

# FAITH AND VICTORY

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

HAVE FAITH  
IN GOD

GOD IS  
LOVE

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

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## He Is So Good

I love my Lord so dearly  
And feel so free in Him,  
And my sweet love for Jesus  
Shall nevermore grow dim.

In all His loving-kindness  
He is so good to me,  
And blesses me so freely  
With peace and victory.

His yoke is very easy,  
His burden is so light,  
And all my days are happy  
And full of pure delight.

He fills my heart with gladness  
And gives me peace and rest;  
While hiding in His bosom  
I am so sweetly blest.

The world with all its follies  
Can never tempt my heart,  
For I have found in Jesus  
A satisfying part.

His grace is all-sufficient  
In ev'ry trying test  
And I can truly say it:  
His way is always best.

He leads me in green pastures  
Where living waters flow,  
And gives me grace and glory  
To conquer ev'ry foe.

I am an overcomer  
Through His dear precious Blood;  
My heart is full of praises,  
Because He is so good.

—F. F. Ortmann.

(Written June 28, 1938.)

## Help From Above

A terrible storm was raging at the mouth of Cape Town Harbor, and anxious watchers awaited the arrival of the 'S. S. Dunvegan Castle.' Would she gain the harbour in safety? Already she was at the entrance and was almost in calm water when she collided with the pier. It was evident that great damage had been done, not only to the vessel, but to the pier, for big blocks of masonry had been dislodged.

When the storm had subsided the amount of damage had to be discovered. Cape Town boasted many brave divers, but none to compare with Palmer—strong, resourceful and successful. To him fell the work of inspection.

A bulky, ungainly figure he appeared as he stood ready to make the descent, having first assured himself that all was in order. His final instructions were to the man above to be on the look out for any signal he might make from below.

'Look alive, Jack, and whatever you do keep the signal cord free and in order; my life may depend on that.' The sea was calm, and he easily discovered the damage done, as he inspected the huge blocks of fallen concrete. But suddenly something darted out from a crevice in the rocks, and gripped his arm as a vice. In a moment of appalling HORROR, Palmer realized that he was in the grip of an octopus.

Even as the horror certainly came upon him another tentacle was flashed round his leg and yet another round his chest, and he was held in a DEADLY EMBRACE.

He was helpless, held as in a vice of iron. What could he do? Absolutely unable to deliver himself, he knew that one chance alone was his, and that was to get HELP FROM ABOVE! Yes, in his despair, he knew that UP THERE lay his only hope. Help from above, or destruction, that was what it meant.

With all the energy of despair he pulled the signal cord. Would Jack 'look alive' as he had charged him? Would he heed his despairing signal, and give him the only help remaining? If not, only a GHASTLY DEATH awaited him.

In the torturing suspense that followed, with the diabolical eyes of his tormentor glaring at him, the moment of awful stillness that intervened seemed to him ETERNITY crammed with HORRORS.

But, thank God! Jack's strong hand was on the lifter, and Palmer, to his infinite relief, found that he was rising. But his enemy was rising with him! there was no loosening of his grip! Oh, that awful clutch, and leaden weight all about him! Still there was hope, for help coming from above. Up, up, he went, the light growing stronger, and the pressure less, till at last the worst suspense was over and the glad light of day shone on his dripping helmet. The surface of the water was reached.

'Man alive! What's up now?' Was Jack's remark, as Palmer and his close clinging enemy came into sight.

What indeed! Knife and axe were used to hack and hew as the long clinging arms of the octopus, twelve feet long, were cut away piecemeal. It was no easy matter, for the tentacles were lined with hundreds of tiny suckers. But at last Palmer was a free man. Once, 'tied and bound,' once in the depths, he now stood free and unshackled in God's bright sunshine.

Even so, in the paralysing power of some deadly sin which has its grip on the soul, and from which a man is absolutely unable to free himself, there is nothing for it but to get HELP FROM ABOVE.

Are you who read this story in the grip of some besetting sin? You have no more power to deliver yourself than had Palmer. Do as he did, signal (by prayer) to the One above, and He will deliver you "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Eustace Grant was handicapped from his birth. His grandfather and father both died of drink, and the love of alcohol was in the very fiber of his being. He tried hard to break free from the fetters that were holding him. Again he signed the pledge, but again and again he broke it. At last he became converted, and then experienced something at all events of a new power—the power of Christ to help and keep him.

For a time all went well: but our relentless foe is ever on the alert, ever in the hope of re-entangling his victims, and at length he had an opportunity with Eustace Grant.

When dining out, he partook of a strong flavored wine sauce and at once the old carving reasserted itself.

Then he felt that it was indeed a case of now or never, or final victory or defeat. As soon as might be he was speeding to his home, nerving himself for the battle before him.

Locking himself in his study, he flung the key behind a high bookcase, that he might make it impossible to go out and satisfy the craving now upon him. All night he fought the demon. Like Palmer he

sought help from above—from the One Almighty Savior who saves 'to the uttermost'. Like the diver he used a 'signal cord'—that of prayer, and he was soon lifted with his foe clinging to him, into the divine presence, to the very feet of the Great Deliverer. There he lay, prostrate, helpless truly, but by faith claiming that the Christ who died for him should now set him free.

The octopus had had no power over Palmer when another hand dealt with him. And the clinging arms of the demon of drink were forced to unclasp and fall off as his victim lay at the feet of his GREAT DELIVERER. Eustace arose a free man.

In the morning search was made for the young master. The door had to be prised open, and he quickly escaped to his own room, bearing in his body the marks of that night's fight. His very face was scared and bleeding, torn by his own hands in the intensity of the struggle before he had found victory at the feet of Christ. But he had found it—a victory which was final. This OCTOPUS of HELL, the demon of drink, never again laid hold of him.

My friend, if you are held captive by any clinging sin, get HELP FROM ABOVE. Ask the Lord to drag your ghastly fendish foe into his living presence, and you too shall find deliverance as Eustace did. Salvation TO THE UTTERMOST is inscribed on Christ's banner! And you too shall sing,—'He sent FROM ABOVE, He drew me out of many waters and set my feet upon a ROCK.'

—Sel.

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## In His Likeness

"I want to be more and more like Jesus,  
I want to be more and more like Him;  
I want to be more and more like Jesus,  
For I want to make it in."

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him" Gen. 1:27.

We attempted to show in a former article how that man, after he had been created in God's likeness or image, through disobedience fell from this glorious state; and not being able to redeem himself, God for his great love that he had for man in his lost state and deplorable condition, sent his Son Jesus into the world to suffer and die that, through his death and the sacrificial love and atonement that he wrought on Calvary's cross, we might be made partakers of the divine nature to the intent we should be conformed to the image of his Son.

Some one has said that "association begets as simulation." This is true in more than one sense. In Acts 4:13, we read: "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled and they took knowledge of them, that they had been

with Jesus." Also in Acts 11:26c "And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."

It was not merely because the disciples had walked the dusty roads with Jesus, or had been with him amidst the pressing throngs, neither because they watched when he hung on the cross and saw him yield up the ghost, that caused the onlookers to marvel and call them Christians, or Christ-like (the word Christian means Christ-like); but it was because they had been made partakers of his Spirit. They had imbibed the divine nature; they had been made conformable to the image of Christ through believing on his name and obedience to the truth. Doctrines that had at one time been hard for them to understand had been made plain. Why? because they had received the mind of Christ, they thought as Christ thought, they spoke as Christ spoke, and acted as he did. They saw things as Jesus saw them, because they looked upon them in the light of eternity, and saw the reward beyond the cross, beyond the stake, far out on the other side of the tomb. The Scriptures say that "if in this life only, we have hope then are we of all men most miserable." I am sure it is the desire of every blood-bought soul to be more like their blessed Redeemer. We hear it expressed in many places, we see it recorded in many lines, both prose and verse; but I am persuaded that it takes more than a desire to accomplish the coveted goal—we must constantly submit ourselves into his hands and let him "make of us what he would have us be," regardless of what experiences we have had in the past, that will not suffice. There is a depth that has not yet been sounded, a height that has not yet been reached, a broadness, a wideness that has not been traversed, "I want to be more and more like Jesus."

—Ulysses Phillips.

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## The Uncertain Sound

"For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to battle?" 1 Cor. 14:8.

The trumpet is the word of God. There are different sounds that can be blown on a trumpet, but there is a certain sound that all the people of God recognize.

The men that were placed as watchmen over those who were under the law, were each given a trumpet, and the watchmen were chosen from the natives of that country, or a person of their own coasts; so we see by that that our watchmen today must be an inhabitant of our country. By this, we mean that a person who is an alien to the truth of God, could never blow the trumpet in Zion, but they must first move into our city; or in other words, be born into the family of God, then they will know how to blow the trumpet, and will recognize the certain

sound or the danger signal. So the ministers today each have a trumpet; and are we, as the ministers of God, looking out for the people of God? Are we blowing the trumpet of God because we see the need of it, or are we blowing it because we want something to occupy our time? May God stir the hearts of the people and awaken them to the fact that we each have work to do for the Lord, so we may keep the cares of the world from creeping in upon the people of God.

In Ezekiel we read where God says, "Behold, I have placed you as a watchman on the wall." These watchmen were not placed there to care for their own interests, but it was his duty to guard and watch for the danger. Then when he saw the danger and had blown the trumpet, the responsibility was placed on those who heard the trumpet. While if he failed to sound the warning and some of the people were taken, then the watchman was taken from the wall and he was held responsible for the danger coming upon them. There are a few watchmen that are doing their best, and the people will not recognize the warning; then another thing, there are a few people wanting to hear the word of God or wanting to find about the true way, and it seems that all the ministers are asleep.

We see in Judges 7:16, where Gideon went to fight for the Lord. The weapons that he used were not carnal, but they were mighty through God. Before Gideon started, he was sure God was going with him. But let us notice that all those who were afraid were not allowed to fight in this battle. So if you are fearful, you might as well get out of this battle because God does not want a fearful soldier—He wants one that is full of courage. If our trust is in the Lord, we are sure to conquer.

These men fighting with Gideon were each given a trumpet and a lamp. The trumpet signifying the word of God, and the lamp signifying the Spirit of God. Then, when both of these weapons were used together, the opposing forces became frightened. It may seem to us that it would be impossible to win a battle with a lamp and a trumpet, but the things that are least in our sight can oftentimes be used to the greatest advantage. So these three hundred men went out to conquer that host. When it seems to us that there aren't enough soldiers to ever win a battle, let us remember that God said He had chosen the weak things of the earth to confound the mighty. We can be sure that as long as we are fighting in the name of the Lord, we are sure to win the battle. Another thing I noticed was that all these men blew their trumpets at the same time. What I mean by this is that they were all in harmony with the other. So if we are not in harmony with the other watchmen, we should humble ourselves before the Lord and let Him teach us His truths. (Continued on Page 8.)

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## Editorials

Easter Sunday was a blessed day for the saints at Guthrie. We had an all-day meeting with a few saints from different places to meet with us. The morning service was blessed of the Lord and our souls were fed on God's word, then dinner was spread in the camp-meeting dining hall and all enjoyed the food prepared for the body. After the dinner was over we went to a lake two miles from the chapel and four followed the Lord in water baptism. After returning from the baptismal service, we all entered into the ordinance services of feet-washing and the Lord's Supper, in which all were much blessed of the Lord. Fifty-five took part in this precious service. Many more would have attended the Easter services if the weather had not been so inclement. Sleet and snow fell during the night, it was cloudy most of the day, and freezing in some parts of the state. Visiting ministers were Bro. O. B. Wilson of Shawnee, Okla., Bro. M. Spears of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Bro. U. Phillips of Dover, Okla. Bro. Phillips and his wife stayed for the night service. The Lord anointed him to bring forth a precious message on the "Body of Christ, the House of God." The saints at Guthrie enjoyed very much the association of all the dear saints and friends, and extend a hearty welcome to you to come whenever He leads.



In these perilous times, Satan, the enemy of all righteousness is doing much crafty work under a cloak of religion or through what they call "Higher Criticism." A great effort is being put forth by different ones to undermine faith in God by doing away with miracles; not only in this day, but they are wresting the scriptures in a way to deny that God ever performed any real miracles—as though God, who spoke the world into existence and created every living thing and made the sun moon and stars to work in their places at His command, could not alter laws and things that He has created and cause them to obey Him in working contrary to given laws and regulations!

A brother has recently sent me a paper, "The American Weekly," which has a whole page devoted to denials of some plain Bible statements. The writer of this article (Dr. Lamsa, an eminent scholar) declares that there are errors in the translation, and that when Moses struck the flinty rock with his staff, no water came out of it, but in reality he struck a rock that covered an old well which was hid by the sand. They scraped the sand away and pulled the rock off the well and had plenty of water. He also teaches the following: The ravens did not feed Elijah, but it was the "Arabs" that fed him; Lot's wife was not turned into a pillar of salt but was stricken and made barren; Elisha just stuck the stick in the hole of the ax and brought it to the

surface of the water; Jonah was not in the fish's belly, but was only "in a great quandary, in a jam or a stew"; the children of Israel had lived in a flat country for many years and not being acquainted with mountains and valleys, thought that God had stopped the sun so they could win the battle, when in reality, Moses had led them out to the country where there were valleys and mountains and the Amorites pitched battle against them in the valley. They saw the sun set on top of the mountain and thought that the day was over, but when the Amorites fled and the Hebrews pursued them to the top of the mountain, the latter saw the sun still high and were convinced that it had waited for them to bring the battle to a successful termination at Joshua's command. This Dr. Lamsa states: "Because of these errors, I have undertaken a new English translation of the Bible." He says he has found 1400 other errors in the Bible.

To a soul that is really redeemed by the blood of the Lamb and has received the "Comforter who leads and guides into all truth," statements of this kind which deny miracles recorded in God's word, is foolish talk. For they have not only read of the miracles in the Bible and believed them, but have experienced a miracle from God themselves. The very fact that God by his power wrought a mighty miracle in their own heart in saving their soul and infilling them with the "Holy Spirit" makes it easy for them to believe all the statements contained in God's Word or Bible, and they need no modern D. D., or L. L. D. to alter it, or a distinguished scholar to harmonize its plain teachings with present day geological instruction by pointing out errors in translation.

Peter tells us: "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1:20.

The reason that there are so many unbelievers in the world today is because men have been, and are, putting their own private interpretation on God's Word. All interpretations put on God's Word by men who have not the Holy Spirit in their hearts are "private interpretations" and cannot possibly be right. In order to rightly interpret the Word of God, one must have the Holy Spirit in their heart to dictate to them the truth, otherwise it would only be "private interpretation."



The evangelistic party consisting of Bro. and Sis. Key of Hammond, La., Fred Pruitt and daughter, Frances, of Guthrie, Okla. started from Guthrie April 4th. The first stop was made at Tulsa, Okla. where we visited for a few hours with Bro. Sam Barton and family. After being refreshed in soul and body, we

proceeded on to Springfield, Mo. and stopped at the home of Bro. Robert Porter and family and shared their hospitality through the evening and night. They had announced meeting in the chapel that night and the Lord gave us a very precious service with the saints at that place, and besides meeting the saints whom we had not seen for several years, we also met some new kindred in Christ. The congregation there under Bro. Porter's care is moving along nicely and the testimonies were real refreshing to our souls. We have promised the saints there, if God continues to will it so, that we shall return to them on our way home in June and hold a revival meeting for them.

On Friday the fifth, we motored on to Rolla, Mo. and hunted up Bro. Payne whom we had been hearing from through the mail for several years, but had never met face to face. It was a pleasant and spirit-rejoicing meeting. Bro. Payne had the victory and was over-joyed to see all of us. He has been practically alone there for many years working for the Lord. He has been giving out tracts and papers and talking to souls about the true way; and now, after much patient waiting on his part, the Lord is raising up a few precious souls. Some are taking their stand for God, free from sectism and all human bands. The cottage prayer meeting was a very blessed one and the few saints that gathered in were much alive and rejoiced greatly to hear the old-time truth go forth under the anointing of the Spirit. They were very zealous for the cause of God and declared they were going to do all they could to get a place ready so when we returned in June we could hold a revival meeting for them. Our hearts are burdened for that place as it seems to be ripe for a gathering in of God's redeemed ones.

On Saturday we came on to Urbana, Ill. where we found a thriving spiritual congregation of saints under the care of Sister Iva Slade. We stayed with them over Sunday and had two services in which God poured out His Spirit and great rejoicing was upon all. Two souls were saved and some healed, and two declared their freedom from sectism. We also visited and prayed for sick ones in two different hospitals.

On Monday the 8th we came to Chicago, Ill. and received a hearty welcome in the home of Bro. and Sister Earl Brown. They had announced meeting in their hall on Division St. and the meeting began here that night with victory for the Lord. The Lord has also blessed in the preaching of the word the two nights following that. The meeting is starting off good and the interest is increasing. We rejoice to meet with these dear saints and do believe that God will save souls in this meeting. At this writing we have only had three services. We have given out many tracts, papers, and books at different places

where we stopped, and are taking subscriptions for the paper all the time. We have brought a large number of back numbers of the paper with us and have been throwing them out to persons along the highways.

On Friday night the 12th of April after the services were over at the mission, we were called out fifteen miles to pray for a young woman who had been given up to die and she was unsaved. We talked to her about getting saved and she wanted to be saved. After quoting scripture and telling her how to confess and forsake sin, we had prayer and she confessed and believed and peace came into her soul. After she was saved and was happy, we read to her out of the Bible how Jesus healed and how God through His word had promised to heal us after anointing with oil and praying. We obeyed the Word and she claimed healing at the hand of God. It was two o'clock before we got back to our rooms to rest for the night, but our souls rejoiced in Him.

Sunday the 14th of April we had all day meeting at the mission and the Lord was so precious to bless in the preaching of the Word. At the night service the power of God was so great and the saints were in such one accord that the preaching was exceedingly gracious and went forth with much power and authority. The Holy Spirit brought heavy conviction on the listeners in-so-much that when the altar call was given, eight souls came to the altar for help from God. As far as I know, every one was satisfied in their soul and the rejoicing of the saints was heard on every hand. Truly, the saints were raised up and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

We mean to do all we can to get the Gospel to souls while out on this tour. We are His sacred property and belong to Him, soul, body, and Spirit, for sacrifice or service. We ask all the dear saints to pray for us.

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## Camp Meeting Notices

The National Camp Meeting will be held July 14th to 28th, inclusive, at Monark Springs, Missouri, in the public park.

The camp ground which the saints recently purchased is located just across the railroad from the park. However, on account of a lack of funds, it does not appear likely at present that we will be able to build the pavilion and make other necessary improvements in order to hold the meeting this summer on our own grounds. It will be held in the park as heretofore. Twenty-six lots have been sold, but the proceeds from these are being applied on the indebtedness on the ground. The sale of a few more lots will finish paying the debt.

A few saints have given offerings and specified that they be applied on the cost of the pavilion, so we now have the beginning of a separate "Pavilion Fund." We know that all the saints want to have an interest in the National Camp Meeting, so if each one would ask the Lord how much they should give, we are certain that this building proposition would soon be taken care of.

In this announcement we want to remind the national camp-meeting representatives in the various states to do their duty in "campaigning" for, and advertising the meeting this summer. Time is passing swiftly, and preparations must be made now. It was recommended during the business meeting last summer that each congregation in every state have a special treasury into which the saints could place their offerings from time to time for the national camp meeting, and the proceeds to be sent to the national secretary before the opening date to meet the initial cost of the dining hall provisions, and if possible, pay the entire cost of the meals without taking up any offerings during the meeting. This could be done by co-operative effort. All the ministers should notice this recommendation and bring it to the attention of their respective congregations. Up to this date, nothing has been received for the meeting this year. Reader, what would the Lord have you do?

Send all offerings for the "Pavilion Fund" and the camp meeting (specify which) to the national secretary, L. D. Pruitt, 1005 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla.

—L. D. Pruitt, Secretary.

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**Hennessey, Okla.**

The Church of God at Hennessey will have a 10 day camp meeting beginning May 31st, ending June 9th. This meeting will be run on free-will offerings. Please bring straw ticks and come prepared to care for yourselves as much as possible.

Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

Ada Davis (Pastor)

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**Reform, Ala.**

There will be a camp meeting of the Church of God at Reform, Ala. beginning July 28, to continue as long as the Lord wills—several days. There are only a few saints here. Come, but be prepared to care for yourselves. We need help from true hearted saints. The camp ground will be three miles east of Reform, Ala., Highway No. 80. Minister in charge is D. S. Richardson, R. 2, Reform, Ala.

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**Akron, Ohio.**

We, the saints at Akron, Ohio, will have a camp meeting July 5-14. This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan as usual. Please bring straw ticks and bedding. All will be welcome to attend

this meeting, but none will be allowed to preach except those who are in harmony with the ministry of the Church of God. Compromisers and extreme fanatics will be welcome to sit in the congregation as listeners, only.

For further information write to Sister Cordelia R. Jones (Pastor) 740 Roscoe Ave., E. Akron, Ohio.

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### Hammond, La.

The 33rd Annual General Southern Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held on the old camp ground at Hammond, La. June 28 to July 9, and will be operated on the free-will offering plan as heretofore. So saints and lovers of the truth who feel led of the Lord to come, please don't stay away, for sleeping quarters will be provided on the ground and in homes near by, and meals will be served in the dining room. Any one who has fruit, vegetables, or any other eats, or means which they wish to donate, it will be thankfully received. There will be God-sent ministers to expound the Word.

Hammond is easily reached, located on the I. C. railroad and highways No. 51 and No. 190.

For further particulars or in sending provisions, address: Chas. H. Bailey, Box 688, or K. J. Forbes, Box 543, Hammond, La. —Mr. and Mrs. Ray Key, residing ministers, Box 370, Hammond, La.

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## Obituaries

W. S. Hilbun (Uncle Billie) born December 12, 1872, died April 3, 1940. He lived about 6 miles northwest of Kentwood, La.

Most of his life was spent in this neighborhood. Bro. Hilbun said many times he was always a friend to the truth, but didn't accept it until about four years ago, and he often regretted that he didn't get saved in his youth.

This Bro. was faithful to the Lord and lived such a life before us that we had much confidence in him and in his prayers. He had much faith and probably the gift of healing. Bro. Hilbun was permitted by the Lord to walk to prayer meeting Wednesday night, and when he requested prayer, he told us about thinking he would die that evening before prayer meeting. He said he was not afraid to go. He passed away about two hours after prayer meeting.

He was married Jan. 5, 1913 to Nelia Raborn. To this union, nine children were born: three girls and six boys. He has three brothers and three sisters, a host of friends and relatives and the saints of God, by whom he will be greatly missed.

Text: Job 14 and other scriptures.

Funeral services conducted by J. I. Byars.

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Sister Daisy Cox Payne was born in Loins County, Columbus, Miss. June 23, 1881, and departed this life

March 12, 1940 at the age of 58 yrs., 9 months, and 17 days.

She was united in marriage to Claybron Payne March 3, 1901. To this union, eleven children were born, four preceding her in death.

Sister Payne was saved in 1907 and moved to Oklahoma in 1909.

She endured her sickness with much patience, holding on to God until life was ended.

She leaves to mourn her passing, two brothers: John Cox of Earl, Ark., and Bennie Cox of Greenwood, Miss; five daughters; two sons; twenty-one grandchildren; four great-grandchildren besides many friends and other relatives.

Funeral service was conducted by William Bray assisted by Bro. S. L. Burke at Grayson, Okla., March 23, 1940. Text: Romans 13: 11, 12.

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Sister Juaneta Richardson of Reform, Ala. was born Jan. 8, 1927, and passed away Mar. 21, 1940.

She suffered with leakage of the heart and rheumatism about seven months before the Lord took her on. She leaves her father, D. S. Richardson, her mother, Sarah Richardson, one sister, Luvirdia Benton, and two brothers, Jimmie and William Richardson, many relatives, and friends to mourn her passing.

Funeral services by C. M. Thomas. Text: Song of Solomon 5:1

We prayed for her in her suffering. Her father and mother hated to give her up and prayed very earnestly but the Lord knows best.

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Sarah A. Dumire, born July 29, 1861, departed this life March 12, 1940. She leaves six children to mourn their loss.

Sister Dumire was a child of God and was anxious about her children living in such a way that they would be able to meet her in Heaven. She was a reader of the **Faith and Victory** paper and enjoyed the contents of its pages. Our loss is heaven's gain.

The report of her passing was sent in by her son, Clyde Dumire of Sully, W. Va.

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Charles S. Forbes was born in Bouborn Co., Kans. Oct. 2, 1864, died March 21, 1940, 4:30 p. m. at the home of his oldest daughter in Los Angeles, Calif., age 75 years, 5 months, and 19 days.

He was married to Delilah Bryon and to this union eight children were born, three of whom preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn their loss his faithful wife; two daughters, Mrs. Dessie Evans and Hazel Forbes; three sons, Charley, Louis, and Robert Forbes—all living in California at this present time.—a number of grandchildren; and a host of brothers and sisters in the Lord. He was a minister of the Gospel in the

Church of God for thirty-five years—faithful to all the teaching of the Word of God as God by the Holy Spirit shed light on His Word.

Funeral conducted by G. E. Harmon, assisted by E. M. Zinn.

Text 2 Tim. 4:6, 7 with other scriptures.

Interment in the Val Halla Cemetery in Burbank, California.

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### THE UNCERTAIN SOUND

I am sure that if we had an instrument that could never be tuned, we would have no use for it, and would soon discard it and get one that could be used. If we are not pliable in God's hands so we can be tuned by Him, he will have no use for us either, and we too, will be discarded. Let each of us do our best to keep in tune and ready for service.

—Anna Fetters.

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## Controlling Power Over Evil

Are all your members—your eyes, hands, tongue, ears, thoughts, habits, temper, and ways—under controlling power of the Spirit of the Lord?

Do they all function to the glory of the Lord so that the Holy Spirit finds you an undefiled temple in which the Spirit of God is pleased to dwell? (1 Cor. 3:17). In Matt. 5:29, 30, the Lord Jesus rather meant that one should possess such perfect controlling power over themselves that it would be unnecessary to cut off one's hand or to pluck out an eye, thus injuring those members so essential to the body. I rather think Jesus meant that saved people could possess that strong mental will-power as to be perfect master over their very life, soul, and body.

The Spirit of God in sanctifying power gives to those born of God mastery over all sin. Satan is pleased to hear professing Christians declare that no one can live without sinning more or less all the time.

The love of and for God by keeping and obeying His commandments gives the death blow to all that is evil, for "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin" 1 John 3:9. I have often noticed professing Christians openly violate the real principles of Godliness. Are your eyes converted? Do you come out of church, or stand on the street corner and stare or gaze and size up young women and make remarks about them? Sinful lusts enter one's mind by the eye sight (1 John 2:16).

How about your ears? Do you like to listen to neighborhood scandal or gossip and be busy-bodies in other people's matters? (1 Tim. 5:13).

John Bunyan, author of *Pilgrim's Progress*, before his conversion delighted in abominable things, but one day he was amazed to hear three women sit-

ting in front of their homes talking about something so far different. He noticed their faces were lit up and appeared so different in looks from anyone he had ever met; for they were talking about a new birth in Christ Jesus that made them look so happy and appear so pleasant.

James 3:6-8 speaks of the uncontrolled tongue that no man can tame; but Jesus, by the act of genuine, heart-felt salvation, can help you bridle or master your tongue so that you can master your passion or temper.

"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city," said Solomon. Shun heated arguments; they are hurtful to the soul.

Think of evil only by abhorring it and that its origin is satanic. It is those who nurse and consider evil thoughts as worthwhile that are crushed to the ground by the enemy of their souls (1 Cor. 13:5).

Check up on your spiritual account now and then by giving yourself a heart-searching personal examination on these things so vitally important to your eternal welfare; for they are the elements of a dedicated, sanctified life. Are you living to make the soul or spirit (not the creature) attractive and beautiful to your Creator? Remember, God looks on the heart, not on one's outward personal appearance. Modern, worldly fashions, pride or modern ways in which young women dress is a disgrace to moral standards of living, which close the gateway to heaven to those who stupidly think they can thus live and expect to enter the gates of glory. If you go to the beauty shop of Jesus, he will cleanse your heart and make you beautiful in heart and life. It will not then be needful for you to wear costly array, gold, silver, or pearls, which the word of God condemns as evil and superfluous (1 Tim. 2:9).

"For as we have many members in one (this) body, and all members have not the same office, so we being many (the church) are one body in Christ, and everyone members one of another" (Rom. 12:4).

John H. Griffith.

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### SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer" Psa. 19:14.

"Let me not wander from thy commandments" Psa. 119:10.

"Let your speech be alway with grace seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." Col. 4:6.

"Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace and things wherewith one may edify another" Rom. 14:19.

"Let patience have her perfect work that ye may be perfect and entire wanting nothing" James 1:4.

# « Young People's Section »

## The God-Sent Teacher

Of everything that God has made  
To serve his earthly creatures,  
If there is one should be well paid,  
It is the God-sent teacher.

The one that loves the boys and girls  
As Jesus loves the children:  
Fits them to serve this busy world,  
Takes time to train and drill them.

Draws out the tender youthful plants,  
Transplants in Heaven's garden:  
Where God, for Christ's sake, in advance,  
Their many sins do pardon.

Blesses and serves the modern youth  
With nought but life before them;  
With all the light of love and truth  
Shining around and o'er them.

The boy for manhood he prepares,  
The girl must be a woman.  
The greatest blessings anywhere  
That can be made of human.

—G. W. McMillan

### Editorials

Obedience to God is essential to the Christian's life, whether he be young or old. Seeking to know and doing the will of God is fundamentally necessary. God's Word is His will to man. You must not only read and study it, but you must obey it. "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man which built his house upon a rock: and the rains descended, and the floods came and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock." Matt. 7:24, 25. "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 7:21. Jesus also said, "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments." Then a lack of obedience would disclose a lack of love.

When the apostles were preaching the gospel in obedience to the command of Jesus, they were called before the rulers and commanded to refrain from it, but they answered, "We ought to obey God rather than men." Man-fear will cause people to disobey God, but the saint must continually say "yes" to

God, and "no" to the influence and opinions of people about. "The fear of man bringeth a snare." Prov. 29:25. Many a one has fallen into this snare, and made a compromise with man for man's favor. The child of God must not be tied or bound by "public opinion or sentiment." Our obedience to God is not dependent upon whether or not it would be pleasing to the people. That should be out of consideration.

"Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice." 1 Sam. 15:22. This was the answer made by Samuel to Saul when the king tried to buy the favor of God after he had disobeyed His command by not slaying every living thing of the Amalekites. Saul said they had spared the best of the sheep and oxen to sacrifice unto the Lord, but Samuel asked, "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord?" Any amount of sacrifice we might make will not take the place of simple obedience. If you are called as a missionary or preacher, you cannot get around it by merely supporting some one else who has already obeyed the call. Obedience is the road of duty, and by no means strewn with roses for the flesh, but it pays. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."



### Kingdom Has Come—Prayer Answered

In Matt. 6:10 we read: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." This is a portion of the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples to pray. The question is, when was this prayer answered? When did his kingdom come as prayed for in this petition? Some tell us that Christ will set up His kingdom at His second coming and reign literally on earth a thousand years. In other words, they say this prayer is not answered yet, although it was prayed 1900 years ago.

However, we need not be confused as to the correct time of the appearance of His kingdom, for Jesus himself answers the question. Speaking to his disciples, Jesus said, "Verily, I say unto you, that there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power." Mark 9:1. This statement is repeated in Matt. 16:28 and Luke 9:27. It is here clearly stated that His kingdom would come with power during the life time of those standing there. Accordingly, just before Jesus ascended to heaven, he commanded his disciples to tarry in Jerusalem with the promise that the Comforter would be sent unto them and that they would receive power after that the Holy Ghost had come upon them. Therefore, the kingdom of God came with power on the

day of Pentecost. "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:2, 4. It was at this time that the will of God was being done in earthen vessels as it was in heaven. "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink (not a literal kingdom) but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." Thank the Lord, the kingdom is within us and we are in it. Christ's kingdom has come and the prayer is answered.

—L. D. P

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**NEWS NOTES**

A new chapel is being built near Dover, Okla. in the Lone Oak community, at which place Brother Ulysses Phillips lives. Financial aid for this purpose was made available from the Oklahoma camp meeting fund. Since the congregation at Dover is small at present, several of the saints from Guthrie and Hennessey have been helping with the construction work. Souls are being won to the truth in that community, and we trust that the foundation for a permanent work has been started.

Other congregations receiving funds for repairing and remodeling their chapels are: Tulsa, Boley, Okmulgee and Guthrie.

A new Oklahoma State tent tabernacle is to be purchased in the near future for use in the camp-meetings this summer.

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On Sunday, March 31st, a group of young saints from Guthrie attended the all-day meeting of young people at Tulsa, Okla. The next all-day meeting at Tulsa will be held on April 28th.

On Sunday, April 14, a number of Guthrie young people motored to Lahoma, Okla. to meet with the congregation in worship. Bro. O. B. Wilson Jr. of Anthony, Kansas, was also present.

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**WATCH AND PRAY**

"And he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation." Then Jesus went a little farther and prayed, "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will but thine be done." Then an angel appeared from heaven strengthening him.

If we would have strength to resist temptation, we must pray. If we would keep the victory, we must pray. Jesus knew the disciples would be tempted and realized that they needed strength to resist, but while he was getting strength, they were sleeping.

The test came and the disciples fled. Even Peter who had said so assuredly, "Though I die with

thee yet I will not forsake thee," followed afar off and denied Jesus. Many souls today are following Christ afar off when they should be walking by his side.

In Luke's gospel we read often of Jesus praying. Many times in the busiest scenes he withdrew from the crowds to pray. Jesus lived a prayerful life and it will take a life of prayer to keep us victorious. Peter slept and neglected to pray. He wasn't prepared to resist the temptation.

Christ hasn't promised us that we wouldn't be tempted "but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Cor. 10:13.

—Fern Fortner.

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**CONSECRATION**

Consecration is something that is very essential in the Christian life. Without it we cannot hope to please our Saviour, for all along the way we meet with trials and tests that seem very hard, but we have to die out to self and say, "Yes, Lord, Thy way is best." If we continually submit to do His will, we will prosper in our Christian experience and will find ourselves drawing closer to the Lord and learning to love Him with all our soul, mind, and strength. Sometimes we have to go through bitter experiences to learn to submit to his will, for we want our way and it would seem very hard to say, "Not my will, but thine be done." If we conquer self and say, "Yes, Lord," a sweet peace will roll over our soul, and we will be glad we chose to have his way rather than our own.

When we pray for something, we should be consecrated even before we ask the Lord, to have his way, and if he should see that what we asked for wouldn't be the best for us, to remove the desire for it from us. When the Lord sees that we are consecrated to do His will, whatever it may be, it pleases Him. Of course, we will have a hard battle against self, but the Lord will supply us with sufficient grace.

When we first start out in the Christian life, the Lord will probably have to teach us the value of consecration, and he may need to teach us through some bitter experiences, but after we have once learned the lesson it will stay with us through life, and we will never forget it. We can then see the gold that was wrought through the experience of learning to let the Saviour pilot us as he sees best.

—Ruby Doolittle.

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**THE JOYS OF HEAVEN**

The Lord said to his faithful servant, "Enter into the joy of thy lord." By this, Jesus means to tell us that if we be faithful servants of God, some day we will be admitted into higher joys than we ever knew here. The child that has been taught that Santa

will bring it many pretty things on Christmas will think a great deal about these nice things, and can scarcely wait until Christmas comes. Why should we not think much about the joys of heaven? Maybe some of us do not keep that heavenly country enough in our thoughts. The more you contemplate the joys of heaven, the lighter will be the sorrows of earth. The joy that Jesus looked forward unto helped Him to endure the cross. We can bear a great deal today if we have bright anticipations of tomorrow. What if there be a few tears here, there will be none over there, and this thought helps us to bear up a little longer. Thinking of the joys of heaven will let the light through the darkest clouds that can hang over our heads. Much thought of heaven makes us strangers here. Earthly pleasures fail to charm us as we think about the pleasures at God's right hand. Though there is no flour in the bin, nor meat in the larder, we grow happy as we think of heaven.

—C. E. Orr.

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## Domestic Life

The domestic life is one of the most important departments of human life, and is one that is neglected more than any other. The business department of life is one upon which there is a great deal of time and money expended in the way of preparation for success, but proper instruction and training in the domestic department is vastly more important.

My heart has been burdened for some time to write on this important subject, seeing and knowing the awful condition of the home life in these last days. The Apostle Paul said, "In the last days perilous times shall come." One of the perils which he mentions is "without natural affection." (2 Tim. 3:1-7.)

If I should ask, do you want a beautiful home? almost everybody would answer, yes. Does it take fine farms, fine houses, or fine stock to make a beautiful home? NO! Let me tell you what it takes: real love between husband and wife. When God made man, he made him perfect and upright (Gen. 1:27-31.) But man needed something; what was it? He needed a wife—a help meet (Gen. 2:18). Then the Lord caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and took a rib from his side and made a woman—a help meet for him. Then he brought her to that man who said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman because she was taken out of man; therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh." Now don't you suppose he loved her? I do. Husbands, do you really love YOUR wives? (Eph. 5:25). When was the last time you told her that you loved her? Was it just before you were married, or about a month after marriage,

while the Honeymoon was on? Do you remember before you were married, how you told her you loved her better than anybody in the round world, and that she was the sweetest girl you ever saw? Suppose you have been married five, ten, twenty, or forty years, do you tell her that now? then do you act like it? Suppose you come in from your work. You may be a little tired, but you find wife all burdened with her work; perhaps she has done a big washing, ironing, cleaned house, and may be she has several little folks to care for. The dinner dishes are not washed, and the supper is not quite ready. Then what do you do? do you begin to scold and say, "Wife, I just don't see why you don't have supper ready; don't you see it is getting late? Instead of that, why not take her in your arms and say, "Darling I know you have had a hard day of it and I will help you. May I wash the dishes and help you with supper, or put Johnny or Mary to bed?" Don't you suppose that kind of a husband is a Bible husband and loves his wife as Christ loved the Church? And if that wife is a true help meet as God intended she should be, don't you think that is a beautiful home?

"Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands; happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round thy table. Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord." Psa. 128:1-5. Now do you know of anything that could be more beautiful than that kind of a home? It surely is a heaven here on earth. Oh, dearly beloved, if we don't strive to make our home here on earth a heavenly spot, how can we expect to live together up in heaven where Jesus is? Oh, what an awful thought it is to think that MANY husbands and wives will meet together in hell, there to be gnashing with their teeth for ever.

And also, what an awful thought that thousands of poor discouraged children will come up in the judgment and throw brands of eternal burning upon the consciences of such parents. Let us strive together for a happy home.

—H. W. White.

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## THE UNIQUE CHRIST

His birth was contrary to the laws of life. His death was contrary to the laws of death. He had no cornfields or fisheries, but He could spread a table for five thousand and have bread and fish to spare. He walked on no beautiful carpets or velvet rugs, but He walked on the waters of the Sea of Galilee and they supported Him. When He died, few men mourned; but a black crepe was hung over the sun. Though men trembled not for their sins, the earth beneath them shook under the load. All nature honoured Him. Sinners alone rejected Him. Corruption could not get

hold of His body. The soil that had been reddened with His blood could not claim His dust. Three years He preached His gospel. He wrote no book, built no church house, had no monetary backing, but after nineteen hundred years, He is the one central character of human history—the Pivot around which the events of the ages revolve and the only Regenerator of the Human Race.

Was it merely the Son of Joseph and Mary who crossed the world's horizon nineteen hundred years ago? Was it merely human blood that was spilled at Calvary's Hill for the redemption of sinners? What thinking man can keep from exclaiming: "My Lord and my God!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Life and light to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in his wings. —Sel.

#### A MESSAGE TO THE UNSAVED

In Isaiah 1:18, we read: "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord." If people would reason with the Lord, many would get saved. In Rev. 3:20 Jesus says: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Dear soul, Jesus is standing at your heart knocking today, if you would only look (behold) and hear his voice. Jesus will not at any time save you against your will. Pro. 1:29: "For that they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord." Dear soul, you are the one to make the choice.

2 Cor. 6:2: "Now is the accepted time, behold, now is the day of Salvation." Tomorrow may be too late. You have no promise of your life. Each day you are going to the end of time. Some day you will be at your destination. Dear friend, let me warn you, seek the Lord while you can find him, call upon him while he is near, forsake your way and live, stop awhile and reason with Jesus. If you will open the door of your heart, he will come in. Don't forget, dear soul, Jesus died for you that you might be saved, if you will only believe on him—John 3:16.

Oh, how I pray to God that this little message will reach some lost soul and help them see their condition before too late. "What in life we all may do, can but save a very few; yet the blessed Saviour shed his blood for all." —W. E. Bramlett.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

La Grange, Ky.—Gentlemen: This will acknowledge receipt of the assortment of wonderful tracts which I received Mar. 31st. The tracts are highly appreciated and read by the inmates. Much good is being accomplished through your fine gospel tracts.

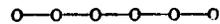
As I said before, the inmates who read the tracts send them to those whom they communicate with through mail. I pray God will ever be mindful of your work for Him and supply your every need for His great name's sake. I remain your humble Brother in Christ,  
Denver Falliver



Eddyville, Ky.—Dear Friend, I am writing to you because I believe you can help me in my Bible study. I have already learned a great deal from your sample tracts. They help me very much. Please send me your paper, also those fifty sample tracts.

I am a young man, and a young Christian, but I am in prison for life for doing wrong. I broke God's law and man's law and here is where I landed. I have been here now two years and six months. I backslid once but I won't do it any more for it doesn't pay. I am a new man in Christ Jesus, and from now on will stay this way. I am trying to do right alway. I am about 19 years old.

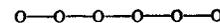
I have been studying my Old and New Testaments, but some of the pages are out of my Bible. I would like to have a red-letter Bible. Could you please send me one?  
David Anderson.



Nachitoches, La.—Bro. and Sis. Pruitt, and faithful ones in Christ: I want to testify to the glory of God, Who keeps me saved and under His precious blood. In these last days I can say I feel His presence ever near me, praise His dear name for keeping watch over His people. I feel so safe and satisfied when I can know that He is with me. I want to ever live to please my Saviour—so filled with His love that I will not fear. Please pray that my strength may continue to grow.

I want to tell you how I enjoy the **Faith and Victory** paper. It surely helps me to have victory over many things. It just reaches me in time each month when my soul is seeking food. I believe and trust that the Lord will ever guide and abide with the editor and all the workers, that they may be what he wants them to be to the end.

Yours in the one body,  
Sidonia Benjamin



Madisonville, Tenn.—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt and all the dear saints that read the **Faith and Victory** paper: I am saved and have victory in my soul, praise the Lord. I am so glad I can stand for the full truth, and glad that I have learned to trust the Lord for both soul and body.

Something came on my neck. While in town with my husband, many people saw it and advised me to see a doctor because it looked so bad. I told my husband that he could let the doctor see it, but that I would trust the Lord, live or die. I knew he could heal me if he wanted me healed. The doctor said it was erysipelas. I wrote to the saints at dif-

ferent places and it began to get better. The day I wrote to the saints I had a head ache and this place had such a fever it was like a hot stream coming through my clothes. Praise the Lord for such a friend as we have in Jesus.

My husband had a cough for about two years. We thought he had T. B., but, praise the Lord, I sent in a request for the saints to remember on the fast day, Feb. 11, 1940, and husband was healed. I can never praise Him enough for what he has done for us.

I have other ailments in my body and ask the saints to please play that the Lord will heal me of them. Also, pray for my son who is sick. Pray for Sister Rosa Cook's mother of Madisonville, Tenn. that she will get saved. She is at the point of death, and Sister Cook wants the saints to be agreed in prayer for her salvation.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Alf Jenkins.

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A STRANGE EXPERIENCE

In the year of 1933 in the month of August, we lived at that time about six miles south east of Augusta, Arkansas, my second son and I were making cross ties about two miles from our house. We had to go some distance through the timber, then go a mile up the railroad. One morning just as we came out to the tracts, we met a young man who was bare-headed, he wore no coat, and was poor, pale, and looked sick. After talking a few minutes, we started up the track. He then started to tell his hard-luck story.

He said, "I am about dead. I have T. B. and have been west for my health. I spent all my money and got worse all the time."

I asked him if he believed in God, and he said that he did. I asked him if he had ever had any holiness people to pray for him. He answered that he had not but that he would if he ever found any more of that kind of folks. I said, "Praise God, brother, you are walking with that kind of folks just now."

He said, "Thank God!"

We went to the shade of a tree. I asked him if he were a sinner and he answered that he was. I said, "Let's pray for the soul first, then the body." He consented. We all prayed for some time and he was saved and said, "I think I will be healed, too."

He started off and said that if he were healed, he would write to us, but he just went a few steps when he shouted and said, "Praise God! I am healed."

He shouted and praised God just as far as we could see him. His name was Huey Smith. We did not give him our address, and we have never heard from him. I hope that he will read this and write us.

Dear brothers\*and sisters in Christ, we can never tell how or when or where God will use us if we only let him. My greatest desire is to live so God can use me any time, any way, or any where, or any how. Praise the Lord for ever!

—I. E. Gray, Jacksonport, Ark.

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

"The entrance of thy Word giveth light."



"Study to shew thyself approved unto God."

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ISAIAH GIVES GOD'S INVITATION

Sunday, May 5, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations

- M. The Invitation Given Isa. 55:1-5.
- T. The Invitation Accepted Isa. 55:6-11.
- W. The Invitation Slighted Luke 14:15-24.
- T. Come to Christ for Salvation Rom. 10:8-13.
- F. Come to Christ for Service Matt. 9:9-13.
- S. Come to Christ for Eternal Life John 6:35-40.

Printed Portion ..... Isaiah 55:1-11.

Isa. 55:1. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

4. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

5. Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou know-

est not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

6. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

7. 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.

8. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

9. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11. So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

**Golden Text:** "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near."—Isa. 55:6.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

We have in this chapter an invitation from God to everyone who is in a spiritual state of want and privation. The terms are within the reach of all, but only those will profit by the invitation who realize their need enough to come to the waters, wine and milk. (benefits and blessings of salvation through Christ).

This is a personal invitation to you. Have you accepted? To refuse is to lose your soul?

He gives complete instructions how to receive his pardoning grace; but, first, we must believe that the invitation is meant personally for us:

1. Come unto him. ("All we like sheep have gone astray." Isa. 53:6.)
2. Seek the Lord. (Be determined. "And ye shall seek me, and shall find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jer. 29:13.)
3. Call upon Him. (Pray. "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:21.)
4. Forsake evil ways and thoughts. (Let God fill your mind with his thoughts. "Whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Col. 3:17.)

This seeking and calling must be done while God "may be found" and "when he is near." You must get saved while God is drawing you through the Holy Spirit. If the Holy Spirit were to leave you, you would never find God.

Often we hear people express what they think

is the way to get to heaven; such as, via good works, moral lives, etc. Such people are in a dangerous condition, not realizing that their ways are not God's ways. God says, "Ye must be born again." One can not realize how much his own ways are contrary to God's ways until he is born of the Spirit of God.

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#### HABAKKUK FIGHTS THROUGH DOUBT TO FAITH

Sunday, May 12, 1940.

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

- M. The Struggle with Doubt Hab. 1:12-17.  
 T. Living by Faith Hab. 2:1-4.  
 W. Faith Pleases God Heb. 11:1-6.  
 T. Christ's Cure for Doubt Matt. 11:2-11.  
 F. From Doubt to Faith John 20:24-29.  
 S. A Prayer for Revival Hab. 3:1-4.

**Printed Portion** .....Hab. 1:12-17 to 2:1-4.

Hab. 1:12. Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O Lord, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction.

13. Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?

14. And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, that have no ruler over them?

15. They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag: therefore they rejoice and are glad.

16. Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion is fat, and their meat plenteous.

17. Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?

2:1. I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

2. And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

3. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

4. Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

**Golden Text:** "The just shall live by faith." Hab. 2:4

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

To better understand this lesson, we should know something of the conditions existing in Habakkuk's day. At this time, Israel—the Lord's own chosen

people—had wandered away from God. And why had they thus forgotten the deliverance from the bondage of Egypt and the glorious entrance into the land promised to their forefathers? Because of their lack of vision. "Where there is no vision the people perish." The nations around about them worshipped gods of wood and stone that they were able to see and handle. Because of their desire to be like them, they had forgotten the Lord.

Nevertheless, the justice of God and the law of retribution was to be meted out to them in full measure. Habakkuk caught the vision that the Chaldeans, a nation even more wicked than their own would overrun and possess the land. God had ordained this for judgment and correction to bring them back to Himself.

How fitting and appropriate is the closing verse in this lesson—"The just shall live by his faith." Even though we may not be able to understand to the fullest extent, God's dealings with us, we can still have faith in Him who inhabits eternity and believe He will guide our frail bark through this unbelieving and skeptical age unto the desired haven. When Thomas saw the resurrected Christ, he believed. Jesus said, "Because thou hast seen, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed." When people get a vision of the glorified Christ, instead of loving the things around them that are seen, they will be like the ones to whom Peter wrote concerning Jesus: "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

Some problems are solved in a few short years and exist for only a brief period, but this problem of faith has existed since the foundation of the world. Jude tells us that we should "earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints." We read that "without faith it is impossible to please God, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." First, we must really believe that He does exist; not as the devils, for they believe and tremble, but to the extent that we will seek Him with our whole heart. Then surely He will be found of us. Next we must love Him enough to keep His commandments. Last, but by no means the least, we must heed the scripture: "The just shall live by his faith." By doing these things, we, like Habakkuk, shall fight through doubt to faith.

**JEREMIAH DENOUNCES FALSE PROPHETS**

Sunday, May 19, 1940.

- M. False Prophets Exposed Jer. 23:21-25.
- T. False Prophets Denounced Jer. 23:26-32.
- W. "Beware of False Prophets," Matt, 7:15-23,

- T. Unfaithful Shepherds Ezek. 34:7-10.
- F. The Spirit of Error 1 John 4:1-6.
- S. Destructive Heresies 2 Pet. 2-1-3.

**Printed Portion .....Jer. 23:21-32.**

Jer. 23:21. I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

22. But if thy had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

23. Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off?

24. Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.

25. I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

26. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;

27. Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.

28. The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the Lord.

29. Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

30. Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.

31. Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that use their tongues, and say, He saith.

32. Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the Lord, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the Lord.

**Golden Text:** "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." 1 Thess. 5:21.

**COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS**

A prophet is "one who announces or brings a message from God, . . . whether it be a message of duty and warning or a prediction of future events." It is often necessary for a true prophet to proclaim things contrary to his own desires because God commands him to "reprove and rebuke." The purpose of a true prophet is to be an instrument in God's hands to turn people from their evil ways (verse 22). But a false prophet proclaims things which the people desire to hear, thus catering to their carnal desires,

"teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Sometimes they do it for some worldly gain or popularity, and sometimes to evade persecution which comes when people have been told truth about their sinful condition. Jesus said, "Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you, for so did their fathers the false prophets." Prophets who shun to declare the whole counsel of God (all of God's word) are false prophets. Jesus warned his followers to beware of them, for they would appear in sheep's clothing. They appear to the carnal, unregenerate mind as "teachers of righteousness," hence many are deceived by them ("Cause my people to err." verse 23.)

Notice how they are described in today's lesson: very zealous and eager to run as though they had a message from God, gaining a hearing from the crowd by smooth sounding words, stealing enough of God's word from true prophets to deceive the people (Also, they often steal away the meaning of that part of the Word which they do preach.), and causing the people to err by their lightness. Beware of that preacher whose messages tickle the ear, quiet the conscience, and lull the heart.

God is against false prophets regardless of how "nice" they may seem to man, for "there is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." We read in God's word: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" We would ask: If God be against us, what is our profit though the whole world be for us?

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## JEREMIAH ANNOUNCES THE NEW COVENANT

Sunday, May 26, 1940.

### Daily Readings and Meditations

- M. A New Covenant Jer. 31:31-34.
- T. A Sure Covenant Jer. 31:35-37.
- W. Keeping Covenant with God 2 Chron 7:14-20.
- T. The Promise in the Rainbow Gen. 9:8-17.
- F. The Covenant of the Supper Luke 22:14-20.
- S. The New Covenant Established Heb. 9:11-15.

**Printed Portion** ..... **Jer. 31:31-37.**

Jer. 31:31. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Judah:

32. Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord:

33. But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34. And they shall teach no more every man his

neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

35. Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The Lord of hosts is his name:

36. If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

37. Thus saith the Lord; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord.

**Golden Text:** "I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God and they shall be my people." Jer. 31:33.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

In the lesson for May 5th, we read in Isaiah's prophecy that God would make an everlasting covenant with his people, and today we study the new "everlasting" covenant—the Christian dispensation. We read of the fulfillment of this prophecy in Heb. 8:8-13.

The old covenant was made with the children of Israel at Sinai, but it had been broken. Now it was to be supplanted by another covenant which God would give his children (spiritual Israel) grace to keep by writing his laws in their hearts instead of on tables of stone. This new covenant was established when Christ shed his blood as a remission for our sins—"the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises" (Heb. 8:6). No longer do His people do that which is right because they are commanded to do so; but because they are filled with holiness, and made partakers of the divine nature, and it is their joy to do His will.

The old law needed to be read and explained to the people by men who were educated for this purpose, therefore, to a great extent, they were dependent upon others to teach them right from wrong, and how they should act to please God; but not so under the new covenant. The least as well as the greatest, uneducated as well as the educated can have an immediate approach to God through Christ. This does not mean that there shall be no need for teaching the Gospel in the new dispensation, for we are commanded to "go and teach all nations," and the gift of teaching is listed among those gifts of the Spirit; but it means that even a child shall be able to "know the Lord," and know that he has been redeemed—a know-so salvation. As Isaiah prophesied: "the wayfaring men though fools, shall not err therein."