

FAITH AND VICTORY

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

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IN GOD



A PAPER
FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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The Truth Is Marching On

When the gospel truth first came to man in the morning age of time,
And its golden rays of light and truth on earth began to shine,
Old Satan then became alarmed, with all his wicked throng,
And tried to crush it to the earth, but still it's marching on.

When Satan's kingdom was assailed by Michael's angel band,
The dragon with his mighty host against him took his stand.
And they the truth in fury fought with many millions strong,
But by the mighty hand of God, the truth kept marching on.

The beast then took the dragon's seat and came upon the scene.
And with the sword his army left a bloody, crimson stream,
And fifty million saints or more to the martyr's stake had gone,
And when they thought they had prevailed, the truth kept marching on.

The image of the beast then came to scatter and deceive,
And hide the precious truth of God that we have long believed.
His efforts failed, although he fought and labored hard and long,
But still the precious truth we love is truly marching on.

So Gog and Magog then appeared in Armageddon's heights
To fight against the saints of God out in the evening light.
The battle now is raging hot with truth against the wrong,
And when the smoke has cleared away, 'twill still be marching on.

—W. M. Pettigrew.

"Have You Entered The Kingdom Of God?"

John 3: 5.

The tabernacle and Solomon's temple built in Jerusalem foreshadowed the "true tabernacle," house, (Heb. 8: 2; 3: 6) temple or Church which Jesus purchased (Eph. 2: 20) and set up in this grace dispensation, for Christ is the "chief Cornerstone" (Eph. 2: 21, 22) in this spiritual house (1 Pet. 2: 5) and He also fits and frames the members together, for we (saved people) are the house, as we are an habitation of God through the Spirit.

The prophets and faithful men of old had visions of this wonderful house that Jesus has built. When Jacob laid his head on a stone and slept, he had a dream and he saw a ladder set up on the earth and the top of it reached to heaven, and beheld the angels of God ascending and descending on it: and behold, the Lord stood above it. The Lord began to tell him what he was going to do for him. Among many other things he said, "And in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." When Jacob awakened out of sleep he said, "Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not." And he was afraid (or stirred about the matter). He said, "How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven." Gen. 28: 16.

God had given Jacob a vision of the "house of God, the church of the living God, which is the pillar and ground of the truth." 1 Tim. 3:15. You will notice that the ladder he saw was set up on the earth, but thank God, it reached to heaven and the Lord stood above it and the angels ascended and descended on it. This is a good figure of the Church of God here in the world. Jesus set it up here in the earth and it is composed of earthen vessels of clay, and thank God, it is reaching heaven with prayers and the angels descend with the answers. The Lord is above it, as He is governor (Mat. 2: 6) and ruler over His divinely-organized family or Church (1 Cor. 12: 18). We who are saved and are fitted together as his house are the seed of Jacob that are blessed. (Isa. 44: 5). David sometimes calls the church by

the name of Jacob and sometimes the church is spoken of as the (Gal. 6: 16) "Israel of God." Psa. 22: 23, also read Psa. 135: 4.

God spoke through the prophet Nathan and told David: "And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever." 2 Sam. 7: 12, 13.

Some may think that this prophecy had reference only to the house that Solomon built at Jerusalem, but I am persuaded that it reached far beyond this literal house which foreshadowed the real. Jesus Christ was of the seed of David through Solomon and on down, and He was the seed that God promised to set up after him and He said, "I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, (The Church of God) and will establish the throne of his kingdom forever." Moses was faithful in all his house, (Heb. 3: 2) for he built the tabernacle according to the pattern shown him in the mount. (Heb. 8: 5). "Moses was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after. But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we." Heb. 3: 6. We who are saved and clay in the potter's hand, whom He has fitted and framed together constitute the seed of Christ, the seed of Solomon, the seed of David. We are the kingdom of God; Jesus is our King and He sits on the throne of David (Luke 1: 32) and we, the house of God, are His willing and obedient subjects. Thus, Christ has built an house and God has established the throne of His kingdom forever. Luke 1: 33.

After Nathan had spoken the foregoing language to David, listen what David says to the Lord, "But thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord God?" David was getting a glimpse of the spiritual house or kingdom of God and then he questioned, "Is this the manner of man, O Lord God?" He was perceiving that it was not something that man had made, it was not built by man or his manner. Read the first few verses of the 8th chapter of Hebrews.

Read in the 9th chapter of Isaiah from the 5th to the 7th verses inclusive and you will see what the prophet Isaiah says about the throne of David and who is the governor, ruler and counselor. Jesus was the child born, the son given and He built the house, established the Kingdom and of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end. It will be forever.

In the second chapter of Daniel and 44th verse you will see this Kingdom brought into view again, and he went on to speak of it as a stone cut out of the mountain without hands and it smashed all

these seemingly strong kingdoms to pieces. The stone cut out of the mountain without hands is none other but the Son of God, King Jesus, for he says the God of heaven has set up a Kingdom that shall never be destroyed, it shall stand forever.

John the Baptist told about this kingdom and said, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Jesus began to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God and He said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye and believe the gospel." Mark 1: 14.

In the first verse of the eighth chapter of Luke it is recorded that Jesus went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the Kingdom of God. In Luke 9: 2 we read that He sent the twelve disciples to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Paul preached the Kingdom of God. In Acts 28: 23 we read, "And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging: to whom he expounded and testified the Kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening." In Mat. 13: 38 Jesus says, "The good seed are the children of the Kingdom." In Luke 12: 32 we read, "Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." In Col. 1: 13 we read, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, (Satan's kingdom) and hath translated us into the Kingdom of his dear son." In Hebrews 12: 28, Paul tells us that we, "receiving a Kingdom that cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear."

Hear what John says, "I John, who also am your brother and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ." Rev. 1: 9. Read Matt: 2: 6, "And thou, Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda; for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel." Thank God, we are the Israel of God. Read John 7: 42. "Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" In Psalms 132: 11 we read, "The Lord has sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; of the fruit of thy body will I set up thy throne." Verse 13, "For the Lord hath chosen Zion; (which is the Church of God) He hath desired it for his habitation." 16th verse, "I will clothe her priests (ministers) with salvation; and her saints shall shout aloud for joy."

Read Jeremiah 23: 5, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth." When the angel informed Mary that she should conceive and bear a son and call his name Jesus, he

went on to say, "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his Father David."

The House of God, which is the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Tim. 3: 15) is referred to by many different names in the scriptures. It is called Sion (Heb. 12: 22), Zion (Psa. 87: 5), the House of Jacob (Isa. 2: 5), children of Abraham (Gal. 3: 7), household of faith (Eph. 2: 19), city of God (Heb. 12: 22), new Jerusalem (Rev. 21: 2), Jerusalem from above (Gal. 4: 26), kingdom of God (Mat. 13: 38), kingdom of heaven (Mat. 19: 14), Israel of God (Gal. 6: 16), Israel (Luke 2: 25), kingdom of peace (Rom. 14: 17), family of God (Eph. 3: 15), tabernacle of God (Heb. 8: 12), holy nation (1 Pet. 2: 9), body of Christ (1 Cor. 12: 27), bride and wife. Rev. 21: 10.

This people who constitute the divinely-organized and governed Church of God is an exclusive body of people, separate from the world and from man-made sects. Jesus is their King, their Governor, their Counselor and He places every member in the body as it pleases Him. (1 Cor. 12: 18). The members are tempered together (1 Cor. 12: 24), knit together (Col. 2: 19), fitted together, framed together (Eph. 2: 21), raised up together (Eph. 2: 6), made sit together, will be caught up together (1 Thes. 4: 17), will inherit a glorified body (Rom. 8: 17, 18) as Jesus has and will live together with Him forever.

—Fred Pruitt.

"Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" Sol. Songs. 6:10.

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Mount Zion

"Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth is mount Zion, the City of the great King. God is known in her palaces for a refuge. Walk about Zion and go round about her; tell the towers thereof, mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the following generations." Psa. 48: 3, 12, 13. David, looking through the prophetic telescope, saw the real New Testament Sion or Church of God. He describes it as "beautiful." He beautifies the meek with salvation. Then he speaks of "towers" which is illustrative of a real saint of God, standing sublime, grand, noble, majestic. Then again he mentions "palaces"—home of a King, or mansions from manorhouse (Latin), property of a Lord or King. Next, "bulwarks," means of defense.

Up until the time Christ came to save his people from their sins (Mat. 1: 21) the children of promise were under types and shadows (Luke 16: 16) of the old dispensation, such as the old testament, old

law, old covenant, old heaven, old earth, temporal Canaan (or external rest), temporal priests, prophets, kings, a temporal mount Zion and city of Jerusalem, but all these types and shadows ceased when Christ came and established His kingdom and took His throne. He had said, "Behold, I make all things new." In making all things new, he made the first old; therefore passed away, never to be remembered nor come into mind as being in vogue any longer. (Isa. 65: 17). Christ has brought from God out of heaven the new law, new testament, new heaven (soul rest), a new earth (spiritual Canaan), a new and perfect prophet, priest and king, a new tabernacle (Heb. 8: 2), new altar (13: 10), a new Zion, new Jerusalem (Heb. 12: 22-24). It was this New Testament Zion that David saw with a prophetic eye. Psa. 48. Zion and Jerusalem are synonymous terms and are used interchangeably to designate the same thing in speaking of the ancient City and Jewish church, also in speaking of the spiritual city or Church of God in the new dispensation. Salem means peace. (Heb. 7: 2). Jerusalem signifies Jew's peace. Always when the Jews spoke of Zion they meant Jerusalem which was built on Mt. Zion (which signified sunshine to the Jew). For proof texts that Zion and the city are the same: 2 Sam. 5: 7; 1 Kings 8: 1. The ancient city and all that pertained to it were used as types and shadows of the new testament city, or church, which John saw coming down from God out of heaven. There cannot be a shadow without a substance. The real Church of God in heaven cast forth its shadow, the Mosaic church. The ancient city was sometimes called the city of the great king; Jewish kings dwelt there. But Christ, the King of kings, dwells in the antitype, or spiritual Zion. Rev. 14: 1; Isa. 12: 6; Ps. 2: 6 and 132: 13. Christ was first to appear as a Savior to the Jewish church. (Isa. 59: 20). This was fulfilled in Jno. 1: 11. "He came unto his own and his own received him not," as it is written "the Redeemer shall come to Zion." Yea, it was out of this Zion of the Jews that a deliverer should be born. "So all Israel shall be saved" (spiritual Israel). (Rom. 11: 26). It was this Messiah that was to make all things new. "He took away the first that he might establish the second." (Heb. 10: 9). Isaiah saw the new testament Church and said, "In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah, we have a strong city, salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks." Isa. 26: 1. Zechariah makes it very clear about the Lord building his temple and ruling on his throne. Zec. 6:12, 13. This prophecy was fulfilled over nineteen hundred years ago.

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"My dove, my undefiled is but One; She is the only one of her mother, She is the choice one of her that bear her." Sol. songs, 6:9.

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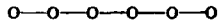
We herewith present to our readers an August number of the **Faith and Victory** paper. It is unusual for the "Lord's Print Shop" to publish a paper for August, but the Lord this year has so strongly impressed our hearts with the fact that He wanted a paper issued in August that we have gladly obeyed Him. We are certain that the Lord has messages in this issue of the paper that He wants our readers to receive and clear themselves for the spiritual conflicts which are surely awaiting all the truly redeemed of earth.

Events are taking place fast in these last days and the conquering powers in Europe will make it possible and be conducive for the spreading of the "Pagan power" which is coming back again to persecute the saints. In Revelation this power is sometimes referred to as Satan or the Devil. Rev. 20: 2. The battle of "Armageddon" is on now and it will wax hot and more fierce as time goes on. Rev. 20: 8, 9, 10. This battle is error warring against truth and truth against error. Satan has his hosts at present principally arrayed under the guise of religion which is more properly called "human religion" and sectism, such as Methodist, Baptist, Nazarene and Pentecostal, together with many other "group sects" who divide themselves from the true Body of Christ by some false conception of what the scriptures teach. By their cunning wresting of the scriptures they hold many of the children of God in their pens as they mix much truth and Bible quotations along with their teaching (2 Cor. 11: 13, 14, 15) which is used as a snare to hold unsuspecting souls in their slimy ways.

Any preacher or editor who is against the divinely organized Church of God being shown up by the scriptures to be separate from all the world, from all human organizations and sect groups, of being an exclusive Church divinely organized and governed, is lending aid to apostasy, division and sect-making.

Paul rebuked this forming of groups and making sects right in its infancy. Read 1 Cor. 1: 10, 12, 13 and you will see that Paul asked them the question, "Is Christ divided?" Certainly Christ is not divided, for He places the members in the body as it pleases Him (1 Cor. 12: 18) and all the members make up the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12: 20) which is the Church. Eph. 1: 23. The scriptures always teach His children together (Eph. 4: 16) and never in a divided state, and if it were not for Satan and his hosts of false teachers and prophets in the world it would be easy for all of God's little ones to see the truth and flow unto it and to become established in the one true church separate from the world and all man-made institutions. For your instruction read Isaiah 2: 2, and 60: 5; Jer. 31: 12 and also Micah 4: 1.

The genuine divine love of God in our hearts will constrain us to teach all nations the oneness of God's people which will make the Church of the living God a distinct, exclusive body of people, separate from the world and all human, man-made religions; a people that function together, are compacted together, fitted together, and framed together (Eph. 2: 21, 22) in a spiritual sense, even as the human body is together and functions together, every member being in his proper place fulfilling his office. The Lord has placed the members in His body, which is the Church, as it pleases Him.

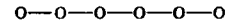


It seems there are so many folks in the world today who are saved and yet not clear as to what manner of people they really are and how pleasing it is to God for them to be entirely separated from the world and all worldly ways and every divided state. John saw the Church, "New Jerusalem," coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride, adorned for her husband. Rev. 21: 2. If we will keep from the world and selfish interests, and free from "private interpretation" (2 Pet. 1: 20, 21) of scriptures, having our life hid with Christ in God, (Col. 3: 3) then and then only will our life, strength, power and wisdom be coming down from God out of heaven and we will know and have that blessed assurance that we are prepared and adorned for the coming of the Lord, the Bridegroom.

In an Easter exercise some time ago some wise men of earth threw a picture on the screen which showed a literal city coming down from God out of heaven and setting upon the earth. Many earthly wise men think this will take place in the beginning of their fancied millennial reign here in this world, not knowing that the New Jerusalem which John saw was the Church of God, the spiritual structure which has and is coming down from God out of heaven, as God's children are all born from above and are not of the world, even as Christ and the disciples were not of the world. Wise men here with earthly wisdom remind us of what Jesus said in Luke 10: 21 which reads, "In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and has revealed them unto babes; even so Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight."

New Jerusalem is the Tabernacle of God which is with men and He dwells in them and they are His people and God Himself is their God and they know no other. Those who are in this New Jerusalem or Tabernacle of God will cease from all soul-crying and sighing, wondering what is right and where is the Church or why am I mixed up with so many sinners and evil doers but they will be perfectly satisfied, contented and have great assurance with quietness and joy in the soul. There shall be no more death or sting of death, for Jesus has said, "He that

liveth and believeth on me shall never die." This scripture is a living reality to them now and they know if this body is killed they will only step into a greater and better state, will have a glorified body and live right on with the Lord. 2 Cor. 5: 1. The former things have passed away, for the scripture is true in its fullest sense where it reads, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5: 17. We truly thank God for the New Jerusalem which has come down from God out of heaven.

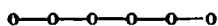


Satan has always hated the children of God and his hate will be increased against them when she is out clear, shining as in the morning time. He will work through every agent he can to keep the Church obscured, hid in sects and human religion and in many divisions, but the gates of hell cannot prevail against the true Church of God for she is emerging again from the multiplied human rubbish. Zion, the Church, is awakening and is putting on her beautiful garments and in Jerusalem the Holy City there will not be any uncircumcised in heart or unclean. Read Isaiah 52nd chapter. In the eighth verse he says, "Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice, together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion." Zion has reference to the Church of God when she is out clear, shining for God in this world. The watchmen are God's holy ministers who have a clear vision of the Church of the living God. When they come out clear against sects and all manner of divisions with complete separation from this world, God will work mightily and the Church will shine brightly and it will be easy for the Lord to use His ministry in keeping the Church clean and free from the uncircumcised and the unclean.

Those teachers who say that it is not possible for the Church to be free from sectism, division and the world to be an exclusive Church with out spot or wrinkle, are taking issue with God's word and are acting and teaching others to act as though that God had no power to keep his Church out clean from the world and worldly ways and that God has promised to do things that he is not able to perform. They are limiting the holy one of Israel and seem not to know that our God is reigning now. Jesus said before he left for glory that "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Matt. 28:18. What more power would any King want or need to rule and reign? Oh, that men would really believe God by their actions as well as their lips!

There is no truer way to preach Christ unto the people than to preach the Church which is his Body and to show by the scriptures its divine organization and Him as governor and ruler and of his people not being of the world any more than Christ and the disc-

iples were of the world, that they may abide in Him, having fellowship freely with all others that are likewise free. If ministers would teach this and practice it you would find his Church or family shining in all parts of the world and souls would be coming to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads, and sorrow and sighing would all flee away. Read Isaiah, 35:10.



For the last year we have been impressed that it would be pleasing to the Lord to change the name of Faith and Victory paper. The name "Faith and Victory" is a good name and implies very much, indeed; but since the Lord has been clearing our vision on the Church and the need of it being as in the morning of this grace dispensation, and there is also a mighty stir among the really spiritual in different places to see the Church clear from all divisions and sect groups and the Lord is raising up messengers in different parts of the country that are walking in the brighter light of this evening time, it seems that the Lord ought to have a paper going forth with a name that would indicate this precious truth and be compatible by its teachings with Jesus Christ, the apostles and the whole word of God, being filled with messages direct from heaven to his believing people so they will be able to see eye to eye and flow together and be a body of people as Paul taught the brethren they should be. "Now I beseech you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment." 1 Cor. 1:10.

In changing the name we could leave the "Bible Study" out and send the Bible Study lessons to those desiring them separately, which would leave more space for other wholesome reading matter.

We would like for our readers to send in any name you would suggest for the Lord's paper and we could compare them and pray to the Lord and let Him impart to our soul the name he would choose for this message of truth which he wants to go forth to gather out his people which would be "New Jerusalem," a people prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Rev. 21:2.

OBITUARY

Fleince Lee Collins was born at Columbia, Adair County, Kentucky, August 2, 1874, and died June 18, 1940, at the age of 65 years, 10 months and 15 days.

He moved to Anthony, Kansas, in 1889 and has lived in and around Anthony most of the time from then until now with the exception of 14 years spent at Two Buttes, Colorado, from 1912 to 1926.

On Nov. 21, 1897, he was united in marriage with Rosa Kempin of Manchester, Oklahoma. To this union were born 12 children, two of which preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa of Anthony, his mother, Mrs. Adeline Collins of Winfield, Kansas, 9 sons, Lee of Hot Springs, New Mexico, Ray, Clarence and Cecil of Tulsa, Okla., Willis of Okla. City, Okla., Vernon of Denver, Colo., Morris and Charlie of Scotts Bluff, Nebr. and Earl of Anthony, one daughter, Mrs. Irene McDonald of Anthony, four sisters, Mrs. Oma Plunket of Ponca City, Okla., Mrs. Birdie Broce of Attica, Kan., Mrs. Maggie Reneau of Winfield, Kan. and Mrs. Lillie Christian of Chase, Kan. and one brother, Manuel Collins of Anthony, and quite a number of other relatives.

He was converted early in life and has lived a consistent Christian life most of the time from his youth. In the exercise of unfaltering faith and confidence toward God and devoted service to his Savior, he was outstanding. He was a member of the Church of God congregation of Anthony, Kan., where he has faithfully attended service and worshipped God for many years. We have seldom seen men with more faith and confidence in God than Bro. Collins had or that could pray through and get results from God any quicker than he could. We were with him almost continually from the time of the accident which caused his death until God called him some five days later. All the while when hope of this life was almost despaired of, we found that the "Hope of Eternal Life" continued to burn bright in his soul. The next to the last day he lived he told us that he would not exchange the hope and faith that he had in God for his life. Surely, the triumphant death of the righteous is precious in the Lord's sight.

We know that first of all Bro. Collins will be missed in his home and among the immediate members of his family. But second to that and, we feel, almost equal with it, he will be missed by myself and the other members of the congregation of saints here in Anthony among whom he worshipped and where he has stood so faithfully by his post of Christian duty for many, many years.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer (O. B. Wilson of Anthony, Kan.) Thursday afternoon, June 20, 1940. The text used was from Prov. 14: 32, "The righteous has hope in his death."



Dupont. Ind.—Dear saints: Greeting in Jesus' holy name.

As I write this morning my heart is full of love for my Savior and all the saints. I am saved from sin, from every thing of the world, glory to Jesus: He is my Savior, sanctifier and healer. He heals my body and supplies our needs as we leave all with Him.

I read the Faith and Victory and thank God for such a dear, pure gospel paper. I could hardly eat my dinner for reading it. When husband ate I was reading to him. When he finished his dinner he went down town and took one of the Faith and Victory papers and carried it down and gave it to a Methodist

preacher. We mean to give out as many as we can and get the truth of the gospel to all we possibly can. I want to work while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work. John 9:4.

I want to tell you about the good meetings we have had in April when we were feeling so hungry to be with God's people. In our prayer meeting of just four, we would ask the Lord to send some one to this country to preach the truth and Bro. W. H. Pearson of Middletown, Ind. came and then on May the 18th Bro. Pearson and family, Bros. Coates and Foster from Ohio, Brother and Sister Nottingham, Bro. and Sister Jenkins all came. What a feast we had on the good things of God! Bro. and Sister Shroust came one Sunday from Newcastle, Ind.. I had never met a one of these dear saints, but praise God, they were my brothers and sisters. I went into the room on Monday morning after they were gone and the room was still flooded with the glory of God and I praised the Lord.

Bro. J. H. Pierson of Valeene, Ind. and his family were with us in the first meeting, and we surely did enjoy the messages the Lord used him in delivering.

Dear saints, pray for us and the meetings that we have from time to time. We want the people to hear the truth as it is in Jesus.

May God bless all the workers there and supply every need. Your saved sister. —Stella Lee.

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We read also in Heb. 8: 1, 2 about this tabernacle or temple that the Lord pitched and not man. This is what Abraham looked for—"A city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God." Heb. 11: 10, 13. It is written, "For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched (Mosaic system), but ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly, and church of the first born, which are written in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant." Heb. 12: 18, 22-24. "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners but fellowcitizens with the saints and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone, in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord." So we see by these and many more scriptures that we (all the blood-washed of earth) are God's Zion, city, house, building, temple, tabernacle, etc.

Before Christ came there were priests made so by the law of a carnal commandment who offered carnal sacrifices in a city which was to be destroyed, but Christ has come and offered Himself for our

sins and washed us in His blood and hath made us kings and priests unto God (Rev. 1: 5, 6) and helps us to reign above sin by the abundance of His grace and the gift of righteousness. (Rom. 5: 17). It is wonderful how the supreme favor of God has been manifested to us these last days. Surely "eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things God hath prepared for them that love Him, but God hath revealed them unto us by His spirit, for the spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." 1 Cor. 2: 9, 10.. It is this city that came down from God out of heaven whose walls are salvation, and whose gates are praise, built upon the high mount of God's holiness, which is the bride the Lamb's wife. See Isa. 54: 5 and 60: 18-22.

The abolition of the Mosaic covenant, or Jewish economy of grace, is clearly taught in the Word of God. It was fulfilled in Christ and passed away to be remembered no more nor come into mind so far as having any life or saving virtue. "For behold I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former shall not be remembered, nor come in mind, but be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create, for behold I create Jerusalem a rejoicing and her people a joy." Isa. 65: 17, 18. This last verse was fulfilled in every respect when Christ built the new Jerusalem of the new and everlasting covenant as shown by the following scriptures: "And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven last plagues and talked with me saying, come hither, I will shew thee the bride the Lamb's wife, and he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone." Rev. 21: 9-11. This city is composed of saints only, as in the 24th verse—"The nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it." Mark well the language used. This great city, holy Jerusalem, Church of God, that the nations of them which are saved walk in the light of, is not up in the eternal heaven as some teach, but the city or Church that John saw descending from God out of heaven. Saints don't need the old light which was done away with in Christ, neither do they need any modern light; they just need Jesus the light of the world. (Rev. 21: 23). He is the light of the world. Jno. 1: 9. Christ has had a bride ever since he became a Savior. "He that hath the bride is the bridegroom." Jno. 3: 29. "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ that ye should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." Rom. 7: 4. The marriage and child-bearing is in this time world. It is impossible to obtain salvation outside of Zion, for God has placed it there, for in

Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance (Joel 2: 32), and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory. (Isa. 46: 13). "Out of Zion the perfection of beauty God hath shined." Psa. 50: 2.

Oh, someone says, that sounds like old-time truth. We are not dealing with time truths so much; these are eternal truths that have to do with our souls. There are truths that belong to this time world that do not affect our souls, whether we believe or not, but eternal truths must be believed—every one of them. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Many of us have been taught that all these glorious things spoken of Zion pertain only to heaven. The millennial advocates teach that such a glorious age is yet to come, and if believed, will blind one's spiritual eyes until one cannot discern the real Zion of God until too late. We declare in the name of Jesus Christ that such is a doctrine of devils. (1 Tim. 4: 1). Damnable heresy. (2 Pet. 2: 1-3). Oh dear readers, should you imbibe the awful venom of such teaching, it certainly will be a miracle if you ever get free. You must enter Zion now in this world by virtue of the new birth, or be forever shut out. Psa. 87: 5.

Return now to Rev. 21: 22, 23. John saw no temple (literal temple) for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it, and the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. If hid away with Christ in God, we are in the city, and if we have the glory that Jesus promised us in Jno. 17: 22, 23, then we are dwelling in the light of it. The sun of the ancient city has gone down, but Zion's sun "shall never go down, or become dim." Isa. 60: 19, 20. The walls of the Jewish city were stone, but the wall of the new Jerusalem is salvation. So if we have salvation we are in the city. Praise our God for Zion, the mother of us all!

Now listen to the ultimate conclusion of the whole matter. Jesus said, "In my Father's house are (present tense) many mansions." "I go to prepare a place for you." He went out from that last supper to finish the great plan of salvation begun for us, nor did he stop until he had suffered, died, resurrected, and ascended into heaven, which was the last act of the plan of salvation. This insures us an eternal home, prepared for us by His glorious entrance there. And where He is there is room for all the blood-washed of earth. I want to go there; don't you? "For this we groan desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven." 2 Cor. 5: 2. "We groan within ourselves waiting for the adoption, to-wit, the redemption of our body." Rom. 8: 23. Oh dear saints, just as sure as our lives are compatible with the Word of God, we will be ready to meet

Him when He comes, for He said, "If I go, I will come again, that where I am there ye may be also." He went and I am looking for Him back soon. Are you?
—G. E. Harmon.

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Dear Sister Pruitt and family—Greeting in Jesus' precious name: Your kind and interesting and also encouraging letter of June the 10th at hand, also the tract for which I am grateful to God and also rejoice that he has a publishing house that will dare print the truth as it is in the word of God.

I am rejoicing that the Church is shining in the evening light. The Reformation has been slipping from the true standard of the Word. God is calling his own out of the human rubbish of ecclesiastical man-made rule, to freedom in the one body.

Our little mission here is coming along nicely. We opened up on Jan. 7th 1937, and souls are being saved, believers sanctified and the sick healed. I never close it.
—A. J. Phillips

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May, Okla.— Dear sister in Christ Jesus: I felt that the dear Lord would be pleased for me to send in my testimony. We were given the opportunity to attend the Hennessey, Okla. Campmeeting. It was such a blessing to us. We surely did enjoy being with the saints during the meeting. On Wednesday evening after the Camp closed on Sunday, there was a car load of saints drove to Enid for their meeting. We had the opportunity of being in that meeting before coming back to our home at May. The Lord is so dear to his people who are trying his will to obey. He means so much to us. We met so many dear saints there from the different places. How we do pray the Lord for each one. We are subscribing for the Faith and Victory paper. Yours in Christ.

Mrs. J. D. Dudley and girls.

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Garrett, Ind.— Dear Bro. Pruitt and Family: Greetings in the name of the Lord. I suppose you are back home again—also Brother and Sister Key. I know you had a good meeting at Springfield, Mo. I wish I could have been in this meeting as I know it would have done our souls much good.

Mother is much better. She gets around without help and goes along in the car. She has just said she would like to be in your good meetings. My wife has been feeling real well until the last few days, she seems tired out. Pray for her, She has had no head ache since you were here and anointed and prayed for her. Praise the Lord.

We want to attend some meeting this summer, the Lord willing. We do not know just where yet, as I want to please the Lord in every thing; we all want to make heaven our home. Pray for us soul and body. I need the Lord every day as he helps me with my trips on the rail road, praise his name.
—S. C. Baker.

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

Eternity

How long sometimes a day appears!
And weeks how long are they!
Months move as if the years
Would never pass away.

But days and weeks are passing by,
And soon must all be gone,
For day by day the moments fly,
Eternity comes on.

Days, months, and years must have an end;
Eternity has none;
It will always be as long to spend
As when it first begun.

—J. Wilbur Chapman.

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Editorials

These are trying times for God's people, and especially for Christian young people. World events are occurring with greater rapidity than has ever been known before. Pagan political powers are crushing the civil and religious liberties of millions of freedom-loving people. These conditions will continue to face us more strongly as time passes. Therefore, it is imperative that every saint put on the whole armor of God that he may be able to stand in this evil day. It will take the courage, consecration and decision of Daniel and the Hebrew children to overcome in these perilous times. "As wise as serpents and harmless as doves," is the spirit to be exhibited today. "What I say unto one, I say unto all, **Watch.**" "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation."

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By the time this issue goes to the press, the National campmeeting will be in progress, and others to follow in various places. Quite a number of young people are expecting to attend the National campmeeting, and we are praying that it will be a source of spiritual inspiration to every one. Several young saints will be present from California and other distant places. As usual, the young people will have a regular time each day for their services.

It may be that the body of ministers assembled at the National meeting will adopt a resolution reaffirming from a Biblical standpoint the desire of the Church not to participate in active military combatant service in time of war.

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Caiaphas, the high priest, prophesied that Jesus should die for the Jewish nation. We read that He

should die "not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." Jno. 11: 51, 52. Here is expressed one purpose of Jesus' death—to "gather together in one (heart unity) the children of God." The Lord is still calling His people together. Today "the Spirit and the bride (Church) say, Come!"

—L. D. P.

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The Worth Of Trials

I am sure all who are travelling this Highway of Holiness are very well acquainted with trials, but perhaps some of us do not know the real worth of them. A trial is a combat between the forces of evil and that which is good. It is then that we put into practice the things that we have stored up in our hearts. Trials are not allowed to come upon us because we have done something wrong, but because the Lord wants to test us out and see if we really are willing to forsake everything to follow him. If we never had anything to oppose us or to try us, we would probably be lacking in many points. Sometimes we may feel that we have an abundance of grace, but we may be surprised to find that we did not have such an abundance as we thought, when something comes along to try us. When we meet with a trial, we can then see our weak points and the dross that needs to be purged out of our lives. We need to pray that we be kept in the heated furnace until the dross is all purged out, for we know that we cannot please the Lord with our lives full of dross.

Every trial that comes upon us is sent for a purpose. The Lord sees our weak points and he wants us to exercise that in which we are lacking until we have a good supply. Sometimes it may seem that we are tried to the very limit, but the Lord is tenderly watching over us that we will not be tried above that which we are able to bear. By having trials we can learn to detect the devil and his cunning devices and to rebuke him at his very first appearance. Sometimes we have to be crushed, but instead of becoming discouraged and giving over to the devil, we can come out victorious and more determined to follow the Lord at any cost. It is through trials that we learn to be obedient and keep submissive to his will. After all, trials are not such a thing to be dreaded but the Lord can give us an ample supply of grace to overcome, and we shall become established in the truth until nothing can move us.

—Ruby Doolittle,

Glendale, Calif.— I am praising the Lord today for his great love extended to me each day. I praise him for keeping me saved, for giving me grace in every time of need, and for healing me when I need healing. I can also trust him to heal my little boy when he is sick. I trust him fully for every thing. Just the other day He healed him instantly.

I want to testify to the healing of my body. I was afflicted with an enlarged gland or goiter in my neck and I believed God could heal me although the devil tried to make me believe it was terrible and that God could heal little things, but not that. I believed God instead of the devil. First I searched my life to see if there was anything in the way. I felt I was living for God the best I knew and I had nothing against any body. Then I prayed for my healing. The Bible says, "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," Jas. 5:14, 15. I felt that should be my next move. In the mean time I read scriptures in God's word how he healed his people; also I read different accounts of ones that were healed. When I went up to be anointed I knew God would heal me. Praise the Lord, he didn't fail me. The devil was surely mad, and later after I had testified to my healing in prayer meeting, the devil attacked me, and I seemed to be worse than ever. The devil and I had a three days' battle. I never gave up. I told the devil that I was healed. He would remind me that I could feel it and it hurt me, which it did. I just claimed my healing in the face of him and told the devil I was not walking by feelings, but by faith. The devil tried his best to take my healing away from me. I kept telling him he was a conquered foe. I really felt the power of the devil against me, but I stood my grounds in Jesus' name. The devil had to leave and take all the symptoms with him, and I was completely healed. This took place before last Christmas, and I have never had any symptoms since God healed me. I truly praise Him for it. I can praise him for the fight I had with the devil. I learned so much through those trials. I had never ask for prayer for this affliction before as the devil had me believing that it was something I had to suffer. God began talking to me about it and made me know that it was not his plan that we suffer for years with that which he wanted us to bring to him. He brought the scripture to my mind which reads, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth out of them all."

Take all your afflictions to the Lord and truly he will not fail you if you will never doubt him. When you have done all you know to do, then hold your healing without doubting. If I had given down when I had the symptoms after being anointed, I would not be healed today. Pray for me that I continue faithful to the end.

—Anna Marie Miles.

"I Have Dreamed a Dream"

Gen. 41:15.

Some may say, "Oh, there is nothing in a dream," and in many instances this is true, and the writer believes that most of our night dreams would be better named if we would call them nightmares which come from an over-stuffed stomach, or as Solomon said, a multitude of business. But space would not permit me to mention the many Bible characters who have dreamed dreams of importance and after a period of years materialized, thus proving a blessing to others. In Numbers, 12:6, we read, "And He said, hear now my words; if there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream." Jacob, the first night after leaving home, fleeing from the madness of his brother Esau; made him a pillow of a stone and laid down to rest and dreamed a dream. He saw in his dream a ladder reaching from earth to heaven and the angels of God ascending and descending on it. Then God spoke to him, giving him a precious promise of being with him and blessing his posterity. But Jacob must go into the land of the Chaldeans, the house of Bethuel (his mother's father) and labor there fourteen years before returning to the land of Canaan where and when his dream would begin to materialize.

Joseph was called a dreamer by his brethren. Joseph saw in his dream that some day he was to become the ruler and provider for Israel and when he made his dream known his brethren disliked it very much and betrayed him and sold him to the Ismelites who took him into Egypt where he suffered many false accusations, even unto prison, before his dream came true. But after a number of years Joseph's dream materialized. His brethren and his father were made to recognize it and Joseph's divine wisdom and dream proved a blessing to the Egyptians as well as to the Israelites. King Pharaoh, that heathen monarch, was warned in a dream to lay up sufficient food for his people during the seven years of plenty in order to perserve the life of his people during the seven years of famine. This was the dream that Joseph interpreted by divine wisdom which perserved the life of the nation.

There are dreams that awaken and frighten, dreams that are pleasing, dreams that are soon forgotten, then there are dreams that linger with us and make an indelible impression on us. Mental pictures or visions may be termed as day dreams which at a future date materialize to the eyes of the world. Thomas Edison was what we might call a day dreamer. Mr. Edison dreamed that lightning could be harnessed and placed under control, and be used as a blessing to the human family. He also dreamed that electricity could be measured and placed in a light bulb and sold to its consumer. He spent hours, days

and weeks in his study alone, accomplishing his aim, thus giving to the world the fruit of his labors and dream. Columbus dreamed a dream and he saw in his dream a new country and he, and his company, set sail to discover it. He was very courageous and determined that his dream should materialize and today we call this discovery America, the land of the brave and the free, over which floats the stars

There are some things which have taken place in the past that produce dreams of the future and from this fact I interpret my dream. My faith is unshaken in its future realization and to this end I shall labor and pray until faith is turned into sight.

I saw by reading the scriptures that Jesus was to build and did build, organize and set in motion a church that was destined to carry the full Gospel to the whole world. Matt. 16:18. On the day of Pentecost it fully materialized in all her glory and splendor. With her divine wisdom and power she functioned perfectly, thus becoming God's ideal for time and eternity. This Church we shall remember as the "morning Church." We also see and understand that after a number of years the visible phase of the church drifted into apostasy, became shorn of her power, lost her spiritual vision, went into spiritual darkness, losing her identity as the **One True Church Of God** and for a period of about 1000 years the known world groped in spiritual darkness, knowing nothing but the doctrine of the apostate church. At the end of this 1000 years of darkness, God set forth his hand to bring out again his light and truth to the people and make his true church visible in the world as she was in the morning time of this gospel dispensation. But as he began to reveal light and truth, men began to build, organize and establish their own creeds and churches, making them joinable institutions, naming them, calling them names after men and today the great majority of professed Christianity are wandering in confusion, playing church. We might call such institutions, sect pens or the gate ways to hell for they have been made to divide the people, leading them into infidelity and skepticism—a condition which every spiritual man knows exists today.

The divided state of professed Christianity has put the unity that Christ preached to shame and is rapidly giving us a non-believing world. It is not the true religion that people tire of, it is the false. Communism became the ruling power and religion of Russia only after the true had faded out and refused to shine. Our United States may legislate against Communism, but such laws will never prevail. Man's thinking cannot be controlled, and the one that legislates against it today may be Communistic in his thinking tomorrow.

There is only one hope for the world and for its future civilization and that is: for all true Christians to separate themselves from all man-made institutions, sect groups and confused creeds and get back to the

teachings and principles of Christ and thus make visible in the evening time of this gospel dispensation the **True Church of God** as she was in the morning. If the writer had the reasoning power of a Webster, the eloquency of a Bryan, the life of a Methuselah, and the money of a Rockefeller or a Ford, I would preach it unto the ends of the earth until all men every where would see how far professed Christianity has drifted from its primitive state.

I saw in my dream the evening church in all her glory and splendor and divine power manifesting fully the character of the morning church in every detail. This church was a light in the world. She bore her Father's name—**Church of God (Acts 20:28)**. She was worthy to bear His name because she possessed the character and principles of Christ, being controlled by his **SPIRIT**. This church was filled with the Holy Ghost because they were all consecrated. This church (its ministers) preached the true doctrine, the doctrine of Christ, which embraces all He taught and practiced. Her members ignored every false way and doctrine. She suffered persecution as did the morning church, but the more she suffered the more she shined and the more believers were added unto her. This church did not only preach the whole truth, but practiced it also. She preached repentance, she preached holiness of heart and life, she preached the proper mode of baptism, feet washing, and the communion supper, she preached divine healing for the body and many were healed. She preached and practiced divine church government and scripturally dealt with offending parties. This church had power and wisdom to weed out her Annias's and Saphira's. She preached and practiced equality, (prompted by love) for this was the teaching and principles of Christ manifested in the morning church. She was her own insurance company and paid sick and death benefits which were also prompted by love. She was in unity, as they were all of the same mind and judgment, all had a mind to serve the Lord.

The ministers were all divinely called and ordained (not factory made)—no big "I's" and little "u's", no "D. D.'s"; but men who bore names such as Paul, Peter, James, and other men of God. They were not greedy of filthy lucre, but preached the full gospel without charge. Those who were saved supported them with free-will offerings, and none lacked. Ministers who preach for money were not seen in my dream. Likewise lay-members who are stingy and not willing to support the true ministry were not in the picture. This evening Church which the writer has seen in his dream is a reproduction of the church at Pentecost. This church adorned herself in modest apparel, did not follow the customs and fashions of the world. She was honest, modest, holy and separate from sinners. She had only one door—Christ, (John 10:9) -the door of salvation. And without were dogs, whore mongers and idolaters or whosoever loveth and

maketh a lie.

This church was in the world, but not of the world. Will you be in this CHURCH? Please agree earnestly in prayer that our dream may shortly come true.
—C. F. Miller.

A JUST AND RIGHTEOUS KING

In Isa. 31:1, 2, are some precious and most beautiful thoughts of encouragement that I feel like dish- ing out to the reader. In the first verse we have the precious encouraging thought of a reigning King who reigns in righteousness. What a consolation it should be to poor fallen human beings, that when they come to Him they may be assured that He will deal with them truly and justly. Just think of being a subject of a King who can raise the dead, speak worlds into existence in the twinkling of an eye, command them to take their places, and there they stay their ap- pointed time, "hanging upon nothing." (Job 26:7).

He is a King that "reigneth in righteousness" for ever; not a trace of crookedness can dwell in Him, or be in the least fellowshiped by Him. He holds an infinite contrast with earthly kings. Oh, if I could hide away somewhere so deeply with him that I could never see, hear, feel, taste, nor smell anything that reminds me of this sinful world again! The second verse says: "And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind." When we are going along fac- ing a cold winter wind that is severely cutting our faces and freezing our bodies, how good it is to run behind a high hill, or into a dense body of timber for protection from it. What a boon it is to us when a heavy rainstorm is coming upon us, to find a good dry place to shelter us "in the time of storm." How desirable it is when there is a protracted drought for a good soaking rain to come, imparting new life to vegetation. And when the blazing August sun is pour- ing its sweltering rays down upon our heads—almost, it seems, to the famishing point—to find a retreat to the cool shadow of some outstanding tree or the shade of some overhanging breezy rock. So when the ad- verse winds blow against our soul almost taking our breath; when the storms of the devil's indignation sweep down upon us; when it almost seems like there is a famine in God's goodness; when we are such weary Pilgrims that we almost despair of trying to go any farther, we can remember that this King who raised the widow's son, and said to the stormy sea, "Peace, be still" (Mk. 4:39), and it obeyed him, is on the same throne of righteousness now as then, and is actuated by absolute righteousness toward every penitent soul in his dealings with them.

To one who knows something of the history of nations, it is the only verdict that can be rendered to say that earthly kings, almost without exception, have left a shameful record of selfishness, robbery and murder. Thank God for such a king as Jesus!

—J. H. Pierson.

CORRESPONDENCE

Kans. City, Kan.—Dear saints scattered abroad: I greet you in Jesus' name. I read a young widow's testimony and thought I would write mine. I am an old widow.

The dear Lord is truly a Savior, Santifier, Healer and Keeper and a very present help in time of trouble. He never leaves us nor forsakes us. He gives us peace that passeth understanding and joy the world can never give. He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

I was left at the age of 27 years with two small children and one yet unborn. The dear Lord took care of me. I raised my children who are now grown. I never married any more. The Lord brought me through many trying things but always brought me out more than a conqueror and with real encourage- ment in my soul. He never let me be defeated, but always gave me grace to press forward and always made ways where there weren't any ways. All the neighbors think I have a nice set of children, for which I give the Lord all the praise. I had to work all the time, so I just committed them to God. One is saved and one is entangled with the compromise. All who can get their prayers through, please pray for her and my boy who is unsaved. Your Sister who loves the dear Lord in sincerity,

—Laura Nichols

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Henryetta, Okla.—Dear saints scattered abroad: Greetings to you in Jesus' precious name.

I am praising the Lord for salvation that saves from sin. I thank the Lord for this beautiful and clean way. When I read the testimonies of other saints, oh how it makes my heart rejoice to know that the Lord can save, heal and cleanse us from all uncleanness and filthiness of the flesh. What a mighty God we serve! One who will never forsake us no matter how hard the battle may be. Let us labor on for the Lord until our harvest here on earth is over.

Your saved Sister, —Lizzie Murdock.

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Henryetta, Okla.—Dear saints: I want to let you know what the Lord has done for me. I had an awful pain in my back and hips. I asked the saints here to pray for me. They did, and the pain left and I haven't had it any more. I have been sick all winter but I am now feeling much better.

—Laura H. Farr.

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Oregon—Dear ones in Christ: A friend of mine told me about the paper, and I do appreciate such good reading.

I am praising God for His wonderful Church and that I am in it. How I do thank and praise Him! I know God's promises are true, that He never leaves

mor forsakes me. I don't know how I could ever live without His help each day. My dear husband went home to be with Jesus a year ago last fall, and oh I miss him so much. I am very lonely. But the blessed Lord is with me blessing and helping me each day. He has cared for me all these 55 years and I know He will always do so.

Please pray for me that I will always be true and faithful to my blessed Savior; also that I may sell or trade my little farm for a little home in town. It is too lonesome out here by myself. I would appreciate hearing from the saints. I will answer all letters I get. We need to encourage and pray for one another in these days that are rapidly bringing to a close this gospel day of salvation.

Enclosed you will find 25 cents in stamps to pay for the paper, Faith and Victory. May God bless all of you. Yours in one body—the true Church of God,
—Annie S. Huffman, R. 1, Box 56B,

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Los Angeles, Calif.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and household of faith: Greeting in Jesus' name. Today finds me saved, sanctified and satisfied to let God lead in this great warfare of ours. I will follow where-so-ever he leads. I will not fear, for he is more than a conquerer over sin, death, hell and over all wars that are raging all around us. Praise our God he never lost a battle; why should we not follow him. I am so glad I gave him my heart in my youth. I was 22 years of age and healthy in body and I know he will be pleased to guide me in my declining days until he says, "It is enough, come up higher." O, let us pray for each other and do all we to help each other to be true and win the crown that is awaiting for the faithful ones.
Humbly yours in Jesus.

—Georgia V. Morton.

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Fairview, Okla.—Dear saints: May the dear Lord bless you all, and keep you true and faithful at His work, is my prayer.

I thank the dear Lord this morning for what he has done for me, and not only for me, but for the whole world. Although there is a lot of grief and sorrow in the world today, thank God, we can always come to Him and find what we need for our soul and for our daily life. I am glad this morning that I can give a little of my earnings for the Lord's sake. Please send me the Faith and Victory for one year and the rest is for the Lord's work.

I still hope and pray that some day the Lord will send some one here to start His work and keep it going.

Please remember me in your prayers that I may stay true and faithful to the Lord.

Your Sister in Christ, —Mrs. Ed Ewald

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Richmond, Va.—Dear friends: I have been reading some of the Christian booklets and tracts that

you have printed. It gives me great joy to read them. In the back of one of the books I found your address, and also it advised me to send for free sample of different tracts. It will be appreciated very much by myself and many others here (prison) if you will kindly send us a few of them. We have a very fine Bible class here and the members like to get religious books and tracts to read. We have about fifty members in our Bible class at present, and hoping in the near future to have many more. May God bless you all in your work.

Yours truly, —W. H. Robinson.

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W. Va.—Dear Sirs: I have found several of your copies of tracts along the road while at work and I have become very much interested in those pamphlets, for they have some very fine reading on different themes and subjects of the Bible, and I find them very helpful to me. One of these copies said, "Send for sample of 50 different tracts, also paper 'Faith and Victory.'" I am enclosing return postage for these free copies.

Respectfully yours, —Everette Sprouse.

OBITUARY

John A. Blankenship, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Blankenship was born near Athens, Tenn., on Sept. 23, 1861, and died in Greenfield, Mo. on June 26th, 1940, age 78 years, 9 months and 3 days.

He is survived by three children, James B. Blankenship of Calif., Mrs. Oscar Clites and Mrs. Jewell Wagnor of Wichita, Kans., seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, besides a host of friends and relatives. He had been in his usual health, going about his work, getting ready to move, when suddenly he was stricken and passed into the great beyond.

Among his cherished possessions was a Bible purchased by his father, ninety-two years ago. By a written request this Bible was given to Mrs. J. E. Wilson of Greenfield, Mo. who is a cousin of the deceased.

Funeral services were held by John W. Wilson: Text, Job 34:20—"In a moment shall they die."

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"Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear.

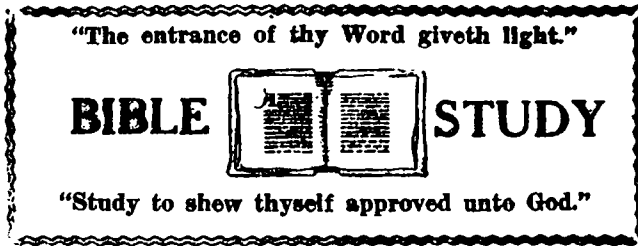
From age to age this voice shall cheer:

Whate'er may die or be forgot,

Work done for God, it dieth NOT."

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THE TWO WAYS

Sunday, August 4, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations July 29 to August 3.

- M. The Good Way Jer. 6:16-21.
 T. A Divided Heart Jer. 17:5-10.
 W. Ways of Pleasantness Prov. 3:13-18.
 T. The Way of Peace Luke 1:67-79.
 F. Two Ways to Build Matt. 7:24-27.
 S. The Two Ways. Psa. 1:1-6.

Printed PortionPsalm 1; Matt. 7:24-27.

Psa. 1:1. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Matt. 7: 24. 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:

25. And the rain 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.

26. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27. And the rain 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.

Golden Text: "The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish." Psa. 1:6.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Verse 1. That man is blessed of God who will not take counsel of ungodly men but seeks the counsel of godly men and obeys the word of God. Un-

godly men are those who make a profession of religion but do not obey the teachings of the Bible and they do not have God in their heart. Sinners are those who openly commit transgressions, are breaking the laws of God and do not profess Christ. We should not stand with them. A scornful man would be one who scoffed and scorned at holiness and purity of heart, or even at the truth that there is a God. He could be termed an atheist. We should not be partakers with them, not even in a small way. Our delight should be in the law of the Lord, and be a doer of the word.

Verse 3. A reward is promised here for us if we refrain from taking counsel from the ungodly and standing with sinners and sitting with the scornful. God will bless us and cause us to bring forth the fruits of his Spirit and we will flourish spiritually as a tree planted by the rivers of water.

Verses 4 and 5. A curse is pronounced on the ungodly and sinner and in the end they are to perish, or be separated from the pure and holy and suffer in torment in a miserable state.

Matt. 7:24 and 23. God has promised to stand by the man or woman that will hear and do His word or the saying of Jesus. He may have many trials and they may be in comparison to floods and winds, but he will be on a good foundation, even the Rock, Christ Jesus. As he keeps up the shield of faith, God will be his strength and take him through.

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THE WORKS AND THE WORD OF GOD

Sunday, August 11, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations August 5 to 10.

- M. The Testimony of the Heavens Psa. 19:1-6.
 T. The Testimony of Revelation Psa. 19:7-14.
 W. The Testimony of Humanity Psa. 8:1-9.
 T. Man is God-conscious Acts 17:22-28.
 F. A Universal Father Eph. 3:14-21.
 S. God, Our Dwelling Place. Deut. 33:26-29.

Printed PortionPsalm 19.

Psa. 19:1. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

2. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

4. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun.

5. Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

8. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12. Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

13. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

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

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

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Verses 1 to 4. Here is set forth the handiwork of our mighty God, and the human is filled with amazement as he beholds the multitude of stars and the beautiful moon at night and in the day time the bright and powerful sun. These are all witnessing to men from day to day of God's greatness and goodness. This voice is heard in every nation and the truth of the reality of God is brought to bear forcefully upon every thoughtful person.

Verses 5 and 6. The sun keeps obeying the command of God and nothing is able to stop it in its travel each day. It comes and goes on its circuit and gives no heed to men's desires, and the heat from it will warm up every nook and corner of earth, and has a wonderful effect on vegetation. It is obeying God's command and fulfilling our Creator's wishes.

Verses 7 to 9. To meditate upon the wonderful works of God and believing the truth of the Bible will mean a converting of the heart or soul, restoring or bringing the soul back to God. When we believe the testimony of the Lord we will be made wise by the spirit of God and as we abide in them and see and receive the visitations of God to help us do his commands, our hearts are made to rejoice in Him and our spiritual understanding is enlightened as His love fills our souls. We begin to know that it makes us clean to fear the Lord and we can readily see that He is righteous in every way.

Verses 10 and 11. Our souls taste of the good things of God and we desire Him more and more. We put more value on knowing the will of God and doing it than the gaining of gold, even very fine gold. In his Word we find warnings that will keep us out of trouble if we heed them. As we keep them we know that we will reap a great reward.

Verses 13 and 14. In these verses we find it is wrong to do questionable things and presume on the mercy of God to bear with us. If we do not do the little questionable things then we will not be overcome with the great temptations which come to us. Doing little things that are not just right will weaken us and when the greater temptations come we will find ourselves without strength to overcome. Our words and our meditations should be of such a nature that they will be acceptable in the sight of the Lord.

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GOD'S CARE OF HIS PEOPLE

Sunday, August 18, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations

August 12 to 17.

- M. My Shepherd Psa. 23:1-6.
- T. His Universal Care Matt. 6:25-34.
- W. Gracious and Merciful Neh. 9:26-31.
- T. My Father Jer. 31:7-12.
- F. His Workmanship Eph. 2:1-10.
- S. His Care for the Lost Matt. 18:10-14.

Printed PortionPsalm 23.

- Psa. 23:1. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the

shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me. thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

- 5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Golden Text: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Psa. 23:1.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Verses 1 and 2. David says, "The Lord is my shepherd." We who are saved can say the same thing, for He is our shepherd. He cares for us and we shall not want any good thing and we can lie down in green pastures, or in other words, He will

lead us in a way that our souls will have plenty of good soul food and we can just rest in Him. He has all power in heaven and earth.

Verses 3 and 4. He is the one who has restored our souls, has saved us and He leads us into the paths of righteousness that we may properly be His name sake, a Christ-like person. "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death (in dangerous places), I will fear no evil." I have nothing to fear with such a good shepherd as the Lord to protect and guide me. His rod and staff shall comfort me. His Spirit upholds us and we are fed on His word which is bread to the soul.

Verses 5 and 6. Here the Psalmist David breaks out in another allegory and speaks of a table being prepared before him even in the presence of his enemies. Even when we are in the midst of those that hate us and would do us evil the Lord will feed our souls on heavenly bread and we need not fear. He realized the blessing of God upon him and his heart was overjoyed and he could praise the Lord. He was confident from the past good dealings of the Lord that His goodness and mercy would follow him all the days of his life. He was sure that he would dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. The House of the Lord is His Church or tabernacle, and it is made up of saved people. We read in the third chapter of Hebrews that we are His house and 1 Tim. 3: 15 we read, "That thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God which is the church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth." Each of us who are saved should see to it that we keep dwelling in His house.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Sunday, August 25, 1940

Daily Readings and Meditations

August 19 to 24.

M. Confession and Forgiveness 2 Sam. 12:13, 14.

T. A Contrite Sinner's Prayer Psal. 51:1-13.

W. God Answers a Prayer Dan. 9:20-23.

T. A Contrite Sinner Pardoned Luke 15:11-24.

F. Forgiving Offenders Luke 17:1-4.

S. Confession and Cleansing 1 John 1:5-10.

Printed Portion 2 Sam. 12:13, 14;
Psa. 51:1-3, 9-13; 32:5.

2 Sam. 12:13. And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

14. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.

Psa. 51:1. Have mercy upon me, O God, according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

2. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

3. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

9. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out mine iniquities.

10. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

11. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

12. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

13. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

32:5. I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

Golden Text: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed" James 5:16.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Verses 13 and 14. David had committed adultery and under the law of Moses the penalty was to be stoned to death, a literal death. He confesses to Nathan that he had sinned against the Lord and Nathan assures David that God had put away his sin or had lifted the penalty, which was literal death, and he would have time to repent and be restored. It seems as though God had transferred the penalty which was due David, and Nathan said the child that is born of thee shall die.

Psa. 51: 1 to 3. Here we find David repenting in tears and crying unto God to blot out his transgressions. "Wash me from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." He was acknowledging his guilt and declared that his sin was always before God.

Verses 9 to 12. He is continuing to cry unto the Lord very earnestly that God would blot out his iniquities, asking God to create in him a clean heart and to renew a right spirit within him. He begged not to be cast away. He wanted God to forgive him and restore unto him the joys of salvation, asking to be upheld by his free spirit.

Verses 13 and 5. If God would do this for him, he would then be able to teach transgressors the way and sinners would be converted. After he had acknowledged his sin and confessed his transgressions unto the Lord, he declared that God had forgiven him of his sin and iniquity.

We find in the Word, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 Jno. 1: 9. In Proverbs 28: 13 we read, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whose confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."