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### FLARE THE TORCHES

O, watchman, flare the torches  
Along the way of life;  
Warn souls of pending judgment,  
Of misery and of strife.

O, watchman, flare the torches,  
Tell them of Jesus' love:  
How He died to ransom all  
And intercedes above.

O, watchman, flare the torches,  
Flare them far and wide;  
Leave not a soul in darkness,  
Lest in sin they still abide.

O, souls, do heed the warning,  
And flee the wrath to come,  
Flee to the arms of Jesus;  
He'll guide you safely home.  
— Sylvia E. Shoop.

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### GOD'S PAPER

I have noted with deep interest and much prayer the suggestion of changing the name of the Lord's paper, and my heart rejoiced that it, in reality, has not been changed, but a deeper significance and more responsibility been added to those watchmen whom He has called to proclaim with FAITH & VICTORY that the evening light in its brightness is shining in to the hearts of all men and women who believe, love, and obey the gospel.

I remember when I was a boy, hearing the saints talk and praise God for the way He revealed to dear old Bro. D. S. Warner the name that should be given his paper. When that holy man of God had gone much in fasting and prayer to know the will of God as to a name for the paper which God had called him to put out for God and the gospel, about twilight one evening while in prayer God showed him in the heavens an angel with a scroll and a trumpet.

How his heart leaped and praised God as he said, "Yes, Lord, it shall be 'The Gospel Trumpet,' and by the power which you are pouring out on your angels or messengers, the eternal word shall be proclaimed as with the voice of a trumpet, and hailstones of Thy truth shall go forth from Zion."

Through the effectual workings of the mighty Holy Spirit of God, working through the consecrated, holy people of God who offered their all—hearts, minds, bodies, and souls—on the altar of our God, who loved not their lives unto death, but sounded forth the full gospel of the glorious evening light, multitudes were brought to full salvation, and delivered from all sin and sect confusion, and came leaping home to Zion, the one and only true church, the body of Christ, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Then how sad! Through cunning craftiness of Satan, the paper fell into the control of men who had departed from the faith, compromised with the world (made shipwreck on the same rock that other reformations had wrecked on; namely, worldliness). Conditions became such that if the trumpet gave a sound it was an uncertain sound and God's people knew not when to prepare themselves for battle. Amid this confusion, many precious souls went down and lost sight of the true church and of the evening light. I personally know a number who even went and joined themselves to creeds of men.

Those worldly-minded leaders organized, systemized, and modernized the paper. According to man's wisdom, it looked better, had better language, was gotten up in later style, but the power and Spirit of God withdrew from it. "The light of the candle shall shine no more in her, the voice of the bride and the bridegroom shall be heard no more at all in her." In the sight of men, no doubt, she looks better, but the hand of Almighty God declares her desolation. Brethren, I firmly believe that the hand of God took part in their removing that holy emblem that He had delivered to His faithful servant; the scroll, the trumpet, and the angel no more belonged on it. The angel represented holy men and women of God, who would not shun to declare the whole counsel of God;

the scroll surely denoted, "take the little book and eat it" (all the holy word of God); the trumpet, "Lift up your voice as a trumpet, cry aloud and spare not," lay judgment to the line and righteousness to the plummet. These things cannot be done in a humanly organized movement; therefore, this was removed, and now they live in name only.

But all praise and honor to our God, He through it all has reserved unto Himself a holy remnant. Thank God, there are many who have never bowed the knee to Baal or the gods of this world or gods of men, and who still with all their being love the full gospel, and continue to walk in this glorious evening light. Saints, let us all put forth much fasting and prayer to God that He will protect and defend this, His little paper, that the watchmen whom He has anointed to proclaim the evening light may be endowed with power and wisdom from on high, that with "Faith and Victory" they will lead at least a few more souls to the truth and light. We know the time is short. It will not be long till Jesus comes.

Please pray for me, that God will lead me deep-  
er into His love and grace. —Sam Wilson.

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## CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12:2). To conform to a thing is to agree to it, to accept it as satisfactory to us, and let it have a place in our own life and practice. To wear jewelry; fine, gaudy, and expensive clothing; to keep up with the latest fads and styles; to have public ice cream suppers, and sell "soft drinks" (which is mostly to satisfy the fleshly appetite) in order to raise money for the preacher and church; to go to shows, fairs, horse races, and theatres; to attend and enjoy the public skating rinks; to go to the promiscuous bathing pools in the shameful garb that is so prevalent today; for women to wear such scanty clothing as is so common everywhere; for women to wear pants made purposely for them, or men's pants and overalls—surely, this all is deep-dyed worldliness. How can any honest soul deny this? In 1 John 2:15, we read, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man (or woman) love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." We know the love of the Father is not in unregenerate, worldly people; consequently it is not strange if they love these things and ways of the world. It is a natural consequence. We can not expect any thing else of them. But what about people professing godliness? Much more, claiming to be the clean saints of God? Dear soul, does this hit you? If it does, it is sent from God, for God

has laid it heavily upon me to ask you in true love and kindness, get where it can't hit you. Oh, for Christ's sake and your own soul's sake, let us not reproach the church that Jesus built any longer with such like things. A good dose of the Holy Spirit will CURE such things sound and well, without men having to tell us. 1 John 2:27 says, "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, YE SHALL ABIDE IN HIM." Verse 28 also says, "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. Some well-meaning people in denominationalism will not do these things, and how can we get them out of the dark, if they already are carrying a better light than we? Is it not a sad, sad thing to do these things that are an abomination to God? Deut. 22:5 says, "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth to a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination to the Lord thy God." There must be enough love for these things in us to get us to do them, or we would not do them. A deeper dip in the blood and depth of the Holy Ghost is the only and sure remedy.

O God, help us to get rid of any and all such things as the above. Oh, dear professed child of God, is it possible, we do not mind to wear clothes, or do any other thing that will make us an abomination to God? Do we know what abomination means? Here is Webster's definition: "An object of hatred and disgust."

Do we want God to hate us and be disgusted with us? We say, "No!" Then we must quit the things that make us so. And, O, what will it be when we stand before God? Thank God for the privilege we have of being clean for God. It is the most blessed thing we can have in this life and indispensable to meet eternity with. Then instead of being conformed to this world, let us be transformed that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. We can not be God's saints and do these things, nor convince the world that we are, and get them to turn to God. We should repent of it.

—J. H. Pierson.

## LIGHT UP THY HEART

Light up thy heart from trifling thought;

Lift up thy soul from sordid dearth;

Gaze thou away from things of earth,

Gaze on the way that Jesus taught.

Thy vision keep on life and love,

Thy resurrection day is here;

Ascension for thee is near,

Thy vision keep on things above.

## *Eyes, They See Not; Ears, They Hear Not*

Those references found in Matt. 13:15, Mark 8:18, and John 12:40 once seemed so difficult for me to understand until God called me out of the darkness of an apostate or sect church. Why is it that so many leaders and their congregations are in darkness or error concerning a true definite interpretation of the Word of God? is a question often asked, since the Bible is an open book for everyone to read and study.

Just recently I listened to a well-known Protestant minister speak over the radio. He told how many different institutions of learning or preparation schools that he had graduated from. His mistaken interpretation of future punishment to the lost convinced me that he needed greater light and a clearer vision of the fundamentals of a full gospel doctrine. There are many so-called holiness factions all over this country known by many different names which are not the true apostolic church of God, for they are in spiritual darkness. The majority of them are wrongly informed concerning what is to take place when the Lord returns for His redeemed people.

Their spiritual eyes and understanding are darkened and they are in error and reject sound gospel doctrine. They have hears, but are deaf to the symbolic language or terms we read in Rev. 20, and other Bible references of symbolic interpretation.

A young man (a church member) whom I personally knew, said he was thinking of studying to be a preacher. I answered that I thought he should first get salvation; whereupon he wanted to know what I meant by salvation.

When God definitely calls anyone to the ministry or any other gospel work, the Holy Spirit can and will train and prepare them for the work of preaching a full gospel without spending years to be trained in a Bible school or theological seminary where teachers have not experienced a definite heart-felt experience of salvation—a new-created life in Christ.

Many are in spiritual darkness because of ignorance, and others wilfully reject light. "Men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil." John 3:19. A meek, humble, redeemed person has eyes to see and ears to hear; and to such, God can reveal a true definite understanding or sensible interpretation of His Word. If we had no Bible warrant to justify our stand against deceptive doctrine, false teaching, and spiritual error or darkness in the apostate churches and hiring ministry, then one would have reason to condemn us as critics, fanatics, or fault-finders; but a study of 2nd Peter 2:1, 2 convinces us we are not wrong, for it is not only one's duty, but a loving privilege to help our fellowmen to see and know God better. To do this, we must seek to uncover and denounce unsound

gospel doctrine in the spirit of meekness. If we know these things and fail to do God's work, we cannot be free from the blood of those who could have been enlightened or saved through our efforts to co-operate with God. The true light of gospel truth must, and will, shine forth and penetrate the dark abode of those spiritually blind and deaf, that they may see and live, Isa. 9:2. —John H. Griffith.

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## LOVE

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Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, mind, and spirit. That takes in all of our being—no part left for anything else. God is love, and to live this life as God has said would make us more like God.

Is God pleased with the destruction of human life that is taking place in the world today? He says, "Thou shalt not kill." Love will never do this. Life is God-given and not ours to destroy. Why will man whom God has made in His own likeness and image, destroy that which they can not give? That is what is happening among the warring nations, and there is only one way for our own country to escape the same fate. The only cure for war is love. It can only be avoided when the people humble themselves before God and seek His love. War would cease if people of the different nations would obey the new commandment which Jesus left: "That we love one another as I have loved you." This would also establish peace in homes. Otherwise we can not hope for peace. God is displeased with those who kill and make war, but He permits ungodly men to fulfill the prophecy: "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." These things must "needs be" among people who do not possess God's love in their souls, but those who dwell in love will not take part in destroying human life.

Let us consider the condition of our own beloved country which God has given us. It was, in early days, a country which God gave to His people for a refuge. They fled to it from their persecutors in order to worship God according to the dictates of their consciences; but now, behold what it has been turned into!—a dwelling place for people whose hearts are filled with greed, selfishness, hatred, and other sins. Our schools and places of learning which were established so the youth could learn about and better understand God's law (see some of the first school laws) have been turned into infidel incubators. The Bible is a dead letter and our young people have turned from thoughts of God to indulge unreservedly in selfish pleasures. The things of God have no attraction for them.

Oh, my beloved countrymen, "Turn ye, turn ye, why will ye die!" Seek God's love.

—F. W. Spaur.

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According to the teachings of Christ and the apostles, we are convinced that war and fighting is wrong. For this reason, we are conscientiously opposed to the taking up of carnal weapons to do injury to any of God's human creation under any and all circumstances.

Its motto: Have faith in God. Its object: The glory of God and the salvation of men; the promulgation and restoration of the whole truth to the people in this "evening time" as it was in the morning Church of the first century; the unification of all true believers in one body by the love of God. Its standard: Separation from the world and entire devotion to the service and the will of God. Its characteristics: No discipline but the Bible no bond of union but the love of God; no test of fellowship but the indwelling spirit of Christ; and separation from all human organizations that are not authorized in the Word of God.

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*Editorials*

The work is moving along nicely in the "Lord's Print Shop." Tracts, papers, and books are being printed and packages of tracts, papers, and booklets are deposited in the Post Office practically every day, to be sent out in all directions to the many who are calling for the gospel by the printed page. This rejoices our hearts, for we know that it will mean more souls gathered into the fold of God, and those who are in the fold will be encouraged to press the battle on against sin and wickedness of every kind.

We exhort all the dear saints everywhere to be encouraged and "Keep yourselves unspotted from the world," or we might truthfully say, this "Modern Sodom." The true saint, today, is grieved at heart by seeing and hearing of the ungodly actions of professing Christians, to say nothing about the host of wicked and sinful men, that surround them. Our decisions are firm to stand true to God at any cost and not to grieve the Spirit of God by edging up to the world or conforming to it in dress or any of its revellings or yoking up with any present day self-righteous Pharisees. We appreciate very much those whom God is using in sending offerings for the tract work. It enables us to continue buying paper, printing tracts, and sending them to the needy everywhere.

A brother from one of our large cities who has been getting tracts from us for years, visited us a few days ago. He had never sent even a stamp as an offering for the tracts, being poor in this world's goods. He spends his time preaching on the streets, giving out tracts in the road houses, saloons, dance halls, slum districts, prisons, and jails. He liked the tracts we printed that told the story of salvation so clearly, and told us of the great good the tracts were doing. Let us not become weary in well doing for Paul tells us we shall reap if we faint not. God will not forget your sacrifices of love in giving of your substance to get the gospel to men by the printed page.

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Brother C. Z. Stonecypher of Hastings, Nebr. has been with us for several weeks. He had us to print a book for him, entitled, "Divine Healing in the Mind of God." This is a very interesting book, and you should send and get copies of it for yourself and your friends. You will find this book advertised in another place in this paper.

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There have been so many poems and articles sent in for the "Faith and Victory" paper that it is impossible to have room for all of them. So if your article or poem is not printed, do not think it strange or that something was wrong with it, because we do the best we can about printing them, looking to the Lord for guidance, and using them as there is space according to His directions. Many of the saints

have written us lately, expressing their satisfaction with the paper, and declaring that it is getting better all the time. We thank the Lord for this, for it is the consuming desire of our heart to send out a paper filled with reading matter that will have God's approval upon it, so His Spirit will illuminate truth to souls as they read its pages.

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The saints at Guthrie are inviting all to come to Guthrie on Easter Sunday, April 13th to be with us in all day service. In the afternoon, we shall observe the Bible ordinances of partaking of the bread and wine in remembrance of His broken body and blood sacrifice. Paul says, "For 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. Paul said that he received this from the Lord and was delivering it unto us. Paul was one that God had sent unto the Gentiles with the Gospel and this was some of the gospel that he gave. He was an able teacher in showing and proving that the law was done away with in Christ, but he recognized the Lord's Supper as being strictly a New Testament ordinance, to be observed by the followers of Christ, keeping fresh in their minds the great sacrifice that Jesus had made to redeem us from all sin and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

In the thirteenth chapter of St. John, we read about Jesus washing the disciples' feet. After doing this, he said, "If I then your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought [duty bound] to wash one another's feet." Washing one another's feet shows that we are servants one to the other, and are willing to do any humble task for our brother. Those who do not have this humility in their heart of course would not, or should not, wash feet for it would only be mockery in the sight of God. Jesus said, "I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." In the 17th verse he said, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." Paul mentions feet washing in the fifth chapter of 1 Timothy as one qualification of a widow that should be provided for by the church when old and unable to care for herself. He said, "If she have lodged strangers, if she have diligently followed every good work." Paul includes the washing of the saints' feet as one of the good works.

Water Baptism (immersion) is another New Testament ordinance and was taught and practiced by Paul, the Gentile preacher. Jesus set the example of being baptized in water, and said he was fulfilling all righteousness. When he came up out of the water, God the Father put his approval upon the act: the heavens opened, the Spirit came upon him, and the Voice of God from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." In Mark 16:16, he said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall

be damned." People who have never been baptized in water by a holy man of God are rejecting the commandment of God and the words that Jesus has spoken will judge them in the last day. Read John 12:48. In Acts the 8th chapter, we have on record in God's sacred scriptures an account of the Ethiopian, a Gentile whom Phillip baptized in water; and we see how clearly God put his approval upon the act as the Spirit caught away Philip and the Ethiopian went on his way rejoicing.

Paul teaches water baptism very clearly in the 6th chapter of Romans, and says we are buried with him by baptism into death. The water does not wash away your sins. It is the faith you manifest in the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanses from all in. One is not a candidate for water baptism until the blood has washed away his sins and he has peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. Water baptism symbolizes the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord. You die to the world (forsake it), and you are buried in the watery grave as a symbol of being dead. You are raised up out of the water, symbolizing your resurrection with Christ and you now walk in newness of life. Read Col. 2:12. Peter tells us in 1 Pet. 3:21 that water baptism is a figure of our salvation for it answers as a good conscience toward God and shows that we have been resurrected by Jesus Christ—quickened to life by His Spirit. Water baptism is a sacred and blessed ordinance if properly understood by the newly saved soul.

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We serve the same Almighty God today that Moses, Elijah, Daniel, Peter, John, and Paul served; and we also have the same old sneaking, lying, deceiving, self-righteous devil to fight. The current of the world is extraordinarily strong and the winds of doctrines are numerous, decoying, alluring, and deceiving many precious souls into deceptive and damnable ways. If Satan cannot get souls into some of the many creeds of men, he will cunningly try to get them to partake of the world in different ways, if it is no more than just conforming to the world in dress and some small adornments. In this way, he causes them to drift into self-righteousness, and thus they travel on with a profession while their souls are darkened more and more. They will speak evil of those little ones that have the Spirit of Christ and his righteousness in their souls. Satan deceives them with the thought that they should be "broad minded." He tells them not to get narrow and fanatic. It is not fanatic to abstain from questionable things, but it is possible to get fanatic about them and become so rigid and "lawified" that the Spirit has no liberty to manifest or bear the fruits of long-suffering and forbearance. If you put on some unnecessary article of dress to be like or have fellowship with some worldly minded professors, you are being deceived by the enemy of all righteousness

and your association will be more and more with those who are indulging in questionable things. Self-righteousness will be the final result, bringing damnation to your soul.

Dear saved souls, the only safe place for you is to keep clear from all worldly dress and keep willing to bear the reproach of the cross, and the Lord will pilot you through to the glory world. Do not be deceived by clever preachers whom Satan is puffing up and using to deceive souls into worldliness. Satan loves for you to be selfrighteous and he will make it easy for you to be such. He has a multitude of agents around working with this end in view. Heed the warning found in the sacred scriptures: "Let no man deceive you with vain words." Eph. 5:6. Paul says in Rom. 12:2, "Be not conformed to this world." We who are saved and sanctified are not of the world. Our life, strength, grace, and wisdom comes from God out of heaven. Our conversation is in heaven from whence we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, Phil. 3:20. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth." Col. 3:1, 2.

Brothers and sisters, pray for me and all the workers at the "Lord's Print Shop" and hold us up to the throne of grace. The powers of Satan and his worldly-minded preachers are greatly against this printing work and would literally wipe it out if possible. We mean by the grace of God for the pages of the "Faith and Victory" paper to set forth clearly the unadulterated gospel of Christ and continue to do so until He comes. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ make you perfect in every good word and work is my prayer for all the readers of "Faith and Victory."

#### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

On Sunday, March 23rd, Bro. Hyrum Ray and Sister Geneva Bailey, two of the office force in the "Lord's Print Shop" were united in marriage. The wedding took place at the saints' chapel. The ceremony was performed by our newly ordained minister, Willie C. Murphey. Frances Edna Pruitt of Guthrie and Alton Stubblefield of Shawnee stood up with the couple as bridesmaid and best man.

This wedding ceremony was a surprise to most all the saints that gathered at the chapel. While we were standing and singing the song entitled, "Behold the Bridegroom Cometh," the Bridegroom with the Bride and the two witnesses came marching in and took their seats in the front and the congregation began to realize that two were soon to be made one in holy matrimony.

Bro. and Sister O. B. Wilson of Shawnee, Okla. were visitors with the saints on this day. After the

wedding ceremony was over, the Lord used Bro. Wilson in breaking the bread of eternal life for our souls. His subject was, "Seeing God," or "The Lord Being Real in Our Souls." The saints all enjoyed this message very much. When meeting was over, twenty-five or more (mostly young folks) were seated in the home of Faith Publishing House to a table spread with wholesome food for the body, arranged by Sister Pruitt.

All the saints joined in wishing and believing for this newly wedded couple a long and happy, useful Christian life.

They are both consecrated workers for God, and have given their lives into the hands of the Lord for Him to mould and fashion them to His pleasure. They have deep convictions that God has joined them together for His glory and their good and as workers together for the advancement of His Kingdom among men. They expect to start housekeeping near by and continue their work for the Lord in the Faith Publishing House.

#### A BOOK FOR A STAMP

A 64 page book written by C. Z. Stonecypher of Hastings, Nebr., 726 S. Wabash Ave. The title of this book is, "Divine Healing in the Mind of God." This book is just off the press and is interesting from beginning to end. Send for a copy. It would sell for 25 cents as a commercial article, but we will send it to you for a postage stamp. Free-will offerings will be accepted and used to the glory of God. The author of this book exalts the God of the universe in setting down the mighty miracles He is performing in these last days of time. Get copies now for yourself and some for your friends. Address your letter to the author or to Faith Pub. House, Guthrie, Okla.

We have just printed another supply of the sixteen-page folder, the illustration of the Church, two dozen of which will be post paid to you for 25 cents. The twelve-page tract, "Results of Immodesty" is also in stock again. Send for sample of fifty different tracts.

A booklet containing 24 pages, just printed, entitled, "Mystery Babylon the Great"; author, George Peek, Richwood, W. Va. Six booklets post paid to you for ten cents. Send to the author or Faith Pub. House Guthrie, Oklahoma.

#### NOTICE TO ALL THE SAINTS

The congregation at Guthrie, Okla. is extending a welcome invitation to all saints and sinners to attend services on Easter Sunday, April 13 at the saints' chapel in Guthrie. We expect to have all day meeting and dinner will be spread in the dining hall. The ordinances of the New Testament will be observed in the afternoon.

**"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."**

## MEETING NOTICE

Chillicothe, Ohio—The saints here wish to announce a ten-days meeting to start on Easter Sunday, April 13th. Bro. J. W. Foster and others are expected. All are welcome. To get us by phone call Robert Graves or Win Michelo. —Bro. John H. and Sister Lula May Strong. R. 7, Box 65.

## MEETING REPORT

Okla. City, Okla.—Dear Brother Pruitt: I feel like sending a report of our meeting just passed:

The meeting began on the fourth Sunday in Feb., which was the 23rd, and ran two weeks. It began with victory and ended the same way. At the beginning of the meeting, there were no visiting ministers, but the Lord anointed some of the home ministers. On Tuesday night of the first week, two car loads of saints from Guthrie came down. Bro. Willie Murphey was one of the saints that came, and he preached a soul-stirring sermon, which stimulated our meeting. Sister Edwards of Okmulgee came and stayed nearly all through the meeting. Her mighty prayer and administering of the Word gave encouragement to all. Sister Davis of Hennessey, Sister Miles of Hennessey, and Bro. Phillips of Boley came and got under the burden. Brother Barton of Tulsa, and Bro. Strech of Neosho, Mo. came down, and both of them gave us some good messages from heaven.

Brother Luster was healed of six-weeks illness, and is now doing fine, improving every day.

Sister Florence Crowl testified of her freedom after twelve years of bondage in double marriage. She says the right way to solve that kind of problem is to come out of it. Bro. Love, who has been away from us for some time testified that he was back to stay.

The last Sunday of the meeting there were saints from Tulsa, Boley, Dover, and Hennessey here. I can say this is one of the best meetings I have been in since I have been pastoring here. Bro. Manly Spears.

## Obituaries

Bro. Robert W. Mullins was born in Clay County, Indiana, March 13, 1862; died Sunday morning, Mar. 2, 1941.

His wife preceded him in death June 7, 1939. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Martha Marke, one grandson, Robert Marke; one brother, G. W. Mullins of Seattle, Washington. Martha, Husband, and son live near Chino, Calif., where Martha's mother and father have lived for a number of years.

Bro. Mullins' funeral services were conducted by G. E. Harmon, on the theme of the Resurrection. Text: Heb. 9:27, and 1 Cor. 15th chapter with correlative scriptures.

His body was laid to rest beside his wife at Pomona, Calif. to await the resurrection.

Poem read by Sister Sadie E. Harmon:

## "ENOUGH"

"The God who is 'Enough'—O dost thou know this friend,  
The one who ever lives, and loves thee without end?  
Enough—in hours of pain when sickness lays thee low,  
When anguish fills thy heart, and sorrow's tears o'erflow.

"'Enough'—for every want, He every need will meet  
From out His wondrous store, free and complete.  
Enough—when tempted sore by Satan's host so dread,  
The God who is enough, o'er all thy foes will tread.

"'Enough'—in hours of joy to keep the spirit true,  
When many are thy friends or whether they be few.

'Enough'—in lonely hours when all around is dark,  
'Enough'—thy God will be thy ever-present ark.

"'Enough'—in life's fair morn, 'enough'—at close of day.  
'Enough' in life and death, 'Enough'—thy God alway."  
Bless His name forever, Mrs. Sadie E. Harmon.

Robert Jones was born in Harrison County, Missouri, July 18, 1862, and went to be with Jesus on March 6, 1941 at the age of 78 years, 7 months and 18 days. He was the youngest of ten children born to James and Catherine Jones, all of whom have passed on before him.

He was married to Mary Frances Kincaid Nov. 28, 1889. To this union was born nine children—one son and eight daughters. His wife preceded him in death on March 19, 1929, and two daughters, Kitty and Edna Acridge also went on before him.

He was converted at an early age and has been a devoted follower of Christ's teachings most of his life. He was a resident of Anthony, Kansas the last 23 years of his life and worshipped with the Church of God congregation at this place all of this time. There are several in the congregation here at the present time who have known him for all of that time and even for some time before, and they all testify that for many years they have known him to be a powerful man for God—strong in faith and courage and rich in the spiritual and moral graces of God. Some 12 or 13 years ago he suffered a paralytic stroke; practically put an end to his active service, but even in that condition there was a strong spiritual influence and moral support in knowing this man and seeing the patience and sweet spirit with which he accepted the physical adversities of life. One of our number who visited him a couple of weeks before his death came back and said she felt as though she had seen Jesus. One said when they learned of his death, "Well, we will surely miss Bro. Jones. He wasn't at meeting very much but we knew where he was and more than that, we knew what he was."

He is survived by his one son, Albert Jones of Anthony, Kansas, and six daughters: Mrs. W. D. Baker of Argonia, Kansas; Mrs. H. C. Crow of Harper, Kansas; Mrs. J. H. McGee of Ponca City, Okla.; Mrs. D. F. Mullenbruck of Wilcox, Arizona; Mrs. Kathryn Black and Mrs. A. E. Long both of Los Angeles, California. Also, 15 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

He was a kind father, a good neighbor and citizen and, above all, a loyal child of God. He will be greatly missed in the community and by his family and in the assembly of the saints.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer (O. B. Wilson of Anthony, Kansas) on Sunday afternoon, March 9, 1941. The text used: "I have fought a good fight."

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Grandma Wilson of Greenfield, Mo. has fallen and broken her hip and is in a pitiful condition. Let the saints earnestly pray for her, and also remember her husband, Bro. J. E. Wilson. He is eighty-seven years old, and this affliction upon his wife makes it very hard on him.

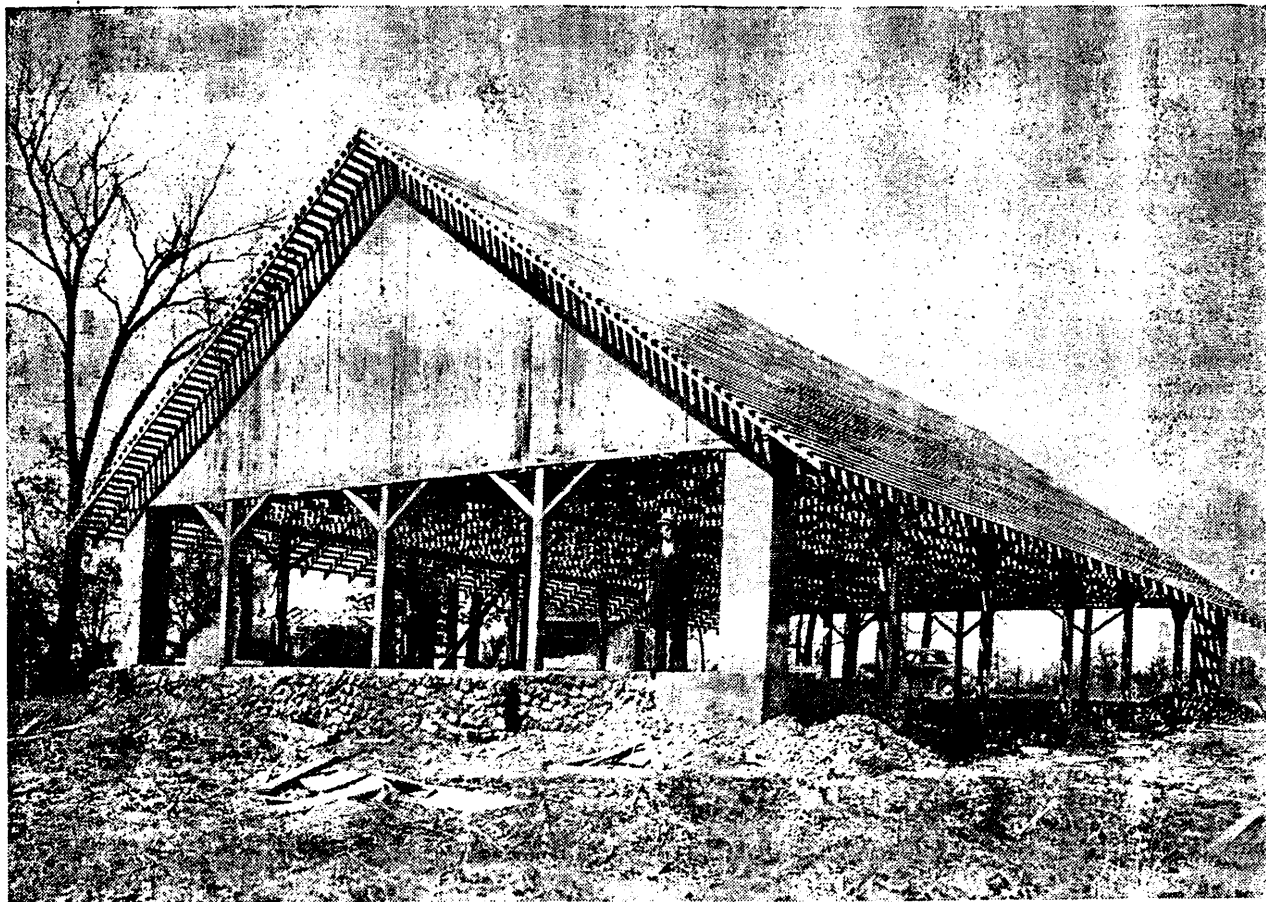
New Paris, Ohio—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I am asking the saints through the "Faith and Victory" to pray earnestly that God will heal me of goiter and kidney trouble. I will give Him all the glory.

Your sister in the Lord,

Leona Jenkins



## PAVILION ON NATIONAL CAMPGROUND NEARING COMPLETION



Viewed from a southeasterly direction is shown the Pavilion in process of construction on the National Campground at Monark Springs, Mo. (Taken in March.)

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### The 1941 National Campmeeting to be Held Under New Pavilion July 13 to 27, inclusive

Through the loving sacrifice of consecrated saints scattered abroad and others who had "a mind to work," the National pavilion is in the final stages of construction. With your continued support and the blessings of the Lord, it will be ready for the saints from every direction to assemble in the capacity of a National Campmeeting in July. This will be the first campmeeting held on these grounds and under the new pavilion. Plan now to attend, with your mind and heart open to the messages of divine truth.

#### The Lord "Loveth a Cheerful Giver"

In the above picture, Bro. Strech is standing on the platform facing the south. Several cabins can be seen in the back-ground. You will notice that the roof is ready for the shingles—an item which we purchased several months ago before the excessive rise in price. However, other material is yet needed and much more work to be done. The lumber to build seats will require quite a sum, besides the electric wiring for the pavilion and grounds. The pavilion fund is now practically exhausted, but we

are confident that the Lord will some how supply these additional items. Ten lots on the camp ground are still available, and your purchase of a lot for \$10 will aid in completing the pavilion and improving the grounds.

#### A Worthwhile Endeavor

At the National Campmeeting last summer, it was strongly recommended that each saint send one dollar, and each congregation a liberal offering to the Secretary 30 days before the beginning of the meeting this year and this fund to be used to pay the campmeeting expense. If every one would do his part in this co-operative effort, there would not be a burden on anyone. We will not or dare not levy a tax or tithe. You give scripturally—as the Lord leads and as He prospers you. The Guthrie congregation has a special offering box for the National campmeeting. Let each of us do something definite for the spread of the pure gospel. Please send your liberality to the Secretary by June 15.

L. D. Pruitt, Sec. 1005 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla.



# ◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

## THE BEAUTIFUL SNOW

'Twas a beautiful morning, with a beautiful snow  
Falling so gently as the winds lay low.  
It looked so fluffy, so pretty and white—  
Must have been falling the most of the night.

While it's so beautifully white, a lesson we learn:  
By close examination, we can so easily discern  
It has little specks that are not white at all—  
They say it caught them when beginning to fall.

It reminds me of man who was made so pure  
Until Satan that old serpent began to allure.  
The cool of the morning he heard the Lord's call,  
He must have realized he was beginning to fall.

Then God thrust him outside the garden wall,  
And he never more heard his Father's call:  
Adam, where are thou? no, it was too late—  
A flaming sword was placed at the garden gate.

Oh! what a horrible thing, this must have been,  
When man stooped so low to yield unto sin.  
The Lord said to Satan, you've caused Eve to yield,  
I will curse you above all cattle of the field.

But man I will redeem with the blood of my Son.  
This provision was made before the world began.  
He's redeemed us from sin, it's proved to be so,  
And washed our souls whiter, even whiter than snow.

—R. M. Porter.

### —o—o— Editorials

This writing finds us back home at Guthrie from our trip to California. We arrived on March 15th, and can truly say that the Lord was a present helper to us all the way. Had no car trouble or difficulty of any kind, for which we are indeed thankful. Our confidence and faith is in Him who is alive forevermore.

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This country is arming for national defense, they tell us. The President has declared a national emergency, and many young men are being called to the army to train and prepare to combat the enemy. On the other hand, there is a holy warfare in which every child of God is engaged. The longest war known to man is that between God and the devil, between truth and error, and between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not. "But the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty

through God to the pulling down of strong holds" of Satan. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, and spiritual wickedness in high places." The devil knows that his time to work is short, so he gets control of the "high places," the so-called churches, and deceives the people by false doctrines. God has declared an emergency, so to speak, to combat these subversive activities. We hear Him call: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Again He says, "I am the door; by me if any man enter in he shall be saved," and again, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." There is no other name whereby we can be saved from sin, but through the precious name of Jesus.

The Lord is calling all, young and old, and He says, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Eph. 6:11, 13.

—L. D. P.

Greenfield, Mo.—Dear Saints scattered abroad:  
Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am so thankful for salvation. Jesus means so much to me.

I want to thank you one and all for your interest shown during the long illness and after the death of my dear mother. We have received so many encouraging letters, and I must say they are each one appreciated very much. The dear Lord has surely been a comfort and help in this great time of need. I don't know how people get along that do not serve Jesus. Although our hearts are sad, we do not weep as those that have no hope. And heaven seems very near us since our dear mother is there. We are looking forward to that great meeting with those that have gone on before.

I am surely thankful that I had parents who taught me this straight and narrow way. How responsible parents will be at the judgment who have failed to train their children in the way they should go.

We have met with many trials and persecutions here of late, because of our belief, but the Lord has promised not to let more come on us than we are able to bear, and he has surely been a very present help in time of trouble and has given us grace and courage to stand up for Him.

Here is a little poem that has been an encouragement to me:

### MY TASK

"It matters not what others do it is my task to see  
My life is patterned in the mold the Lord has planned  
for me.

It matters not what others think, or what the creed they  
claim

It matters only that I live to glorify God's name.

It matters not what others say in ridicule or fun.

I want to live that I may hear His words, "My child,  
Well done!"

It matters not my lot in life, in sunshine, clouds or rain;

If only Jesus has control, earth's greatest loss is gain.

As yet, we are undecided where we will locate, but I desire all you saints to agree in earnest prayer that the dear Lord will lead us just where to go. We do want to please Him in every way.

Again, I want to thank you all for your prayers, letters, sympathy cards, flowers, and for every kindness shown to us. Much Christian love.

Your sister in Jesus, Ruby Fern Wilson.

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#### A Letter from a Little Ten-Year Old Girl

Dear Aunt Bee, Uncle Tom, and all, I can never get over being in West Virginia. I know that it is snowing back there. The tulips are in bloom here. I listen to the "Old-fashion Revival Hour." It comes on here at six o'clock. I have no way to get to Sunday School, but every Sunday I listen to the "Old-fashion Revival Hour." I haven't got much to say. Dear Aunt Bee, I want to be a Christian, but it seems the devil won't let me. I love to read the Bible. Send me some of the little books and papers to read. I love Uncle Tom and Boyd. I love you more and more. Tell all the Sunday School classes I love them whether they are boys or girls because Jesus says the boys and girls on the earth are just the same as your brother and sister. If I could go to another good church like yours I would get saved. I want to be a Christian. Aunt Bee, does it hurt for me to wear a necklace. It is a brass one. A little girl in our school gave it to me. Tell me if it hurts to wear one. It is plain. It does not open. I don't wear any finger nail polish. With love, Onalee Smith.

If any young people feel led to write this little girl, write to her at 3202 Byron St., Seattle, Wash.

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### USELESS ADORNMENTS

Why do the professed saints of God put on useless adornments?

"Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of the plaiting of the hair and of wearing of gold or of putting on of apparel; But let it [the adorning] be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price." 1 Pet 3:4.

First, we want to mention a few of the superfluous, excessive, or unnecessary articles with which some professed Christians adorn their bodies; then we want to tell you why it is wrong to wear them or put them on, or adorn our bodies with them. Dear saint ministers and gospel workers, if we tell people it is wrong for professing Christians to do certain things, then we should be able to tell them why they are wrong. We should never in our own strength try to pull things off when we see some folks wearing things we think they should not wear. But first we should be such godly examples before them that they will have confidence in us. Then when we are sure the Lord is leading us, let us tell them it is wrong to adorn their bodies with useless ornaments and explain to them why it is wrong.

We see some professed saints with some pretty (?) little ornaments dangling from their ears. Of

course they think it makes them look pretty and that is the reason why they put them on; but we who know the truth know it is pride (a thing that God hates) in their hearts that makes them want to put on these useless ornaments to beautify their bodies. So it is with the lip stick, rouge, fingernail polish, a string of beads, a necklace, finger rings, breast pins, bracelets, and neckties. Some say, "Oh, these little things are 'no harm.'" But dear professed saints, remember, God's holy word declares it is "The little foxes that spoil the vines," and "Abstain from ALL appearance of evil," and "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:11.

"For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: HE will beautify the meek with salvation" Psalms 149:4. True saints, those who really have this good salvation and who have been properly instructed and have been taught the truth concerning the adorning of the body will not want to put on more than what is necessary to clothe and protect the body, and on the other hand they won't leave off that which is needed for comfort and decency. Women professing godliness should dress modestly. But we see some women dress so immodestly and indecently, and still professing godliness, but they do not look godly.

I want to tell you why I wore a neck tie and why I quit wearing it. In the first place, I had never been taught it was wrong; and, too, I thought I had to have a neck tie on to be dressed. I had been taught the truth about most of the other useless adornments. I was pastoring a congregation, and I noticed quite a few of the useless adornments showing up in the congregation. One day I preached very strongly against them. When meeting was dismissed, a good old sister came up to me and touched my necktie, and asked me what I was doing with that on if I were going to preach against these other things. So off came my neck tie, and I have never had one on since. I feel like I am perfectly dressed without it. My good brethren, if you wear a neck tie, what is your reason for wearing it? Will your excuse stand the test when God tries every man's work by fire? 1 Cor. 3:13.

"Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, Abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul." 1 Pet. 2:11. "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." Gal. 5:24. And I pray, Oh, God, give us more real saints who are so crucified and dead to the things of this old world that they won't want to adorn their bodies with these little useless ornaments. The Lord will beautify the meek (His Saints) with salvation. The true saints are fat, rich, and pretty, and they need no outward adornment. (Isa. 55:2, Rom. 8:16, 17, Psalms 149:4).

There is no question but that all these adornments are put on to gratify the flesh. Now let us take a look at this big family (little imps of Satan) of these little "no harm" put-ons. We won't have room to mention all of them. But here is Miss Fingernail-polish, Miss Earrings, Mr. and Miss Finger-ring, Miss Bracelet, Miss String-of-beads, Miss Lipstick, Miss Rouge, Miss Breastpin, Mr. and Miss Gold-ornaments, Miss Bobbed-hair, Miss Short-skirt, and the last one we shall name is Mr. Necktie. He seems to be more modest than any of the rest, but his purpose is just the same as that of the rest of His brothers and sisters. He wants to help you adorn your body just the same as the rest of his little brother and sister imps do. They all have the same purpose in view. That is, to get you to do something that God's word forbids. All that Adam and Eve did was just to eat a little fruit that God told them not to eat or even touch; and all of the sin and misery that has covered the face of the whole earth for six thousand years is the direct results of that one little disobedience. The necktie may look like a little thing, but the lusting after it has caused more souls to backslide than all the rest of these little imps put together, for many of those who wear these other things never were saved.

Now, this is the reason that we should not use these little "no harm" (so called) put-ons. Our bodies are the temples of God and in our hearts is His dwelling place; so let us not allow the enemy of all righteousness to put anything on God's dwelling place. God adorns all of His true saints with the inward adornments which are love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance—and they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the spirit let us also walk in the spirit.

—George W. Stephenson

## CORRESPONDENCE

Okemah, Okla.—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt:

Greetings in Jesus' name. This leaves me saved and praising God for the true way from earth to heaven. I also thank Him for enabling me to have a home, four acres, and a rock building on it. He is knocking out excuses. I hope to be more able to go more and stay longer for his glory. Saints seem to be moving on forward in Boley. I mean heaven at any cost.

Your saved and sanctified brother, W. W. Crawley.

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St. Louis, Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I received the tracts and booklets, also a sample copy of your paper "Faith and Victory" and read them with the greatest pleasure. I can see you are doing a good work, and I pray that God will bless you for many years to come. I want a little part in this body of Christ so am sending a little money to help send out the gospel to lost souls, and please send your little paper to me, which is worth many times more than the small sum of 25 cents. Please continue to pray for me that my body will be healed and God will have his way always with me, as I truly want to be in the center of his will and feel his sweet approval

on my soul at all times. I hope I am not too late to get this month's "Faith and Victory," as I don't want to miss one copy as there is such wonderful truth on its pages, which I see stands for the true Church of God, which Jesus bought with his own blood. I want to thank you for sending me such good reading and will say that I was blessed when I read the many things God was doing for his blood-washed saints, and though things look dark sometimes, I feel like traveling on. I want to live true and faithful and be ready to go marching into that city robed in garments of white.

Yours in His service,

Mrs. Mabel Kitter

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Lansing, Mich.—Dear Brethren in the Lord, and the glorious "Evening Light" movement or Reformation of this eleventh hour of time: We here are deeply interested in the restoration of the old fashioned reformation truth. We are tired of so many new things creeping into the local congregations and so many people who are a hindrance to the reformation truth. As a preacher of this reformation, I will never tolerate formality. I have watched this for several years, and have noticed the reproach that so many people have brought upon this glorious "Evening Light Reformation." We are interested in the paper that you are publishing, and that is our paper free from advertisements of questionable things. Bless God forever. We are with you in this glorious reformation of this present hour. I am sending you one dollar for as many copies of the paper as we can get to hand out to the people that believe in this reformation. We want to keep in touch with you at all times.

The wonderful presence of God and His power surely is manifesting His glory here in Lansing, Mich. We were all so glad when we saw a copy of the paper from Guthrie, Okla. This was good news to us that God was working the restoring of evening light by the remnant ministry of the Church of God in another state. Thank God for old-time power and victory. Pray much for us and the reformation here. We are yours in the love of God and the salvation of sinners, sanctification of believers, and oneness of God's people, and the great gathering in of scattered sheep. I say, Praise God forever. I feel this all through every avenue of my being. This does not have to be worked up or pumped up, but is like a flowing well, gushing up with the abundance that is within.

In Jesus' name, Edward Fagan.

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Tulsa, Okla.—To all the saints, and especially those who know me: I feel that I should write my confession and ask forgiveness of all for the way I have treated you, but really and truly I do not know what to say. I have been so confused, that in a way I was hardly responsible for my acts. I do not wish to justify myself in one thing that was wrong or is wrong for I have no excuse. It is no one's fault but my own that I ever got into such condition. But now I am trying, by the help of the Lord and the earnest prayers of the dear saints in Tulsa, to discover and recover my lost possessions; and I beg of you, forgive me and do please take my case in earnest prayer to God. I cannot begin to tell you how sorry I am that I have, through carelessness and neglect, not only brought sorrow and sadness to my own heart, but have grieved the great heart of God by reproaching His cause, after He and His children have been kind to me. Truly I feel that of all the people I have ever known that I am least worthy of God's love and mercy and your interest. But again I beg your prayers that I may be fully restored back to the fold and be able to live down the past and gain back the confidence of the saints—redeem the time as much as I can, the time is

short. Please pray that I may understand what I must do to get in full favor with God again. I am willing to do anything, pay the very last mite.

God has forgiven me and the saints here have, and I await your approval, for whatsoever is bound on earth is bound in heaven. Please forgive me.

I am your humbled sister

Lela Berry

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Duarte, Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the name of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. This leaves wife and myself yet well enough to be fighting in the army of the Lord. I came home from the Bakersfield meeting where we had a good meeting and the Lord blessed all the saints bountifully and reclaimed many, and some were saved out of sectarianism. Quite a number were healed. My right arm that was first afflicted by a stroke, then I was crushed by that awful wreck all on the right side, arm, hand, leg, and foot, received a healing touch from the Lord again and I could raise my right hand and put my hat on my head, for which I am praising the Lord. This is the first time in five years that I could reach my head with my right hand. Pray for me. I want complete healing to work for Jesus in my old age. Please lift my hands in prayer while I press the battle to perfect victory. God bless you all.

Your brother in Christ,

L. E. Davy.

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Hennessey, Okla.—Greetings to all the dear saints in Jesus' dear name. Truly, I am saved this morning from all sin and encouraged to go this precious holy way.

I want to tell of the goodness of the dear Lord to me. I went to Kingfisher, Okla. to pay my taxes. When I was coming down the steps out of the office, my foot turned over and was sprained very badly. I came on home about twenty miles on the bus. I got off about five blocks from my home and needed a car to take me on home, but did not see anyone whom I could get to take me home, so I walked. I met a sister that lives close to me, leaving home. I told her about my foot and asked her to pray for me. When I arrived at my home and pulled off my shoe, my foot and toes were swollen so much I had to take my hand to move my toes. The pain kept getting worse. I tried to walk with a stick but couldn't do much that way, so I began to crawl around in the room. My foot hurt so badly that I decided I would go to bed because I could not work or walk. But while I was in bed, I heard a voice saying, "Get out of bed, you tell the people that the Lord heals!" I got out of bed and began to call on the dear Lord and tell Him He knew how I walked before Him. I poured out my very soul, then I began to want to stand upon my foot. I got up, and, praise the dear Lord, most of the pain was gone. I began to walk and praise the dear Lord for His goodness to me. My son had come soon after I arrived home, and saw how bad my foot was. He said he would come back and do my chores for me. But when he came back late that evening the dear Lord had healed me. I had done my chores and had gone about nine miles to meeting. My foot yet felt a little sore, but truly the dear Lord does heal. All praise be given unto the Lord.

Your saved sister,

Annie Wiley.

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Blossom, Texas—Dear Brother Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' name. I have thought for some time I would write you and tell you how much I liked your paper, "Faith and Victory." It is one of the best religious papers I have ever read, and I thank the Lord for the day I picked up one the first time. I picked it up on the high-

way over two years ago, then after reading it, I subscribed for it. When I saw an article in it stating that you were thinking of changing the name, I was so afraid you would. I couldn't see why you should. Its present name was the most appropriate name for it. It takes faith to get victory over the devil. Without faith, we cannot please God. I like what it stands for. I have watched carefully its teachings and what the church stands for, but have never yet seen anything about water baptism, whether immersion, sprinkling, or pouring. As there are different kinds, will you please answer through your columns? Pray for me and mine that we may have a closer walk with the Lord.

Your brother in Christ,

W. J. Brodie.

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Athens, Tenn.—Dear Saints: I want all of you to know that I have enjoyed the "Faith and Victory." I read the book today, and rejoiced in my soul when I read those wonderful testimonies. It is food to my soul. It has been a happy day for me, and my cup runs over until I have to quit for awhile. I surely enjoy every page of it and thank the Lord for His people who stand firm for the truth and every bit of it. The Lord has been wonderful to me, and spared my life so many times in sickness. I couldn't do without Him. I aim to go all the way with the Lord. I couldn't rest if He were not on my side. Praise His name. Pray for my home that it will be a home He would have it to be. Please help me pray for my brother's and sister, that they will be saved. I am praying for you. Mrs. Nora Clayton.

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San Quentin, Calif.—Dear Brother in Jesus: Peace, love, joy, and His everlasting care be yours down through the years which are before you, amen. I thank my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whom I serve with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, for this another time in which I can write unto you out of a pure heart, to speak of the joy which I received through reading the books and tracts which you were so kind to send me.

I can not doubt, if I should try, that you are a true child of God. I know you are a child of God, and thank God, one who is led by the Spirit (Praise His holy name). For when one reads what you have compiled, it thrills the heart to the full. I surely want to see you, Lord willing. There may come a day when our paths will cross, who knows? I have read your writings with much interest. I want to thank you again for what you have done for me in opening my eyes to the church as you have. It is wonderful to know the true church, bless God. I have never believed in churches builded by man, for the only way I could find was Christ. In Acts 4:12, we find who is the church, and as you said, in John 10:7, 9, we find the door. Yes, I am glad you sent me what you did, for it has been a great help to me, to know where I stand. I like Rom. 8:14. You know brother, that since I have been brought into a deeper walk with the Lord by reading what you sent, I am beginning to realize the Spirit's workings more in my life.

I have had a struggle in here for a long time. There are many conflicting spirits at work in here. There are all kinds of cliques—if we may rightly name them. We have a bunch who don't believe in hell; there are those too who believe you are God, yourself; many believe in signs, as did the Jews of old; others believe you must keep the law and live by the Ten Commandments each day; some have a day which is above all days; so we have many things to confront us in here, as to our spiritual life; but thanks be to Jesus, I am in His care. and it is all done, as far as I am concerned. I thank Him for the finished work on Calvary.

The blessings of our blessed Lord Jesus be yours to comfort you as life to you He lends, is my prayer to God for you. Let me hear from you.

Your brother in Jesus, Box 53018 Pen Dawson.

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Eva, La.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: May God ever bless you dear people. I haven't had any trouble with my stomach hurting me since you had prayer for me, Bless His dear name. I am sending you an offering. Use it in any way needed. When you pray, always remember us to the Lord.

Cora Pecanty.

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Distant, Penna.—Dear Brother Pruitt: May the good Lord's richest blessings rest on you and all the workers there. I am glad I am saved this morning and enjoying his blessings in my soul. I thank the Lord for the "Faith and Victory" paper. I get good things from reading it. I read it two or three times and just love to have it. Thank God, we can be overcomers in this world. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God." Rev. 2:7. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." White is purity; stone, an enduring substance. When we get a taste of that hidden manna, we are in the standing grace and can endure all things for Him. This manna is a type of sanctifying grace, glory to His name for evermore! I am standing for all the truth.

With love to all the saints who read the paper,

—A. J. Stokes.

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### *Possessing the Land*

Some time ago, the Lord gave me the impression that there was land to be inherited. At that time I thought of it as material possessions; but later, after reading the Bible, I know that this land is spiritual.

The forerunner of Christ came crying in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth. (Luke 3:5).

We, Abraham's seed ("For they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.") should go in and possess the land while the sun, moon, or stars be not darkened in the United States. Preach the Word, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering. "Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours." (Deut. 11:24). As the field is the world and he that soweth the good seed is the Son of man (Matt. 13:37). The faithful are possessing land now, and are also laboring and entering into rest, the inheritance (Deut. 12:9). The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell therein forever (Psa. 37:29).

"Let judgment run down as waters and righteousness as a mighty stream, oppress not the widows nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor, and

let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart." Zech. 7:10. It is the little things that create differences. Cain had only one evil thought, but because he didn't banish it, it led him to kill his brother. Gen. 4:8.

In these times of national tumult we can possess greater nations and mightier (Deut. 11:23) in a spiritual way by keeping the statutes and commandments of the Lord.

"Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His spirit." 1 Cor. 2:9, 10.

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### *Professed Christians*

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

So many people are seeking other things first, trying to find peace and satisfaction without God; and some Christians are like the rich young ruler—trying to hold to some of the world and God too. But there is a time when we must choose for God or mammon, for strait and narrow is the way that leads from earth to heaven. God's children may be called narrow and many other things be said about them, but we must be narrow in the eyes of the world. If we try to please the world and God too, we will be like the five foolish virgins—found without oil, or in other words, unprepared when Jesus comes because we wouldn't separate ourselves from the world. "Come ye out from among them;" "Be ye separate, saith the Lord." Hence I count it a blessing to be narrow in the eyes of the world, for Jesus said: "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. 6:11.

"God says, Ye must be born again,

To us this truth is given;

And if we do not his command,

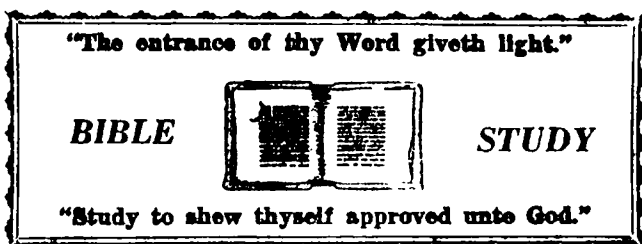
We shall not enter Heaven."

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' sope." Malachi 3:1, 2.

"For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." Mal. 4:1.

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Sunday, April 6, 1941

### CHRIST PROMISES POWER

Daily Readings and Meditations

March 31 to April 5.

- M. God's Promise through Joel Joel 2:28-32.
- T. Christ's promise to his church Acts 1:1-12
- W. The office of the Spirit John 16:7-15.
- T. Gifts of the Spirit 1 Cor. 12:1-11.
- F. Spiritual refreshing Isa. 44:1-8.
- S. The Spirit of truth John 15:20-27.

Printed Portion ..... Acts 1:1-12

Acts 1:1. The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

2. Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

3. To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

4. And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7. And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11. Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? 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.

12. Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

Golden Text: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"The former treatise" refers to Luke's gospel which we have been studying the past quarter.

It would be good in the way of review, to make a list of the "infallible proofs," which proved to the disciples that Jesus arose from the dead. Can you add to this list something which is an infallible proof to you that He arose? Can you say, "I know He lives because He lives in me?"

Jesus' last words constituted the most important message which he had ever given to his followers. How comforting to know that after they were bereft of His presence that they should receive power to overcome the evil one, witness for the Lord, and win souls, through the coming of the Holy Ghost into their hearts—"the promise of the Father." He had referred to the Holy Ghost before, but now they were given definite instructions for his coming to them. Nor was this blessed promise for the disciples then alone; but to "them also which shall believe on me through their word." Christ's ministry upon earth was preliminary to the glorious dispensation when the Holy Spirit would be poured out. His presence in the heart is a privilege which may be enjoyed by every believer in this New Testament dispensation, "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us." The first recipients of the Holy Spirit obeyed the Lord's instructions on how to receive Him by tarrying in Jerusalem, until He was poured out upon them. The Lord has left instructions for us on how to receive Him today, which if obeyed will bring definite results: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: . . . If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

The ascension scene is very impressive and thrilling to the hearts of believers, especially when we think of the promise of the angels, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner." We are told that His coming will be sudden and without warning. But His Word is full of warnings, which if heeded will prepare and keep souls in readiness for his coming until they can say without fear, "Even so, Lord Jesus, come quickly."

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Sunday, April 13, 1941

### CHRIST SHOWS HIMSELF ALIVE

(Easter Lesson)

Daily Readings and Meditations

April 7 to 12.

- M. The empty tomb Matt. 28:1-6.
- T. Peter comes to the tomb Luke 24:8-12.
- W. On the way to Emmaus Luke 24:13-17.
- T. The sadness of Cleopas Luke 24:18-24.
- F. From gloom to joy Luke 24:25-35.
- S. Victory over the grave 1 Cor. 15:50-58.

Printed Portion ..... Luke 24:13-17, 25-35.

Luke 24:13. And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

14. And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

15. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

16. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

17. And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

25. Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

26. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

27. And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

28. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.

29. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

30. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it and brake, and gave to them.

31. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

32. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

33. And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

34. Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

35. And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

Golden Text: "I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore." Rev. 1:18.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

O fools (foolish men, R. V.) and slow of heart to believe—In the confusion, the mists and fogs of Judaism, we don't wonder at the disciples wondering at the turn of events—so hard to believe after death really comes. They saw Him die (for your sins and mine) and before recovery from the shock, while their hearts were sore and heavy, some of their company brought the news, "He is risen." Investigation proved it true; the empty tomb, the grave clothes, and then the words of Jesus, "After three days, I will rise again." Let us not criticize them too hard; but remember that often times we, when we ought to be teachers, have to be taught, children when we should be adults, followers when we should be leaders. O, the compassion of Jesus! He removes the doubts, dispels the fears, by giving light on His Word.

Hopes blasted—"We trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel"—misguided judgment. If in anything ye be otherwise minded (don't understand) God will reveal it unto you if you walk in the Light. He shewed them the necessity for his suffering death (in our stead) and obtaining a glorious resurrection. "If Christ be not risen, . . . your faith is vain, ye are yet in your sins"—no forgiveness for our past transgressions; also, then those that have died (fall-

en asleep) are perished. No hope, chaos, darkness, the mists of darkness hang over us, shrouded in mystery. Everything hinges on the resurrection of Christ. Every evidence was presented to convince all men that He rose from the dead: The new tomb sealed with the Roman seal, the breaking of which was punished by death. But God sent an earthquake that rolled the stone away, shook off the graveclothes, awakened the "believing dead" (Old Testament saints) that came out of their graves "after His resurrection" (See Matt. 27:51-53). They heard, "Rise up my love, my fair one and come away . . . the winter [the old dispensation] is ended . . . flowers appear, the time of the singing of birds is come . . . The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, the tender grape has fine flavor, arise my love, my fair one and come away." Read Song of Sol. 2:10-13. He arose to be our assurance.

The old wine was useless, God gave us the new  
With grace for his favor, to carry us through.  
The new dispensation, with Jesus to guide  
Us to heaven at last. Today, will you decide?

Sunday, April 20, 1941

#### USING WITNESSING POWER

April 14 to April 19.

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

M. Power to witness Acts 4:5-12.

T. Power to be bold Acts 4:13-20.

W. Boldness by faith Dan. 3:13-18.

T. Not ashamed of the gospel Rom. 1:7-16.

F. The blessing of trial James 1:12-18.

S. The reward of faithfulness Rev. 7:13-17.

Printed Portion ..... Acts 2:1-4; 4:8-20.

Acts 2:1. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

8. Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of Israel,

9. If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10. Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

13. Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

14. And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

15. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves.

16. Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it.

17. But that it spread no further among the people,



let us straightly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.

18. And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

19. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

20. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

**Golden Text:** "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and they spake the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:21.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Less than two months before today's lesson, a most wonderful event had taken place—a man, Jesus, the Son of God, had been crucified, buried, and arose from the dead. A world had changed hands. Judgment had passed sentence on sin, also the author of sin. Jesus Christ died to destroy Him that had the power of death, that is, the devil (See Heb. 2:14), and arose from the dead to nail him (the devil) to the cross. The devil lied on Jesus and hounded Him to death (but only in the will of God, to fulfil our redemption). God raised him up again, after which he ascended to heaven, having promised His disciples "another Comforter." They waited until He came "not many days hence." Not knowing what it meant, their anticipation was mingled with curiosity, but the promise was sure; God cannot lie. On the day appointed of God (Pentecost) it came. They (120) were ready to receive it. All hatred and place-seeking had been put away from among them and they loved one another—the Holy Ghost (Comforter) came. The "sound" doesn't matter to us, the fact, the power, the "assurance" is the principal thing and "This is that." Jesus told them, "Ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you." This produces holy boldness. They "knew" whereof they spoke. They spoke so that "all nations" understood their message. "Verily their sound went out into all the earth"—an understandable language was spoken that all recognized. While many today seek to speak in misunderstandable language (?), they were glad they could speak one language (tongue) that could be understood. Read 1 Cor. 14:8, 9, 11, 18, 19. This power enabled them to heal the sick, to cast out devils raise the dead, heal diseases, and preach "the gospel to the poor" free of charge. This is the distinguishing result of receiving the Holy Spirit. We know whether our spirit is holy or unholy. This power enabled them to witness to the truth; i. e., preach the gospel; with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, God working with them, bearing witness both with signs and wonders—"divers miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost according to His own will." (Heb. 2:4). This was what healed the lame man: faith in the mighty name of Jesus.

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Sunday, April 27, 1941.

### THE EARLY CHURCH MEETING HUMAN NEEDS

Daily Readings and Meditations

April 21 to 26.

- M. The Jerusalem brotherhood Acts 4:32-35.
- T. Organized service Acts 6:1-7.
- W. Mutual helpfulness Rom. 15:1-9.
- T. Forbearance and helpfulness Gal. 6:1-10.
- F. A cheerful service 2 Cor. 9:1-8.
- S. The divine helper Isa. 41:8-16.

Printed Portion ..... Acts 4:32-25; 6:1-7.

Acts 4:32. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that aught of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

33. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

34. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

6:1. And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

2. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

3. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom ye may appoint over this business.

4. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

5. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Permenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

6. Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

7. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

**Golden Text:** "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul." Acts 4:32.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The multitude (over 5,000) of believers were in a state of harmony and holy affection. Here was an example where through the working of the Holy Ghost, 5,000 "hearts beat as one;" so perfectly did they agree in all their views and religious opinions, and not one objected to sharing his possessions with others. With man in his carnal state, this would look like an impossibility, but with God all things are possible—the banner over them was love.

This is a perfect model for God's church of today. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." This model can be followed only when "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost." Though we have possessions, we ought to think of them as not our own, but the Lord's and use them accordingly. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

The cause of the murmuring mentioned seems to have been this: when all the Christians had put their property into a common stock out of which each were to have their daily needs supplied, some widows were neglected.

It was needful that they be cared for, but it was not proper or fitting for the twelve to quit their work of preaching the gospel to distribute food. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." Others could provide bread for the needy who had not been given the important office of breaking the bread of life to feed hungry souls.