

# 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

JESUS  
SAVES

A PAPER  
FOR ALL  
CHRISTIANS

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## God's Holy Temple

We are stones picked from the rubbish  
And fully cleansed in Jesus' blood,  
Being fitly framed together—  
A holy temple for our God.

Grant, dear Lord, that I be patient  
While I'm fitted in your plan.  
Well I know, I need refining  
By the Builder's skillful hand.

Chisel deep the rugged places,  
Give me faith, if I ask, why?  
Knowing well each imperfection  
You behold—all-seeing Eye.

Through the grinding when I falter,  
If at times I say, "Enough;"  
Just remind me, even diamonds  
Do not sparkle in the rough.

Through the fire of thy refining  
When I'm tried and tested so,  
All the dross thou art removing  
So the gold can shine and glow.

When deep waters fain would cover  
May I 'neath the overflow  
Still look up, for through deep waters  
Stones grow smooth and brightly glow.

Through the process of thy shaping  
Yielded in the Master's hand,  
May I grow more like thy Builder  
Firmly fitted in His plan.

Architect so high and holy  
Building for eternity,  
May we seek for more material  
Soon the task completed be.

When we see the finished structure  
Fitly framed together we,  
Then we'll shout the Builder's praises,  
Glad a little stone to be.

Edith Lindley.

## Restoration of Truth

There are several things that are essential in order to restore and make more visible the TRUE CHURCH ON EARTH. First, the full gospel must be preached as it was in the morning time of this dispensation by an uncompromising ministry.

Restoration of truth has always been brought about by true leaders—those who are not greedy of filthy lucre. Reasoning powers are demoralized by falsity, and developed by Truth. It was when the children of Israel listened to false prophets that they drifted into heathenism and idolatry, prophets who preached visions out of their own heart and not out of the Word of God. They ran, but God had not sent them. Read Jer. 23: 16-20-21-22.

The full gospel must not only be preached, but practiced. "Not every one that saith Lord, Lord, shall enter the Kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 7: 21. "He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not my words, hath One that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." John 12: 48. For a body of people to obey the Word of God has always made them a peculiar people in the eyes of the world and worldly professors.

God's ministers preach and stand for the One True Church of God, the only church that Christ purchased with His own blood. Acts 20: 28. They preach and practice the three ordinances of the church—baptism, feet-washing (John 13) and the Lord's supper. 1 Cor. 11: 23. God's ministers preach unity of all Christians and cry out against every so-called religious institution that make divisional pens which divide the children of God. They recognize no other creed but the New Testament creed, for they know that they need no other. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim. 3: 15-17.

God's ministers preach and practice the laws of

true church government. Read Paul's instructions to the church in 1 Cor. 5: 4-6. They preach that all Christians have the love of God in their hearts and do manifest it when opportunity presents itself. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another." Read the book of 1st John, 3rd chapter.

God's ministers preach against the wearing of immodest apparel, costly array, pearls, gold for adornment, bobbed hair, lip sticks, painted faces and every mark of the world that doesn't become women and men professing Godliness. Read 1 Tim. 9: 10; 1 Pet. 3: 3-4.

God's ministers preach restitution, honesty, both to God and to our fellow man. We should always have a conscience void of offense toward God and toward man. Acts 24: 16. If we are to live and shine for God we must be able to meet our creditors with an honest face and testify to them as well as others that we have the salvation of Christ which makes us honest and peculiar people.

God's ministers teach gospel giving, not as under the Jewish law putting a yoke upon the people, but under the law of LOVE, which all Christians find it a pleasure to obey, a law of liberty, that enables them all to give cheerfully. There is a certain class of religionist who give to what they think is gospel work grudgingly, another class who give because they think it necessary, but this spirit of giving is not commended of the Lord, for He only loves a cheerful giver. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9: 7. The law of tithing, which a great many try to bind on their followers, has no foundation in the New Testament scriptures, and is insignificant with gospel giving under the law of love. The only reason the writer can give for such ministers preaching tithing is this: They seem to know that the most of their followers do not have the love of God and if they can get them to believe that they are still under the law, that they can scare them into giving at least as much as the tenth, and of course if just the really saved ones give, there would not be sufficient means to support them in their divisional work. I shall not doubt when the love of God has been shed abroad in the heart that folks will give to the extent of their means, and do it cheerfully. It is true they will not and can not give cheerfully to a corrupted institution that is only a church in name, but when they find God's people representing the true church they will give freely.

Another sense that doesn't appear in the congregations of the True Church: individuals who look and act like the world during the week, then come to meetings on Sunday and are seen on the platform singing songs or teaching Sunday-school classes as other sinners set back and say their looks and man-

ner of dress speak so loud that I do not understand what they say.

Isaiah was a true prophet and God told him to prepare the way for the people, gather out the stones; and to lift up a standard for the people. Isa. 62: 10. Thank God He has a few ministers today who are using His word and lifting it up as a standard for the people and will not rest until God establishes His truth out clear from dark and cloudy sectarianism which will cause His true Church again to be a praise in the earth. Isa. 62:7. —C. F. Miller.

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### *Divorce and Remarriage* A Personal Testimony

From a child I was taught that it was a gross sin to separate from one's companion and remarry. I remember while quite young I told myself sternly that I would never do such a thing. As I grew older I felt a deep pity for any one that made such a bungle of his or her life.

In the year 1902 a young man sought my hand in marriage and we became engaged. Then the rumor reached me that he was a married man with wife and child. I asked him to tell me the truth about it. Knowing full well that he would lose me if he confessed it, he said it was a lie. I had no way of investigating, or at least I did not know how to go about it, and since we lived in a small mining town, I set it down as small-town gossip, and married the man.

I had one of the dearest fathers in this world, but no mother to counsel me, and no one else to go to. My father approved of it, as every one thought it was a good match. I lost my mother at the pitiful age of two months and ten days. I was the only child, and can remember when my father was introduced to me at the tender age of six years. Being so alone in the world, and being an affectionate young girl, I naturally looked forward to marriage and children of my own.

At this time I was unsaved, but had a deep reverence for God. I really feared to do anything so wrong as this terrible sin of marrying a divorced person. The word of God is so plain to those who fear to do evil. Mark 10:11, 12; Rom. 7: 2, 3; 1 Cor. 7:11.

Within four years after my marriage I had two lovely children, for which I thanked the dear Lord. I thought the coming of my children was most blessed but when I had been married four years another and more wonderful thing happened to me. The Holy Spirit convicted my heart of sin. I knew it was God talking to my heart, and I began to listen. Then He led me on to true repentance. O, what a joy really to know Christ! I studied God's Word and walked in all the light He gave me according to my

understanding, and went on to entire sanctification.

Nine years after I was married, we moved to Fort Worth, Texas, just across the street from a man who knew my husband, and knew all the facts concerning his former marriage. He, thinking I knew all about it (for my husband had told his folks that he had told me all) talked freely to me about it. As I listened my face became white as death. He exclaimed, "Didn't you know it?" I said, "No!" The poor man was so frightened at what he had done that I felt sorry for him, but in my own soul I said, "Well, what are you going to do now, since you yourself are in this boat?" I saw no other way but to take it to the Lord in earnest prayer. I had a talk with my husband about it when he came home from work. He was furiously and unreasonably angry. I wrote to the Gospel Trumpet Company (editors of a religious paper) for advice, but all they gave me was a tract to read called, "Must They Separate?" written by Bro. D. S. Warner. Of course, the Bible does not say to separate after such marriages are made, but it plainly shows how God holds us as adulterers and adulteresses. (Heb. 13:4). If the heart is honest and God-fearing, God can through His word and by the help of the Holy Spirit show us these truths. Before I knew my own predicament, I had warned and advised all I could not to commit this sin, but when I warned others after that, it would come back to me like a boomerang to bring great sadness to my heart.

Finally, I left my husband when my children were six and eight years old. He tried to put them in a Catholic convent so that I could never see them again. My father tried to influence me to return, but I could not conscientiously do so. I was living and working close to the home, and when the children became ill my husband sent my father to tell me that he would leave if I would return to the children. He left, but refused to contribute to the children's support, and there I was with two little children and my invalid father. Work was scarce and wages small, so I sold our cow and household goods and came to California, where work for women was plentiful and wages good. I stayed away for one year. Then I met a kindly well-meaning old minister who advised that God's Word was silent as to separating, and for the children's sake, may be I should go back. All my relatives were against me and for my husband, so with sad heart I went back, right over my own heart's convictions, not in wilful transgression, but thinking I had been mistaken. I felt so sorry for the children, who wanted to be with their father, but wouldn't leave their mother. This is a heart-breaking position for the children of parents to be in, who want to get a divorce and remarry. What a pity; yea, what a burning shame!

So in 1913 we reassembled in the home, but always there was that uncertainty and pain in my

heart. I sought the council of different ministers, and they would only tell me to earnestly seek God, and He would reveal His will to me. I can see now that God wanted to help me many times, but it was hard for me to re-open the wound, and break up the home again. Truly, it isn't an easy thing to do, but Matt. 5:29, 30 is in the Bible to be obeyed. I sought as earnestly as anyone could, but there I hung, like many others, thinking God was surely too merciful to let me be lost, since I did not get the divorce and marry another. Yes, but I married one who had been divorced. Luke 16:18. God has to be strict with us, or what would we not do? Surely, we would dishonor Him just like a disobedient child dishonors his parents. Twenty-five years went by. Oh, will I ever be able to understand God's mercy and patience and longsuffering toward me? Several times during those years I was very ill and thought my time surely had come. I would take inventory and submit my will to the Lord and say, "Lord, as far as I know I am ready to go." For in truth, I was His child, and He plainly manifested Himself to me. But always a faint shadow hung over my soul concerning my marriage, and I would say, "Yes, Lord, I know of this marriage of mine, I would give anything in my power if it were not this way." The Lord would heal me and raise me up, praise His dear name, for He is goodness personified.

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### WOMEN PROFESSING GODLINESS

Woman, the last and best of God's creation, dons the strange apparel of the world, and follow after impious fashions, striving for the deceitfulness of favor and the vanity of beauty.

The holy women of old adorned themselves in that which is not corruptible: even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. (1 Pet. 3:4).

Are we causing our girls to pass through the fire by keeping up with the so-called modern styles? The sins of the parents fall upon the children, and when we submit to men who "looketh upon the outward appearance," to cut off our crown of glory, we are going against the Lord who "looketh upon the heart."

The apostle Paul exhorted the women to adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety, not with brodered hair or gold, pearls, or costly array, but which becometh women professing godliness with good works.

"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? let your soul delight itself in fatness." Isa. 55:2. Christ and his disciples were striving for the eternal lasting things; even so must we, if we gain the desired heaven.

—Mrs. Chas. Reese.

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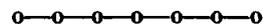
**Editorials**

Reports coming in from different parts of the country show that God is working preciously in the meetings of revival nature and also in tent meetings and campmeetings, souls are getting saved, believers sanctified and many bodies healed and there is a glean- ing out and drawing together of those that are fully separated from the world, and from man-organized bodies which call themselves churches.

The signs of the time indicate that we are living in the closing up days or years when God is getting his loved ones more fully separated from earthly things and the light of heaven is shining more clearly and those who are loose and free from sectarian dark- ness will see and flow together and his coming will be seen by the enlightened spiritual ones even as the lightning which flashes from east to west.

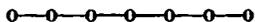
Those souls who persist in clinging to man-organ- ized effort will not be in a condition so the Lord can fit and frame them into his building for a habitation of God through the spirit. The nearer we approach his coming the more will the church be like the morn- ing time when the company of believers was so filled with his spirit and life that no uncircumcised one would dare join themselves to them. Those that persist in conforming to this world will find them- selves like the foolish virgins, "without oil in their vessels" and while darkness is in their souls the Bride- groom will come and the wise will go in and the door will be shut. Those who have allowed the world to sap their spiritual life will say, "Lord, Lord, open unto us", but He will answer, "I know you not".

That will be a sad day for many. It is not the out-broken sinner that will weep and wail and gnash their teeth, but it will be those who profess and were expecting the Lord to take them with Him and yet have foolishly accepted teaching that would conform them to this world or tie them up in man-made churches. Dear brothers and sisters, harken not to the many false teachers and prophets in these last days that would entangle you here in this world and darken your soul to the truth of his word; keep your- self lose and free so God can fit and frame you into his building where you will be safe.



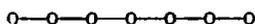
In Aug. issue of Faith and Victory paper we asked our readers to send in any name you would think would be good for the paper to be named. There have been a good many names sent in but as yet the Lord has not made it clear to us what the name should be. Several have expressed themselves that Faith and Victory was the best name and it should continue that way. Unless the Lord makes it very clear to us we will not make any changes in the name. We are de- termined to be led by his Spirit. We appreciate very much the interest that our readers have taken concern- ing this matter and we desire your prayers that we only

move and do as He makes known to us. If we have sufficient faith in God we will always have the victory and will be found living very humble before Him.



The Church of God campmeeting at Guthrie closed on the 11th of Aug. and the good done in this meeting will never fully be known until the judgment day for truly the Lord did work preciously in this meeting; the satisfaction, quietness and assurance that was manifested by the saints and beamed out of their faces told a story of heaven's work in their souls. The love, unity and purity that prevailed throughout the meeting was glorious to behold. The enemy was not successful in making a disturbance of any note. The presence and power of God was too great for him. God chose and placed his minister in the pulpit from service to service and the saints rejoiced as the precious truths fell from the lips of his man-servants and maid-servants. Some souls fell at the altar weeping and crying unto God to be delivered from sin, others were sanctified wholly, eleven followed the Lord in water baptism, ninety-six took part in the Lord's supper and feet-washing with blessings from heaven accompanying. It could clearly be seen that the Lord was having the preeminence and was the governor in the meeting.

On Thursday the saints fasted and prayed for the sick and also for the salvation of souls and many bodies were healed. Many who attended and was prayed for openly testified to their healing. This Campmeeting has gone down on record as being better than the former Campmeetings and we are looking for God by his spirit to melt up his people more and more that they will see and flow together in such a way that the body will so function that greater things will be accomplished in the future as Jesus is lifted up and the power of God is working through his visible Church.



Preachers, teachers and editors who are in sects often speak of the Church as a "mystical body" and in this way keep their followers in darkness, making them believe that it is some mysterious something that can never be seen or clearly discerned. Others, who have lost the vision of the Church or have never been able to clearly discern the Body, teach folks and act as though the church was scattered amongst all the different divisions of Christendom and they have a tendency in all their teaching to comfort them in such weeping and sickness, when the scriptures are plainly calling his sheep (not goats) out of such places to abide in the one fold with one Shepherd, stating clearly that, "Babylon the great is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean, hateful bird." Rev. 18:2. What does God think of a minister, editor or teacher that will try to console his sheep and lambs to stay in such cages, caged up with foul spirits and unclean and

hateful birds. Surely, any one that would do such a thing must be blinded with filthy lucre, making merchandise of precious souls, 1 Tim.3:3. There is no sect but what teaches some unsound doctrines, even if it is nothing more than binding a tithing system on their members. Those who lose faith in God resort to many ways to raise money to keep their system up, continually keeping their wants before the people and making them believe that they are doing a great work for God, making debts and working on the sympathy of their hearers or members to pay it off, stirring them continually to sacrifice and give, give, making one think of the horseleach or the daughter. Pr. 30:15.

Jesus says, "Therefore if the Son make you free, ye shall be free indeed," John 8:16. The real true and visible Church of God is from heaven, Rev. 21:2. They are in the world but not of the world, John 17:14. Jesus prayed that they would not be taken out of the world but that they be kept from the evil, John 17:15. They are not entangled with and darkened in soul by earthly things, but are free from all man-made religions, serving God day and night in the beauty of holiness. They are loose and ready for his coming when they will arise with the resurrected ones and meet the Lord in the air and so shall they ever be with the Lord. 1 Thess. 4:17.



### *Questions Answered By The Ministry*

To the dear Saints scattered abroad, greetings:

Because of some erroneous teachings among us, which is not conducive to unity, but rather tends to strife and division; we, the ministers of the Church of God assembled at the National Camp Meeting at Monark Springs, Mo., and after prayerful consideration, feel it pleasing to the Lord to write a letter of encouragement to those who may have been discouraged by said erroneous teaching, and at the same time correct by the Word of God any mistakes or teaching which is not compatible with the word of God.

First of all, we believe in one God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who was born of the Virgin Mary, died for our transgressions, was buried and rose again for our justification, "By whose stripes we are healed," and saved through the all-atoning blood of Jesus. We believe in the leadings of the Holy Ghost, who will guide us into all truth, convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of a judgment to come, and cause men and women to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved (or born again). We believe in sanctification as a second definite work of grace wrought in the heart by the Holy Ghost. We believe in all the fundamental principles of the apostolic church as recorded

in the New Testament, to wit: the unity of God's people of all races, the praying and laying on hands for the healing of the sick, casting out devils, and ordaining ministers, elders and pastors; not to rule over God's heritage, but to be examples to the flock—not for filthy lucre's sake, but of a ready (or willing) mind. The pastor should have full control and confidence in his (or her) congregation, and they in him. So that the congregation having a voice in and working in perfect unison with their pastor, so that difficult problems that may arise can be Biblically adjusted, all should be subject one to another (elders and all) (1 Pet. 5:5). Should a pastor walk disorderly, the congregation should have a voice in the matter. "Ye which are spiritual restore such an one" (if possible) Gal. 6:1. If it is not possible, take Bible steps. Should a congregation feel that a certain minister was not qualified to pastor them, he, or she, should submit to them; especially, if making trouble by not submitting. Any pastor who may feel the Lord wants him to resign as pastor at that place, or for the time being, may do so; but said resignation does not disqualify him from being reinstated as pastor if the Lord so leads; but we believe the congregation will see and feel his or her qualifications. Young Spirit-filled ministers should be encouraged to exercise their God-given talents and ability without restraint, but should take advice as Paul to Timothy, who said, "Let no man despise thy youth." And after giving instructions how saints ought to behave themselves, he commits the whole thing to Timothy (1 Tim. 1:18), then commanded him to teach these things (1 Tim. 4:11).

Young people should have their liberty in the Lord to have their young people's meeting carried on in the light of the gospel. Young people should teach in their meetings that which is taught in the general meetings—justification by repentance and faith, sanctification by consecration and faith (and this last work just as soon after justification as the person sees the need and understands the prerequisites, as in Rom 12:1)..

We recognize no ministerial supremacy, no head but Christ, no bosses, no year book (our names in eternity's book in heaven), the Holy Ghost as our leader, the one church on one foundation, the Bride of Christ. They are now married, hence the children are all legitimate. He has but one bride or wife. Saints have but one companion. Light on the Word of God rates our responsibility on this and all other questions.

We abide in the church, the only church (1 Tim. 3:5). There is no such thing in the New Testament as "First Church of God." The church on earth is visible. We do not know of an invisible church on earth because the church is composed of live men and women. "Whosoever would be chief among you, let him be your servant." (Matt. 20:27)

Among other deceptions is the "Eternal Security" after one is sanctified—a very dangerous doctrine, which means one can not fall after receiving this experience.

There are no sinners in the church because Christ is the door (John 10:9) There are no Christians outside of the church (Eph. 3:14, 15).

All Spirit-filled ministers should feel free and have the cooperation of all saints to go wherever led to talk or have meetings, and put forth every effort to get souls saved out of sin, sectism, compromise, or fanaticism. "God is love," and everyone called to preach is called to preach Christ (God), and thus get as many as possible to love God instead of the world. All God-called and qualified ministers have the right (whether ordained or not) to officiate in all the ordinances of the Church, to wit: washing of the saints' feet, the Lord's Supper, Baptism, conducting funeral services, except, however, the solemnizing of matrimony, which act is regulated by the laws of the land.

The above is also a summary of the preaching and teaching in this meeting, which answers some of the many questions being asked.

(Ed.) I had the privilege of attending only three days of the National Campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. and the ministers had gotten together and written answers to the above questions before I got to the meeting. This will no doubt be a help and encouragement to all the saints every where and will clear away any wrong impressions that may be lingering in the minds of some.

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#### CAMP MEETING REPORT

The campmeeting at Akron, Ohio was real good from the start and continued throughout the meeting. Interest was good unto the end. Ministers present: Bro. John Strong of Chillicothe, Ohio, Bro. Carson Bowen and Sister Anna Berrage both of Chicago, Ill., Bro. William H. Pearson of Middletown, Ind, Sis. Suggs of Pa., Bro Abbot of Ohio, Bro Foster of Ohio, Bro Cleo Murray of Dayton, Ohio, Sister Rosa Dillyhunty of Tulsa, Okla., Bro S. L. Burke of Tulsa, Okla., Bro. H. S. Chaney of Akron, Ohio, Sister Cordelia A. Jones of Akron, Ohio. The saints from Sandusky, Ohio, Bro. H. S. Chaney's congregation were over to the Akron meeting and enjoyed a real feast of good things from Father's table. The Lord gave us a wonderful meeting at Akron. We enjoyed ourselves much in this meeting; to God be all the glory.

Your Bro. in the body. —S. L. Burke.

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#### "THE MORE ABUNDANT LIFE"

Is a little booklet written by C. E. Orr. Its contents instruct any consecrated soul to be fully led and taught by the Holy Spirit of God in the study of God's

Holy Bible. To read it means, the soul illuminated with strength, deeper understanding, joy and courage to go deeper into the unsearchable riches of Christ.

I am loaning my book out. They love its contents. Glory to Jesus for such perfect inspiration in instruction from God to the soul of man. May we call upon God, who is rich and can supply our every need in his own divine way and provide for the reprinting of this little book to his own honor and glory that honest souls will be led and instructed by the Holy Spirit of God, establishing truth more deeply into the souls of mankind. Have you an offering to send in for the reprinting of this book? Pray for the reprinting of this book that this work may move forward in Jesus precious name.

A lover of truth.  
—Sister Sultzbaugh.

(Ed.) I can truly say that this book, "The more Abundant life" is filled up with good soul food and instruction that lifts one above earthly things and brings heaven near. It is a 32 page pamphlet and should be in circulation. We shall be glad to receive offerings for the reprinting of this book. Sixty or seventy dollars would print three thousand of them. You can preach the gospel by proxy by giving of your means if you cannot go personally. Use your means in such a way as to bring eternal profit and your soul will prosper. Sow to the Spirit and you will reap life everlasting. We are ready to print this booklet and circulate it if God will supply the means through those whom he has given to.

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### Obituaries

Mrs. Susana Wilmont was born July 4th, 1853 and passed away July 9th, 1940, age 88 yrs., 5 days.

She was the mother of eight children, four sons and four daughters of whom only one child survives—Enos F. Sands of Ponca City, Okla. Several grandchildren and great-grandchildren are residents of Guthrie. She has lived in and near Guthrie for fifty years.

Funeral services were conducted in the Davis Undertaker's Parlor by Fred Pruitt. Text: Eccl. 8: 8. Place of interment: Summit View Cemetery north of Guthrie, Okla.

Miss Willa McClain was born January 19th, 1876 in a small town in Tennessee. From there she moved with her parents to Topeka, Kansas where she lived for twelve years. They moved to Oklahoma in 1889 and settled about four miles east of Dover. Later she came to El Reno and was united in marriage to Homer Robinson in September 1897. To this union was born one daughter who is now deceased. They later moved to Wichita, Kansas where she resided for twenty-one years. From there they moved to Hennessey, Oklahoma where they lived until her death

July 18, 1940.

Mrs. Robinson professed a hope in Christ, and united with the A. M. E. church in her youth.

After she had moved to Hennessey, Okla. she heard and accepted the truth in its fullness, was saved, baptized and sanctified. She lived a careful life and often expressed her desire to be ready to go or to stay just as the Lord willed. She leaves to mourn her passing a husband, Homer Robinson, of Hennessey a nephew, Charles Ward of Oregon, a host of other relatives and friends. "She is resting in the arms of Jesus.

Funeral preached by Bro. U. Phillips. Text—Numbers 23:10.

Brother James Walter Nutt, son of John and Charlotte Nutt was born March 28th, 1880, in Mercer county, Ohio.

He was married in 1900 to Miss Dencie Smalley. To this happy union was born one son and five daughters.

In 1936 Mrs. Nutt was taken to live in a better world, faithful to the last to her God. He later married Mrs. Lucy Williamson.

Early in life he became a student of the Bible and loved the Scriptures for its' great truths, and then to tell it to others. Later in life he had more time to read the Bible, and almost every evening found him reading from it to his faithful companion.

He enjoyed reading the Faith and Victory paper so much and after reading would send them to his children together with the tracts he enjoyed so much.

He held unwaveringly to his faith in God and never for an instant was there any doubt in his mind as to what we must do to reach Heaven.

His was a clean life and one devoted to making his family happy. One of his favorite expressions was, "If I've made one person smile today I've done something worthwhile."

He loved the saints and had them in his home at every opportunity.

All through his illness he never complained, but endured it with a patience and courage that only the love of God and trust in His Divine Will can create. He surely kept the faith until the end and praised Him with word and song. He was never happier than when he had his children around the piano singing His praises. He has gone to his reward but his teachings will follow him.

Brother Foster of Yorkshire, Ohio; officiated at the funeral service. His text was, "As for me I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness." Psalms 17:15.

He leaves to mourn his departure his loving wife and children, five grandchildren and one sister and a host of friends.

He is not dead but asleep in Jesus awaiting His call at the last day. —Mrs W. C. Turner.

Brother Jasper W. Mitchell was born at Humanville, Mo., March 17, 1888; passed away at Hutchinson, Kansas, July 12, 1940.

Funeral services were conducted by S. E. Dooty.

Place of interment: Eastside Cemetery, Hutchinson, Kansas.

He died of heart trouble. —L. D. Foster.

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### NATIONAL CAMP MEETING INFORMATION

The National camp meeting at Monark Springs, Mo. closed with victory on July 28th, and those who were privileged to attend the entire meeting reported it was the best ever held on the grounds. The love, unity and fellow-ship for which Jesus prayed was truly demonstrated in every department, from the kitchen to the pulpit. The Holy Ghost was the only member of the pulpit committee, and as a result the clear, definite messages harmonized into a complete well-balanced volume of Bible truth.

The expenses of the meeting were met by free-will offerings, but after the meeting closed and the outstanding bills were submitted, we find that we are indebted to the amount of \$25.00. If any of our readers feel led to help pay this expense, the Lord will bless you and it will be thankfully received. Please send your offering direct to the National Secretary, and if more than enough is received to pay the present debt, the balance will be held in a fund for the camp meeting next year.

In the business meeting of the National Camp Meeting this year at Monark Springs, Missouri it was strongly recommended that each saint and each congregation send a liberal offering to the National Secretary thirty days before the meeting starts next year in order to pay the expenses as they arise without over working the offering box during the meeting. Let each one of us plan right now to do something definite for the National Camp Meeting. Here is a suggestion: If the Lord permits, we have at least ten months to "lay by in store." I am quite certain that the Lord would enable any saint to give ten cents per month for this purpose, which would net one dollar at the end of ten months, and with several hundred saints doing the same, the expenses will be taken care of nicely. The Guthrie congregation will have a separate treasury for the National meeting.

Tentative plans have been made to construct the permanent Pavilion on our own camp ground, so we can hold the meeting there next summer. For this purpose we have a separate "Pavilion Fund," in which there is now about sixty dollars. During the recent campmeeting various saints promised a total of \$200 to this fund, and with all other saints sending in a liberal offering, we will be able to build the Pavilion and make the grounds ready for the next camp meeting. We have been given a special low price on native oak lumber. The best can be secured from the saw-

mill during the month of November. So let us increase this fund quickly in order to purchase the best lumber and begin work on the Pavilion in November.

The National camp ground trustees have altered their former policy and are now offering the leases on lots for sale on time payments to the saints. During the meeting about twenty lots were sold on these terms with the understanding that these and all future time payment accounts are to be paid in full by Dec. 25th, 1940. The proceeds will be applied on the pavilion and improvement of grounds. We are glad to state that the ground is now clear of all indebtedness.

Twenty-one lots are yet for sale. The full cash price of ten dollars would be appreciated, but if you do not now have it, you may select a lot with a small down payment. Address your request for a corrected diagram of grounds and sample lease contract to L. D. Pruitt, 1005 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Oklahoma.

—L. D. Pruitt. (National Secretary.)

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### CORRESPONDENCE

McDonald, Kans.

Dear Bro. and sister Pruitt. Greeting in the name of Jesus:- He is good to me in every time of trouble. He has not forsaken me.

I am putting in a prayer request for my husband who is at Lansing, Kans. in the State Prison. I want all the saints to pray that God will release him and also pray for my family as there has been some person breaking in the home and trying to get one of our girls to go riding with him. I have such a burden for the family as I am alone with the little ones, except my daughter Myrtle. Do pray that the dear Lord will protect us all and this one will be convicted of his sin. I am glad I can say I have the victory in my soul and God is with me still. Praise his name.

Your sister in the Lord. —Mrs. W. H. Dungan.

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State Prison, Trenton, N. Jersey. —Dear Bro and sister in the Lord: Greeting to all of you in Jesus' name.

It has been a long time since you have heard from us here in the state Prison, but we are still living for Jesus and are praying still for you all as we read the Faith and Victory each month. We love to pray and ask the Lord to give you that which you are in need of. I praise the Lord that I am still saved and going about to see if I can lead some one in here to Christ, for joy comes from winning souls. Amen.

I want you all to know that we have a nice Bible class here at Trenton Prison, and from time to time there are souls won. We had fifty-six out to our Bible class to day. Will you all make it a matter of prayer that we may be kept faithful in his work that souls will still be won to Christ. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. In Jesus' name I ask it. Amen. Yours, —Larry Doughty

# ◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

## Loss of Two

One autumn evening after eight  
Our little sister passed through the gate,  
We know not why nor what the cause,  
But for that we will not pause.

We hope some day her face we'll see,  
In the home where only saints will be,  
We'll march around the throne of God,  
And forget the old path we trod.

She left this world with a smiling face,  
Which made our family seek for grace.  
We mourned to see our sister go,  
But to find God we were not slow.

After we were saved for a while,  
We missed another happy smile.  
Our brother Paul had crossed the line,  
And left the rest to follow behind.

We hope to see him with her there,  
Where we will never shed a tear,  
But where the Lamb will be the light,  
And we will never have a night.

Paul was always happy here,  
Although he shed many a tear,  
They were for God who saved his soul,  
And sanctified and made him whole.

We miss them both while here below,  
But when to heaven we shall go,  
We'll take them by the hand and praise—  
The Lord who spared them many days.

Chillicothe, Ohio.

I am a boy sixteen years of age and I am sending my testimony and a poem which I composed when I was fourteen. It is about my little sister who died before we were saved and my brother who died afterward. He died in May after we started going to the church of God meeting in April.

Before he died he was so weak. He could hardly open his eyes, but he sat up, opened his eyes wide and gave his testimony just as good as any body. He was talking to an unsaved neighbor woman and said, "I am saved and sanctified and on my way to heaven and if you don't get saved you won't get there." He was only eleven years old. That shows what God can do with the children who seek Him.

We have much to be thankful for.

With love to all.

—James Wm. Angus.

## *Editorials*

The National camp meeting for 1940 is now history—a record which brings pleasure to recount. It was our privilege to attend the first and last part of the meeting, and we thoroughly enjoyed the messages of truth and the fellowship of the saints. Many new faces were present, and for some it was the first time they had ever been with the saints in meeting. All they had known before was the "first church of God."

The young people's services were truly refreshing seasons. Young saints who have been called to the ministry exercised themselves in these services as the Lord led and young people sought the Lord at the altar of prayer. The Holy Ghost accompanied the Word with convicting power. Sometimes these services were attended by fifty or more young people, in addition to a large group of older folks who came to listen. An older minister remarked that he had never seen the young saints take such an active part in a camp meeting. Surely, the Lord is endeavoring to perpetuate his truth and Church in the earth until He comes again to take them home.

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The ministers assembled at Monark Springs, Mo. this summer passed a resolution setting forth the Bible teachings in regard to war, and requested that our young men be exempt from armed combat service in time of war. A brief summary of it in a letter form will be filed with the United States officials. The Lord alone is able to work out our individual problems when the actual test comes.

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The Psalmist David expressed a desire which should likewise be the desire of every child of God. In Psa. 19:14, we read, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." Young people need to guard the heart with all diligence and keep its meditation upon the Lord and his Word, and surely the words of their mouth will be acceptable in the Lord's sight. God's Word hidden in our heart will safe-guard us against committing sin, for that which is in the heart will express itself outwardly. Let us hunger and thirst more after God's righteousness.

— L. D. P.

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Loveland, Colo. Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt:

I am sending a small offering to be used where it is needed. I do enjoy the paper so much and after I read it I pass it to some one else or leave it in a cabin where some may find it and read it.

These are surely the last days for we see so much

wickedness around us. There is a Tavern just across the street from us and it is terrible to see our youth wasting their best years in such places.

Pray for us.

Mrs. J. H. Phixley.

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### *An Open Letter*

In an article of recent date from the pen of Bro. R. A. Owens, he makes mention of some things that in my mind needs an explanation.

I endorse the way he exposes the ecclesiastical set up at Anderson, Ind. under the leadership of the G. T. bosses, or dictators. Those people did us much evil because we would not get over into the "By-Paths" with them, which had been so strongly condemned by them in the article "Marching Along The By-Paths" and because we quit the Trumpet which had gone back on its former teachings, and because we accepted and used the "Herald of Truth" paper for a while. We are called "Herald of Truth people" by the G. T. people. There is not, nor never was such a people known as, "Herald of Truth people," outside of the company. That paper is a dead letter. The same thing happen to it as its opponent, the "Gospel Trumpet." Some backslid, and the honest ones freed themselves from the sinking wreck. But the Gospel Trumpet people not yet satisfied with the awful declension they had made by stepping over in the "by paths," they would warn all honest souls that were saved among them against us, calling us the, "Herald people," the cause of all the division. But thank God some honest souls are getting their eyes opened to their cunning deceptions. We are preaching and practicing as Bro. D. S. Warner and others did prior to 1910. We haven't varied in one point, therefore it is not fair to call us the "Herald people" but the Gospel Trumpet people have named themselves in an issue of the Gospel Trumpet. A statement was made, "we expect all Trumpet readers to be 100% Trumpet." Bro. Owens is right when he said "a division maker is a man of sin". Then why, will the Gospel Trumpet people insist on calling the Church of God "The Herald people" and themselves (who made all the division) the "First Church of God." We trust the above is sufficient that every honest soul can see the deception practiced by the Gospel Trumpet. Yes, I to, as well as Bro Owens, "am convinced that the giving over to and wearing of the insignificant and superfluous article of dress," is the real cause of all the corruption that has come in. Beyond a question of doubt the corruption came in after giving over to the wearing of such. And even those who do not wear it may become heated in argument, calling, every one that does wear it of the devil, and then become carnal and lose their souls. Yes, we can see as Bro. Owens has said, the "trick of the devil in dangling a little insignificant will-o-wisp article before the eyes and minds of the saints of God to deceive them," but,

I will add right here if saint preachers would quit dangling it from their necks before people's eyes, the devil could not so successfully "dangle" it before their minds. It is true that perhaps one of the Herald of Truth publishers, who has backslid and gone into sectism, has said many hurtful things about us such as we see recorded in Bro. Owens' article. Look into the Herald movement and see the torn, rent and distressed souls, etc." Now, we have been traveling over many states in the evangelist work and fail to find any such distressed condition, because of the Herald paper, except perhaps a few that were connected with said publishing work. We, the Church of God have "no paper head," no head but Christ, no dictator but the Holy Ghost.

Now just a few reasons why we do not wear the tie. We all recognize D. S. Warner as one of the principal agents used of God in bringing about this reformation. Some where in the beginning of his ministry in this reformation, while conducting a meeting some "hook and eye" (Dunkards) told him he was proud because he wore a collar and tie. So he took both off as he did not want to offend them. He fasted and prayed over the matter and God showed him he needed the collar to protect his coat collar, but God showed him he was dressed before he put the tie on. The above are his own words, and he never put it on again. The whole church put it off, never had any trouble over it, for about twenty-five years until about 1910, when one or two jumped over into the by-path, which was the cause of the article, "Marching Along the By-Paths," Another reason we do not wear it, is because it is not an "article of dress" but an ornamental knot (Web). So if it is put on as an ornament it is because of pride in the heart.

Some ask why we do not use instruments in worship and quote "David." Well, David danced too; shall we follow him in the dance? Now since God has tuned our hearts to sing his praise we worship him in Spirit and in truth. Our worship is changed from works to spiritual worship. Some quote Ps. 87:7. "The players on instruments shall be there." Yes they will, but he did not say the instruments would be there. "They will be there just like, "the wolf, the bear, the lion" will be there. But they will all be saved from all man made religions and then only will "The lamb and the lion lie down together." —G. E. Harmon.

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Okmulgee, Okla. Dear Bro. Pruitt.

I am yet living for the Lord. I attended the Reform campmeeting. It was a very good meeting. It was a seed sowing campmeeting. We distributed many tracts and Faith and Victory papers at the campmeeting and along the highway between Reform and Okmulgee. We passed through Muskogee, Fort Smith, Ark. to Memphis, Tenn., Holly Springs, Miss, New Albany, Tupelo, Aberdeen and Columbus, Miss.

We went to Eutaw, Ala. We held meeting at the Popula Springs School house and in the Providence Baptist Church near Carrollton, Ala., after the close of the campmeeting. Yours in Him —L. L. Jackson.

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Tulsa, Okla. Dear Bro. Pruitt:

I am much better in body, and oh I praise God for it all. I really and truly feel like a new man this morning and I know God has answered our prayers in my behalf. He has been so merciful to me and I am happy now, where only a few weeks back I was in sorrow and deep in sin, and now God has taken me in and relieved me of that burden and I am so anxious and truly hope that I will be in that place that is prepared for us when this world is finished.

My sincere hope is that God will ever hold me true.. Your Bro. —Harry C. Young.

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State Prison. Dear Bro. and sister Pruitt.

It has been a long time since you have heard from me, but we want you to know, we are still going on strong for the Lord, and souls are coming to Christ, Praise the Lord.

Yes we have a great interest in your prayer life out there, when we read in your paper, how God is working in a mighty way, praise the Lord for answered prayers, and we will pray about all the requests. Keep on in prayer for us here.

I think the name Faith and Victory is a fine name for the paper as it always has been help to me. Behold how good and how pleasant it is for believers to dwell in unity.

May the Lord continue to bless and keep you in His will. Christian love to all the saints. A. Dodd.

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Yorkshire, Ohio.

To my brothers in Christ, greeting in holy love in Jesus dear name:- May God bless every one who is in Christ Jesus is my prayer. We are living on victory's side of life. Two different times this summer I have been near death and wife had called the children in. They wantd to call a doctor and wife refused to do so and said that I had always requested not to allow a doctor to impose on me when I became unconscious. She called the saints, two car loads came and prayed for me and God raised me up. For sixteen or eighteen hours I was unconscious excepting a few moments at a time. It was sweet to feel that in a few minutes I would be with Jesus who loved me and gave Himself for me, oh, praise God. Tongue cannot express the joy and glory there is in being ready to meet Him whom our soul loveth.

Our little flock is prospering in the Lord, both in spirituality and in numbers.

We visited sister Amanda Jones at Rosewood, O., had meeting there two different times. Seven car loads of us went one time and how she did rejoice. She is a real mother in Israel. We have meeting at Union

City, Ind. Brother and Sister Nottingham have moved there and the light has shown out of their lives till a number have come to their place to inquire for the true way; they have been so helpful to a number of souls among whom is a Sis. Cain, whom God has his hand upon for the work of the Lord and she is a Spirit filled saint, an able woman in the word of God. How we thank God for her and for all the rest. There are five or six new ones added to our little flock. We had an all day meeting the fourth of August: ministers present were: Sister Hitchcock of Chicago, Ill, Bro. Pearson of Middletown, Ind., Bro. Chrouse of New castle, Ind. Bro. and sister Strong of Chillicothe, Ohio, Bro Everett Abbott of Dayton, Ohio. There were forty or fifty present in all. Our souls did rejoice. Bro. Pearson preached in the morning service, Bro. Abbott in the after-noon service and Bro. Strong at the evening service. We felt like we had been in a Camp meeting. Our little flock is such a comfort to our hearts and we have confidence in all of them and we are trying to feed and comfort them. We hope to have a meeting soon at Union City, possibly a tent meeting.

Pray for us that God will help us get the truth to the people there.

Ask God to make the few days we have left a blessing to others, that we may be a real help. How we do love to see the Church of God living up to the standard of his word. May God bless all of you.

Your humble servant. —J. W. Foster.

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Akron, Ohio.

Dear Bro. Pruitt. Greeting to you and all the dear saints scattered abroad:- We are praising the dear Lord today for victory and for the desire we have to please him and to be true to him, praise his dear name.

Paul says to the Ephesians, "be ye not unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is and be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 1:17. If there ever was a time when men need to be filled with the Spirit, it is now. Jesus says, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned. Mark 16:15. So we see that Jesus not only commands us to go and preach the gospel, but that signs would follow them that believed. The Lord's power is just the same today to heal all manner of sickness and disease as when he was here on earth.

When the sick and suffering are brought to be prayed for they should not have to go away unhealed. May our God help us to be filled with the Spirit of God that we may be able to prove our ministry by signs and wonders following. When Jesus had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power over all unclean spirits to cast them out, and to heal all manner of diseases, Matt. 10:1. He told them, "As you go preach, saying the Kingdom of heaven is at hand, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils, freely ye have received, freely give."

May God help us to seek him more earnestly in prayer that these signs may follow more abundantly in our ministry. This world needs Jesus, and Jesus needs Spirit filled men and women to lift him up, and He, Jesus will draw all men unto Him.

— H. S. Chaney.

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Loranger, La.—Dear Saints and Lovers of the Truth:

I feel like telling of some of God's wonderful work in answer to prayer; also the good meeting just closed at Batchlor, La.

In the month of May, when we were there, we set July 20 for the date of our meeting to start. Now Batchelor is in a low part of the country. The meeting house is across a bayou from the highway. In order to get to the meeting house, the bayou has to be crossed on a plank walk; and the bank is steep and slick when it rains. We knew if it rained at that time we couldn't have the meeting. So, the first of June it began to rain and rained almost every day or night. It rained every day of our campmeeting at Hammond and it was also raining every day at Batchlor. Bro. and Sis. Carver and family were to be in the meeting if he could get his vacation. I told the Lord, "Now Lord, if this is the time for Batchelor let Bro. Carver get his vacation;" on the 11th of July a card came saying he would get his vacation at that time. I went to God in earnest prayer. The scripture came to my mind, "Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months." James 5:17. While in prayer July 11, by faith God showed me dust flying when I got to Batchelor. I said, "Yes, Lord I will go". Several things came up and the rains continued, but Praise God! I could still see dust. I left home on the 19th of July in the rain. I left Hammond on the 20th to begin meeting that night and it was still raining. It is 115 miles from my home to Batchelor and I saw water all along until about twenty- three miles of where I got off the bus. The devil would try to get me to doubt, but praise God by faith I could still see dust. When at last I got there, praise God forever there was dust. My faith was tried but we read in 1 Pet. 1:7, "The trial of your faith being more precious than gold." On Friday night of the meeting the Lord led me to testify to what God had done. On Saturday it was very hot and at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon I felt led of God to say a shower wouldn't hinder and would cool off the air. I was in Bro. and Sis. Jackson's home four miles from the meeting house. I went in to rest and the Lord sent a big rain but by faith I saw dust when I crossed the bayou. Praise God! Before we got there the road was dry, and the people were talking of the way God could do things. Trusting God by faith is new to most of the people there. Have faith in God!

The Meeting started on Saturday night July 20, and on Monday night Bro. and Sister Carver and

family of Shreveport, La. came to be in the meeting. Bro. Clyde Lea of Kentwood, La. came on the 23rd. Bro. and Sis. Jackson's home is our home when over there. Before the meeting was over there were fifteen in their home. God bless them! They are real saints and workers for the Lord. Bro Levi Jackson, their son, drives a school bus and takes the people to meeting. Sometimes he has from forty to sixty people in the bus. Praise God for people who will do things for God. Dear reader, you may not be called to preach from a pulpit, but you have work to do. The meeting was good from beginning to end. Eleven were saved, nine were baptized. Shouting was heard. One sister, when God saved her, shouted for several minutes in the meeting house, and all along the way home. Oh we had a wonderful time in the Lord. I can't begin to tell how God blessed. We would have meeting at one end of the bayou at night, and at the other end in the afternoon. Souls were saved at both places. Bro. and Sis. Jackson have Sunday School in their home on Sunday afternoons. There were forty-five present on the last Sunday of the meeting. Two sisters were saved after the Sunday School was dismissed. Dear saints, it would have done you good to have seen and heard the ones who got saved. They cleaned off the finger nail polish, and make-up, and took off rings. Some went to their neighbors and made wrongs right. One sister, a backslider, who lived about 100 miles from there came to get saved and healed. God saved her, and we prayed for her healing. She needs our prayers. She cleaned up for God this time. We thank God for the meeting, also for Bro. and Sister Carver and family. God is using them in the gospel work. We also thank God for Bro. and Sis. Jackson. Sis. Jackson lived a saved life there for years. Then God used her in having ministers go there to hold meetings. Two of her daughters were saved. A year ago her husband and son were saved. This year a son and daughter were saved. Now the whole family is saved. Bro. Jackson went right to work for God. He is a leader there now. It pays to be true to God. Pray for the work there. Your sister in Christ,

—Katherine Simpson.

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Marshall, Mich.:— Dear Bro. in Christ. Greeting in Jesus' precious name. I wish I could say good-morning face to face with you this morning. I do love so much to meet with the dear saints of God: those that are real saints.

I have not been able to get to any camp meeting yet on account of opportunity; but I mean to go right on in the holy way. The song comes to my mind—"Oh, Lord, you know I have no friend like you, If heaven's not my home, oh Lord, what would I do? Angels beckon me to heaven's open door, And I can't feel at home in this world any more."

Do not forget wife and I in your prayers as we surely need them.

—Wm. L. VanZandt.

Hammond, La.— To the dear Saints scattered abroad, greeting: We were away on the eastern trip almost eleven weeks and met many dear ones who asked us to write to them, but failed to get the addresses of very many of them, and if any of you who read this wish to have us write you, write first and send us your address. We felt the Lord's presence with us on this trip, and he blessed with many precious meetings. We trust that each one who received help is still plodding on for the Lord, filling his (or her) place in the body of Christ as it pleases him.

Sister Geneva Bailey from Faith Publishing office returned to La. with us and helped prepare for camp meeting, and was a faithful worker during the meeting as well.

Our camp meeting began thirteen days after our return and the Lord blessed all the way through. The visiting out-of-state ministers were Bro. G. E. Harmon of Calif., Bro Darius Gibson of N. Mex., and Bro. Willie Murphey of Okla., besides eight others from this state, whom the Lord used in preaching the Word. Several souls received real help, and the day of fasting and prayer in behalf of the sick was especially precious. We feel that real lasting good was accomplished. After the close of this meeting, several ministers went to Pine Grove near Kentwood and held a week's meeting with the saints there. The Lord honored His word there too, and one soul got cleared up for the Lord. We trust others will follow later, since the seed was so faithfully sown. Sis. Simpson is now engaged in a meeting west of the Mississippi River, near Batchelor, La. She was expecting Bro. and Sis. C. C. Carver to join her there this week. Others expect to hold a meeting near Loranger, La. beginning July 28. A number of saints were present in the ordinance meetings of both meetings, and we feel the Lord is working among us down here, and desire your prayers that we may keep in his will and order. God bless each of you.

Yours in the Lord's service,

Ray and Katherine Key

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**PRAISING GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS**  
 Sunday, September 1, 1940

**Daily Readings and Meditations**  
 August 26 to August 31.

- M. God's Bountiful Goodness Psa. 103:1-5, 10-18.
- T. Blessings Promised Deut. 28:1-6.
- W. The Blessings of a New Nature Gen. 32:22-29.
- T. Spiritual Blessings Eph. 1:3-14.
- F. All Good Things Come From God Jas. 1:12-18.
- S. Fitting Praise Psalm 107:1-9.

**Printed Portion .....Psalm 103:1-5, 10-18.**

- Psa. 103:1. Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
- 2. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
- 3. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
- 4. Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies
- 5. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 10. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
- 11. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.
- 12. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
- 13. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.
- 14. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.
- 15. As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
- 16. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.
- 17. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;
- 18. To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

**Golden Text:** "Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits." Psa. 103:2.

**COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS**

Praise and thanks are due to God, and when practiced continually, discouragement will find no dwelling place in the hearts of God's people.

Sinners have temporal blessings to be thankful for, and they should be thankful to God for His great mercy in sparing their lives while they grieve Him daily by serving the enemy of all righteousness; but they cannot truly praise and thank God from their

**"The entrance of thy Word giveth light."**

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hearts until they have received the spirit of praise, which God places in the hearts of regenerated souls. Christians can truly praise God for both spiritual and temporal blessings.

Some of the blessings or benefits for which we should praise God are listed in our lesson today:

**Forgiveness**— Notice how complete is His forgiveness. He forgives all of our iniquities. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

**Healing**— Afflicted one, take courage and have faith in God, for "He healeth all thy diseases." "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses."

**Protector**—Not only does He protect us from countless dangers in this life; but He has redeemed us from eternal destruction.

**Coronation**— Crowns of this world are greatly coveted. How much more should we desire to be crowned by the Lord, with His lovingkindness and tender mercies.

**Satisfaction**— There is no real soul satisfaction outside of God. "He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness."

If God had dealt with us according to our iniquities, there would be no hope for sinful man. Notice the extent of his mercy which is extended to them that fear Him. (The fear of the Lord is to depart from evil.) He removes our sins so far from them that they will never be remembered again.

The manifold expressions of God's mercy are to "such as keep His covenant." Those who break his covenant should accept His offer of pardoning mercy, turn from their evil ways and do right, that they might be partakers of all His benefits.

### INVITING OTHERS TO WORSHIP GOD Sunday, September 8, 1940.

#### Daily Readings and Meditations Sept. 2 to Sept. 7.

- M. Why Worship God? Psalms 96:1-13.
- T. Invited to Worship Isaiah 2:1-5.
- W. Worship in the Home Romans 16:1-10.
- T. God Speaks Through Worship Acts 10:1-6.
- F. When Worshipers Assemble Acts 16:12-18.
- S. Won to Worship John 4:19-29.

#### Printed Portion ..... Psalm 96.

Psa. 96:1. O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

2. Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

3. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

4. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

5. For all gods of the nations are idols; but the Lord made the heavens.

6. Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

7. Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

8. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

9. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

10. Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

11. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

12. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

13. Before the Lord; for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

**Golden Text:** "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." Psalms 34:3.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

David composed this song when the Ark was brought back to Jerusalem; but the Psalm is also a prophecy of Christ's coming to bring salvation to the people of the earth (whosoever will) then of his coming to judge the people in the end.

The return from literal captivity caused the Jews to rejoice and inspired them to sing "a new song." Today, when one is redeemed from captivity in sin by the blood of Jesus to walk in newness of life, the Lord puts a "new song in their mouth, even praises unto our God." The world is ever searching for something new. New songs are very much in demand. Many are being produced, only to be cast aside as old after they have been sung a few times. No song has ever been composed by man to equal the new song which God puts into the hearts of every born-again person. Thank God, He has taught us this new song and we are confident that it shall never grow old.

"And when in scenes of glory,

I sing the new, new song,

'Twill be the old, old story

That I have loved so long."

Show forth his salvation—tell others about it in word and action that they may see and desire it. Salvation is a glorious work. Be not silent about its glories lest they grow dim in your own soul.

Heathen are those who are not acquainted with the true God. We find heathen even among professed Christians. "Even when the objects of the worship of the heathen have real existence, yet their existence does not render them worthy of homage." The Lord made everything and He alone should be worshiped. The time has come when they that worship the Lord must worship him in spirit and in truth—in the beauty of holiness.

**THE EVER PRESENT GOD**

Sunday, September 15, 1940.

**Daily Readings and Meditations**

Sept. 9 to Sept. 14.

- M. The Ever-present God. Psa 139:1-12.
- T. God in Heaven Eccl. 5:1-7.
- W. God on the Sea Acts 27:18-26.
- T. Present in Temptation Matt. 4:1-11.
- F. Present to Help Isa. 41:8-13.
- S. The Light of His Presence John 1-1-9.

**Printed Portion** .....Psalm 139:1-12, 23, 24.

Psa. 139:1. O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

2. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

3. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

4. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

5. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

6. Such knowledge is to wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

7. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8. If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

9. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10. Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

11. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

12. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

23. Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

**Golden Text:** "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." John 14:23.

**COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS**

None but the Lord can search the heart. We do not need to testify to Him about the thoughts and intents of our hearts, because He knows all about them. He said about the people in Noah's time. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

Sinner, you will never know how contrary your thoughts are to the purity of God until you have asked Him to show your heart to you as He sees it.

He will uncover many things that you did not realize were there. God is man's maker and knows perfectly his every thought and action. The sooner one realizes this, the greater are his hopes for a happy eternity. "Men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil," hence they try to hide from God as Adam and Eve, and Cain did. The time is surely coming when God will call each one from his hiding place and require him to give an account of the deeds done in the body. We must even give an account for every idle word that we speak. Why try to hide from God in the day when His mercy is extended? The sinful account can be settled now with far less shame and embarrassment to the sinner than if he should try to cover up his sins in this life and be brought face to face with them after the day of God's mercy is past.

"Search me, oh God"—an honest person desires to know how he stands in God's sight.

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**THE VOICE OF WISDOM**

Sunday, September 22, 1940.

**Daily Readings and Meditations**

Sept. 16 to Sept. 21.

- M. Wisdom the Principal Thing Prov. 4:1-9.
- T. Choosing the Right Way Prov. 4:10-19.
- W. Keeping the Heart Pure Prov. 4:20-27.
- T. A Wise Choice 1 Kings 3:5-14.
- F. Wisdom and Understanding Job 28:20-28.
- S. Wisdom from Above. Jas. 3:13-18.

**Printed Portion** .....Prov. 4:10-27.

Prov. 4:10. Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

11. I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

12. When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

13. Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.

14. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.

15. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

16. For they sleep not, except they have done mischief and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.

17. For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18. But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

19. The way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not at what they stumble.

20. My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear

unto my sayings:

21. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart:

22. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

23. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

24. Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

25. Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

26. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

27. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

**Golden Text:** "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Wisdom:— Truly wisdom is the principal thing, when we see the lack of it, we pray God to help our youth to early learn the way of wisdom

Wisdom truly will teach you the right way. Seek her, and go not in the path of wickedness

Parents and teachers aim in your work in home training and education to establish character, getting wisdom along with character planted in the youth will work wonders in God's work of salvation, which wisdom is the principal or beginning— namely, "The fear of God."

The 1st verse gives the result of receiving this wonderful instruction—long life, wonderful help in right paths, help in shunning the way of wickedness. "Enter not" do not keep company with the wicked or follow their way of living. If you obey this you will never be tempted to take up their sinful ways. Cigarette smoking, drinking and many vices that follow.

May God help all to "keep their hearts with all diligence."

Time and space will not permit all that could be said on this most important theme. May none ever let down or compromise truth or fail to please God for fear of evil doers. Fear God and keep doing things that will accomplish things worth while in behalf of souls for whom Jesus died.

### THE USE AND ABUSE OF WEALTH

Sunday, September 29, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations

Sept. 23 to Sept. 28.

M. The Wise Use of Wealth Prov. 11:24-31.

T. Riches Ignobly Obtained Jer. 17:9-11.

W. The Folly of Covetousness Luke 12:13-21.

T. Counsel to the Rich 1 Tim. 6:17-19.

F. Judgment on a Rich City Rev. 18: 15-20.

S. True Riches Luke 16:9-13.

**Printed Portion** .....Prov. 11:24-31; Luke 16:11-13.

Prov. 11:24. There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

25. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

26. He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him; but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.

27. He that diligently seeketh good procureth favor: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

28. He that trusteth in his riches shall fall; but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

29. He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.

30. The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

31. Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.

Luke 16:11. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

12. And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's who shall give you that which is your own?

13. No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

**Golden Text:** "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." Matt. 6:20.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

The first verse of this lesson teacheth that he that scattereth (in God's way) acts as a means of increasing. While withholding more than God's approval can rest on tendeth to poverty.

The next few verses tells us of the grace gained by right giving.

It means much to use the means intrusted to us pleasing to God.

There are right and wrong uses to which means can be placed. We need to seek God for wisdom as every one has not got the "gift of giving". It is truly a precious gift.

Selfishness has no part where the gift of giving is exercised.

The latter part of this lesson teaches faithfulness in the use of riches, and indeed we will be rewarded according to how we use what is intrusted to us. Very few rich saints, but all they have is consecrated to God. Every need in the world for God is met many times by great sacrifice on the part of God's little ones.

It is not safe to trust in riches for many times they take wings (as it were) and fly away.