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To The Saints Scattered Abroad:

An explanation, we are told,
Of the change you now behold
Should be given to the fold
Where all can see.
For some, we hear, do grieve and chafe
At the change that's taken place
In the title of the "Faith
And Victory."

The "Trumpet" once was very bold
A pure gospel to uphold,
And the oneness of God's fold
It did proclaim.
But ere long the world crept in;
And its pages, once so clean,
Were not the watchmen they'd been—
Oh, what a shame!

Then arose the "Herald of Truth"
Against all worldliness, forsooth,
And to saints it gave full proof.
Of its good name.
But when the Lord began to bless,
The devil's forces then did press,
Causing trouble and distress
"Till, down it came.

The saints of God were sorely tried.
Those who were not near The Guide
Gave God up, or turned aside
From His one way.
Tho' frightened sheep bemoaned their plight,
God gave courage for the fight;
For, "The evening shall be light,"
They heard Him say.

He then impressed a faithful few
To take up His work anew—
Some who'd promised to be true
To Him 'till death.
Though Satan's fiery darts were hurled

A banner o'er them was unfurled:
"The vict'ry that o'ercomes the world
Is e'en our faith."

Now "Faith and Vict'ry" on Zion's wall
As a watchman sends the call:
"Flee from Babyl'n, one and all.
Come, join the Lord."
For to Him shall the gath'ring be,
Then all can His true church see
From all creeds of men set free
As reads His word.

The paper still retains its traits
And the Gospel truth relates,
But the "Watchman" designates
Its mission here.
Pray much, that this watchman might
Send forth rays of "Evening Light,"
And our "Faith" will win the fight
For "Vict'ry," near.

—G. Bailey.

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EVENING TIME OF THE GOSPEL DAY

The Old Testament prophets have often spoken of the age of the New Testament church as a "day," for several prophetic utterances begin with this positive declaration, "It shall come to pass in that day," meaning that glorious period of salvation ushered in with the coming of Christ as the promised Redeemer and that age in which God ceased to dwell in temples made with hands but lives in the hearts of His redeemed people through the agency of the Holy Spirit.

An inspired writer, with a foreview of the gospel day, says, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: but it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light." (Zech. 14:6-7).

The day has morning and evening, and the prophets recognized these different periods in the gospel

day. The prophet through prophetic vision writes, "He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night." (Isa. 21:11-12). The night or darkness represents error, while the clear light represents the truth. The night precedes the morning, and before the light of Christianity arose, there was a period of 400 years during which the night of sin and error covered the earth. Of this time the prophet says, "For, behold the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people;" and then of the coming of the "morning" gospel light he further declares that "the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." Isa. 60:2-3. Of its fulfillment we read, "The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; the people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up." Matt. 4:15-16. From the day of Pentecost the church was filled with holy power. The gospel was preached fearlessly. Persecutions could not destroy it and Christianity prevailed.

This glorious morning was not to last for long. As foreseen by the watchman, the clear light would be followed by the "night." In church history this is known as the great apostasy or Dark Age, of which Jesus and the apostles gave ample warning. They spoke of a falling away after their departure (Acts 20:29-30; 2 Pet. 2:1-2) and the rise of false prophets. The messages given to the churches of Asia show clearly this falling away. The sun had gone down at noon, so to speak.

Then according to the first text in Zechariah, there was to follow a cloudy day, "one day which shall not be clear, nor dark: but it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night." This would mean a period when truth was mixed with error. The Reformation beginning with Luther in the Sixteenth Century was a point when a few principles of truth were discerned and embraced. Then followed a gradual restoration of truth to the church under Wesley and others. However, enough erroneous teachings and false conceptions still existed to prevent God's people from dwelling together in one fold. Protestant divisions and sect-making increased. False shepherds divided and scattered God's flock. They wandered from hill to hill. Denominational walls had disorganized and hid from view the one body of Christ, His church.

Considering this confused condition, how glad we are that God said through the prophet, "At evening time it shall be light." Truly we can say that we are in the evening time of the gospel day with the coming of the same light which shone in the morning era. Under the divine anointing of D. S. Warner

and other God-sent ministers, the message of "one fold and one shepherd" was restored to the church (1880) and God's people have and are responding to the call to come out of every schism and ism and abide in Christ alone. The light has grown brighter since then, and will continue to grow brighter. But when people refuse to walk in the light, they go into darkness, put out the light they did have, and become a sect among the sects, as has been the case with the Lutheran and Wesleyan reformations.

It is sad to acknowledge that, generally speaking, this condition has happened to the "Trumpet" movement. The call to come out, still applies to all God's people, and we are glad to say that in recent years during this shaking time that numbers who had been barely existing on "short pastures" are returning "to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads." (Isa. 35:10).

In the morning time the persecutions caused the light to shine brighter and the truth to spread. We might well expect the same in the evening time. Are you ready for Satan's final assault? Are you free from every human band and settled in the church against which the gates of hell cannot prevail?

"Brighter days are sweetly dawning,
Oh, the glory looms in sight.
For the cloudy day is waning
And the evening shall be light."

—L. D. Pruitt.

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"There are several kinds of dumbness. One is hereditary; no one so born is responsible. Some have sense, but do not use it. They are just plain dumb.

"A man who has a son and goes hunting or fishing on Sunday, and expects his boy to go to Sunday School and Church, is just plain dumb.

"The mother who has small children, but leaves them with a hired girl, while she plays bridge two or three times a week, and expects those children to be good citizens and Christians, is just plain dumb.

"The church member who gets his feelings hurt over something a preacher says and stays away from church service, thereby weakening his influence and hurting himself, is just plain dumb.

"The head of the family who expects his children to be religious while he swears, gambles, drinks, and tells smutty stories, is just plain dumb. There is too much sending and not enough taking. No wonder the roadhouses, which are the devil's workshops, are crowded each Sunday night." —Selected.

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TRUTH

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, if ye continue in my word, THEN are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8; 31, 32.

What is Truth?

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." Jno. 14: 6. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Jno. 8: 36. Those unbelieving Jews answered Him, "We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man; how sayest thou, ye shall be made free?" Jesus answered them, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin, and the servant abideth not in the house forever; but the Son abideth ever." Jno. 8: 33-35. "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth, and for their sakes I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified through the truth." Jno. 17:17-19.

Standard of Truth

Then if the Word of God is the standard of truth, why should man lower the standard, let down, and compromise with the world, the flesh or the devil, lose favor with God, and finally lose his soul? And not only that, but influence others, cause them to lose their gospel freedom, and go down to eternal destruction with them. Dear reader, do you remember when you first embraced this precious truth, how free you felt, how happy you were, and what a carefulness it put within you, that you might please God in all things. and make heaven your home? or have you like many, put your hand to the plough, looked back, and become unfit for the kingdom of God? Luke 9: 62. "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Gal. 5: 1. Dear reader, do you remember when we were down in sectarian bodies, how we were yoked up with them and under bondage to their creed? Then God in his tender mercy brought this precious truth to us and set us free. Now shall we go back and build again that which we have destroyed? If so, we make ourselves a transgressor. Gal. 2: 18. Some may say, we never went back and joined sectism; we call ourselves the Church of God. We may say that, and yet be the greatest sect in the world. Sad to say, nevertheless true, the G. T. movement has done that very thing—just as much pride, just as much seeking for honor and fame; in fact, just as much conforming to the world, as sectism itself. Where is that simple, plain, humble, transformed life that Jesus and his disciples lived, or that God's people lived 40 years ago? "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God, but exhort one another daily, while it is called today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." Heb. 3: 12-14.

Why Should We Take Heed?

Because the devil as a roaring lion, walketh

about, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Pet. 5: 8). Beloved, it is a very sad thought to realize that many of our brethren that were one time so warm-hearted and true, so humble and consecrated, went forth preaching the gospel of Christ, trusting God for all their need, and not taking the honor of being called Rev., or D.D. But now how is it? It seems to me if it were possible it is enough to make angels weep. "But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, the dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." Read 2 Pet. 2:20-22. Beloved, let us be mindful of the words spoken by the holy prophets and of the commandments of the apostles of the Lord and Savior. (2 Pet. 3: 2, 3). I am sure if we keep lifting up the blessed standard of truth, it will keep us free from the yoke of bondage.

I am as ever your Brother for the old-time gospel of truth,
—H. W. White.

DRIFTING

DRIFTING—Where? Out to eternity—the ocean without a shore, the beginning without an end. Oh, friend! drifting to the dark night without a morning—out to taste the Second Death and feel the just judgment of the God you have spurned or neglected with soul-destroying indifference. Drifting on the broad bosom of the fast-flowing river of time, driven by the sins you are cherishing every day, in spite of these seven tremendous facts:

God loves you—

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

Christ has died for you—

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures."—1 Cor. 15:3.

The Holy Spirit is striving with you—

"He will convict the world of sin, because they believe not on me."—John 16:8-9.

The people of God are praying for you.

The servants of God have been commissioned to give you this solemn but loving message.

The angels of God are waiting to sing over your soul repenting—

"There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."—Luke 15:10.

And this greatest of all Gospel facts: **You can be saved from your sins this very moment, if you will—**

"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." —2 Cor. 6:2.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."—Acts 16:31.

DO NOT DRIFT—For, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"—Heb. 2:3.

Oh, friend! trust Him, only trust Him, ere it is too late.
—Sel.

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Editorials

The work in the "Lord's Print Shop" is progressing nicely under the supervision of the Spirit of God, and our souls are rejoicing in Him who governs the universe. At this writing, all the workers here are spending long hours in the "Print Shop," and the office rooms, because two of the workers are away at present. Bro. Hyrum Ray, who has been with us for many months is making a trip to Tennessee on business, and will visit with his parents and other friends and relatives while gone. He will perhaps be gone two months or more.

L. D. Pruitt and his family and Frances Pruitt left Feb. 3rd for Calif. where they expect to be for six weeks. They took a good supply of tracts and back numbers of the "Faith and Victory," and will do what they can to scatter the gospel along the way. With these workers away, it lessens the office force so that those of us who are left here need more grace and strength from God to keep the work up as it should be. We ask your prayers.

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We have been receiving some very encouraging letters from our readers of late, and they tell of how wonderfully the Lord is working with the tracts and papers. Some are getting saved and others are clearing up from man-made churches and human organizations and all worldliness and are coming clean for God—just abiding in Him, and being led by His Spirit. This makes their souls happy and free. One sister who is laboring for the Lord in the hills of Ky. tells of how the Lord is blessing those dear souls there, and what a great part the literature is doing in bringing light and truth to precious souls. Truly, God is bringing his people out of confusion and strife to shine as His body in this evening time. Jesus compares his followers to a "City set on a hill that cannot be hid." And we are persuaded that God will have a people before He bursts through the clouds that will fill the Bible description of his family or church. They will be fitted and framed together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. The Spirit of God is now calling them out of all sects and creeds of men and they, his children, will be despised and hated more and more as we near the closing up period.

We are exhorted to be of good cheer and look up for our redemption draweth nigh. "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who will change our vile (decaying) body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." Phil. 3:20, 21.

A brother in Minn. sent me a clipping from a paper which told about a certain cult, the members of which believe the Bible teaches them to pick up serpents. As a result of doing this, three of them

had been bitten and one was in a critical condition. They try to make the scripture found in Mark 16:18 substantiate their belief. If they are going to take this scripture to mean for them to deliberately pick up serpents, why not believe the other words in the same verse which is connected with it and drink some deadly poison? for the Word says neither of these shall hurt them. The fact is, the scriptures do not mean for us to deliberately pick up serpents and thereby tempt God. Jesus rebuked such a spirit as that, and said to Satan, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." (Matt. 4:7). We have a record in the Bible which explains this scripture and clearly gives us the proper meaning. We find it in Acts 28, where Paul was bitten by a venomous viper. It is said that the viper came out of the heat and fastened on his hand, but he shook the beast off into the fire and felt no harm. We believe this scripture, but not in a way to tempt God. If we should accidentally pick up a serpent or drink some deadly poison through mistake, we could pray to God and it would not hurt us. We have many records of just such things taking place in recent years, but there was no tempting God connected with it.

The other scripture they gave for such actions is found in Luke 10:19, which reads: "Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." They take this scripture to mean literal serpents and scorpions, when he is talking about the poison and stinging spirits of Satan that sting and poison souls. I thank God that He does give his saints power over such spirits, and keeps us clean and free from all the poison imps of Satan, and they cannot hurt us, praise the dear Lord! They remind me of a boy who was under the influence of the false doctrines of "Jehovah Witnesses." He believed the scripture in Matt. 5:30 meant to cut his literal hand off if it offended him. So he took an ax and deliberately cut it off. This scripture has no reference to cutting off our literal hand or plucking out our literal eyes; but it means: when those things which we love and love to do naturally, get in our way of pleasing God and become offensive to the Christ life in our souls, we should cease from doing them, and cut ourselves loose from them, even though it might be like cutting off a hand or plucking out an eye.

This religious cult called themselves "The True Church of God." Just think of a religious cult teaching and doing so many things contrary to the truth of God's word, and then calling themselves, "The True Church of God." Surely, the prophecies found in the fourth chapter of Isaiah is being fulfilled in these last days. It reads: "And in that day [th's gospel day] seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread [just take what we choose of the word] and wear our own apparel: [put

our own interpretation on it] only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach." (By taking his name we can make people believe that we are of the true Seed and not bastards). The right name of the church has become so universally known that many religious cults are taking the right name to cover up their falseness and in this way Satan hopes to keep the people in confusion, separated and divided; but God will pull the cover off in due time and the truth of the Rod of God will swallow up all these others, and the true church will shine as in the morning time.

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We made mention in last month's "Faith and Victory" that we were expecting to make some changes in the name of the paper as the Lord was working and revealing His will in the matter.

We have been faithfully looking to the Lord to lead us clearly so whatever we should do would have His approval upon it. So we have made some changes in the heading, but it will continue to be called the "Faith and Victory." The "Evening Light Watchman" will designate a portion of his mission to us and reveal a God-given burden upon our hearts, as we are truly burdened for the gathering together in oneness of all God's dear sanctified ones which is according to all the teachings of God's precious book.

In John 17:21, Jesus teaches and prays, "that they all may be one." In the first chapter of 1 Cor. Paul earnestly entreats the brethren by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ "that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." Brethren, Christ is not divided. You must rend the body to make division, and when you make division you are offending some of God's little ones. Jesus says, "It is better for him that a mill stone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea." (Matt. 18:6). God forbid that we should be a partaker with those that do such things. If all sanctified ministers and members of his body would obey the scriptures in the fourth chapter of Ephesians which reads, "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love: endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace;" and also in the third chapter of Col., 12th verse, "Put on therefore as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness, and let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which ye also are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name [or interest] of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him."

I say if all would obey these scriptures, it would certainly do away with much division. The spirit of the true child of God is always grieved when any division is made, and they want to see the thing that caused the division taken out of the way. There is no real saint of God like the woman who wanted Solomon to divide the child. They would much rather suffer themselves than to see any division made. Let us all take an examination in the light of God's truth. There is only one way by which any one can get out of the divisions and creeds of men, and that is to obey the word and "Come out of her," and separate yourself from all worldliness and abide in Him alone and let his spirit lead you into fellowship with God's free people. The way of the Lord is much too straight for most all professors, for they seem to be unwilling to crucify and put to death the deeds of the body, and at the same time receive the scoff and scorn of proud professors, and they just will not take up the cross and follow the Lord. Consequently, there will be no crown for them. "O why should the spirit of mortal be proud? The rich and the great, the small and the poor all mingle their bones together and in dust are laid, Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?"

— olo — Obituaries

Sarah Ethel [Mackey (Caudel)] Wilson of Greenfield, Mo.; daughter of Elijah and Nancy Mackey was born Oct. 6, 1886, died Feb. 7, 1941; age 54 years, 4 months, 1 day.

She was married to Newton Caudel June 24, 1902, who died March 8, 1914.

To this union were born five children: Edwin Hugh, living; and Freddie Leon, Ruth Leone, Margaret Ellen, and Naomi Pearl who preceded her in death.

On August 11, 1916 she was married to John W. Wilson to which union were born three children. One son, John W. Jr. preceded her in death.

Those surviving are her husband, John W. Wilson; three children, Edwin Hugh Caudel of Joplin, Mo., Ruby Fern Wilson and Mary Frances Wilson of the home; two step-daughters, Mrs. Floy Woolery of Shawnee, Okla. and Mrs. Dovy Powell of Stinett, Texas; four step-grandchildren; her mother, Mrs. Nancy Duffy of Webb City, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. Pearl Olson of Sioux City, Iowa; and one half-sister, Mrs. Nancy Chester of Webb City, Mo.; and many other relatives and friends.

Sister Wilson embraced this truth early in life and always held to the true way. Some of her last words to the family and friends were "Be careful and true." She said she was ready to meet her God. She said she could hear little children singing then fell asleep in Jesus.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Sam Barton of Tulsa, Okla. Scripture text found in John 14:1, 2, 3.

It is with a saddened heart that I write these few

lines to be read at our dear Sister Wilson's funeral. Her last request was that I use the text that is found in 1 Kings 2:1-3; and because I was not able to conduct the funeral service, I am writing these lines.

Scripture as follows: "Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die, and he charged Solomon his son, saying, "I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong, therefore AND SHOW THY SELF A MAN and walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest and whithersoever thou turnest thyself."

The scripture was selected by Sister Wilson as her last message to her precious children and especially to her boy, whom she loved more dearly than her own life.

May the God of love comfort and heal the broken hearts of this loving husband, and precious children is the prayer of one that loves you. —Bro. R. M. Porter

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Pernis Clorenzy Francisco was born in Okmulgee County, Oklahoma Dec. 14, 1920 and was called to his reward Jan. 2, 1941 at the age of 20 years, and 18 days. He leaves to mourn his passing his father and mother, five sisters and seven brothers all of Bakersfield, Calif.

Following is a letter which he wrote to his father before his death.

San Jose, Calif., Nov. 25, 1940.—Dear Father: I received the letter which Mother wrote me and was glad to hear from you all. I also received the package which you sent me.

Father, I am happy because I know it is well with my soul since the Lord made me whole. I am encouraged to press on amid strong temptations. I am happy, Father when I look over the path I behold how the Lord's wide arms of mercy held me. I am not happy to be in jail. I am happy because Jesus has redeemed me from sin. Father, I don't regret the life I gave up. I am happy to know my Redeemer liveth; not only liveth, but liveth in me. When I look over my past life I say to myself, what a fool I used to be. You wrote to me and told me not to worry. I am not worrying and don't want you to worry either. I am happy because I know it is well with my soul. I am glad that conditions weren't any worse than they were. Father, conditions could have been worse on various lines. I often think what a youngster can fall into by not being obedient. Sometimes I think to myself, one word would have mended this and that is "obedience." But over all that I am happy because I know that God is a prayer answering, mind giving, and a nerve building God. Father, I thought to myself, Well, I believe I will have a doctor to examine me. I knew that I was doing wrong, but I just couldn't stop. A thought came to me, unless you give up all, you never will stop. The enemy said to me, "Are you going to give up all those things?" Then I thought to myself, what will be my profit if I don't give them up. Then I said, Lord, help me to give those things up. He dug them out by the root and put a willingness in my heart to follow him all the way. I can say from the depth of my heart, Old world, I am through with you. I go to bed in peace at night and get up in peace.

"Jesus has taken my load of sin
Such love no tongue can tell!"

I desire your prayers that I live a life that I'll not be ashamed of. Your son, Clorenzy.

We thought this letter would be a help to both young and old. Sis. Lillie M. Chandler.

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Bro. B. J. Douglas was born in Shelby County, Tenn. April 16, 1877; died Feb. 8, 1941 at his home, 1417 N.

Madison Place, Tulsa, Okla.; age 63 years, 9 months, and 22 days. In his early life he moved to Conway, Ark. He married Miss Hattie Walker. To this union were born eight children, three girls and five boys. Four children preceded him in death. In 1908, he moved to Boley, Okla.

In his younger days Bro. Douglas united with the Methodist church. Later he heard the full gospel preached, which he joyfully accepted, and was saved in the Church of God, 1914, and sanctified; after which God called him to the ministry, to which call he was faithful unto the end. Like Paul, he fought a good fight, and finished his course.

He leaves a wife, four children, one sister, one brother, ten nephews, twenty-two nieces, four grand children, and a host of saints and friends to mourn his departure. But we sorrow not as those who have no hope.

"We loved him, but God loved him more,
And called him to that shining shore
Where the pearly gates were opened wide
Through which he was born to the Saviour's side."

Funeral sermon was preached by Bro. U. Phillips assisted by Bro. S. Barton and others. Text: Rev. 14:13. The body was laid to rest in the cemetery near Boley, Okla.

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BOOKS AND BOOKLETS

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Neosho, Mo.—To all the saints everywhere, Greetings: I have felt for some time I should write you and let you know we are still in the battle of faith for the Lord and aim to be fighting when He comes. First, I want to thank the saints and friends for the many Christmas cards we received. We were not able to respond to them, but we did appreciate them very much, and the Lord bless you every one, and I know He will.

We have been working on your pavilion and have it about ready for the shingles. Though there is much yet to be done, it has been wonderful how the Lord has helped us with the work, as it has been very heavy. There were large timbers to go high in the air, and I am sure the Lord was under the low end of every one of them, for we got them all up in fast

time. We plan to have the pavilion all ready for you when you get here for the meeting the last two weeks of July; so be ready and come on. I feel in my heart now that we are going to have the best meeting yet. Don't let the devil hinder your coming, for it will strengthen you to meet all the saints once more and enjoy their fellowship. We want you to feel this camp ground and pavilion is yours, for it is; and it is to your interest to have it here. It is your privilege and right to enjoy it to the fullest extent. So as we have opportunity, let us be an encouragement to each other by gathering in the fear of God to worship Him in true holiness and truth. We have joyfully taken the task and obligation of building the pavilion, and we have surely enjoyed the work very, very much, though I have suffered every day since September, 4, 1939. While I have had much hurting to bear, I am thankful I have had grace to bear it all. I ask you to continue to pray for me. Though it should be suffering all the way, I have the cost counted. The thing I want is healing if it be the Lord's will; and if not, I want grace to bear it and keep sweet while I do it, and I know it is for me. I am encouraged to follow on till the end. I hope this will have some effect for good upon your hearts and encourage you to live on and meet us in glory; for the race is on and we are running it as best we know. Good-bye, and God bless and be with you all in all the scenes of life.

I am yours in the "faith once delivered to the saints,"
—Bro. Strech.

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Should any one have an offering which the Lord wants you to give to help in the National Camp Meeting expense, please send to the Secretary, L. D. Pruitt, 1005 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla.

— NOTICE —

Many have been receiving the "Faith and Victory" paper for three months whose time will be up with this issue. A friend has been sending this paper to you for three months because he (or she) is interested in your soul's welfare. Now we are asking you to subscribe for one year. You will find a subscription blank inserted in your paper this time which will make it convenient for you to write your name and address on, and return to us with 25c in coin or stamps. We will then put you on the mailing list for one year and you will receive the paper each month. Please do this now, before you forget and neglect it. If you do not have the 25c to spare now, you may send it in any time during the year, and if you forget to pay for it we will never send you a dun. We are very anxious to get the glad tidings of the Kingdom of God to all whom we can. Your soul fed up on heavenly food will mean cheerful and happy days for you. Send your name and address, and treat your soul to a feast throughout the coming year.

WEIGHTS

As I looked out through the window from my dining room one morning, my mind was attracted by seeing a little fire bush plucked up by the roots, which had been planted in my wife's flower garden. The wind was blowing at a gale, and the little bush seemed to make struggle after struggle to go with the wind, but was only going in circles, getting no where. Then upon examination, I saw that the old root with much earth was still attached to the bush. This, throwing it out of balance, caused it to travel in circles. Then I thought of many who have the weights of this world hanging onto them. When the Spirit of God begins to strive with them, they only go in circles and get nowhere.

I was so attracted by the struggle of the little bush, that I went outside, took the ax and severed the root and earth from it, then went back into my room to watch it take off with the wind. But, alas! it was too late. The wind had ceased to blow, and the bush seemed to lay lifeless and make no effort to move.

St. John 6:44 says, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him." I thought of the many with whom God's Spirit is striving, and especially in revival meetings, make struggle after struggle to get saved and do the right thing. But, oh, that earthly thing that they are not willing to have severed from their life will bind them and cause them to travel in circles and get nowhere.

Dear saints, will you take an inventory and see if you have advanced any from where you were a year ago. If not, by close examination you will find that there is something that is hindering you from making progress in God's great harvest field. The field is ripe to harvest, and the laborers are few; Who will give their service as the soldiers do: Forsaking all they have, even houses and lands, And gather all the sheaves that you possibly can.

If there ever were a time that the church and especially the ministers needed to bestir ourselves, it surely is now. The great catastrophes that are sweeping our land today are drawing the hearts and minds of the people from God instead of bringing them into submission to him. O, what a condition! Dear ministers, let us not trifle with the things of this world any longer, but ask God to help us to redeem the time.

Your brothers for full time in His service,

—R. M. Porter.

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AFFLICTIONS

Sin and disobedience causes the innocent to be fed on "bread of affliction." Many children who are brought into the world are the result of lust, rather

than love—because of the love of pleasure more than the love of God—and they never have a chance to enjoy the peace and harmony of a home where the love of God rules; not because of any fault of theirs, but because of the fact that parents are turning their backs on what is best for them and their offspring; namely, obedience to the law of God, and nature. There is an unchangeable law, perfect and just, which rightfully demands retribution.

A young girl of my acquaintance who defied her well-meaning mother's advice, as well as the pleadings of those who loved her soul, got to the place where she was in such bodily agony that like a wild animal she bit the ones who tried to help her! God is not mocked! The way innocent children are being dressed leads to suffering, too.

Joseph, because of the sins of others, ate bread of affliction among strangers and in prison; but His loyalty to God caused him to come out a Victor.

Jeremiah, because he told the truth and warned people of their danger, was forced to eat bread of affliction. He was cast into a dungeon. Read Jer. 38.

Any one can take the broad way and go to hell if they wish; but "be sure your sin will find you out." Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation. God is love and it is not His will that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

At the present time, there are yet young men who love their country and are willing to sacrifice their lives for the cause of justice; but they are eating the bread of affliction because they do not believe in wholesale murder. This is a strange world. People are imprisoned because they kill and because they do not want to kill. If the Prince of Peace, whose birthday the world at large so elaborately celebrates, were ruling in their hearts, all differences would be settled without blood shed.

This same Jesus who is yet our Saviour (providing we meet conditions), who graciously invites all to repent and give Him their hearts, willing to heal, and give grace to overcome all temptation, will bring all into judgment. He was afflicted and suffered, the innocent for the guilty.

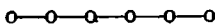
Where will you be in eternity? —Marie P. Sass

Marshall, Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the dear saints of God: I feel led to write my testimony in behalf of the request I sent in a few days ago for my companion. We knew unless God came to our aid there was no hopes of her recovery and that in a short time. Since no one was near to call in to pray for her, I sent to Guthrie to request prayer of the saints. The request had only time to reach there when the Lord of our salvation touched her body and healed it suddenly. Praise His holy name. We truly give Him all the glory. She had such spells of coughing we thought they would kill her, of a long standing lung trouble. This has been more than a week now, and she has not had a snell since. Praise our God for his great love. We also thank the dear saints for their interest in our behalf.

Brother and Sister Wm. VanZandt.

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

We send Christian greetings from the "Sunshine State," California. As these lines are being written, we are visiting in the home of my wife's parents, Bro. and Sister W. I. Miles, in San Bernardino. Quite unexpectedly, the Lord opened up the way for us—Maude Hornbeck, Frances Pruitt, wife, our small son, Harvey, and myself—to meet again our close relatives and some of the saints in this state. Leaving Oklahoma City on Feb. 3rd, we stopped the first night with Bro. and Sister Francis Doolittle of Clovis, N. Mex. We were refreshed by the fellowship and association together and to know of their untiring devotion to the cause of Christ. Arriving in El Paso, Texas via Carlsbad, N. Mex., we stopped with Bro. and Sister A. G. Duncan. They are always so pleased to have the saints stop with them and extended to us a hearty welcome. Upon their request, we spent another day with them, and visited a sick lady across the Rio Grande in Old Mexico. Arriving in San Bernardino on the 7th, we had traveled 1,657 miles and distributed a large stock of papers and tracts to people in towns, filling stations and various points along the way. On Sunday, the 9th, we met with the saints of Bro. Gene Harmon's congregation in Glendale. If the Lord wills, we expect to visit other congregations and saints before returning to our home in Guthrie, Okla. We thank the Lord for answering prayer in giving us protection from highway dangers and car trouble so far, and we are trusting Him for the future. Pray for us.



We are contacting a few young saints who are standing firm though the tide of the world is pulling strong. It is easier to keep full of courage when others are faithful, but when some begin to lose their vision and falter, there is a stronger influence against those who would continue to walk in the light of the gospel. Let us pray one for another and remember the words of John, "And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming." 1 John 2:28.

—L. D. Pruitt

We have a few 1941 "Scripture Text Calendars" left which we will post pay to you at 25 cents each.



Mechums River, Va.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I wish to say I am enjoying the "Faith and Victory" paper more and more each month. It is the only soul food I get except the Bible; because I live in a community where the truth has been preached and forsaken by almost everyone. The truth was preached here eleven years ago and after divisions, separations, strife, etc. I am left here alone to fight the battle with God. I am glad to say that God is a present help in time of

trouble, and a source of encouragement to all who have His Spirit in their hearts. So many people wonder when reading spiritual pieces and testimonies, "Why can't I have that peace too?" I am afraid it is because they haven't given up all for God and gone all the way with Him and done everything He wants done. His plan was laid before we were born and none can change it. People try to change it and call their way the Lord's way, but that doesn't make it true. It is just like He laid it, and will be forever and ever regardless of what man says. There is only one way and that is the Bible just like it reads—the strait and narrow way.

I thank God for victory. It takes the true Spirit of God to give us victory over sin and continual prayer and meditation to keep us victorious. I have been saved eleven years and I shall never forget the precious experience I had with God the day He saved me. I still have it after having been fed by trials, persecutions, His Word and prayer. It takes all those to get the right "vitamins" for our soul and more too as we get light on His word. I have had many hard trials to face, but with God as my companion, it is so much easier than having the devil for a companion. Either God or the devil is our spiritual Father. We can't have both at the same time. We know who our natural father is, so everyone knows who his spiritual father is, whether he acknowledges it or not. I gladly go to God for everything. It never crosses my mind to get a doctor or buy medicine or any of those foolish things that keep poor people under bondage. God doesn't charge us a thing, but our old sinful, dirty life, for His services. He doesn't always answer just like we want Him to; but He knows best and answers for our good. If we serve Him, we can see His hand in all things and have confidence that He answers us according to His will. Blessings come through a storm sometimes and we can always see them afterwards if we don't give up and get frightened during the storm.

Dear saints, I request a special season of prayer by all of you who are together and saints everywhere for my husband. He got saved and lived a perfect Christian life for three years and preached the Word of God without compromise, and had a great influence over poor lost sinners. Then later, through divisions and false prophets disagreeing in the congregation, he became confused and drifted back into sin. He has wept for sorrow many times since he backslid, wishing he were back in the precious fold of God. He then began to drink and while drunk was overpowered by the devil and got into trouble. He is now serving time in a State Camp. He has been gone one year and I am earnestly praying if it is God's will that he will get a nardon this spring and be free to enjoy the natural life with his family. I have three children and some of them are at the age they need their father; and besides, I think of the poor sinners who have done much worse things than he has and are turned loose in the world. We feel that God allowed this to happen to check him from drinking before he was lost forever. He is an honest man and is just 31 years old, and at times he is very interested in his soul. Please pray for his salvation as well as his freedom (naturally speaking). He is a lover of the one true way and nothing can make him believe any other way. I'll be expecting you all to agree in prayer for his salvation and for God's will to be done.

—Mrs. Charles Sandridge

Dayton, Ohio—Dear Bro. Pruitt, and all the workers for the Lord; Greetings in Jesus' dear name: I am glad to report victory in his name, and with a greater desire than ever to press my way on upward and live in the Saviour's love. I trust all is well with you at the print shop of the Lord's; and that the work is prospering. I haven't been in the way so very long. About two years ago I was made to see the oneness of God's people and the Church of the living God. I left Babel and fled to Zion, praise His name! I love to help what little I can to spread the Gospel of good tidings to others and to help rescue the perishing ones. I pray for the cause of God, and for the up-building of his kingdom. Truly, the Lord is worthy of all the thanksgiving and praise that man can bestow upon Him for his goodness to those that walk uprightly before Him.

I would like for you to send me about two dozen of those books, "The More Abundant Life" by Bro. Orr. I think that is a real book of soul-giving food. I want to send it to those we sent the "Faith and Victory" paper to, and pray the Lord will bless. Remember me in your prayers.

Your brother in the Lord who stands for truth and right,
Manford L. Sowder

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WOMEN PREACHERS

Many people are confused about the scripture 1 Cor. 14:34, 35, and others in regard to women preachers. This is because they do not know how to rightly divide the word of truth. In writing to Timothy, Paul exhorts him to rightly divide the word of truth (2 Tim. 2:15). It is possible to use scriptures out of their places and by this method cause them to seem to teach that which the inspired writer did not mean at all. When scriptures relating to the same subject are linked together properly, they make plain meaning to many scriptures which otherwise alone would be hard to understand.

Let us consider 1 Cor. 14:34, 35. The church at this place was in confusion in regards to tongues and other things, and were all speaking at once. This Corinthian church came partly from heathenism and partly from under the law. In that place, as well as in other places, it was not the custom for women to speak in public because of the past teaching or tradition. They were not permitted to go in public before men with their faces unveiled. Here at Corinth, they had used their gospel freedom too far in talking and asking questions. Paul was not talking here about preaching or teaching; but said if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home. Their husbands were saved or it would have done no good to ask them at home. That would leave out many women who have unsaved husbands and the women who have no husbands at all. The women here were not being reproved by Paul for preaching, but for talking and asking questions out of divine order, and which were not customary at that place then.

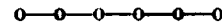
Let us turn to 1 Tim. 2:9-11. Here again, Paul is not talking of public teaching or preaching as it may look to many. But in this he is dealing with the home life. A woman should not usurp authority,

or in other words, not boss or instruct the man.

In Gal. 3:28 Paul tells us that in Christ we are neither male nor female, but one in Christ Jesus, to the extent of that which pertains to the kingdom of God. In His work we are one. Sex counts nothing with God in regards to His cause or work.

In Rom. 16:12 Paul mentions Pheobe, a servant of the church. A servant of the church would surely be a minister. Hanna was a prophetess (Luke 2:36, 37). A prophet is a man and a prophetess is a woman. To prophesy is to preach or speak with divine authority. Philip had four virgin daughters who prophesied (Acts 21:8, 9). Judges 4:45 mentions Deborah, a prophetess in Israel, also a judge of all Israel or ruler over them. Hulda was a prophetess and even the priest came to her for advice. The prophetess got the message from God and told the priest and people (2 Kings 22:14-16.) Miriam, a sister of Moses and Aaron was a prophetess (Exodus 15:20). We read about the prophetess Noadah in Nehemiah 6:14.

God has had prophetesses in all ages since He called his people out of Egypt. To prophesy is to preach or fortell or to speak with divine authority. Who carried the first message that Christ had risen? Was it not women? (Luke 24:10). —Rosa Cook.



Dear ones in the truth of the gospel as it is in Jesus:

I believe Jesus has been impressing my soul to encourage all of God's regenerated who see the error of Millennialism to ORDER, STUDY, and LEND your booklets of "An Appeal to Reason" by George Peek on Revelation. This is absolute truth in perfect harmony with the Spirit of God and His holy Word. I am loaning these booklets out with my name and address, and ask people to keep, study, and prayerfully compare this with the Bible. Our hope in truth is to build in the hearts of dear souls the absolute truth of Jesus' word. We hope to continue sending for these books and do all in our power to tear down this delusion the devil has so cunningly spread in the minds of thousands of God's children.

The devil wants to keep us separated. This is one of his fiendish tricks to keep us from coming into harmony and the one mind of Christ. We hear some young folks say, "We'll wait until the next thousand years and then get saved." This is the devil's trick to draw minds his way; and he is using God's children to be his instruments, and they don't know it, for he is acting as an angel of light with his web of delusion drawn tightly over the eyes of understanding, and we hear souls cry, "There's something more the Lord would have us to know."

May God bless the souls of his people with understanding hearts that all may cooperate together in the one spirit of Jesus and fight this deadly enemy

of our regenerated family and stand our ground, not fearing, but faithfully work together; for the truth of His word will destroy this Millennial theory.

I do not lay my Christian life on a pillow of dreams; but may this testimony encourage souls to fight faithfully to save our dear sisters and brothers from this strong delusion the devil has cast out to deceive the very elect.

This was a burden on my heart and I was talking to my Saviour about it. I fell asleep and in my dream I was down in the barnyard, and discovered a small snake. I ran to the house and stood out on our porch, only to see a full grown snake half way between the barn and house. I noticed five or six full grown and healthy turkeys feeding quietly around this full grown enemy, and said, "Oh! it is a wonder he doesn't bite those turkeys." Well, one big turkey got close to the snake and the snake struck at it. This turkey seemed to be the biggest of the number. Next I saw the old fellow raise his head high and stick out his poison tongue ready to fight and kill the turkeys. I saw he was a Corba.

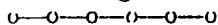
In the next scene the turkeys did not run and were not frightened, but jumped on to their deadly enemy, all working together. I saw the reptile torn into shreds—each turkey with a shred in his bill; each one pulling him to pieces—working as one band. He was dead, all but the tail.

May God's people, who see this deadly serpent keep pulling and standing on our ground of truth and slay him completely that Truth may abound in the hearts of God's regenerated and we may all come into the one mind of Jesus. —Mrs. Jene Sultzbaugh

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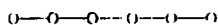
Richmond, Va.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I am young and unsaved, and I believe in the word of God. I have an awful sick baby and desire the prayers of all the dear saints for God to heal it. I want you to pray that I may get saved, also my husband. I have a dear Christian mother and I want to be just like her. Please pray earnestly for all of us.

From one who wishes to get saved, Mrs. O. J. Gibson.



Stahl, Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints: I will write you a few lines to tell you how I am since my daughter requested prayer for me. My hemorrhages stopped about the time you got her letter, and have just had two slight ones since. Praise the Lord. I KNOW He has the power to heal one if it is His will to do so. So I just ask you saints to help me pray that His will be done. In my heart I feel that He has answered our prayers. God bless all of you and pray that I may live as I should for the Lord

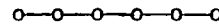
Your brother, I. K. Reese



Tarleton, Ohio—Dear ones, Greetings in Jesus' dear name: I am sending you a little offering to be used in the Lord's work as you wish. I received the good paper, and feel that I couldn't get along without it. May God bless you and give you many souls. I know of one brother who renounced Old Babylon after reading the "Faith and Victory" through. The paper was sent to him during the time of the "Three Month's Offer." He is so happy. I

suspect there are many more declaring their freedom. The dear Lord is gathering his people again for the last time and I am so glad. My husband is an old time preacher. The Lord gave him to me in answer to prayer, praise the Lord. Your sister Mrs. V. E. Hardman.

P. S.—Please pray earnestly for my husband's healing. He has rheumatism in his hip and limb. We trust the Lord for healing and not doctors.

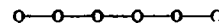


Iager, W. Va.—Dear ones in Christ Jesus: Wife and I were in the Baptist movement near ten years. We were wandering around, lost and starving for spiritual food. Thanks be to God, we heard the truth preached. We came out of her, took our stand, and were born into the true church of God three years ago, and have a stronger determination now to go all the way with Jesus. The picture of the true church of God on pages 8 and 9 in the January "Faith and Victory" has given me much light. It is like the vision I had of the church before I ever found it. I would to God that every one who reads the "Faith and Victory" paper would get a vision of the true church, the House of God, and be born into it.

Dear ones, let us get away from all man-made creeds and doctrines and be born into the true and living way, and be true soldiers of the cross; for it takes God to give you strength to overcome the devil and his demons. I am fixed and settled, rooted and grounded in Christ Jesus. All of you dear saints of God pray for me that my light may shine out that some poor lost soul may see and find his way to the foot of the cross.

May God's richest blessings abide with you and yours.

—A. L. Bright.



Olla, La.—Dear Saints: I am so glad I ever learned to love the Lord. Today finds me still trying my very best to please Him. Of course, I make mistakes some times, but these mistakes will only help us to see more clearly His blessed way if we but trust in Him. I have a greater desire today to live for God than ever before. As we look all around us and see every kind of sin and evil thing, and people going on from day to day trampling the love of God, as it were, under foot, not heeding the warnings He gives. Look what a shape our land is in today. Of course, we have no war in our country; but our boys are having to leave their homes for training, to fight against other people who have souls as precious as those of our own dear boys. Every man or boy is some mother's child, and the Saviour bled and died for them as well as for us. Oh, how awful to think of the suffering humanity in this earth today! If people could only be awakened to see the blessedness of serving the Saviour and the awfulness of living in sin!

I live here far away from the saints, but I love all the people of God and desire to be with them in worship. I hope some day to be with all the people of God, where there will be no more heartache, sorrow, nor parting.

I have just lost my father, and that has been hard; but thank the Lord, he helps us bear up under such things if we put our trust in Him. Just a few nights after he passed on, I saw in a vision the Church of God or house of God as white as the snow. When I read the paper with the picture of the Church of God in it, that was the first thing that came to my mind. It was so much like the one I saw in the vision.

I have stomach and kidney trouble and now I have a Goiter on my throat. It is just beginning to show now. Will all the saints please be agreed in prayer for my healing? I plan to go to Hammond and be anointed and prayed for this summer, if the Lord permits

Yours in the One Body,

Mellie Estes.

San Quentin, Calif., State Prison—Dear Brother in Christ: I am writing you in the name of Jesus Christ, my Saviour, Amen. May the peace, love, and grace; also victory, of our Lord Jesus be yours throughout your days which are before you, Amen.

I have just finished reading a tract called, "Thirty-three Reasons" why the use of tobacco in any form is a sin.

I can heartily agree with it; for I have been a tobacco user for over 36 years; but thank God, Jesus who can cleanse from all sin and all that contaminates (surely tobacco defiles the body in many ways), cleaned up this old wreck, and all the old dead leaves fell off. For 7 years I have been free from the old habits, living a free, consistent Christian life. Though I have been behind gray walls, where bars and walls of stone compass me about, yet I am happy in Jesus, for he has set me free; for "Whomsoever the Son sets free, shall be free indeed."

I would be delighted to receive the tracts, also the paper "Faith and Victory." I shall leave here soon to go free in body, which shall be a glorious day in itself; but that will not be anything like the day when Jesus took my sins away and set me free in the Spirit, bless His most holy name forever!

May the glory of our God shine upon you and the Spirit be over you and in you to comfort and guide, is my prayer for you. I am saved by grace behind prison walls. Box 53018. —Ben Dawson.

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So. Mansfield, La.—Dear Saints: May God help me to write this. I have never been satisfied in the man-made churches. Nothing seemed to be like God would have it, and I often wept over the matter. I began to talk to God about it and was led to write you for a supply of food for my poor starving soul, and I received it yesterday. I read most of the evening and before three o'clock this morning I was up reading. My husband went to work and before it was light I was reading again. I would read and cry and pray. It seemed as though I could hear you dear ones praying for me. Before ten o'clock God poured out his spirit upon me and it was wonderful, praise God. I have been truly baptized with fire, and only those who have had the same experience can ever understand, because it can not be told.

I read your letters and said I would come out of the man-made church I was in, but praise God, I was born out. I am so happy I can hardly write. Oh, the glory, the glory! The devil is trying to whisper to me about that snuff that I threw away, but it is fixed. Pray for me.

Your saved sister, Mary B. White.

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Harleysville, Pa.—To the dear saints greetings:

May the boundless mercies of our loving Lord be extended to you and His all-sufficient grace be your portion.

We can never praise God enough for His many blessings and for the truth which liveth and abideth forever. When everything else crumbles and decays we'll see the truth just as it is today. Praise God! It is the truth that made us free and, bless God, it keeps us free so long as we obey it. If we pull away from the truth, it fails to abide in our hearts any more. O, that we would consider how much our salvation cost Him. In St. John 10: 10, 11, we read: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." What a beautiful picture Jesus gave us here!—Himself as the good Shepherd; we, His followers are the sheep. "There shall be one fold and one shepherd" (v. 16).

Let us consider again, what if Jesus Christ had not come? We would be without hope of eternal life, without a Saviour, without His life-giving words of truth, the New Testament. "Without the shedding of blood is no remission of sins." Heb. 9:22. When a soul has once tasted of the good things of God, it certainly spoils us for the world, nor do we care for the doctrines of men, for it is Christ and His doctrine that makes us free.

This winter I have been bothered very much with frost bitten feet. Several toes had sore spots and were annoyingly itchy at times. I went to the Lord in prayer about it repeatedly. He gave relief. A neighbor told me of a remedy. Well, it caused me to seek the Lord more earnestly, for I did not want to resort to other remedies when I knew God's love and power to heal all manner of disease or sickness. "Is any afflicted among you, let him pray" is God's word according to James 5:13, 14. We can go to the Lord with all of our needs. In a few days the Lord gave blessed victory concerning my afflicted feet. I want to thank the Lord and praise His holy name.

I feel like saying with the Psalmist, "I love the Lord, because He hath heard my voice and my supplication. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live."

My prayer is that all who know the Lord trust in Him fully each day. He is a very present help in every time of need for soul and body. He is my all in all.

Your sister in the One Body, Julia Cramer

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Natchitoches, La.—Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Holy greetings to you and all the workers in the Body. I can say this evening that I am truly blessed. People of God, if we can feel and know that we are saved and our prayers are being heard and our ways are pleasing to the Lord, we cannot have a greater blessing on earth. Praise the Lord. I always need your prayers. I don't mean to give up or to let go of His hand. The cross is precious to me. I surely enjoyed the February paper. My soul has been richly fed on the good sermons and testimonies. Folks everywhere are becoming so cold hearted about the Lord and his work and commands. It makes me really afraid for them. Please do not forget this town when you pray, that the Lord may awaken some one to the sense of duty. Sidonia Benjamin

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Dear Sister Pruitt, the workers at the office, and saints scattered abroad. I greet you in much holy love. Today finds me saved and all in all for the old time truth. The Lord has just recently healed me of a hard case of flu and complications. Praise the dear Lord! I used no remedy, so I can say boldly, the Lord is my helper. Now I can say I have been made glad in the days He has afflicted me, for it has taught me how to trust in Him and not lean to the arm of flesh nor my own strength. I believe all or most of that independent, do-for-myself spirit is gone. If not all, it soon will be for I am not completely out of the furnace yet. No one but God knows my plight. Yet I have learned so much, I am glad the Lord counted me worthy to be chosen through the furnace of affliction. The Lord has taught me what it means to suffer long and still be kind to my persecutors. I am not able yet to work but am looking to the Lord to help my daughter to find work, for He has said He would withhold no good thing from them that walk uprightly, and we are walking uprightly.

The saints here, through the influence of Sister Hettie Barton, brought me here from Shawnee where the saints had bestowed much labor of love upon me and

mine. The saints over the state have dealt so kindly with me. The saints here at Tulsa are precious. We have sweet fellowship. I love you all. Pray for me.

Your saved sister, Edna Baker.

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TUNE YOUR HARP

David calls up his soul and tunes it to the great heart of God. Keeping in tune with heaven is the secret of holy living. We must catch daily messages from the sky that we might keep in harmony with the mind of God. We must hear the voice of God, we must feel His life playing on the tender cords of our soul, we need to be moved by the impulses of His loving heart beats, to live as holy as we should. Let there be no discordant notes in the music of your soul. You can keep tuned in with the sweet harmony of heaven in the very face of strife and sin in the world. Peter slept like a child with the chopping block only a few hours ahead; Paul kept the music of heaven in his heart while fast in the stocks; Daniel kept tuned in with the world of glory at the entrance to the lions' den; the furnace fire cast no fear over the life of the three Hebrews; Habakkuk rejoiced in the God of his salvation with empty fields, storehouses and stalls before him; Job kept the proper wave length in his soul amid all his adversities. Beware, oh beware, lest something of earth gets your harp out of tune. Why will mortal man allow the poor, weak things of earth disturb the music of his soul!

-C. E. Orr

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

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THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST
Sunday, March 2, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations
February 24 to March 1.

- M. Christ acclaimed as king Luke 19:37-40.
T. Weeping over Jerusalem Luke 19:41-44.
W. Cleansing the temple Luke 19:45-48.
T. Christ's authority questioned Luke 20:1-8.
F. Christ's pre-eminence Phil. 2:9-11.
S. The eternal ruler Isa. 9:6, 7.

Printed PortionLuke 19:41 to 20:8.

Luke 19:41. And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

42. Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

43. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

44. And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

45. And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought;

46. Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

47. And he taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him,

48. And could not find what they might do: for all the people were very attentive to hear him.

Lk. 20:1. And it came to pass, that on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon him with the elders,

2. And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority?

3. And he answered and said unto them, I will also ask you one thing; and answer me:

4. The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men?

5. And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then believed ye him not?

6. But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us; for they be persuaded that John was a prophet.

7. And they answered, that they could not tell whence it was.

8. And Jesus said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

Golden Text: "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say?" Luke 6:46.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jerusalem's day was the time of Jesus' ministry in the city when the people were offered peace by the Prince

of Peace. Jesus implies that if they had accepted him, peace would have been theirs instead of destruction.

Verses 43 and 44 were literally fulfilled when Jerusalem was besieged by Titus near forty years later. The city was surrounded in such a way that the inhabitants could not escape, nor could provisions be brought in. The result was terrible disaster and famine. (See Josephus, War, book V, chapt. 12. Bro. Peek quotes part of the account in his book, "An Appeal to Reason" pp. 11, 12.)

The time of their visitation was the time of God's gracious offer of mercy. And so it is with every individual as well as cities and nations. The tears and words of Christ reached farther than Jerusalem.

If the wanderer realized the bliss of a Father's love and care, surely he would flee to Him for refuge rather than to wander on into the dark confines of hell to be forever lost; if the beggar knew the value of the unsearchable riches, surely he would not carelessly cast them away for everlasting poverty and shame (Prov. 13:18); If the weary knew the comfort of His rest, they would come unto Him rather than to continue in their sins, where they can obtain no rest here nor hereafter; if those enclosed in the prison house of sin knew the joy of freedom obtained by accepting His pardon, surely they would not treat it scornfully and deliberately choose eternal death—but wretched humanity! "For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them."

Christ's authority came from the Father, the God of all creation. He had authority to predict future events, as we have just mentioned above; He had the authority to make promises which cannot be broken; He had the authority to cleanse the temple against the protest of those to whom men had given so-called authority (He has the authority today to cleanse the temples of God, our bodies, from sin though others loudly protest, "It cannot be done."); and He had the authority to teach the people. He exercises that authority today through His true ministers. He will have the authority on the Judgment Day to say, "Come ye blessed of my Father," or "Depart, ye workers of iniquity."

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CHRIST REJECTED
Sunday, March 9, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations
March 3 to 8.

- M. The wicked husbandmen Luke 20:9-18.
- T. Seeking to trap Jesus Luke 20:19, 20
- W. The question about taxes Luke 20:21-26.
- T. Moses opposed Heb. 11:24-27.
- F. Christ's followers opposed Matt. 10:16, 22.
- S. Paul persecuted 2 Cor. 11:23-27.

Printed Portion Luke 20:9-20.

Luke 20:9. Then began he to speak to the people this parable; A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time.

10. And at the season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty.

11. And again he sent another servant: and they beat him also, and entreated him shamefully, and sent him away empty.

12. And again he sent a third: and they wounded him

also, and cast him out.

13. Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence him when they see him.

14. But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be our's.

15. So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto them?

16. He shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and shall give the vineyard to others. And when they heard it, they said, God forbid.

17. And he beheld them, and said, What is this that is written, The stone which the builders rejected the same is become the head of the corner?

18. Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

19. And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them.

20. And they watched him, and sent forth spies which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.

Golden Text: "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." Matt. 5:11.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This parable was addressed to those who had questioned Christ's authority.

God, the owner, had planted a vineyard (His people) and supplied it with all needful appliances (God's law) for fruit bearing (Holiness and wilful obedience). The vineyard was then turned over to husbandmen (the religious leaders). The servants (the prophets) who were sent by the owner for fruit (the prophets not only fortold trust in God; promising rewards for righteousness and trust in God; promising rewards for righteousness and punishment for disobedience) were treated in shameful ways (Read Heb. 11).

Then God sent His Son to plead with them to turn from their evil ways and serve God. But they did not want to be told of their evil hearts nor reminded of their debt to the Lord of the vineyard. If they could silence this "pestilent fellow," they could go on with their formal lip service and possess life and its good without considering the terms on which they held it.

Their fathers had rejected the prophets who had come in the name of God and now they were about to cast out God's only Son. Jesus warned them that their abuse of their privileges would cause the privileges to be taken from them.

God's last appeal to sinful man to repent is being sent out through Christ and His servants. Men reveling on in sin like to consider their life as their very own to dispose of as they please: but God is the real owner and we are only tenants. A strict account must be given to the owner of every word, thought, and deed.

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THE LORD'S SUPPER
Sunday, March 16, 1941.

Daily Readings and Meditations
March 10 to 15.

- M. Preparing the upper room Luke 22:7-13.
- T. Eating the last supper Luke 22:14-23.

- W. The reward of service Luke 22:24-30.
- T. The Lord's Supper instituted Matt. 26:26-29.
- F. The Supper continuous 1 Cor. 11:23-26.
- S. Observing the Supper aright 1 Cor. 11:27-31.

Printed PortionLuke 22:14-30.

Luke 22:14. And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.

15. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:

16. For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

17. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves:

18. For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

19. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

20. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

21. But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table.

22. And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed!

23. And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.

24. And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

25. And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.

26. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

27. For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

28. Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations.

29. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;

30. That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Golden Text: "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." 1 Cor. 11:26.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We have been studying the last scenes of Christ's earthly ministry and now we come to the one which is very sacred. In verse 15, He expresses a desire which deeply touches our hearts: "With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer." Surely, there was great suffering ahead and he realized it; but He wanted to enjoy that last hour of calm with those whom he loved before He went out to face the assaults of those who hated Him.

He also had another greater reason for this desire. The Passover feast was a memorial of deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Christ wished to partake of the Passover and then to transform it and leave a new rite for his servants to observe in memory of their Passover—"For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us." "When I [the death angel] see the blood I will pass over you" is a promise to all who have accepted the blood of Jesus as atonement for their sins, as well as to the first-born of the Israelites whose lives were spared when the

death angel saw the blood of a lamb upon the door posts.

As the bread is broken and the wine poured out, these acts symbolize his death—broken body and spilled blood—through which a new testament or covenant came into force between God and man. "Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offerings for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second." (Heb. 10:8, 9.) The second which he established was the writing of God's laws upon the hearts of those who would believe on Him and by faith allow his blood to be applied to their hearts. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son, cleanseth us from ALL sin."

How we treasure those things which we keep as memorials of our departed loved ones! How much more should we hold in reverence the ordinance which Christ established and said, "This do in remembrance of me."

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JESUS CONDEMNED AND CRUCIFIED
Sunday, March 23, 1941.

Daily Readings and Meditations
March 17 to 22.

- M. Jesus arraigned Luke 23:1-7.
- T. Pilate declares Jesus innocent Luke 23:13-17.
- W. Jesus condemned Luke 23:18-25.
- T. Jesus crucified Luke 23:32-38.
- F. Jesus and the penitent thief Luke 23:39-43.
- S. The death of Jesus Luke 23:44-47.

Printed PortionLuke 23:13-25, 22-31a.

Luke 23:13. And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,

14. Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him:

15. No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him.

16. I will therefore chastise him and release him.

17. (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)

18. And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas:

19. (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.)

20. Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them.

21. But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him.

22. And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go.

23. And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.

24. And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required.

25. And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired: but he delivered Jesus to their will.

26. And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

27. And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

28. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them: for they know not what they do.

Golden Text: "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?" Matt. 27:22,

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This lesson describes in detail the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah written over seven hundred years before this took place. Read again Isaiah 53.

Three charges were brought against Jesus:

1. He perverted the nation (which was false for it was Satan and not Jesus who had done this).
2. He forbade to give tribute to Caesar (which was also false as you may see by reading Matt. 22:21)
3. He claimed to be a king (Pilate inquired about this and learned that His kingdom was not of this world. He was not Caesar's rival for His kingdom was not temporal, but spiritual.).

Pilate evaded passing sentence on Jesus by sending him to Herod who found in Him nothing worthy of death. Then Pilate suggested scourging to appease the unjust demands of the infuriated mob; and then purposed to grant release as an act of favor. But his weak spirit of compromise gave away under pressure to total surrender to Jesus' enemies. Pilate's desire to hold the favor of the crowd at the expense of justice to one whom he knew to be innocent has rendered his name infamous in History.

There should be a lesson in this for those who have the spirit of compromise, which is always and everywhere displeasing to God.

The question is presented to you: "What will ye do with Jesus? You know His ways are right and are not willing to put Him to death nor to cry with his enemies, "Away with Him," so you try to compromise and allow him to be scourged just a little (hold to so-called "no harm" things that are grievous to His spirit and contrary to His commandments) in order not to lose your popularity with the crowd. You are as guilty as His enemies. You can not be allied to Christ and Belial at the same time in the smallest matters. If you don't crush the compromising spirit it will crush all of your good intentions and like Pilate, you will eventually yield to the demands of Christ's enemies.

CHRIST'S COMMISSION

Sunday, March 30, 1941.

Daily Readings and Meditations

March 24 to 29

- M. "He is risen." Luke 24:1-7.
 T. The supper at Emmaus Luke 24:30-35.
 W. Appearance to the apostles Luke 24:36-43.
 T. Explaining the Scriptures Luke 24:44-49.
 F. On a mountain in Galilee Matt. 23:16-20.
 S. Final appearance to the apostles Acts 1:4-8.

Printed Portion Luke 24:36-53.

Luke 24:36. And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

37. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

38. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

39. Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

40. And when he had thus spoken, he showed them his hands and his feet.

41. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

42. And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.

43. And he took it and, did eat before them.

44. And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all

things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

45. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

46. And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48. And ye are witnesses of these things.

49. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

50. And he led them out as far as Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

51. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and was carried up into heaven.

52. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

53. And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

Golden Text: "Behold I send the promise of my Father upon you." Luke 24:49.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

As the disciples conversed about Christ He appeared in their midst to remove every doubt about His resurrection, and give them the fullest evidence of it.

"Peace be unto you"—surely His presence meant peace to their troubled minds and hearts after the storm which had recently shaken them. The news seemed too good to be true, and they were so overcome with joy that for some time they could not realize that what they saw was really true.

Jesus had told them these things while He was yet with them but they had not understood because the natural mind of man cannot understand spiritual truths. When He opened their understanding, they could discern the meaning of it all. Even the very plain word of God cannot be properly understood until one is born of the Spirit of God. Those who have experienced the new birth testify that the Bible seems like a new book to them.

Then follows the Christian message—that Christ suffered, that He rose from the dead, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name—which message was to be preached by witnesses after they had received power from on high, or the Holy Spirit, Who was "The Promise of my Father."

Ye are witnesses—Many today are trying to proclaim the gospel message who have never been resurrected from their dead state of sin to walk in newness of life with Christ. "The disciples were witnesses not only that Christ had suffered and rose again from the dead; but also that He opens the understanding by the inspiration of the spirit, that He gives repentance, pardons sins, and purifies from all unrighteousness, and that he is not willing that any should perish but that all should come unto the knowledge of the truth and be saved. And these are the things of which their successors in the Gospel ministry must bear witness. As far as a man steadily and affectionately proclaims these doctrines, so far God will bless his labor to the salvation of those who hear him. But no man can with any propriety bear witness of that grace that saves the soul, whose soul is not saved by that grace."

Personal experiences with God brings "joy unspeakable and full of glory."