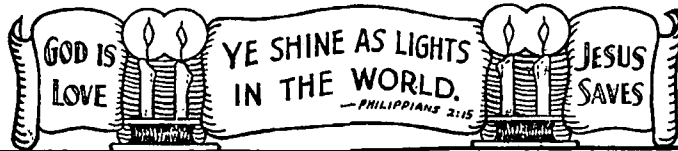


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WHY?

Why did Christ come to this world of sin?
To bring "peace on earth, good will toward men."
Then why do war and chaos betide?
The Prince of Peace has been set aside.

Why in the manger did he first abide?
To shame haughty hearts and human pride.
Then why all the modern pomp and show?
His humble way men refuse to know.

Why did the star to the Magi appear?
To guide them to worship the Saviour dear.
Don't worshipers now need a guiding star, too?
The star still shines, but wise men are few.
—G. A. Bailey

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

We read in Matt. 5:14: "Ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." There are some things which are of great interest and value to the Christian or Bible student, brought to our attention in this text of scripture, and we must look into the scriptures to get the import of these words.

So first, let us see who is speaking and to whom. Reading from Matt. 4:23 down and including the first two verses of the fifth chapter, we learn that it was Jesus speaking to his disciples, saying, "Ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." The light and the city are two things to be considered.

How the city can be the light: If you will read the 48th Psalm you will find some beautiful language describing the grandeur and beauty of this city, forseen by the psalmist, the same city for which Abraham sought, which hath foundations and whose builder and maker is God (Heb. 11:8-10). Please read Heb. 12:22-24, where we find the city of God to be the heavenly Jerusalem, the church of the first-born, which are written in heaven. Now, the names of the disciples of Jesus are written in heaven and it is given as a reason of great joy to them. See

Luke 10:20. Some may ask, how do men get their names written in heaven? Must all cast out devils as they did of whom it was spoken? No, for Jesus himself answers these questions. See John 3:1-8. Ye must be born again of the Spirit or you cannot see or enter the kingdom of God. God himself keeps the family record. Read Psa. 87:5, 6. And, as we are born, or converted, we become citizens of this city, God being our Father and this heavenly Jerusalem our mother. (Gal. 4:26). But we are not born into this spiritual family or church of God by accident or chance, or when we are asleep or in a trance; but as there are laws of nature for the birth of a child into this world, so there are laws of the Spirit for the birth of the spiritual children. First, the church must have the burden of the work of the Lord and labor in prayer and sacrifice before the Lord to get the word to the people, to the extent mentioned in Isa. 66:8. And the Word must go forth accompanied by the Spirit of God, which will bring conviction to the hearts of the unsaved when they see their own sinful condition and the goodness of God. The soul thus awakened, must desire help from God so much that he will forsake all his sinful ways and thoughts, then cry unto the Lord for mercy, believing with all the heart that he forgives. See Isa. 55:6-9 and Rom. 10:9, 10. As we thus confess our guilt and ask for mercy, the blood of Jesus is applied by our faith in him and our guilt is washed away by his blood (Rev. 1:5). The old life is gone and new life from heaven begins in our souls, for love, joy, and peace come down from heaven into our souls (2 Cor. 5:17, 18). No wonder John the revelator saw the city coming down from heaven, as all of our lives, strength, and wisdom come down to us (Rev. 21). For all of these graces which we derive from the Lord Jesus, who came down from heaven, make up our new life and are the fruits of the Spirit of which we are born (Gal. 5:22, 23).

It was of this Spirit which Christ was born as we read in Matt. 1:19, and later was baptized with at the Jordan River when it came upon him and enveloped his life, for He was filled with the Holy Spirit of his Father (God). This Spirit within made Him the great light of the world (John 9:5; 5:30).

While He was with His disciples, He was their light and they received their power directly from Him, but He could not be with them always so He promised them that He would give them another Comforter, even the Spirit of truth, the Holy Ghost, which should abide with them forever. Please read John 14:15-27 and Acts 1:8. In the new birth we receive life and peace and begin to bear the fruits of the Spirit but when the Comforter comes, He leads us into the truth and gives power to live right and victory over the devil; also, He strengthens us to witness for Jesus. The Spirit comes to us after conversion, by faith in God and obedience to Rom. 12:1. Thus, the Spirit of Truth—love, joy, peace, and goodness flowing from the hearts of the people of God, illuminates the world today and makes it a pleasant place to live. —Ray Key

History of the Origin of the Millennial Deception

Millennialism came from Judaism. The Jews generally believed that the Messiah would establish a literal kingdom and some of them believed his reign would last a thousand years here on earth (extract from Neander's *History of Christianity*). This doctrine was first introduced in Christianity by an ungodly heretic by the name of Cerinthus, who lived in the days of the apostle John. Millennial teachers try to prove their theory by John's writing in Rev.; but now we shall see what John says about the founder of this ungodly doctrine. "Irenaeus, who was born about A. D. 120, was acquainted with Polycarp, the disciple of John" states that while John was at Ephesus, he entered a bath house to wash, and found that Cerinthus was within and refused to bathe in the same bath house, but left the building and exhorted those with him to do the same, saying, "Let us flee, lest the bath fall in." (Eusebius *Eccl. History*, Book III, chapter 28). We have the following account of the heresy of Cerinthus, taken from the writings of Caius, who lived about the close of the second century: "But Cerinthus, too, through revelations written, as he would have us believe by a great apostle, brings before us marvelous things which he pretends were shown him by angels, alleging that after the resurrection, the Kingdom of Christ is to be on earth, and being an enemy to the scriptures of God, wishing to deceive men, he says that this is to be a space of a thousand years for marriage festivities. He also says Christ would have an earthly kingdom." This is the origin of the Millennium theory. Christ's kingdom was set up at his coming. The current dispensation is the last age of time and termed in scripture, "time of the end" (Dan. 12:1, 4, 9, 10); "last days" (Micah 4:1-4; Isa. 2:2, 3); "last time" (1 John 2:18; Jude

18); "ends of the world" (1 Cor. 10:11); "end of all things is at hand" (1 Pet. 4:7). With the resurrection of the dead comes "the end." Notice 1. Cor. 15:22-28 which reads as follows: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive, But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's, at his coming. Then cometh the end." When? At his coming. You will notice the word "cometh" is in italics, which denotes that it was supplied by the translators and does not appear in the original Greek, from which the New Testament was translated. But in the original, "then the end," fixes the time of the end at the immediate coming of Christ, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God. Then instead of setting up a kingdom, as Millennium teachers vainly believe, he will deliver up his kingdom to his Father, "when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power, for he must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death . . . and when all things shall be subdued unto him, (including death) then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him" (God) "that put all things under him that God may be all in all." Some teach a "pre-millennium" and others a "post-millennium," but the Bible gives no time, place, or need of a millennium. When the seventh trumpet (also called "trump of God," "last trumpet," etc.) shall sound, "there shall be time no longer." (Rev. 10:5, 6). The future state is said to be "world without end" (Eph. 3:21), "but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself" (Heb. 9:26). The resurrection of the dead will be the last day of time. Four times in John 6th chapter, Jesus speaks of raising different ones up at the last day. There will be no other day after the last day. The last hope of mercy is in this last dispensation. The gospel of Christ in this dispensation offers the last hope of mercy to Adam's fallen race: "Behold now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). This day of grace is the day of salvation and the only day. The definite article "the" is used to signify that there is no other age to come. "Today" is held out by the divine hand of love to all who will hear his voice (Heb. 3:7; 4:7; 2 Pet. 3:7-15). "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17). A question is asked in 1 Pet. 4:17, "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" We will find the answer in 2 Thess. 1:7-10: "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with ever-

lasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." When will that be? When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, "and in all them that believe," in that day. In Mark 16:15, 16 we see a gospel warning to all: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations: and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14). When? When the pure full gospel is preached in all the world. A question is asked in Heb. 2:1-3: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Find the answer in 1 Thess 5:2, 3: "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night, for when they shall say peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." If we neglect to obey the gospel, how shall we escape the damnation of hell? (Matt. 23:33). Except men repent they shall all perish (Luke 13:1-5). "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God" (Psa. 9:17). We are now living in the time that fills up all time (Eph. 1:10) when God's people are being gathered together into one even in Christ. There is but one coming future. "And I pray God, your whole spirit, and soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:23).

His second coming will be visible: "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:9-11). Listen again to the voice of inspiration: "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation" (2 Pet. 3:3, 4). The above is another proof that we are living in the last days. Five things will take place the instant of his coming: the universal resurrection of all the dead, the general judgment, reward of the righteous, and punishment of the wicked, and passing away of the earth—just one literal resurrection but two classes of people raised at the same time, saints and sinners (John 5:28, 29). "Marvel not at this for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice and shall come forth, they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation." Also, in Acts 24:15, we are told that there shall be a (one, not two) resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust. Again in 1 Thess. 4:13-17, "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (go before) them which are asleep (dead in Christ); for the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the

voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first (before the living shall ascend); then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Paul here was treating of the hope of the church only, saying nothing of sinners. We believe sufficient has been said to prove the universal resurrection of the dead.

(To be Concluded in Jan. Issue) —G. E. Harmon.

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CHURCH OF GOD ASSEMBLY MEETING
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The annual Assembly Meeting at Guthrie, Okla. will begin on December 20th and continue until Dec. 29th, inclusive. All are invited to attend this meeting for the edification of your soul and the souls of others with whom you come into contact. This meeting will be a special place for souls to get saved, believers to be sanctified wholly, and bodies to be healed.

We are expecting many ministers from this state and others to be here. All of the inspired Word of God will be taught and the saving gospel of Christ will be proclaimed in the power and demonstration of the Spirit of God.

This is a state meeting, and all are expected to do all they can to help the meeting along. If you have eatables of any kind, bring them along or send them to this office, and they will be used to feed the assembled saints and others that attend the meeting. If you have means for the Lord, send it in also, so the expense of the meeting will be cared for.

The saints extend a hearty welcome to all, and will try to take care of all who come. Straw and ticks will be furnished, but be sure to bring your pillows and bedding, else you may sleep cold.

The congregation here at Guthrie is in a good spiritual condition and have unity, love, and peace among themselves; and we are expecting those who come as ministers and workers to bring peace with them and leave peace when they go.

There is no reason why this assembly meeting should not be one of the best meetings ever held. Let us all pray for the meeting and for one another and live in humility of heart before Him, and surely He will pour out His Spirit upon the assembled saints.

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Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' name. I am glad to say I am still on praying terms with God and still trying to do my little bit for the spread of the gospel. Please find enclosed the price of twenty subscriptions for our good little paper. Let us send these out with a prayer to God that they will help some poor lost soul to find God before it is too late.

Please pray much for me. I hope some of my old friends will read this and write me.

Your humble servant, I. E. Gray, Rector, Ark. R. 3.

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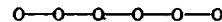
Editorials

In the last issue of Faith and Victory paper we sent out subscription blanks to our readers to fill out and return with names and addresses for “Three Months” trial subscriptions to the paper. This offer was to expire on the 20th of Nov.

Since this offer has been in effect we have been receiving many subscriptions for three months; but realizing a great many of our readers have not as yet sent in any addresses, we are extending the time until the 20th of December. This extension of time will give all a chance to send in the addresses of their friends, neighbors, and acquaintances and in this way help to spread the gospel of Christ by the printed page.

You will find a blank in your paper this time. You may write the names on this subscription blank and send them in to the office some time before the 20th of Dec. Enclose a dollar with the names. Mark an X by the premium you desire and enclose five cents to cover cost of wrapping and mailing premium, and you will receive it by return mail.

Your co-operation in getting the paper in the hands of people may mean the salvation of some soul. Work done for God is work done for eternity. This is your opportunity to do some real missionary work for Jesus. We shall be looking for a list of names from you.



In 1 Peter 4:18 we read, “And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear.” Peter had just been writing about judgment beginning at the house of God, including himself, he wrote, “And if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?”

Just think what he said, “If the righteous scarcely be saved.” Righteous men are those who possess the Spirit and righteousness of God in them. The righteousness of God will make clean men and women as they yield to His will through life. Jesus told the disciples, “Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of God.” Matt. 5:20. You see how positive the declaration of Christ is on this subject. In Hebrews 2:3 we read, “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?” Some people neglect to get salvation, and some neglect it after they do get it. In either case, it will mean ruin and damnation to the soul.

The ungodly man is one who professes to be Christ’s and at the same time is doing many things that are unlike God. He may be a preacher; yet, if he is doing ungodly things, he is an ungodly man and will not appear with Christ in glory. An ungodly man is a sinner, no matter what he professes.

The sinner that makes no profession and just lives in evil and wickedness will be eternally lost and will weep and wail with the ungodly professor in the lake of fire and brimstone in eternity.

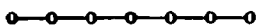
God has his ministers in the world today sending forth a preliminary judgment, and is doing all He can to get souls ready for his coming; and if they just will not hearken to the truth, but go on professing in man-made churches, they will be weighed in the balance and found wanting in that great day when the Lord comes, taking vengeance in them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thess. 1:8.



The mission of Christ into the world was to save men and women from sin (Matt. 1:21) and the only way that they can be saved from sin is by making a full surrender to God. (1 Thess. 5:14-25).

If we confess and forsake our sins, he has promised to have mercy upon us and save us (1 John 1:9) The Son of God was a free gift to man, but man must turn from sin and come to the Lord to get eternal life (Matt. 11:28). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" Rom. 10:9. The blood of Jesus Christ is an atonement for our sins, but we must confess and acknowledge our sins and ask for mercy. The publican prayed and smote upon his breast and said, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Jesus said, "I tell you this publican went down to his house justified rather than the other" Luke 18:13, 14. Why did he? Because he confessed his sins and asked for mercy. The thief on the cross acknowledged that he was suffering because of wicked deeds done, but in speaking of Jesus he said, "This man has done nothing amiss." He acknowledged Him as being innocent, and suffering equal with or even more than they. He asked Jesus for mercy, saying, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Read Luke 23:39-44.

Yes, Jesus came to seek and to save the lost, but man needs to see his sinful condition and confess and forsake, asking for mercy. We do not in any way merit this great salvation, but it is given to us because God has mercy on us; and if we will confess our sin, plead guilty as being a sinner and ask God to have mercy upon us, he will be just and faithful to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9).



In the 11th chapter of 1 Cor., Paul speaks of some that partake of the bread and wine as "not discerning the Lord's body;" and further says, "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep"—become dead in sin. A weak and sickly soul can never accomplish much for God.

Here are a few thoughts on what the Lord's body is, which may help us to discern the Lord's

body, and our souls will be healed and we can be "lively stones" in the building.

The family of God is likened in scripture to a house or building and we who are saved become a part of that building. It is Satan's business to keep souls from discerning the body or building, and in this way cause them to be weak and sickly and many of them sleep, spiritually speaking. Let us search the scriptures a little and see what this body is, so we who are saved can clearly discern it. First, we want to say, and to show you by the scriptures, that the body or building of God, or family of God, is a divinely organized body, wholly outside of all human organizations and man-made institutions that are so numerous about us and are called churches.

There is not a place in the Bible where it tells you to join anything but the Lord. When you are born of the Spirit, you then are joined to the Lord, and become a member of His body, independent of all earthly institutions. Read 1 Cor. 12:12 also, read the 18th verse, which says, "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased him"—not according to some man's idea. This scripture proves that the body of Christ, family or church of God, is divinely organized. In speaking of Jesus being born, Isaiah said, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder"—not on any man or company of men. He continues to say that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and of his government and peace there shall be no end. (Isaiah 9:6).

In the third chapter of Hebrews and sixth verse, we find that Christ is over his own house and that we who are saved are the house. In the eighth chapter of Hebrews, we find the writer referring to us as a sanctuary or true tabernacle, which is the same as a house, and he says in the 2nd verse, "Which the Lord pitched, and not man." Man has nothing to do with the building that God has built, or tabernacle which the Lord has pitched. Peter speaks of us as "lively stones," and says we are "built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5. In 1 Tim. 3:15, Paul tells Timothy how he ought to behave himself in the house of God, which he says is "the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." In Col. 1:14, we read of Christ: "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." "And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead: that in all things he might have the preeminence" (v. 18). In Eph. 5:30 we read, "For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones." This would make us exceedingly close kin to the Lord Jesus Christ, but such is the case if we have the spirit of Christ in our souls. In Eph. 2nd chapter, we read of

his family or body: "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets (Christ was their foundation) Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building, (saved people are the building) fitly framed together (not apart, but together) growth into an holy temple (or building) in the Lord: In whom ye (each member) also are builded together for an habitation of God through the spirit." He inhabits each of us and we are his body, building, or church.

Those who clearly discern the body of Christ and separate themselves from all man-made institutions and from all the world and abide in Him alone will become so satisfied, so contented, and will have such assurance in their souls that they will not be disturbed by the manifestation of the many winds of doctrines that are blowing in the world today, but will be so established in the kingdom of God that they will have righteousness, joy, and peace in the Holy Ghost (Romans 14:17).

— NOTICE —

The Lord is in need of a young man in His "Print Shop" here at Guthrie. If the Lord is talking to you or impressing you about helping in His work here, you should write to us concerning the matter. The work that is to be done is: learning to operate the Job Press, the Cylinder Press, and the Intertype machine. It would be best for one to have at least a high school education. Most of the literature printed on the Lord's presses is sent out free of charge or at bare cost so we do not have money to give to the helpers as the commercial world gives, but the Lord has a way of providing something for the workers so they have the needs of life. The best asset that one can have to be successful in the Lord's work is to possess real Bible salvation, a consecrated experience, having real faith in God that He will cause grace to abound so they will have no lack in His service.

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We have a place in a city where a pastor is wanted. The flock is small (not more than a dozen in number) but they have a hall rented where they have service and need a pastor who would be willing to partly support himself until the work is built up. Whosoever is interested may write to us about it.

Workers Needed on National Pavilion

From information received from Bro. Strech, we regret to say that no one responded to help build the national pavilion at Monark Springs, Mo. during the period of Nov. 1st to 15th, and which time was designated in the last issue of paper for a special co-operative effort to be made on this project. Prior to that time several of the saints from Guthrie drove to Monark, and we helped complete most of the con-

crete work; but it requires a number of strong men to handle the heavy oak lumber and put up the frame work. The material is on the ground waiting for consecrated workers to frame it together. Bro. Strech and the other trustees are very anxious to get this building erected as soon as possible, but we cannot do it unless we have the full co-operation of all the saints. We request the saints in general to pray that the way be opened for speedy completion of the pavilion, and as you pray, ask the Lord what He would have you to do. Those who "have a mind to work" write to Bro. John Strech, R. 5, Neosho, Mo. stating when you can come. Board and room will be provided. —L. D. Pruitt, Secretary.

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ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS

The assembly meeting at Akron, Ohio has come and gone. It was a time of refreshing from the Lord. Time after time the messages were preached under the anointing of the Spirit of the Lord. The Church was edified as the Word went forth in power and love, and our hearts went up with gratitude to our God as we feasted upon the Word. The visiting ministers were Bro. J. H. Strong of Chillicothe, Ohio and Bro. Carlson Bowers of Chicago, Ill. Pray for us and the work of the Lord in these parts.

The Lord has blessed us in so many different ways. Your sister in the service of the Lord, C. R. Jones.

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The Tullahassee, Okla. assembly meeting was a glorious meeting in which the Spirit of the Lord prevailed from beginning to end. The saints were much encouraged. No one was saved in the meeting, but on Sunday, Oct. 27 Bro. J. T. Johnson preached and that night Bro. Bray (both of Tulsa, Okla.) preached and one soul came to the altar and got saved. Praise the dear Lord!

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Dayton, Ohio—Will all the saints please pray for my healing of pellagra. God healed me and I was well for four or five months and gained 30 lbs. Now it has come back with full force. —Bro. C. Murry.

Obituary

Bro. Albert Harris was born in Erie County, New York, April 2, 1856 and departed this life Oct. 22, 1940. He spent 84 yrs. 6 months and 20 days on this beautiful old earth; then he left us and took up his abode with Jesus and all the saints who have gone on before. He gave his heart to God many years ago, and those who knew him best testify that he lived a consistent Christian life to the end. For some time past he made his home with his great niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Haight, and he often spoke of them as being so good to him in his old age. Most all of Bro. Harris' conversation was about heaven and heavenly things, and we feel sure he was ready to go and meet the Lord in peace.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, Bro. Geo. W. Stephenson, in Stinson's funeral chapel at Mt. Pleasant, Mich. Text: Job 14:14, "If a man die, shall he live again?" We let God's holy word answer this question. Bro. Harris is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Gilbert and some grandchildren.

"Up to the bountiful Giver of life,

Gathering home, gathering home;

Up where the Saviour's own face is the light

The dear ones are gathering home.
 Gathering home, gathering home;
 Never to sorrow more; never to roam.
 Gathering home, gathering home;
 God's children are gathering home."

—George W. Stephenson

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"SIN NO MORE"

In the precious word of God, we read these words: "Sin no more." This little sentence is imperative, and expresses a command. It was spoken by our Saviour who died for our sins according to the scriptures (1 Cor. 15:3).

You will find it in two places in the New Testament. "Sin no more," is what he said to the man that he had recently healed of an infirmity he had had for thirty-eight years. Our blessed Lord first commanded him to take up his bed and walk. (Read John 5:8-14). His obedience to the Lord's command (he did not even wait to know it was the Lord) made him whole. Afterwards, the Lord, finding him in the temple, commanded him thus: "Behold, thou art made whole. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." (John 5:14; Heb. 10:26).

He that had come to die that we through his death may live, knew that there never would have been any disease, sickness, sorrow, pain nor death; if it had not been for sin. Thus we read, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." (1 Cor. 15:22).

Thank the Lord, we are raised from the fall or sin of disobedience unto death, to a life, by obedience, unto righteousness in Christ Jesus. Read: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:23).

Read on: "For as much then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin." (1 Pet. 4:1).

The Saviour told this poor man who had been so wonderfully blest, to "Sin no more" lest a worse thing come unto him. Truly, saved by grace, healed by the loving-kindness, tender mercies, and mighty power of God; then to fall back into sin: the latter end of that man would be worse than the first.

Christ told him the truth. And we must not only teach, but demonstrate the truth. O, the glorious liberty we possessed when we believed and received the real gospel, bible truth! Thus we read: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). Free from what? Free from sin of all kind. Read: "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin (John 8:34). Read on: "If the son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed (John 8:36). Praise the sweet name of the Lord Jesus.

And again this little "Sin No More" appears in the New Testament. Read St. John 8:1-11. This time the Son of God, who had power on earth to forgive sins, was talking to a woman who had committed adultery. Her accusers brought her to him, tempting him: referring to Moses' law, how she should be stoned, etc. He, observing their hypocrisy, paid no attention to them. (In my mind, is a question: where was the man with whom she had committed this awful crime? Why did they not bring him instead of her? or both of them together?) But when they continued to ask him, he said unto them, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her" (John 8:7).

Right here we get a lesson from the great teacher, that we should carefully note: We cannot fight sin, and live in sin; we cannot reprove the world of sin, with our own hearts as filthy and guilty as those of the sinners. It seemed that those accusers learned this same lesson, for they quickly went out one by one. And when Jesus saw only the woman standing before him, he interrogated her thus: "Hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more." (John 8:11). The good Lord is always ready to forgive the sinner when he is sorry for his sins in a godly manner, and is willing to quit. Give up that ugly, dirty thing called sin, and cling to Him who is able to save to the uttermost, then sin no more. (Heb. 7:25).

Nothing but sin has caused the world to be in the condition it is in today. Fire and destruction fell on France yesterday, is falling on England today, and may fall on us tomorrow. Sin is the cause of it all. Sin is causing folks to separate faster than they marry. Sin will make your best friend today, your biggest enemy tomorrow. Sin is filling the jails with criminals, the courts with liars, the world with hypocrites, and the so-called churches with false teachers and preachers who make merchandise of the souls of our sons and daughters. Our country is calling for men now who are willing to fight and also die to defend her cause. But God is now calling for real men (soldiers) who are willing to fight sin. Sin is not only chasing us from behind, but is arrayed in battle against us. Thank God for the faithful few who are standing together for the truth. Together we stand, but divided we fall.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
 Fight nothing else but sin.
 Wake the sinner from the dead,
 Bid him rise, fight, and win.
 Preach the word from shore to shore,
 From town to city, from door to door.
 All who repent and give up sin
 May go in peace and sin no more.

—G. W. McMillin.

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◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

MY TESTIMONY

Jesus, Lord, and only Saviour,
Thou art real to me today,
As I travel o'er life's pathway
On that straight and narrow way.

There's no burden that's too heavy
When we know that thou art near
Thou dost sweeten all the bitter
Thou dost dry our falling tear.

Take my life while here, dear Jesus,
Mould it as it pleases thee;
For the trials that overtake me
Thou hast promised victory.

There is nothing sweeter, better
Than your presence in the soul.
Lord, do keep me watchful, prayerful,
That I may win that heavenly goal.
—Sylvia E. Shoop.

Editorials

Just recently we received and studied a sample copy of "Special Form 47 for Conscientious Objectors," and for the benefit of the young men of the Church of God we have published a pamphlet entitled, "Information and Counsel to Conscientious Objectors of the Church of God as It Relates to the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940," and which is based upon this "Special Form." With this pamphlet there is a page setting forth the official statement of the ministers of the Church of God relative to military service at the National Campmeeting, July, 1940. Those needing this information may have a copy by addressing your request to this office. We will also be glad to render what assistance we can to those who have problems in securing the exemption from military service provided by the Conscription Act.

While time lasts the prophetic Word does not point to an improving of world conditions as they now exist; but on the contrary, the stage is being set for the last supreme effort of Satan's paganistic powers to crush real Christianity from the face of the earth by brute force. Knowing these things, how fitting it is that the apostle Paul tells us to "exhort one another daily while it is called Today . . . for we are made partakers of Christ, IF we hold

the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end." Heb. 3:13, 14. Again we read, "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer . . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10. It will take real courage and Christian fortitude to meet the challenge and prove loyal to Christ amid the problems which are now arising. In this "evening time" of the gospel dispensation, there are a few who are willing, thank God, to pay the price of loyalty even as they did in the morning time of the Christian era. God is the same today as when he shook the Philippian jail by an earthquake and liberated Paul and Silas. He is the same God today, who shut the mouths of the lions in Daniel's time when this servant of God refused to make his habits of worship conform to the commandments of the king. We are serving the same God that delivered the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace. These boys told the king that even if their God did not deliver them out of his hand, they would not worship the golden image. There is deliverance for us today, either from death or through death.

As the spirit of war and hatred increases, the saints need to fix their vision and their thoughts the more resolutely on Christ and commit themselves to His teachings on love and good will. Especially must their thoughts and emotions be free from hatred and disrespect for any human beings in any nation. The vicious circle of war making more war, resentment making more resentment, revenge creating the desire for more revenge, can never be broken except men's hearts become changed and infilled with divine love, and as those who know Christ will testify for Him by an uncompromising position for peace and love.

—L. D. P.

Eunice, Mo.—Dear readers of the Faith and Victory: I am so glad that Jesus still saves and answers prayer. I was saved about eight years ago, and today finds me still on my way to heaven. I am not tired of this wonderful way. My whole heart's desire is to go on and reach that home that he has gone to prepare for me. It seems like I cannot do enough for my blessed Saviour to compare with what He has done for me. The tempter works hard to capture my soul but I know that the Lord knows all about it. Oh it is so wonderful that we have someone that we can take our troubles to. If it weren't for my Saviour I don't know what I would do.

Please pray for my father, brothers, and sisters: that they may realize where they are going to spend eternity. May God bless all of you, is my prayer. Pray for me that I may do just what the Lord would have me do.
Your sister in Christ, Irene Twidwell.

**"RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION:
BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO
ANY PEOPLE" Prov. 14:34.**

For many weeks before the election we had been reading in our newspapers, listening over our radios, hearing on the streets and almost every public place we entered the arguments of politicians—one side telling us if they were intrusted with the executive power that things would be much better, that there would be more employment, higher wages, less taxation, etc., and that it was their form of government and policies which was most needed at this particular time—but the truth for us to remember at all times is that the hope of our nation is not in its form of government, or in the wisdom and equity of its executive, nor in the justice and purity of its administration, or its national defense. But our hope of future civilization is in the elevation and redemption of individual character among its people.

Righteousness alone will exalt our nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. Sin, with its devastating influence is, and will continue to be our reproach, unless the unadulterated truth of the gospel of Christ is preached and practiced more extensively, this nation will continue to drift rapidly to the rock of destruction.

When our nation licenses road-houses, restaurants, ice-cream parlors, hotels, and almost every other places of business to sell our boys and girls cigarettes, beer, and other damnable things which are against the laws of modesty to name in print, we must conclude that we are already a long distance down the stream and drifting into the blackest of sin.

When the fathers and mothers of our country give their consent for their boys and girls to go and indulge in promiscuous bathing in the modern bathing suits and go on the basket ball floors and exercise themselves before the public half dressed; we wonder how long the word modesty will retain its real meaning. The loss of modesty will surely result in the loss of character. Then when character is gone we have nothing left to exalt a nation.

It is not national defense or national power that we need; it is not the development of physical power that we need so much; neither is it intellectual power that we need most; but what this nation needs most as well as other nations of the world, is divine power manifesting itself in a great sin-killing revival. It needs a holy flame of divine truth to fall from the lips of God's true ministers that will burn up the chaff, expose hypocrisy, destroy false creeds, the false religions of men, and resurrect honesty, modesty, temperance, and clothe itself with a robe of Christ's righteousness, ere sin be her ruin.

The writer is not a politician and has not cast a ballot for years. I was born in America, and

appreciate the country in which I live, also our constitution; but I am more interested in the re-establishment of God's divine truth in the hearts of our people and the building up of God's spiritual Kingdom. Were the people of the United States to become even half so much interested and enthused concerning the Kingdom of God as they have been for the past few weeks over what they believed to be the welfare of the nation, things would be quite different. Satan would be defeated, sin curbed, and the law of love would be the basis of our constitution and the nation relieved of its reproach.

We wish to say in conclusion that "back to the Word of God;" not only in its recognition, but in sincere practice; is the great need of the day and if we should, verily every one would have their equal share. Love would rule and peace would be enjoyed by a people that is now in turmoil and fear.

—C. F. Miller

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THE KING OF KINGS

The theme of today is WAR. General Sherman said, "War is hell." Everyone who has seen the results of war knows that it is wasteful from a financial standpoint, cruel from a human standpoint, and above all, wicked from a spiritual standpoint.

If the nations would follow the Lord instead of priding themselves in their destructive inventions, prompted by greed and love of money and desires to rule; the mighty King of the world would fight for His people as He did for Gideon. If all so-called Christians would let their daily lives flash out in purity of heart and life, and shout the victory, like Gideon's band, one of God's little ones would put a thousand to flight without shedding a drop of blood, giving Him all the glory as Gideon did.

When the back-slidden Israelites were being starved to the point that mothers ate their own children, one of God's soldiers told the king that food would be plentiful the next day. The king's bodyguard doubtfully replied, "If God would open the windows of heaven it would not be possible." Elisha told him that he would see it but would not be permitted to eat. The prophecy was fulfilled. He was trampled to death (2 Kings 7). Our wonderful King caused such a fear to come over the Syrians that they fled for their lives, leaving all provisions behind for God's people. Yes, when a nation or individual turns whole-heartedly to God, He will fight for them. God's people need not shed any blood. What a privilege, to be permitted to surrender all to the King of kings and be wholly His, to "be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known unto God" Phil. 4:6.

Marie Pauline Sass.

HELL, A PLACE OF PRAYER

St. Luke 16:20-31. "And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels unto Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom and he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame."

Dear lost souls, let this be a warning to you. You may not believe the Bible, but that doesn't keep it from being true. Did you ever have in your mind the thought of hell, whether in belief or unbelief?

HELL—

A place so deep that it has no bottom.

A place of everlasting punishment (Matt. 25:46).

A place of unquenchable fire (Matt. 5:12).

A place of everlasting destruction.

A place of everlasting burnings (Isa. 23:14).

A place of torment (Luke 16:28).

A place of eternal fire (Jude 7).

A place of everlasting fire (Matt. 18:8).

A place where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched (Mark 9:44)

A place where the smoke of their torment ascendeth forever and ever, and they have no rest day and night (Rev. 14:11).

A place where there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth (Matt. 13:42).

A place which hath enlarged herself without measure to receive the millions and millions of souls whose names are not found written in the Lamb's book of life. Rev. 21:27.

Would you ever think that a place like this could be a place of prayer? Yes, it is true; hell, that awful place of torment, is a place where prayers are uttered; but in vain, for they are never answered.

What did the rich man do in hell? Notice: "He said, I pray thee therefore, father"—but, oh how sad! his prayer was too late.

This will be the doom of millions of souls who neglect the opportunity to pray today. They are busy with the cares of life and cannot find time to pray. Just think of the millions who have their minds upon the riches of this world; the millions who are indulging in pleasures to satisfy the lusts of the flesh—dances, motion picture shows, drinking, smoking, gambling, and lusting after the passions of this life and the thousands of other ways the enemy has for the fall of mankind; and the millions who will

not listen to the word of God.

You who have never prayed, who harden your hearts against prayer; had you ever thought that if you go to hell (and you will if you don't get right with God) you will be in a place where you will hear millions of prayers—voices of all ages and generations, praying and praying forever and forever. God is no respecter of persons. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

The Lord came to seek and to save that which was lost. He was despised and rejected of men: a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Read Mark 15th chapter and you will know just what he did to save you and me from this awful place of torment. He longs for you to come to him now, but soon it will be too late. Why wait and be doomed to spend eternity praying in hell. Repent and win a home where there is joy, peace, love, and eternal happiness. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

—Mrs. Winnie Waits

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CORRESPONDENCE

Lansing, Kans.—Dear friends: Many thanks for the bundle of papers and tracts you sent us for use here in the prison. They are already in circulation and doing their work. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

Fraternally,

T. F. Rudisill, Chaplain

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Kentucky State Penitentiary, Eddyville, Ky.—Dear Christian friend: While thinking of you and your evangelical work, I thought I would write you a few more lines to let you hear from your Christian brother. I am well and hope that when this letter reaches you, it will find you, your wife, and family well and doing well in the Lord's service.

I have moved from cell No. 248 into cell No. 81. Send all my Christian literature, books, and tracts to my new cell. That wonderful red letter Bible which you sent to me April 3, 1940 was the biggest free gift I ever had. I am still happy over it, and again I send many thanks for it. It has helped me; and my inmates love to hear me talk it. I feel that I am called to be a preacher. All of you please pray for us, and I will pray for you.

David R. Anderson

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Dayton, Ohio—To the dear Saints scattered abroad: greetings in Jesus' dear name to you all. Indeed, God's dear saints are "scattered," else how would the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ radiate to the utmost parts of the earth? Paul tells us we are epistles known and read of all men. God has entrusted to us the responsibility of spreading this glorious truth. Thank God for the privilege of living a clean, holy life for Jesus; and to be able to go about and tell others.

Time is fast moving on toward eternity—too late then to tell others; too late then to pray for lost souls; too late to visit that backslider and seek to turn him from his erring way; too late to preach the gospel from the pulpit or daily living; too late to pray for the sick; too late to testify for God; too late, too late to pray!

Today we have the golden opportunity of helping lost souls to prepare for that long eternity which looms

in the distance. We often wonder: Are we doing all we can to win a soul for God? Jesus said in Matt. 9:37, 38, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" Here we find Jesus giving out the commandment to "pray." He was moved with compassion when he saw the multitudes as they fainted and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. If there were multitudes in that sad condition in Jesus day, and He was moved with compassion for them and issued the command to pray; dear reader, today, how much more urgent should that command be to you and me to "pray." Perhaps there has never been a time since Jesus' day that there were more people upon the face of the earth than now. Was there ever a time when sin in all its various forms was ever more prevalent in the land than it is today? Was there ever a time that false prophets, false spirits and false doctrines were more abundant than they are today? Was there ever a time when God's people were more divided and scattered than they are now? Surely it must grieve the heart of our dear Saviour to behold God's creation in this sad condition. Thus it seems that God needs more laborers today in the vineyard of God than ever before since the history of time. Are you praying for God to send some one to help save lost souls? Are you praying for those God has called to preach the Word? God's ministry today needs your prayers. It seems to be a hard task indeed, to get that sinner to see his need of God and repent and get saved. Some poor laborer in God's field somewhere, laboring for lost souls, may be almost ready to go down under the load, and your prayers may encourage him and strengthen him to work a little harder, to hold out a little longer, to glean a few more souls till Jesus says, "It is enough." Each one that knows the Lord can pray. Jesus says to enter into your closet and when you have shut the door, "pray."

If souls around you are going on in sin, giving no heed to your efforts to do good, pray for them and pray God to send some one else their way who perhaps may help them to repent and get saved.

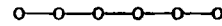
If you don't like the message the preacher has brought, ask yourself the question: How many times have I prayed for him or her? If you think some individual ought to go where you want them to, and preach to suit your taste, pray for them that the Holy Ghost will lead, guide, and direct them. If your neighbor returns you evil for good, pray for him that he might get saved. If your loved ones and friends do not treat you like they used to or like you think they should, pray for them and treat them kindly that they may see Jesus in your life. If the preacher doesn't visit you often, and the saints do not come to see you like they once did, pray for them. They may have meat to eat that you know not of. When it seems like you are going the last mile of the way, pray and God may send someone to comfort your heart and encourage you to press on. Pray without ceasing. Have faith in God, that He will send forth those whom He can use to glean out lost souls.

We are surely praising God for the hope and confidence we have in Him. We praise Him because He has saved us and washed us in His own precious blood and called us to preach the word. We need the saints' prayers that we will be able at all times to stand against the wiles of the enemy. Pray that God will give heavenly wisdom in rightly dividing the word of truth and dealing with lost souls. Pray that we live a life of victory here and earn a crown of life over there.

Everett and Armilda Abbott.

Garrett, Ind.—Dear Brother Pruitt and Family: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. The Lord has been very good to me. One time He protected me from getting hurt and another time from having a wreck on one of our passenger trains. A journal broke off on the tender and tore up a lot of ties but the Lord kept the train on the track till I got the train stopped. I do thank the Lord. We can not get along at any time without the Lord. There is no enjoyment that takes the place of being filled with the Spirit of the Lord. I know you are busy working for the Lord.

Ralph is eight years old and Betty is growing. I want to raise them up for the Lord. My wife is not very well. She had an attack of appendicitis. Pray to the Lord that He will heal her. Pray that we will live pleasing to the Lord at all times. S. C. Baker

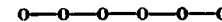


Tulsa, Okla.—To all the saints scattered abroad: Greeting in Jesus' dear name. Today finds me still saved, and willing to do all I can to help God's cause along. Truly these are perilous times, when men's hearts are failing. Many have gone to their reward since we last wrote our testimony; yet those that were ready have gained their crown. Soon we shall be in the city of silent people. How I do want to be ready. Oh, how it grieves my soul to see how death is after the youth of our land! It seems almost daily we see the life of some dear young person snuffed out without warning; and think of all the ways that the devil has to drag our young people farther from God. How our young people in Tulsa are working! It seems each meeting day they have, they get some new converts.

Dear young people, be up and doing for the devil is after youth.

Yours for a pure gospel,

Hettie J. Barton.



Good Pine, La.—Dear saints scattered abroad and all readers of Faith and Victory. Greetings: Grace, mercy, and peace be unto you, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank God this morning for this precious paper that sends out to the world the clear doctrine of the Church of God, so pure and spotless, just according to the scriptures. The gospel needs to be heralded to the world clearly and distinctly and with no uncertain sound; so those who are honest hearted and want the truth may hear and believe. "How shall they hear without a preacher?" Rom. 10:14.

Surely, the truth needs to be sent out from pulpit and printed page. The gospel of glad tidings that brings peace to the heart of man.

There is so much deception and false teaching in the world, and too many love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. People are trying to excuse themselves by saying, "If I am sincere in my belief that is acceptable with God." The Catholics perhaps are sincere, but that does not make their religion right. "The hour is coming and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship Him." John 4:23. Believing something is right does not make it right. One woman I know of used poison in making bread, believing it was baking powder; but that did not make it so. It killed her father. Man's ideas and opinions will crumble and perish before the word of God. 2 Peter 1:19 says: "We have a more sure word of prophecy, whereunto ye do well if ye take heed." We must believe the word of God.. Thank God for the truth.

Your sister in God's family,

Ruth Murphey.

Kansas City, Kans.—To the saints, greetings tonight. I am still saved from sin and enjoying the rich blessings of the Lord. Truly salvation is sweet to my soul in these dark perilous times. We are praising the Lord for sending our dear Sister Hudson back to us. We had been praying much for her return and we thank the Lord for showing mercy to us by hearing and answering our petition. Our souls rejoice over her continued trueness to God and to us. Before she went away she gave us much careful instruction and has at all times not shunned to declare all the counsel of God. We feel that we are a much favored people because the Lord has given her to us.

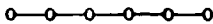
Bro. and Sister Gibson of Guthrie were with us in several days meeting, and the Lord did wonderfully bless and encourage our souls. The preaching was truly under the anointing power of God. Bible readings in the afternoon shed much light on the Word. We saw in them, precious saints of the most High and did regret their leaving. We believe much good was done. Since their departure, we have been richly fed by the preaching of Sister Hudson, and value much her practical way of teaching and preaching to us the plain, upright way of Christian living. It causes us to think often of the song: "There is no other Saviour but Jesus, There is no other way but His way."

We praise the Lord for the precious saints that came out of the compromise to cast their lot with us and for their humble decision to measure to the Word. We held the meeting in our house and the interest and attendance was good. Some openly declared that they understood the way better than ever before. I truly praise the Lord for His Spirit, and I do believe that by humility and patient endurance the Lord's name will be magnified. The Lord did bless much in the meeting.

Remember me in your prayers, that God may get all the glory out of my life.

Your saved sister,

Lozetta Tomlin.



Shawnee, Okla.—Dear Saints of God everywhere: May God richly bless you is my prayer. I am very much encouraged to press the battle on. There is joy in living for God. Have felt impressed to write my testimony for several days.

The Lord has blessed us in so many different ways. Some of you will remember that at the Guthrie camp meeting that we were wanting to move from Sapulpa, Okla. to Shawnee. It looked like mountains were ahead, so we asked the saints to be agreed with us in this behalf. God did answer our prayers and everything turned out better than we expected. Thank the dear Lord so much.

Bro. and Sister Barton and daughter, Dorothy, of Tulsa, Okla. moved us and our things here, for which we are so thankful. They have really been true, dear friends to us.

We found a hearty welcome to Shawnee. The saints supplied us with food until we could get our "Dependent Children's check," which was delayed. We thank each of them for every deed. The Lord is wonderfully blessing the church here. We have good services and are receiving much food for our souls.

The children are so happy to be where they can attend Sunday School. They also enjoy the bible readings we have every Friday night. We had long wished for the privilege of meeting with God's chosen few. Thank each of you for your prayers offered in our behalf.

Your sister,


Floy Woolery.

"Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear.
From age to age this voice shall cheer:
Whate'er may die or be forgot,
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AN EXACTING DISCIPLESHIP
Sunday December 1, 1940.
Daily Readings and Meditations
Nov. 25 to 30.

- M. Conditional service Luke 9:57-62.
- T. Supreme devotion Matt. 10:37-39.
- W. The daily cross Luke 9:23-25.
- T. Utter consecration Rom. 12:1, 2.
- F. Calling a disciple Luke 5:27-32.
- S. An example of discipleship. Phil. 3:7-14.

Printed Portion Luke 9:49-62.

Luke 9:49. And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us.

50. And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us.

51. And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

52. And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.

53. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.

54. And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come

down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?

55. But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.

56. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

57. And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

58. And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

59. And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

60. Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

61. And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

62. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Golden Text: "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God.—Luke 9:62.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

John's hasty conclusion, that the man should be rebuked, did not meet with the approval of Jesus. The words of Jesus were plain and distinct against false teachers; yet His servant must not strive, but be gentle and kind to all. Clean and strict teaching does not necessarily mean narrowness of mind.

While Jesus expects his commands to be followed out closely, yet His spirit and the spirit of his disciple is to manifest love and mercy toward all.

Jesus came to SAVE men. If you are not saved, Jesus is seeking for you now.

Following Jesus—Many announce their willingness to follow Jesus, but when they count the cost they turn away sorrowful. Decision, determination and divine love burning in the heart will cause men to sacrifice self and follow the lowly Jesus. If we are to follow Christ let us deny ourselves and take up our cross. His call to us is distinct and plain; so we must forsake all and put Him first in our lives. Complete satisfaction only comes as we completely submit to His will.

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A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Sunday December 8, 1940

Daily Readings and Meditations

Dec. 2 to 7.

- M. "Who is my neighbor." Luke 10:25-37.
 T. A cruel reception Luke 4:22-30.
 W. Am I my brother's keeper? Gen. 4:3-10.
 T. A neighborly deed Acts 3:1-10.
 F. Love of neighbor Rom. 13:8-10.
 S. Rules for neighbors Lev. 19:9-18.

Printed Portion Luke 10:25-37.

Luke 10:25. And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

26. He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

27. And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart; and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

28. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right:

this do, and thou shalt live.

29. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor?

30. And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jerico, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34. And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

36. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?

37. And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Golden Text: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself." —Luke 10:27.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The lawyer, who was quite sure that he knew what the scriptures taught about eternal life, wished to test Jesus' orthodoxy. Jesus was not so interested in the letter of the law as he was in the spirit and practice of it. Knowing the heart of the lawyer, he shifted the question in a way to convict him of his need of practice rather than knowledge. The fact that the lawyer tried to justify himself, proves that he felt condemned, for Jesus had not even accused him. It seems to be a frailty of humanity to justify their noncompliance to God's law on the grounds of ignorance. The nature of his question, "Who is my neighbor?" shows that he was hoping that there would be certain bounds so his lack of love and care for his neighbor would not be exposed, but true godly love knows no bounds, as we see by the answer which Jesus gave him.

In the parable are three types of humanity portrayed: a sufferer, self-absorbed passers-by, and a compassionate helper.

In the world today we find plenty of the first type and the second; but the great need is for more "Good Samaritans," both in the spiritual and material realm. When people whom God has prospered see poor and needy people around them and shift all the responsibility of their welfare onto the government, they are as selfish as the Priest and Levite. Government doles lack that touch of personal care and love, which discouraged humanity are hungering for, today.

Souls have been captured by Satan and stripped of honesty, morality, etc. Many professed Christians glance at them, perhaps pity or condemn them, and pass on as though there is nothing they can do about it; and, indeed, there isn't, for in the sight of God, their own condition is just as deplorable.

A divinely implanted principle in the hearts of those who have found the way of eternal life (been born again of the Spirit of God) causes them to:

"Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave.
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save."

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JESUS TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES TO PRAY
Sunday, December 15, 1940

Daily Readings and Meditations
December 9 to 14.

- M. The prayer of persistence Luke 11:1-10.
T. Exhortation to prayer 1 Tim. 2:1-8.
W. Power in persistence Luke 18:1-8.
T. Intercessory prayer John 17:9-20.
F. Faith in prayer Matt. 15:21-28.
S. Humility in prayer Luke 18:9-14.

Printed PortionLuke 11:1-13.

Luke 11:1. And it came to pass, that as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3. Give us day by day our daily bread.

4. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

5. And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

6. For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

7. And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

8. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

9. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12. Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13. If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall our heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Golden Text: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."—Luke 11:9.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We are very thankful for the privilege of prayer.

Prayer means much more than saying words. The spirit that has been born of God naturally reaches out toward God. Prayer is communing with God. Praying is not telling God a number of things or asking for those things we desire, but as we pour out our hearts unto Him and listen attentively unto the answer He gives us assurance that He hears our petitions.

As we approach our Father in prayer, we realize it is a sacred occasion and that we are treading on holy ground as did Moses. It is only as we lose sight of self and seek Him for guidance that we may be a blessing to others that receive the greatest blessings ourselves.

If God had not intended to answer our prayers He would not have told us to pray. Neither would He have been so careful to instruct us to pray.

Then if He will answer prayer and it is necessary for us to pray that we may obtain grace and strength, let us offer to our heavenly Father that fervent effectual prayer that He may be pleased to continue to favor us with His tender mercies. Do we count prayer a duty or a privilege?

"I often say my prayers; but do I ever pray?"

And do the wishes of my heart go with the words I say?

I might as well kneel down and worship gods of stone As to offer to the Living God a prayer of words alone."

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SHARING THE SHEPHERDS' JOY
Sunday, December 22, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations
December 16 to 21.

- M. The birth in the manger Luke 2:1-7.
T. Good tidings of great joy Luke 2:8-12.
W. The Angels' chorus Luke 2:13, 14.
T. A pilgrimage to the manger Luke 2:15--20.
F. The visit of the Magi Matt. 2:1-12.

Printed PortionLuke 2:8-20.

Luke 2:8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Golden Text: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."—Luke 2:14.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

About 700 years before the birth of Christ Micah had prophesied that Christ would be born in Bethlehem. Caesar did not serve God and perhaps knew little or nothing about Him; yet the God of all power used this heathen king to bring about the fulfillment of this prophecy. Truly, "God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform." Skeptics today are saying, "Where is the fulfillment of the angels' song: 'Peace on earth, good will toward men'? for now the doom of civilization is threatened by a war in which all nations may soon become involved." Such have not yet shared the shepherds' joy, but the redeemed are praising God for "Peace on earth good will toward men."

Since the fall of mankind in the garden of Eden, they had been "carnal, sold under sin;" and the "carnal mind is enmity against God." This carnality also causes them to quarrel with and fight each other. But Christ came to redeem all who would repent of their sins and believe in Him, back to God. Now "being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," "for when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son." When one is born again of the Spirit of God he has peace with God, the "peace which passeth understanding" in his soul, and he is at peace with his fellowmen. That peace is the most wonderful gift ever offered to mankind: "Sweet peace, the gift of God's love."

But when stubborn-willed servants of the devil will not accept the gift, then God uses them to fulfil the prophecy: "There shall be wars and rumors of wars."

To the sin-cursed world of today, the record of Christ's birth is no more than a story to be told, accompanied by good eats, visiting travel, decorations, exchange of gifts, etc. Jesus was the first Christmas gift, and if you want to exchange gifts this Christmas in a way that would be pleasing to God, give your heart and life to him in exchange for His gift.

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JESUS REQUIRES FAITHFULNESS

Sunday, December 29, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations
December 23 to 28.

- M. "Be ye also ready." Luke 12:35-40.
- T. The faithful steward Luke 12:41-48
- W. Faithfulness in little things Luke 16:1-12.
- T. Faithfulness required 1 Cor. 4:1-5.
- F. A man of faith James 1:2-8.
- S. Heroes of faith. Heb. 11:1-10.

Printed PortionLuke 12:35-48.

Luke 12:35. Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;

36. And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

37. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

38. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

39. And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

40. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

41. Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even unto all?

42. And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

43. Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

44. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

45. But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

46. The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

47. And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

48. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Golden Text: "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required" Luke 12:48.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"Loins girt about" is a symbol of preparedness. "Your lights burning" means to keep alive in Christ. Read the parable of the Ten Virgins, Matt. 25. In this world, Christians are surrounded by darkness; but with Christ, who is the Light of the world, abiding in their hearts, they are not in the dark. Jesus said, "If thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light." As long as one keeps that singleness of purpose to do all that he does because it is the Master's will for him to do it, He will abide in that heart. When the Lord ascended up to heaven, he left the promise that he would return again for his servants. Many have fainted by the wayside and scoffers are saying, "Where is the promise of his coming." This is indeed the "third watch" (the still, weary hours of the night when watchfulness is so difficult); but thank God, the faithful few are determined not to become "weary in well doing."

Faithfulness will be rewarded and unfaithfulness punished.

The unfaithful servant begins to say in his heart, "My lord delayeth his coming"—time enough to prepare later. Little by little he allows the cares and pleasures of this time-world to lure him from his close walk with God and the light grows dim in his soul "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" Then he gives free vent to his lusts, and in this condition the Lord will find him, and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers—everlasting punishment.

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