in Christ, Ted Summers.

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Woodburn, Oreg.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: I enjoy your little paper a lot, and pray that God will grant it to be published for many years to come, if our world stands.

I was saved twenty months ago, after going through a serious operation. I had no fear of not coming through that ordeal for on my way to the operation room I felt the Lord at my side and He surely was with me the next three days for I knew nothing and certainly was sick.

After He was so kind to me, I couldn't resist His call any longer and I have been very cautious about every act and word since; for I don't want to displease Him in the slightest way. He knows I am sincere in my heart and does give me many inspiring messages.

I have one burden on my heart. I deceived a woman friend, and I have repented to our Saviour, but she has not forgiven me yet. I would appreciate your prayers, that this burden be lifted from my heart and that she will soon get saved. Also, pray that my two sons and husband be drawn closer to the True Faith.

May our Saviour bless and guide you through all your days.

Sincerely yours, Mrs. Hackett.

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Osyka, Miss.—Dear Saints of God: I can praise the Lord for salvation, and for faith to trust Him for both soul and body.

I have been saved for about a year or more. Through faith in God I was saved, and by faith in Him intend to do everything, by the help and grace of God, to please Him. Through faith in God my wife, little boy, and I have been healed many times. All three of us were healed of the itch. We know the Lord healed us because we didn't use any remedies for it. I can't praise Him enough for it.

Last winter I was afflicted in my back, hip, and leg. It started with a catch in my hip. When I would make a misstep it would feel like a knife sticking me (or like I believe a knife sticking in me would feel). My leg then began to hurt me, just above the knee and ankle. It got so bad in a few days until I couldn't rest unless I would lie down on my back and stretch my leg out, letting it lay flat on something. Finally, one morning I could not go to work because my leg and hip hurt so badly. I could hardly raise up in bed. We had prayer, but I didn't seem to get much relief; so we called in some of the Saints here to pray for me. The prayer of faith was prayed because the Lord healed me, but the devil wasn't through trying me. After the saints had gone home I got up off my bed and another catch came in my hip worse than the first, and I fell back on my bed in greater pain than before. I suffered so that we called in all the saints here that could come. They prayed for me several times and I didn't get any relief. I had taken fever with this pain, too. We decided to call Bro. and Sister Key from Hammond, La. to come and pray for me. They came, and according to James 5:13-11—"Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord and the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up"—they anointed and prayed for me and I got healed again. I got up and walked, and before I was anointed and prayed for I couldn't get up out of bed, it would hurt me so when I would try. After I walked a little I lay back down on the bed. Pain began to come back. Bro. and Sister Key and the saints prayed for me a couple more times and I began to get ease. Then I took right ahoid by faith and claimed healing any how and, praise God, I was healed. He gets all the praise for it, too. I can't praise him enough for what He has done for me. But I praise Him most of all for saving my soul. "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." (Psa. 150:6.)

I want all of the saints of God to pray for me that I'll be a stepping stone and not a stumbling block to the "Church of God"; and that I will do all the Holy Spirit leads me to do.

Your Brother in Christ, Clyde Lea.

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Divorce-marriage

I was born June 30th, 1872, a few miles south of Memphis, Tenn., and spent the earlier part of my life in and about that section. At the age of nineteen I was married to a young lady of seventeen. She was then an excellent girl. About four years

later we moved to Chicago, Ill., where we were both converted and sanctified, and lived a happy Christian life for some time. But as time passed my wife grew cold and indifferent, and finally renounced all religious scruples, and went into open sin and uncleanness to such an extent that I was forced to "**put her away,**" according to Matt. 5:32. However, I remained unmarried, having been instructed by the Bible and my religious teachers that there were Bible grounds to **put away** the unclean party, but none whatever to remarry while she lived. So I believed and taught this for years, from the pulpit and through the press. But later on I read more largely on the subject and met many holy, devout men, as I went forth in the evangelistic work, who were more experienced both in Word and ministry, than I, and who believed there were Bible grounds for the **innocent** party to remarry under my circumstances, taking Matt. 19:9 for their authority. Also I saw in the discipline of all orthodox churches that **they** recognize the **one** ground; viz., Matt. 19:9. So as I did not hold myself as any criterion, after weighing the matter in these different scales, I finally concluded that I was wrong, and my views on the subject were non-scriptural. So I publicly confessed my mistake, and accepted the general view of the Christian world; viz., **one ground** for the innocent party to remarry. Matt. 19:9. So as I was the innocent party, after living a single life for seven years, I felt as **clear as heaven** to take a second wife. However some of my friends advised me different; but their advise came too late. But the very next day after the ceremony was performed, I felt strangely. I did not feel that **sky-blue clearness**. I felt a little smitten in spirit. However, I would not allow myself to feel under condemnation, for I had (as I thought) the Bible on my side. Hence, I concluded that it was only the enemy trying to torment me. However, the Lord was very tender and patient with me, and would bless and pour out His Spirit upon me, knowing I was ignorant of my mistake.

But as time passed by, this annoyance became a constant thing; so I would set myself apart for a few days of prayer and fasting; at which time my sky would clear up I would resume the former routine of life, things would darken up again. So this continued for about five months, in this alternate way. However I was as honest as an agnel in the matter, believing I had God's **highest approval in the step I had taken**. But after the first five months of our married life, the thing became a **real doubt**; so I resolved to set apart by prayer and as much fasting as I deemed prudent, for I wanted to **know from God**.

First: if I had really made a mistake, and if there were **really** no grounds for divorce-marriages.

Second: I wanted to **know** (if it was wrong) what

step to take to get out of it, as it would be a great stumbling block to the unsaved.

However, I was fully determined to obey God in spite of men or devil, even at the loss of all things, even life itself. So we lived a separate life for eighteen months, waiting for the **clear, unmistakable** mind of God. However, but little of my time was spent at home, as I was engaged in evangelistic work, with the blessing of God wonderfully upon my soul.

We read in Job 33:14-18 these words, "God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. In a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; then He openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction . . . He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword." Truly, the Lord has verified this in my case, as He has used this special method (together with the Word) of **warning, instructing and reproving** me ever since I was saved.

I confess, all visions and dreams are not to be depended upon, yet God has a way of making one know when He is speaking. So I here give the reader in substance, what God said to me, or in other words, some methods He used by dreams and visions to make me know I was wrong in my **divorce-marriage**. I do not force it upon anyone, I only relate it, and let you take it for what it is worth. It is to be remembered, I did not receive all of these in one night, or in one month, but from time to time, during a period of eighteen months, and upward.

1. On the night April 13th, 1907, the spirit came to me in a dream or vision, in the form of an eminent preacher, who lives an exceptionally holy life, (however, I do not know his views on this subject), and quoted **clearly and distinctly** two passages of Scripture. The first one is found in Isa. 52:11, "Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." The next passage is found in II Cor. 7:1. "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." These came not as other filthy dreams, but were stamped on my heart and mind by the invincible power of the Spirit. Hence, I can never forget them.


2. On Sept. 28th, 1907, in my dream I stood on the sidewalk of a solitary street. I saw no one for miles around. But suddenly a being from another world descended and sat on the top of a building just across the street from where I stood, and began talking in **loud, clear, thrilling and awful words**, such as filled me with terror, for they seemed not only words, but stuck fast in my soul like arrows. He spake as follows: "There is someone in this community rejecting God-given light, and if they do not stop, God is going to send them to hell forever. He has sent me to warn them. Now you may do as you please about this

matter. I have warned you, so good-bye!" After he was through speaking, he was transformed into the likeness of a large bird, and ascended into the sky. Immediately I awoke, filled with confusion, terror, and conviction, beyond the power of language to describe. I related it to my wife, and told her that God was not pleased with our marriage. But she did not seem to see it in that light, hence the news almost broke her heart. So I did not leave her then, as I wanted to be sure it was God talking, and not the enemy. So I decided to pray for God to make it clearer still. However, we continued to live clean and separate.

(To be concluded in Nov. issue.)

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THE INFANCY OF JESUS

Sunday, October 1, 1939

Daily Readings and Meditations
Sept. 25 to Oct. 1

- M. The Infant King Matt. 2: 1-12.
- T. The Flight Into Egypt Matt. 2: 13-18
- W. The Return to Nazareth Matt. 2:19-23.
- T. The King of Peace Isa. 11: 1-9.
- F. How the King was Received John 1: 11-18.
- S. Blessings Promised With the King Jer. 31: 15-20.
- S. The Reign of the King Isa. 9: 1-7.

Printed Portion **Matt. 2: 13-23**

Matthew. 2:13. And when they were departed,

behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

14. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

15. And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

16. Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

17. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying,

18. In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

19. But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

20. Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.

21. And he arose, and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.

22. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:

23. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

Golden Text: "And they shall call his name Emmanuel; which being interpreted is, God with us." Matt. 1:23b.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

How beautifully the Scriptures portray the coming birth, and infancy of Christ. Hundreds of years before, the prophets told of the events minutely concerning His coming. It is very helpful to read the prophecies and then read the exact fulfillment in the New Testament.

Too many think of the childhood and manhood of Jesus as some angelical, supernatural person; but He was just a child as we—subject to trials, suffering, and temptations. No doubt, he had his peculiar troubles, but he left us an example that we, too, can suffer these things without yielding unto them.

The battle of right and wrong has long been

waging: first, against Adam, and also to destroy Christ while only an infant, and also is arrayed against us today, but the victory is ours if we count it so.

Remember how the Son of God left heaven and came to earth to save lost men. He humbled himself to be born of a virgin, an infant, to grow up to manhood in our midst to show us how to live and also how to die; and by his death and resurrection we may have redemption to our souls.

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THE FORERUNNER OF THE KING

Sunday, October 8, 1939

**Daily Readings and Meditations
Oct. 2 to Oct. 8**

- M. The King's Messenger Mal. 3: 1-6.
- T. The Forerunner's Office Mark 1: 1-18.
- W. Heralding the King Matt. 3: 1-6.
- T. Making Ready for the King Matt. 3: 7-12.
- F. John Baptizes the King Matt. 3: 13-17.
- S. The Witness of John John 1: 19-28.
- S. The Power of the Gospel Rom. 1: 8-17.

Printed PortionMatt. 3:1-17.

Matt. 3:1. In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

2. And saying, Repent ye: for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,

4. And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leather girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

5. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,

6. And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

7. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8. Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance

9. And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

10. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire.

11. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

12. Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

13. Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15. And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17. And, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Golden Text: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Matt. 3:3b.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

John the Baptist was the connecting link between the old and new dispensation. The fact that there had not a prophet appeared in Israel for over four hundred years made the coming of John more impressive.

John was the forerunner of Christ's first coming. He boldly proclaimed his message, then humbly decreased that Christ might increase.

His message was "Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand." The same effectual message is still needed today, that men may see their privilege to prepare for the second coming of Christ.

Note that verse four does not justify the shallow, formal procedure that many go through today and call it salvation.

Verse 10—The tree is not simply to be cut off (or man's sins just forgiven); but the axe is laid to the root (the sin in man's heart that caused that trouble is taken out).

Verse 17— How blessed to hear a voice from heaven say unto us: "This is my Son in whom I am well pleased. We are all well pleased with His dealings with us, but is He pleased with us?"

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

Sunday, October 15, 1939.

Daily Readings and Meditations

Oct. 9 to Oct. 15

- M. The Temptation Matt. 4: 1-11.
- T. Jesus Sympathizes with the Tempted Heb. 4: 12-16
- W. Jesus Intercedes for the Tempted Lk. 22:31-38.
- T. Meaning of Temptation Jas. 1: 12-18.
- F. Temptation Permitted 1 Pet. 1: 3-12.
- S. Help For the Tempted Heb. 2: 11-18.
- S. Praise for Deliverance Psalm 124.

Printed PortionMatt. 4:1-11.

Matt. 4:1. Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

3. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple.

6. And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9. And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou fall down and worship me.

10. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Golden Text "For we have . . . one that has been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Heb. 4:15.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Qualified to meet temptation— He had been baptized and the Holy Spirit had descended upon him.

If we have on the whole armor, we will be able to withstand the wiles of the devil; otherwise, we will fall.

We naturally think of the temptation as the flesh, the world, and the devil. Of course the devil did not bring the baser sins to tempt Jesus, but those seemingly reasonable things.

While we refuse to bow to worship the devil in worldly things, if we are not careful, he will have us trapped in some other way. Jesus did not escape temptation, and neither shall we hope to—but, by the Lord's help, we can have a supply of rich scripture in store; not only in the Bible, but in our mind and hearts that gives Satan a deadly blow. Let us use temptation as a stepping stone to greater victory, for He will not allow us to be tempted above that we are able to bear.

THE CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM

Sunday, October 22, 1939

Daily Readings and Meditations

Oct. 16 to Oct. 22

M. Citizens of the Kingdom Matt. 5:1-12.

T. Influential Citizens Matt. 5: 13-16.

W. Godly Citizens Ps. 1: 1-6.

T. Charitable Citizens Ps. 41: 1-13.

F. Righteous Citizens Ps. 112: 1-10

S. Security in the Kingdom Ps. 34:1-10.

S. The King of Glory Ps. 24 1-10.

Printed PortionMatt. 5:1-16.

Matt. 5:1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him.

2. And he opened his mouth, and taught them saying,

3. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

4. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

5. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

6. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

7. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

8. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

9. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

10. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

11. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

13. Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be trodden under foot of men.

14. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candle-stick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Golden Text: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The Lord places a different value on qualities mentioned than does the world. These blessings are no more what the world seeks than are the virtues what they practice.

Poor in spirit— They become as little children in their humility, confessing sins and humbly obeying God.

They that mourn— Christians are still human, but how blessed is the promise to be comforted.

Those who hunger and thirst after righteousness—If we seek Him with a whole heart, we shall be found of Him.

Mercy— We all love mercy, even the hard-hearted sinner. Then we should manifest a merciful spirit.

The pure in heart and peacemakers have promises of eternal glory.

Persecution— Are we able to count these as blessings from God? When we are able to count them as blessings, then we can rejoice and be exceedingly glad—not for the trial, but that we are counted worthy to suffer for His sake.

BEVERAGE ALCOHOL AND SOCIAL PROGRESS

Sunday, October 29, 1939

Daily Readings and Meditations
Oct. 23 to Oct. 29

- M. Alcohol Leads to Destruction Mic. 2: 6-11.
- T. The Danger of Drunkenness Luke 21: 29-36.
- W. Alcohol Defeats a King Dan. 5: 1-7.
- T. Alcohol Disgraces Social Leaders Isa. 28: 1-8.
- F. Spirit Against the Flesh Gal. 5:16-24.
- S. The Armor of Defense Eph. 6: 10-18.
- S. Overcoming Through Christ 1 Cor. 6: 1-11.

Printed Portion.....Mic. 2:9-11; Luke 21:29 31, 34-36;
1 Cor. 6:9-11.

Mic. 2:9. The women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children have ye taken away my glory for ever.

10. Arise ye and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruction.

11. If a man, walking in the spirit and falsehood, do lie, saying, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

Luke 21:29. And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

30. When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

31. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

34. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

35. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

1 Cor. 6:9. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10. Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

11. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Golden Text: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?" 1 Cor. 6:9.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our regular study of the life of Jesus is interrupted this week with a temperance lesson. These temperance lessons may seem quite frequent but since liquor and drink are advancing rapidly for the worse we shall continue to show its evils.

Those who opposed prohibition declared that to make intoxicating drink legal would solve the grave drink problem.

The Devil is still the Devil though he put on white robes. Instead of the saloon we have the Tavern, night clubs, and beer gardens. Instead of the burly man bouncer to drag out the drunks a strong a strong young woman is hired because a large percent of the drunks and unmanageable ones today are women.

Sin is wrong for either man or woman but the mother whose influence has so much to do with the destiny of the home, she, in whom was our last hope of virtue and modesty, has also become intoxicated with dishonor and shame. These, (death traps) gateways to hell are ramaging in the very doors of our churches. Many are the broken homes that have been corrupted and forsaken because of this evil curse.

Ministers, teachers, and workers, have these perilous conditions brought a burden on our souls as it should? Do we have a burning message for the people, or do we step behind the sacred desk because no one else did, or because it was our turn? May God stir our hearts and touch our lips with a live coal from off the altar.