

FAITH AND VICTORY

The EVENING LIGHT WATCHMAN



Volume 12, No. 9

Published at Guthrie, Oklahoma

25c Per Year

October, 1941

Our Life Is Swiftly Passing

Our life on earth is swiftly passing;
Oh! how swift the moments fly!
Like the flowing waters dashing,
Soon our days shall have passed by.

We cannot stop the tide from rolling
Onward, onward, we must go,
Each day finds us drawing nearer,
To that great eternal shore.

We can't recall one little second,
Nor bring back one day that's gone;
The flower of youth so quickly fadeth;
And to old age we pass right on.

Are you ready for the ending?
Have you made your peace with God?
In this life's the time to serve Him,
Soon we'll lie beneath the sod.

Oh, don't neglect your soul's salvation,
In the day you hear his voice,
You may not live to see tomorrow,
Now's the time to make your choice.

Jesus died for thee on Calvary,
The blood flowed freely from his side;
"Come unto me all ye that labor,"
See his arms are open wide.

Your life on earth is swiftly passing;
Oh, how fast your moments fly!
Like the flowing waters dashing,
Soon your life shall have passed by.

Then be ready for the ending;
Don't neglect your precious soul,
If you live this life for Jesus,
Eternal life will be your goal.

—Ulysses Phillips.

"Except Ye Repent Ye Shall All Likewise Perish"—Luke 13:5.

Suppose you were traveling in Europe and should come near to a bridge on which you could see a sign in bold type, "THIS BRIDGE IS MINED AND WHOSOEVER ENDEAVORS TO CROSS WILL PERISH." Would you be so foolish as to rush on and scoff at the sign and risk your life? Though you knew nothing of the one who had placed the sign there, and the chances are it might be a joke, yet you would surely stop and investigate before you would risk crossing. The sign at the head of this article has been placed across the path of men and women for 1900 years by one who has never deceived or misled a single soul, one that very few doubt the truthfulness of His statement, and still thousands are risking, not only their physical life, but that that is a million times more important, their spiritual life, either going heedlessly ignoring the sign, or trying vainly to climb up some other way. I pray God to awaken eternity bound souls some way to the seriousness of this warning.

There is much confusion regarding the meaning of repentance, but that should make us that much more critical. At least we should stop and investigate, and find out what it really means to repent. There are thousands professing to be saved who have never repented. That is the source of most of the trouble professed Christians have in trying to live a victorious Christian life. What then does repentance mean?

Paul, in 2 Cor. 7:10, 11 says, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of." He did not say godly sorrow was repentance. Many seem to think if a person gets sorry and cries and prays awhile, he is all right, and they instruct him to believe. Many times he has not repented at all. In the above scriptures Paul continued, "That selfsame thing that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you."

WATER BAPTISM

I declare unto you that when godly sorrow seized me, I began to be careful about my life. You may contend for a sinning religion, but if you should become as sick of sin as I did when conviction came upon me, you certainly would be a miserable person if you could not be delivered from it. I would rather have died than to have had to continue in sin. Paul also said, "Yea, what clearing of yourselves." I must say again that conviction or godly sorrow put a determination in my soul to clear my past life to the extent of my ability, and he has enabled me to do it as far as I remember with one exception, and that was a little matter with a person that had gone into eternity before I was convicted. I am sure the Lord forgave me for He knew it was in my heart to make it right if I could. I truly believe the Lord will accept you on probation, or in other words on credit, and give you a chance to clear yourself, if you mean with all your heart to do so. You cannot crook Him, you must mean it from your heart.

John, in Luke 3:7-14 said to the multitude that came to be baptized of him, "Bring forth fruits worthy of repentance. . . And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise." He also said to the Publicans, "Exact no more than that which is appointed you." To the soldiers he said, "Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages." These things were to be a sign to John that they had repented. If those rules were observed by all men and women, wars and blood shed, yes, and strikes would cease. The poor would be cared for and God would be glorified.

Jesus said in Matt. 12:41, Ninevah repented at the preaching of Jonah. What did repentance cause them to do? Read Jonah 3:5-10, inclusive. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, they cried mightily unto God, and they turned every one from his evil way. And God saw their works that they turned from their evil way and did not destroy them.

I believe the scriptures cited prove that repentance will take a man out of the sinning business, because it places him on believing grounds where God will deliver him. May the convicting hand of God come upon all mankind who have not repented is the prayer of one who loves your soul; because "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

—George Peek.



Be not discouraged tempted one,
Nor think it a hard thing;
God is darkening your cage
To teach you how to sing.

That Jesus was baptized or immersed by John the Baptist is so plainly stated in the sacred scriptures that it is beyond dispute, for Jesus says, "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." Every commandment of God is righteous and when we obey we fulfill his righteousness in us. After Jesus had gone up straightway out of the water, "the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him: And, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matt. 3:16, 17.

God put His precious approval upon the act in a very special manner and declared that he was "WELL PLEASED." As God was well pleased for Jesus his Son to be baptized, so will he be well pleased with us to be obedient to his commands. He has said in Mark 16:16, "He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved: but he that believeth not, shall be damned." The Lord associates water baptism with our salvation because it is a picture of what the Spirit by the blood has wrought in our hearts or souls and is a first act of obedience by a believing soul, a soul that has had godly sorrow for sins committed and has repented and forever forsaken the world and sin. Now they are dead to the world and are planted in the watery grave. As Christ died and was buried, so we are buried in the watery grave, in a figure like as he. As he came forth from the grave a conquerer never to die again, so we come forth to walk in the New Life, being dead to the world and sin and alive to God and the things of God. Read the first seven verses of the 6th chapter of Romans. "If we have been planted together in the likeness of his resurrection: knowing this that our old man (self) is crucified with Him, that the body of sin (carnal nature) or (power of sin) might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin."

We find in the fourth chapter of St. John that the disciples of Christ baptized for Him when he was preaching the gospel. In the 26th verse of the third chapter of John we see where the people said that Jesus baptized, but the second verse in the next chapter makes it plain that it was his disciples baptizing for Him.

In the commission that Jesus gave to his disciples, he said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always even to the end of the world." The end of the world has not come

yet so this commandment holds good today for us to obey.

On the day of Pentecost when all the disciples were baptized with the Holy Ghost, Peter in speaking of the Holy Ghost said, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38. "For the promise is unto you and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

This scripture plainly teaches us that the command to repent and be baptized and to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost is for us today just as it was for the early Christians.

Philip went to Samaria and preached Christ unto them (Acts 8:5). In the 12th verse we read, "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the Kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." It is said that he preached Christ unto them, so in preaching Christ he preached water baptism, for when they believed they were baptized, both men and women. This believing and baptizing took place before they were baptized with the Holy Ghost, for we read in verses 14, 15, 16, and 17 of the same chapter that the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word and sent Peter and John to them. When they laid hands on them, they received the Holy Ghost. It plainly states in the 16th verse that the Holy Ghost had fallen on none of them.

In this same chapter, we find that Philip met the Ethiopian in the desert and joined him in his chariot and preached Jesus to him. Immediately after the eunuch believed he said, "Here is water: what doth hinder me to be baptized." Surely in preaching Jesus to him, Philip had told him about being baptized or the eunuch would have had no knowledge about water baptism. We find in performing this act of baptism that they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch and Philip baptized him. God put his approval upon the act in a very definite manner for the spirit caught away Philip and the eunuch went on his way rejoicing.

Peter, in speaking of the souls that were saved by water, being in the Ark on the water, said, "The like figure whereunto, even baptism, doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ" 1 Peter 3:21. By this scripture we are plainly taught that water baptism does not wash away our sins but is a figure of what the Spirit and the blood has already done in our souls, a picture to the world that we are dead to the world and to sin and now we will be walking in the new life, sowing to the Spirit and no longer to the flesh (Gal. 6:8).

Yes, water baptism is for us today who have godly sorrow, repent, and believe in Christ to the saving of the soul. The Jailer believed and wanted to be baptized at once, even went that very night and was baptized, he and his household (Acts 16:33).

To be baptized in water is a clear command of the Lord Jesus Christ and also of the apostles. Paul the Gentile preacher taught it and practiced the same.

Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15; and "If a man love me, he will keep my words." John 14:23. In 1 John 2:3, we read, "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments."

Brethren and sisters, it is a dangerous thing to neglect to do the commandments of God. When we neglect to do the commandments we are neglecting our salvation, and the scripture says, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Heb. 2:3.

—Fred Pruitt.

—o0o—

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

World conditions now developing are foreshown in prophecy for the perilous last days, 2 Tim. 3:1. The inspired writers of Apocrypha quotes, "The days shall come that they which dwell upon earth shall be taken in a great number, and the way of truth shall be hidden and the land shall be barren of faith, But iniquity shall be increased." Think of the large ships that have gone down and the air-raid disaster in China where so many lost their lives. We need to draw nigh to God, and put the government upon his shoulders.

"Even to the time of the end many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased" Dan. 12:3. Surely the chariots are traveling with lightning speed, as to seem like flaming torches (Nahum 2:4).

For as in the days that were before the flood, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. The people were dining and were lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, and as we look about us we must say that we have left the path which our forefathers trod. America will endure as long as we maintain our religious liberty and live by the teaching of the Bible.

Wars, famines, pestilences, earthquakes, distress of nations, the sea and the waves roaring, men's hearts failing them for fear. "Because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land, Therefore shall the land mourn" Hosea 4:13. "But if my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land." 2 Chron. 7:13, 14. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

—Mrs. Chas. Reese

"FAITH AND VICTORY"

16 PAGE HOLINESS MONTHLY

An exclusive, full gospel paper printed and sent out in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ in the interest of all Christians, which body of believers constitute the one and only true Church of God.

This non-sectarian paper is edited and published each month (except August of each year which is Camp Meeting month, and we omit this month to attend these meetings) by Fred Pruitt, assisted by Mary A. Pruitt, and other consecrated workers at FAITH PUBLISHING HOUSE, 920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla.

(Entered as second-class matter June 30, 1930 at the Post Office at Guthrie, Oklahoma under the act of March, 3, 1879.) —SUBSCRIPTION PRICES—

Single copy, one year	\$.25
Single copy, five years	1.00
Five copies to any address, one year	1.00
Twelve copies to any address, one year	2.00

This publication teaches salvation from all sin, sanctification for believers, unity and oneness for which Jesus prayed as recorded in John 17:21 and manifested by the apostles and believers after Pentecost. By God's grace we teach, preach, and practice the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the same gospel which Peter, John, and Paul preached, taught, and practiced; including the Divine healing of the body. James 5:14, 15.

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.

Through the Free Literature Fund thousands of gospel tracts are published and sent out free of charge as the Lord supplies. Cooperation of our readers is solicited, and will be appreciated in any way the Bible and the Holy Spirit teaches you to do or stirs your heart. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Read Exodus 25:2; 1 Chron. 29:9; 2 Cor. 9:7; and Luke 6:38.

Free-will offerings sent in to the work will be thankfully received as from the Lord and used in the furtherance of the gospel work as God directs unless otherwise specified. All personal checks and Post Office Money Orders should be made payable to Fred Pruitt, or to

FAITH PUBLISHING HOUSE
920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Oklahoma

Editorials

We greet all of our readers again in the precious name of Jesus who hath delivered us and washed us in his own precious blood. By the time you are reading this "Faith and Victory" paper a company of us will be in Washington or Oregon, visiting saints and holding meetings, doing all we can to encourage the saints and get the truth of the gospel to men.

On the 11th day of September, Bro. and Sister O. B. Wilson, Bro. Aton Stubblefield, and Bro. W. C. McMakin of Shawnee, Okla. and I left Guthrie to be in evangelistic work in Wyo., Wash., Ore., Calif., and Ariz., and New Mex. during Sept. and Oct. if the Lord continues to will it that way. We are always subject to his orders. We ask all the dear saints to pray that He will lead, bless, and so anoint and give wisdom that much real good will be done. We are taking a good supply of paper, tracts, and books, and will get the Gospel to all we possibly can. We expect to visit a great many isolated saints to encourage them to continue to be true to God at any cost.

o o o o o o o o o o

It seems that there never was an age or time when Satan had so many devices to deceive precious souls with. He has numerous things and ways invented to attract and to induce souls to seek and obtain fleshly pleasures that war against the soul. He uses the radio to flood his worldliness of jazz music and other worldly, foolish talk, together with false-prophet teaching right into the homes and the young generation is growing up just full of revelry and foolish, worldly ways, and many saints are becoming defiled and Christ is being crowded out.

In Luke 9:23 we read, "And He said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross (a life contrary to the world) daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it (lose eternal life): but whosoever will lose his life (carnal worldly life) for my sake the same shall save it." (Shall keep eternal life in the soul).

The Jews clamored for Jesus to be crucified because they wanted their own life and would not deny themselves and follow Jesus. Pilate, the governor, knew that Jesus was an innocent man and should be released, but he delivered Jesus to be crucified because he wanted to save his life.

People today who are rejecting Christ from living in their souls are with the crowd that crucified Jesus. Saints who are being drawn away from truth by fleshly lusts and self life are crucifying Christ and having a life here. A great host of professing Christians today are in the same seat with the Jews and Pharisees who lived in Christ's day. They are self-righteous and have a life here and say in words

and acts, "Let Jesus be crucified, I want to live." They have a testimony that is contrary to the testimony of Paul who said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Their testimony would read thus: I am crucified with the world: nevertheless I live: yet not I, but the prince of the power of the air liveth in me (Eph. 2:2) and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the prince of this world (John 16:11) who loves me and gives me favor with the people. In Gal. 6:14 he says he gloried in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ by whom the world was crucified unto him and he unto the world.

John says, "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" 1 John 2:15. All men and women in this world either have a life here and Christ crucified or have self crucified and Christ resurrected in the soul. Paul turned away from all self-righteousness that he might "know Him and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death" Phil. 3:10.

There are entirely too many today who are at ease in Zion because they have been letting self have its way instead of God. God says in his sacred scriptures, "Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion." Amos 6:1. When God pronounces a woe upon any one there is sure to follow great trouble to that soul unless they repent and awake to righteousness. May each of our hearts be stirred to yield fully to the Lord so when that great day of Judgment comes we will be able to hear these words, "Enter ye into the joy of the Lord."



It seems hard for many to obey the sacred scriptures when it comes to divorcing and remarrying, and yet the Bible is so plain on this subject that it seems to us that none need be in darkness about the matter.

Some people seem to think that part of the Bible is practical for us to observe and the other is just ideals for us to try to reach. How foolish it is for men to think that God would give us teachings and instruction in His word that we were not able to attain to. Faith in God will bring grace, power, wisdom, and strength to be a doer of all the word or else God would only be as a man and not the Almighty God that He represents himself to be. James says, "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own souls." James 1:22.

In the 19th chapter of Matt. Jesus says, "What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." He said that Moses gave them a writing of divorcement because of the hardness of their hearts,

but from the beginning it was not so. When we are circumcised in heart by faith in Christ we become as they were in the beginning, we are given a fleshly heart (a tender heart). The hard stony heart is removed. Read Ezekiel 36:26. Any one that would wilfully disobey God's word and marry another, thereby having two living companions would necessarily have to be backslidden in heart. They would again have a hard stony heart and would not be like Adam and Eve in the beginning.

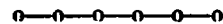
Some believe that Matt. 19:9, where it says, "Except it be for fornication" means that if one's companion commits adultery he or she would have a right to divorce and remarry. It is a very dangerous thing to pick up a few lines or words of a verse of scripture and make it mean so much when there are so many plain scriptures teaching contrary to it. In the first few verses of the 7th chapter of Romans, Paul makes no exceptions. Luke 16:18 makes no exceptions. In Mark 10th chapter he makes no exceptions. In 1 Cor. 7:39 there are no exceptions.

It would seem from reading Matt. 5:32 and Matt. 19:9, that one is given the right to put away a companion or to divorce them for the cause of fornication, but it is questionable about them having a right to marry another as the other scriptures make no exceptions.

One who is backslidden in heart is filled with his own ways (Prov. 14:14) and will not be very particular about obeying the word, especially if it crosses his self-righteous life. His heart is hard and it is easy for him to wrest the scriptures to justify himself in doing or having his own way. Oh, for men and women today that will keep crucified so the life of Christ can and will live in their souls so God can be glorified.

"The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him."

Brethren and sisters, keep your heart perfect toward him and he will be strong in your behalf and preserve you and keep you from committing adultery or any other sin.



Another thing that is a great sin among professing Christians is following the ungodly styles and fashions of the carnal, worldly minded, unbelieving, hell bound throng of Christ rejecters that are so numerous in this modern Sodom age.

Many that profess to follow Christ dress very immodest, having the dress above the knee, showing bare arms, breast, and oftentimes with bobbed hair. All such dressing is disgraceful in the sight of God, and is breaking the plain teachings of the scriptures, for it is conforming to the world, which is forbidden (Rom. 12:2) just as much as putting on gold,

pearls, and costly array (1 Tim. 2:9). Some of these same women and girls will teach against tobacco and perhaps would not think of using it, but the Lord looks upon both of these lusts with sorrow and they both alike are disgraceful in his sight. Women and girls who half dress themselves, leaving bare much of their person are in some respects (in the eyes of God) worse than tobacco users inasmuch as they feed an adulterous spirit and create adultery in the heart of the opposite sex.

Those that make bare their legs, arms, and breasts are classed as "Hateful birds" in the sight of the Lord. Preachers and teachers who endorse or uphold such are instruments in the hands of Satan. They are blind leaders of the blind. What a weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth will take place in that great Judgment day when the secrets of men and women's hearts will be made known. The current of the world is strong and it is carrying along a great host of "sacred scripture" breakers. They are selling the truth in order to be pleasing to the carnal, worldly minded throng and their souls are filling up with self-righteousness as onward they travel to the lake of fire and brimstone where the fire is never quenched and the worm (soul) never dies. May God awaken poor souls before it is too late that they may repent and be spared the torments of a never-ending hell.

o—o—o—o—o—o—o

Special "Three Months" Offer

In your paper this time you will find a subscription blank with space for twenty names and addresses, also a self-addressed envelope to make it convenient for you to set down twenty names and addresses for the "Faith and Victory" paper to be issue. This is a good chance for you to do some work sent to them three months beginning with the Dec. for God. We are taught in the word to "Sow beside all waters." Let your friends and acquaintances read the gospel truth sent out by the printed page.

We will send you your choice of the seven premiums listed for the twenty names sent in, accompanied with \$1.00. This offer will expire on the 15th of Nov., 1941. Please do not send "Three Months" subscriptions later than this date. This offer will not be extended another month as in previous years. Avail yourself of this opportunity. More blanks will be sent if you will write for them.

o—o—o—o—o—o—o

CARD OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION

To the dear saints and friends who have expressed their interest and sympathy to us in our bereavement in the loss of our son, Otto, who passed away Aug. 11th in San Francisco, Calif. We want to express our thanks

and appreciation for your financial help, your prayers, your letters, and cards of sympathy which all have helped us to bear our burdens. May God bless you every one. He has a way by which he makes the rough places smooth and the hard places easy. Thanks be unto Him who doeth all things well.

Your Bro. and Sister in Christ, O. B. and Mattie Wilson and family.

o—o—o—o—o—o—o

—Meeting Notice—

Chillicothe, Ohio—Our annual fall assembly meeting will begin the first Sunday in October (5th). All are invited who live near enough to come. Bring bedding. To those who do not know where we live, we are 4 mi. south and west of the court house. From the court house come south on Route 23 to Puoil station just over Paint Creek bridge. Turn right on Huntington Pike just two miles and then left one mile. This place out here is called Libert Hill. Saints' chapel is just across the road from our home. Win Nickels has a phone near us and so does Robert Graves.

—Bro. John and Sis. Lula Strong, Route 7.

o—o—o—o—o—o—o

LOVEST THOU ME?

"So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea Lord; thou knowest that I love thee, He saith unto him, Feed my lambs." John 21:15.

We find in these scriptures that after the disciples had seen their leader crucified, some of them turned back to their old trade. Peter said, "I go a fishing," others said, "We go with thee." They seemed to think there was nothing else for them to do, and we are told that they toiled all night and caught nothing. But when the morning came Jesus stood on the shore and told them to cast their net and they caught a load of fishes, then he invited them to, "Come and dine." After they had dined, Jesus asked Peter this question: "Lovest thou me, more than these?" His intention was to show Peter and the rest of his disciples that he still had something for them to do, something very important. He must have devoted leaders to care for and feed his lambs and sheep. He was also careful to find out if Peter loved him more than anything else in the world.

Jesus is asking us the same question today. He does not want any one to undertake to feed his lambs or his sheep if they have any love in their hearts for anything of worldly nature. We are to feed his sheep with the truth, the pure word of God. We are not to fill up our messages by boasting of ourselves, or of our families. "Jesus saith, and I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." John 12:32. Let us not grow weary of lifting up Jesus to this lost and dying world. We can readily see by reading the acts of the Apostles what a great soul-

winner Jesus made out of Peter, after Peter confessed that he loved him more than these. We read of him healing the lame man at the gate of the temple; and of his suffering persecutions from the Jews for doing it, and for preaching Jesus to the people.

I find it no task after feeling the power of Jesus' blood in my soul to love Jesus more than these.

—Jeff Turner.

—o0o—

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus said, "I thank thee, . . . because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." Matt. 11:25. "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established." 2 Cor. 13:1.

There are two spiritual kingdoms: the Kingdom of God, and the Kingdom of Satan. We read of Satan's kingdom in Luke 11:18. "The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" Rom. 14:17. "The kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:20, 21

The spiritual kingdom of God is God's people of all ages, in heaven and earth, and is a synonymous term with church, for there is only "one body" (Eph. 4:4), the "whole family in heaven and earth." (Eph. 3:15). "God set the members every one of them in the body" (1 Cor. 12:18, 28; Psa. 87:5, 6; 127:1; Jer. 17:13; Rev. 3:7). "But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, IF we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." Heb. 3:6. "This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness." (Acts 7:38; 1 Cor. 10:1-4.)

The kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God is the same, only that, one gospel in speaking of the same thing calls it the kingdom of heaven, while the other calls it the kingdom of God. Notice the following comparisons:

Mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, Matt. 13:11.

Mysteries of the kingdom of God, Mark 4:11.

He that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John, Matt. 11:11. Same in Luke is the kingdom of God, Luke 7:28 (Probably speaking of the greater privileges in the kingdom under grace than under law. See Adam Clarke on Matt. 11:11.)

Like a grain of mustard seed, kingdom of heaven Matt. 13:31; Like a grain of mustard seed, kingdom of God, Mark 4:30, 31.

Poor in spirit theirs is the kingdom of heaven, Matt. 5:3; Poor in spirit theirs is the kingdom of God, Luke 6:20.

Is likened unto leaven, the kingdom of heaven, Matt. 13:33; Is likened unto leaven, the kingdom of God. Luke 13:20, 21.

So we have a cloud of witnesses showing that Jesus in speaking of the kingdom of heaven and the

kingdom of God, that He is speaking of the same thing.

As to the length of this kingdom, the angel told Mary in Luke 1:33, "And He shall reign over the house of Jacob FOREVER; and of His kingdom there shall be NO END." And in Daniel 2:44, "Shall NEVER BE DESTROYED," "It shall stand FOREVER"—not just a thousand years. "The Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of his father David," Luke 1:32. David sat on an earthly throne, but only reigned forty years (1 Chron. 29:27). David's throne was the Lord's throne according to 1 Chron. 29:23. The Lord's throne is now in heaven where Jesus is. Earthly thrones are temporary but of Jesus' kingdom there shall be NO END. (Luke 1:33).

"Jesus answered, My KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD: . . . but NOW is my KINGDOM not from hence." John 18:36. Now His kingdom is not of an earthly nature like it had been for a time under King David or the chosen earthly Israel. "Flesh and blood CANNOT INHERIT the kingdom of God" 1 Cor. 15:50. "While we look NOT at the things WHICH ARE SEEN, but at the things which are not seen: for the things WHICH ARE SEEN ARE TEMPORAL; but the things which are NOT SEEN ARE ETERNAL." 2 Cor. 4:18. "Set your affection on things ABOVE, not on things on the earth" Col. 3:2. So we see that an EVERLASTING KINGDOM could not be earthly or of an earthly nature, for all things earthly will come to an end. Even the earth is to be burned up, dissolved, 2 Pet. 3:10-12.

"The kingdom of God cometh not with observation; "the kingdom of God is [present tense] within you" Luke 17:20, 21. It is of a spiritual nature. If it were earthly like other kingdoms, it would come with observation.

"But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, IS [present tense] for ever and ever: A SCEPTRE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS is the sceptre of thy kingdom" Heb. 1:8; Psa. 45:6, 7. If His kingdom were earthly, the sceptre would be of an earthly nature, something that could be handled; but it IS (present tense) righteousness—spiritual conditions. "For the kingdom of God IS NOT MEAT AND DRINK; but RIGHTEOUSNESS, and PEACE, and JOY in the Holy Ghost." No literal eating and drinking in this kingdom, like in earthly kingdoms, but a spiritual eating, "righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." Rom. 14:17; 1 Cor. 10:3, 4. Jesus, in John 6th chapter in speaking of eating His flesh and drinking His blood said in verse 63, "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; [maketh alive] the FLESH [literal eating and drinking] PROFITETH NOTHING: the WORDS THAT I SPEAK unto you, THEY ARE SPIRIT, and THEY ARE LIFE."

Jesus was to receive His kingdom when He went to God, "The Ancient of Days," according to Daniel

7:13, 14. His dominion is an EVERLASTING dominion, which SHALL NOT PASS AWAY, and His kingdom that which SHALL NOT BE DESTROYED." And not of just a thousand years, but an EVERLASTING spiritual kingdom.

In speaking of the same thing in a parable in Luke 19:12, Jesus said, "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return." Just like in Daniel, he went to heaven to receive his kingdom. Verse 15 says, that "when he was returned, HAVING RECEIVED THE KINGDOM [in the far country] then he commanded the servants to be called unto Him, . . . that He might know how much every man had gained by trading." Everyone will hear that call to the judgment to "receive the things done in the body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" 2 Cor. 5:10. "Whom the heaven must receive until the TIMES OF RESTITUTION OF ALL THINGS, which God hath spoken by the mouth of ALL HIS HOLY PROPHETS since the world began." So you see according to Peter, even the Prophets knew Jesus was to stay in heaven until the judgment day.

Peter said in Acts 5:31, "Him HATH GOD EXALTED with His right hand TO BE a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins." Here man has inserted "to be" in italics where it isn't needed; in order, probably, to carry out his ideas of a future king. What Peter is really saying here is, that God HATH MADE HIM A KING AND A SAVIOUR. In 1 Peter 3:22 we read of Jesus, "Who is gone into heaven, and IS ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD; angels and authorities and powers being made SUBJECT UNTO HIM." "Wherefore God also HATH HIGHLY EXALTED HIM, and given Him a name which IS ABOVE every name." See also Phil. 2:9-11; Eph. 1:20-23. In 1 Tim. 1:17 we read, "Now unto the KING ETERNAL IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE." He is now KING ETERNAL, our invisible King. "Called of God an High Priest after the order of Melchisedec." Heb. 5:10 Melchisedec was king of Salem, and priest at the same time. "He shall be a PRIEST UPON HIS THRONE." Zech. 6:13; Heb. 7:1. So Jesus is TODAY, both King and Priest at the same time. "The counsel of peace shall be between them both." Zech. 6:13; that is, between the throne and the High Priest's Office. And thank God, there are a few people on earth today that obey Him and recognize Him as King and "follow Him."

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son," Col. 1:13. He hath translated us into the kingdom—every blood-washed soul is in the kingdom.

"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved," Heb. 12:28. That is, as fast as

believers are "Baptized by one spirit" into the "one body" they are getting into the kingdom. 1 Cor. 12:13.

The church and kingdom are one body, for there is only one body, Eph. 4:4. Jesus, talking about the church, gave Peter the keys to the Kingdom, and the same keys, fitted for the church, and the day of Pentecost, Matt. 16:18, 19; Acts 2:41, 47. They were pressing into the kingdom while Jesus was on earth, Luke 16:16. Kingdom IS (present tense) come unto you. Matt. 12:28. John the Revelator was in the kingdom while here on earth, Rev. 1:9. Jesus is NOW "the Prince of the Kings of the earth" Rev. 1:5. "The CHIEF or HEAD of all earthly potentates; who has them all under His dominion and control, and can dispose of them as He will." Adam Clarke. Dan. 4:32, "And HATH made us kings and priests unto God." Rev. 1:6; 1 Pet. 2:9. Jesus NOW has "a name which is above every name," NOW has greater authority than He would have in an earthly kingdom, 1 Pet. 3:22; Acts 5:31, 32; Eph. 1:20-23; Phil. 2:9-11. God's breach of promise to Israel, "The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." Matt. 21:43. "Holy nation" 1 Pet. 2:9; Col. 3:11.

The Tabernacle of David which was fallen down and prophesied that it would be rebuilt according to Amos 9:11, 12; James spiritualized and shows, that it was fulfilled and speaks of the gospel going to the Gentiles, in connection with its fulfillment. Acts 15:13-18. "A minister of the Sanctuary and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched and not man." Heb. 8:2. "Not made with hands" Heb. 9:11. Not like the kingdom or church under law, for under the one, He spake on earth but NOW He "Speaketh from heaven" Heb. 12:19, 25, etc.

"Except a man be BORN AGAIN, [from above] he cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3. Why? Because a heart work is required to get into this spiritual kingdom. We are taught to pray, "Thy kingdom come" (Matt. 6:10) because it shall not cease to come until "The heathen are given to Christ, for His inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for His possession." Psalms 2:8. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" Matt. 24:14.

The doctrine of an earthly kingdom is Jewish. They were CARNAL and looking for an earthly kingdom. "For to be carnally minded is DEATH: but to be spiritually minded is LIFE and PEACE" Rom. 8:6. "Not giving HEED to Jewish fables." Titus 1:13, 14. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ SITTETH on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, NOT on things on the earth" Col. 3:1, 2; "For the things which are seen are temporal" 2 Cor. 4:18.

—Delmer A. Johnson.

« Young People's Section »

I'd Rather See a Sermon

I'd rather see a sermon
 Than to hear one any day,
 I'd rather one should walk with me
 Than merely show the way.
 The Eyes are a better pupil
 And more willing than the Ear,
 Fine counsel is confusing
 But example's always clear;
 And the best of all the preachers
 Are the men who live their creeds
 For to see good put in action
 Is what everybody needs.
 I can soon learn to do it
 If you'll let me see it done,
 I can watch your hands and action
 But your Tongue too fast may run,
 And the lectures you deliver
 May be very wise and true,
 But I'd rather get my lessons
 By observing what you do.
 For I may misunderstand you
 And the high advice you give,
 But there's no misunderstanding
 How you act and how you live.

Selected by Sadie E. Harmon.

Editorials

The 12th chapter of Romans is concluded with this exhortation, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." It has always been true that good is stronger than evil. And since there is "none good but God," and He dwells in our hearts, then the good lived out by the power of God will counteract and overcome evil. How are the hearts of wicked people softened and broken? It is by returning good for evil, and in no other way.

A soldier boy in Egypt was asked by a minister how he was brought to Christ. This was his reply: "There is a private in our company who was converted in Malta before the regiment came on to Egypt. We gave that fellow an awful time. One night he came in from sentry duty, very tired and wet, and before going to bed he got down to pray. I struck him on the side of his head with my boots, and he just went on with his prayers. Next morning I found my boots beautifully polished by the side of my bed. That was his reply to me. It just broke my heart, and I was saved that day."

That is the way it works. The actual example of Christian living is what counts most in winning

souls. Overcoming evil with good will mean suffering and denials for the flesh, and that is why so many shrink back from Christ's appointed way. Unless one forsakes ALL—reputation, standing among men, possessions, dearest friends, and even himself—he cannot be Christ's disciple and he will never know the power of good in overcoming evil.

o—o—oo—o—o

When young people first get saved they naturally feel that they can't do much to win others. Even though they desire so much to see their relatives and friends saved from sin, yet they feel unable to present the gospel to them in an effective manner. Now here is something you can do about it. At this time we are offering to send this gospel paper, beginning with the December issue, to one address for three months for 6c or 20 addresses for \$1.00. Write 20 names of relatives and friends on the enclosed blank, place it in the self-addressed envelope with remittance and mail. Check the premium you desire.

The Word says, "How shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?" In this case, how can the sinner read the gospel if you do not send it to him in printed form?

—L. D. P.

oOo

Living To Our Ability

"He that is able to receive it, let him receive it." Matt. 19:12. God requires no one to receive that of which they are not capable. Jesus withheld some truths from His disciples because they were not able to receive them. Some are capable of receiving more than others. God does not require one man to live to the capability of another, but does require each one to live to the fullest of his own capability. Have you done this? Are you doing it? If you had lived to the fullest of your capability in the past, it may be that you would be more capable today. Begin now; lose no more time! Jesus does not condemn all who do not live to the full standard of life. He does condemn all who do not live to the full light they have been given of that standard; you to yours and me to mine. The question is, are you living to your full light? The soul has wonderful capabilities. If we will only live up to our full capabilities, we will be brought into a very close life with God. We greatly fear that many are careless. They are not putting their soul out to its fullest capability. They are not reaching out with all the energy of their being for things that are before. They could be better Christians if they would.

—C. E. Orr.

Prayer Request

Pray for Bertha Parker's afflicted mother, Mrs. Mattie Bowman, New Blaine, Arkansas.

— o o —

CORRESPONDENCE

Lyons, Ore.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Family: Greetings in Jesus' name. Our daily prayer for you and your co-workers is that God by his great power and abundant grace keep you and the little paper that He has called you to publish for him and the gospel pure and clean for Him, and that you will continue to shun not to declare the whole counsel of God through its pages. We thank Him daily for you and the work whereunto He has called you. God bless us one and all and may we all look forward to the reward that awaits.

Our dearly beloved Bro. H. W. White passed on to his eternal reward one week ago today. For some time he has expressed a deep desire to leave this house of clay and be with Jesus whom he loved.

The glorious work that God started in our little camp meeting here is as a whole moving forward. While Bro. White's illness and passing has kept part of the loved ones and new converts from being able to attend the meetings, yet we feel that all are true to God and our souls rejoice to hear the prayers and testimonies of those young soldiers of the cross. Our God is marching on, His salvation is flowing and the little remnant in this part of Ore. is pressing on. We need and desire the prayers of all the saints. We feel that the work has just begun and that God has greater things in store for us out here. We are looking to King Emmanuel to lead us on to deeper depths and higher heights and to more of the glories that await the faithful.

Your brother saved by grace, Sam Wilson.

o—o—o—o—o—o

Olla, La.—Dear saints: I am still saved and trusting in God for His many blessings. He surely has blessed me in more ways than one. I am so glad I ever learned to trust him. I am glad indeed that I was permitted to go to the Hammond camp meeting. I surely received a wonderful blessing while there. I enjoyed so much being with the dear saints. It is truly wonderful to be with the children of God, and to be in complete unity.

Before I went to Hammond I was unable to do my work, but praise the Lord, I can now do all my work. The devil sure came with full power about a week after I came back, but I went in earnest prayer to the Lord and got the victory. I feel more encouraged to press the battle on than ever before. I am here where there are no saints, but praise be to God, He is ever near to comfort and cheer. There surely is need of much close living and earnest praying. I have found it takes full surrendering before we can get the results we need. I believe that is why more healing is not being done. People hold on to the things of this life too much, or let little things crowd in; such as the cares of this life, etc.

My little boy is becoming hard of hearing. He has had ear trouble all of his life. Now he is getting so he can hardly hear. Please pray earnestly for him that the Lord heal him of this trouble. I know He is able to bring back his hearing. Pray for me that I ever live close to God, and pray for my unsaved husband and children.

Your sister, Mellie Esters.

Lynwood, Calif.—Dear saints and all who may read this: I feel impressed to tell how wonderfully the Lord healed me of the high blood pressure during the camp meeting at Pasadena, Calif. I had been bothered with it for almost a year, but the next day after the meeting started we had a tent and I told the Lord that I did not want to miss one meeting as I never had a good chance to attend the camp meeting before. I wanted to get up every time for the early morning prayer meetings. The first morning an awful spell came upon me. The devil was determined I should not go to the morning meeting for it seemed like I couldn't possibly get up. But I said, Lord, I know you can help me get up. I knew I could not unless He did help me because I was suffering very much. There was an awful noise in my head that sounded like a gasoline pump and I could hardly hear anything. In the name of Jesus I got up and dressed and went to the tabernacle. I had the saints to anoint me and I never shall forget how earnestly they prayed. Their prayers were heard and I never missed a meeting during the ten days, praise the dear Lord. The Lord is helping my hearing so much I can now hear the clock tick, which I could not before unless I would get it close to my ears. Oh, how good the Lord is to His children. I am so encouraged to live for him. I want to be a help to someone. Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. A. Doolittle.

o—o—o—o—o—o

Highland, Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and family: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Am glad I can report victory in my soul and I am praising God for healing my body and permitting me to attend the good camp meeting we had at Seio, Ore. Truly it was a time of rejoicing and the power of God was manifest and the spirit of unity prevailed. I am made to realize more and more that where the saints are willing to sacrifice for God and his cause and have a mind to work, then God works.

But it is truly hard for us as on our return home we received the sad news that our dear mother had gone to be with Jesus. We do need your prayers. Since Father left us she was almost always by our side wherever we went or what ever we did and O, we miss her so! Her home going was such a shock to us, yet we know God doeth all things well and ask Him for strength. O, if I could just have been with her at the last! but I was expecting her home and did not know she was sick.

Then we were called Aug. 24 to Ore. to the funeral of dear old Bro. White. They are going home one by one. Pray for us.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. G. P. Poulos.

o—o—o—o—o—o

Charleston, W. Va.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and family:

We feel it would be to the glory of God for us to write to you to tell you the experience we have had, how precious our heavenly Father has been to us and how wonderfully He heard prayer. We wrote to you and several other saints to have special prayer for the healing and salvation of our dear nephew. I feel that all who knew of his case prayed earnestly for him. Some of the saints knew him and loved him, for before he found the Lord he was always a good moral boy. I loved him so and prayed earnestly for his salvation, also for God to heal him for His glory.

He was in the Navy. His time would have been out in Feb. 1942. He was taken off his ship the U. S. S. Nitro at More Island, Calif., to the Naval Hospital in February. God took him home the 11th of August. He was in the hospital six months. There are fifteen hundred

red men there. Leon was known and loved by them all. He was always brave cheerful and had a happy smile for all. The doctors marvelled at his courage and cheerfulness. In the month of May his parents were called from Seattle, Wash. to his bed side. The saints were sent word to pray for him. The doctors told his father and mother, "Three days ago we would have said this boy would not be living, but for some cause he lives." They told him the saints were praying. All this time I was writing to Leon urging him to surrender to the Lord. He was too weak to write. I would ask God to let me have some word or assurance in my heart that he would be saved. One day I had a letter from him telling me as he read a tract I had sent him how he had to stop in the reading to write to me confessing a wrong he had done me when a boy of fourteen—a very little thing. As he wrote he said tears were in his eyes, and when he had told me he said he felt so much better. This was a precious letter to me. I wrote him almost every day, sent him tracts and prayed and fasted at times for him, also other saints did. He continued to grow weaker. His body would not make blood. He had no pain, just weak. He weighed a hundred and eighty when he went into the hospital and in July only one hundred ten. He had 27 blood transfusions. On the first day of August, Friday morning I was in earnest prayer for him, praying a two-fold prayer for God to save and heal. As I was pouring out my soul to God in earnest prayer, I saw the presence of God come down and touch Leon. It seemed to me it was the Holy hand of God that had touched him. A shadow passed in front of my eyes as I had them closed. It was a bright shadow and came down from above. I seemed to be in the presence of God, or knew that God's presence had touched Leon. Also, it came to me how precious to go home to God in this sweet presence. I came from my knees praising God for what had been done. On Monday I had a letter from Leon. He had written it on Saturday. He was thanking God for what had been done, giving the Lord all the praise for healing him. He gained seventeen lbs. in less than two weeks. We were all so happy praising God for what had been done; but God in his wisdom and seeing in the future things we cannot see saw fit to take Leon to Himself on the eleventh. Now we do not doubt but that the Lord healed him. We believe it was to get Leon to draw closer to God; also for us. The day God let me see His power and presence came down on Leon was two-fold—power to heal and then let me see how He would take him home in the sweet presence of God, but at that time I understood only the healing. My eyes were holden even as the disciples'. They did not know Jesus until he broke the bread and blessed it. Leon passed away without any suffering, went to sleep in Jesus. If he had lived till Oct. 5th he would have been twenty-four. We shall miss him, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope. We humbly bow to God's dear will and only pray that his parents and his brother and sister will live so they can be an undivided family around God's throne.

Asleep in Jesus, oh how sweet the scene of closing day
Where holy angels come to greet and bear the soul away.
May we who knew and loved thee here with angels bright
ascend,

Thy blessed heavenly rest to share when mortal life shall
end.

The angels bore our loved one home in shining garments
fair;

And some bright day we hope to come and join thee
over there.

Leon Kelso Smith, age 24, of the U. S. S. Nitro
Son of Orville and Lula Smith, Seattle, Wash..
Brothers Joseph Lyle, Edward Thomas, Leslie M.,
Elmo, and Billy. One sister Onalee.

—Sister Spaur

Obituaries

Henry W. White was born January 25, 1864, died Aug. 24, 1941, age 77 years, 5 months, 30 days, at his home near Jefferson, Ore. He was born near Perryville, Perry Co., Mo.; was taken by his parents to Wayne Co., Mo. when about three years old; spent all his young single life in that county and state. Married the first time when a little past twenty-one years old to Elisabeth Antell. To this union was born five children, four girls and one boy; namely, Minnie Haskin, La Center, Wash., Lucy Jones, Portland, Ore., Carrie Strasser, Portland, Ore., Alice White, deceased, and Clarence White, Portland Ore. This wife died Mar 10, 1900, leaving him with the five children; and on September 13, 1900 he married the second wife, Lydia E. Weir, and to this union were born four children, three boys and one girl; namely, Noah White, Jefferson, Ore., Arthur White, Jefferson, Ore., Otis White, Portland, Ore., and Anna Taylor, Pittsburg, Calif., which makes nine children in all (and all living but Alice) 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was religiously inclined from a boy and professed religion and joined the Baptist Church at about the age of 17 years, but not having the light on the true Church and a holy life, he was unable to live the life his heart longed for; but in about the year of 1893 he got the light on the true church, the Church of God, and a holy life, and God wonderfully saved him and gave him victory over sin and he died in the triumphs of a living faith; and in his latter days he often expressed a desire to go and live with Christ, and would say as Paul of old, to him to live was Christ and to die was gain.

Funeral services conducted by Sister Nellie Poulos Highland, Calif. Text: 2 Tim. 4:6-8 with other scriptures. The body was laid to rest in Belle Passi Cemetery.

THE CHILDREN

Dear Father, you met with many trials
And disappointments too;
But always fought the fight of faith,
And to your God you would be true.

Sometimes the fight was so severe,
You knew not what to do;
But by trusting in the Lord,
He always brought us through.

And now your battles all are o'er,
And you are safe at home
To dwell with Christ our Savior dear,
No more to ever roam.

And if we children ever hope
To see you over there;
We must be saved and trust in God,
Who hears and answers prayer.

THE WIFE

Dear husband, I remember well
When we first met together;
How our hearts began to swell
With love for each other.

Clara Etta Sharp (Whiting) was born near Lebanon, Green County, Indiana, Nov. 13, 1860; departed this life July 25, 1941 at the home of her son H. O. Whiting near Combs, Ark., age eighty years, eight months, and twelve days.

She was united in marriage to James M. Whiting June 9, 1878. To this union six children were born, three sons and three daughters. Two sons died in infancy. The second child and living son is H. O. Whiting near Combs, Ark. The daughters are, Mrs. J. W. Shriver, Colton, Calif., Mrs. G. P. Poulos, Highland, Calif., Mrs. A. C. Sturgis, Kirbyville, Mo. She leaves thirteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Her husband, James M. Whiting, preceded her in death a little over four and a half years. For almost sixty years they were constantly devoted to each other and to their God. She sought the Lord in her youth and was a faithful Christian until she passed from labor to reward.

She had lived in Calif. the past twelve years and for some years with her daughter, Mrs. G. P. Poulos of Highland, Calif. She had made a trip east where she visited her daughter, Mrs. A. C. Sturgis, and other friends and had gone to Monark Springs, Mo. and was enjoying the National Camp Meeting, where she was taken ill and later taken to the home of her son where she left this world of sorrow and went home to be with Jesus. Her last words were, "Jesus will give me rest." She went to sleep to awake in this life no more.

Her body was laid to rest in the cemetery near her son's. Being unable to get a Church of God minister, Mrs. Hickem a Nazarene deaconess officiated. Text: John 14:2, 3. Old friends of Mrs. Whiting of St. Paul, Ark. sang three hymns: two being, "Abide With Me," and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." She is missed in the home and by the many saints and friends who knew her.

IN MEMORY OF MOTHER

Dear Mother, how we miss you
No tongue can ever tell,
But some day we shall meet you
Where we'll never say farewell.

Your life was spent for Jesus,
For in your youth you sought
Him as your blessed Savior,
And others to Him brought.

Now you rest from all your labors,
Your cares and toils are o'er,
Your life's a burning beacon,
To guide us to that shore.

We miss you, yes, we miss you,
We see your empty chair;
But we'll meet you, yes we'll meet you
Where we'll never say farewell.

—Written by her daughter, Mrs. G. P. Poulos.

o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o

Henry C. Tomaw, born near Mt. Vernon, Ohio Nov. 12, 1845 departed this life Sept. 9, 1941 at the age of 95 years, 9 months and 27 days. He spent the early years of his life near Martinsville, Ill., moved to Augusta, Ill. where he met and married Miss Myra Getchell. Together they came to California soon after their marriage where he spent the remainder of his life. Mr. Tomaw is one of the three surviving members of N. P. Banks Post G. A. R. Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Myra Tomaw,

a son, Mr. W. H. Tomaw of TerreHaute, Ind., a sister, Mrs. Louisa Chancellor and a brother, Grant Tomaw of Casey, Ill., eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, besides a host of friends. Funeral services conducted by G. E. Harmon. Text Job 14:1-14; 1 Cor. 15th chapter with its correlative scriptures.

Bro. Tomaw has been in regular attendance at the little Church of God chapel here in Glendale.

A good man has gone to rest
To live with Him who loved him best.
Brother dear, we shall miss you here
For you always gave a listening ear
To all you heard
Of God's precious word.
On your empty chair we now must look,
But believe your name is in heaven's book.
No parting there we'll ever see,
But together with Jesus we'll ever be.

oOo

CAMP MEETING REPORT

The Boley, Okla. campmeeting was held Aug. 15 to 24. God was in the plan and laid the foundation for it for which we give Him the glory and praise. Words fail to express how we appreciated the help we received in a financial way from the state and different congregations, Tulsa, \$10, Okla. City, \$5, Okmulgee, \$1.70, Hoffman and others brought and sent groceries. The good Lord blessed everything and we enjoyed it spiritually and temporally. Quite a few accepted the Lord and eleven were baptized and Saturday evening 69 took part in the ordinance services. About twenty ministers were present and God used some of them to warn sinners to repent and to feed His sheep. We were fed from Father's table and our cups ran over because of the Lord's presence. Pray much for us.

Your sister,

—Frances Bell.

oOo

Meeting Reports

Hammond, La.—To the dear saints scattered abroad, again we greet you in the precious name of our Lord through the columns of this paper:

It has been some time since we have reported, but we often think of the dear saints everywhere, and pray God to bless each one richly, especially the isolated ones. We often tell the saints in congregations what a great privilege we have to assemble in worship for there are many isolated ones deprived of this but who get so hungry to commune with the saints. I fear sometimes we do not appreciate it enough. Then, again, we often pray for the afflicted ones for we know at such times the enemy does his best to bring in discouragement hence break down faith. To such we suggest that you read the 23rd chapter of Job. Dear ones, let us not fail to hold up the truth for the Lord will never fail us, will always come to our rescue in time, and if we give way in time of temptation it means that we haven't lived near enough to Him, for He promised to not permit more to come upon us than we are able to bear, but with every temptation he makes a way for our escape.

Our first summer meeting was held near Kentwood, La., in the community known as Line Creek, just before our Hammond camp meeting, and we were greatly blessed with ministerial help who were used of the Lord to bring precious truths to our hearts. Bro. Pruitt and his daughter Frances, and Marie White of Guthrie, Okla., Bro and

Sis. G. E. Harmon and Bro. W. I. Miles of Calif., Bro. and Sis. C. C. Carver and Sis Ruth Murphey were with us. The congregation was strengthened in the Lord and we believe there are a few there who will make it to heaven. They need our prayers for they have struggled alone much of the time since the congregation was raised up a few years ago. The Lord did some definite saving and healing there. Then we entered the camp meeting here where our souls were greatly blessed and over fifty took part in the ordinances of the Lord's house near the close of the meeting. We feel sure that lasting good was done here. Several came to the altar for help and some were granted the desires of their hearts. A few days later we left for Monark Springs, Mo. camp meeting with Bro. and Sis. Max Williamson and his mother, Sis. Frank Williamson, and after a week's stay all of us but Ray came back home. That week was greatly enjoyed. There was great courtesy manifested among the ministers and we were there several days before we saw the same minister take the pulpit the second time, and the word of the Lord went forth clear and definite. I believe that was the largest congregation of plain looking people I have ever seen and the Spirit of the Lord seemed to have full control of the meeting and we greatly appreciate the efforts that have been put forth to have these national camp meetings, for we find it beneficial to meet with the saints of other places, for we want to keep in touch with them. We do not believe in standing independently of them, for we are workers together with Him. Praise the Lord! Their thoughts, their interpretation of God's Word, and their presence mean so much to us.

Ray stayed and enjoyed almost all the rest of that meeting along with others and just returned a few days ago. While he was gone, Sis. Katherine Simpson of Lorange, La., Bro. Clyde Lea, a young minister of Kentwood, La., and I left here for Miss., several miles out in the country from Louin, and started a meeting August 20th, which continued 15 nights and morning meetings much of the time, closing Sept. 3rd. Several came to the altar and sought help from the Lord. Many others were under deep conviction but did not yield. The attendance was the best I have seen at a saints' revival for some time, and also had real good attention. The meeting was held in Alvie James' house, who is Bro. W. M. James' son. The house was only partly built which gave us good weather protection yet a cool place for services. We pray God to reward this dear man for letting us have it for that time. There have been a few saints living in that community for years and they need our earnest prayers for they have had a time, the enemy has worked so hard against them in many ways. While there may be some professors there with no salvation, yet we know there are some dear ones who really possess the Spirit of meekness and love and my heart goes out to them. Ray met us there the last two nights of the meeting, then we returned home Sept. 4th and have been busy around here since. We had services here at Hammond last Sunday morning and night and found the congregation here still moving on in His service.

Recently I have thought so much of what I read in one of Bro. C. E. Orr's writings: that the Lord has called some to evangelistic work, to teach people the way of salvation and how to get saved, others he has called to teach sanctification, to establish the saints in the grace and love of God, and again others have been called to lead the saints on from sanctification to a more heavenly life each day. Each saint should feel the burden of growing more heavenly from day to day, whether we hear

much preaching or not. That hungering and thirsting should be as real for the truth of God's Word as for daily food to feed this physical body. Oh, dear saints! we should never be satisfied to stay just where we are in our Christian experience, but continually draw nearer to Him and grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth. Sure He wants us to continue standing on the eternal Rock of Ages, but getting higher and nearer to Him as we get nearer to the end of our journey here on earth. It means so much to be a saint of God, and my heart is burdened for you dear parents to train up your children in the way they should go. Some think their children might become rebellious if they were dressed as modestly and plain as saints, but it seems to me the Lord would help with that problem so that part of the Word of God could be kept just like any other. What can we say, what can we do to get some of the saints to see the need of putting sufficient clothing on their little girls and boys! Dear ones, you have our prayers and pray for us, for we mean to make heaven our home and preach the truth to the best understanding that he gives us. Well do we realize that unless the dear Spirit of God ministers the Word, we have said nothing.

Yours in the interest of souls, Mrs. Katherine Key.

Mammond, La.—Dear saints: After leaving Guthrie, I went to Tulsa, Okla., was in three good services with the saints, then left with Bro. Sam Barton and family. The first stop was with the church at Springfield, Mo. over Sunday, where one soul was saved. On Tues. night we reached Urbana, Ill. where we had some good services and visited Bro. Hawn, who was put in the State Hospital for the insane because he wanted to trust the Lord for his body. We left him encouraged in the Lord. From there we went to Chicago, Ill., and had meeting from Sunday morning until Tues. night. The dear Lord blessed the preaching of the Word and some souls went to the altar for spiritual help and testified they received it. On Wed. Aug. 27, we went to Springport, Ind., where I took leave of Bro. Barton's folks, leaving them in a meeting with others, and went on to Yorkshire, Ohio, where I visited my father, then went to the meeting near Louin, Miss. The saints were encouraged and rejoiced because the Lord had sent some of his ministers their way.

Your brother in Christ, Ray Key.

Okemah, Okla.—Bro. Fred Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I received your letter and card, and was glad to hear from you. Yes the Lord gave us a good meeting in Marshall, Texas. Two seemed to come out of false holiness in the clear on every line. Sister Hattie Young and husband enjoyed the meeting very much and four or five came to get saved and took a stand for the whole truth. We thank the Lord for that. Over a dozen hands were raised for prayer when the meeting closed. Our attendance was poor at first, but continually increased. We were so encouraged about the work in that place that we plan to return again soon.

Sister Young got acquainted with the truth through your paper, "Faith and Victory." She found it in her house—I think it was one dated 1938. She enjoyed the paper so much it caused her to investigate. I thank God, she really has an experience of salvation.

Sister Dillahunty, Bro. M. J. Phillips and wife of Boley, Bro. Paris of Tulsa, and myself went. We all had plenty of work to do and all of us want to go back.

I am encouraged to do more for the dear Lord at any cost.
—W. W. Crawley

MEETING IN NEW FIELD

A very good meeting has just closed at Maple Community near Bogata, Texas. This is a brand new field. Many had never even heard a sermon on holiness. Those who had heard a so-called holiness sermon had heard it among the "Tongues" people. The people (averaged about 100) were hungry for the truth. We made many friends, and had good crowds every night. Several were saved and one sanctified. Sister Lovell was wonderfully satisfied who had been seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost. She also saw the error of the "Unknown Tongues" idea.

Along with my wife and four sons, we had Sister Ruth Murphey of Midway, La., and Sister Eva Mitchell and her son, Manuel, daughter Alma, and adopted daughter, Katherine. The Lord blessed us in our little rented home, which served for us all, and the front yard was seated for the meeting. The young folks furnished special singing every night. Sister Murphey and I preached.

This is a needy field, and we hope to have meetings from time to time there.


Five were baptized, and thirteen were in the ordinance services. —C. C. Carver.

— oOo —

Roll of 5 Faith and Victory papers, one year.....	\$ 1.00
12 papers each month, one year.....	2.00
25 papers each month, one year.....	4.00
50 papers each month, one year.....	7.50
100 papers each month, one year.....	14.00

"The entrance of thy Word giveth light."

BIBLE



STUDY

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God."

Order Picture Rolls and Cards for Primary Class from Geneva Ray, 920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla. The Sunday School Lessons for the other classes are in the Faith and Victory paper.

GOD OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Sunday, October 5, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations

September 29 to October 4.

- M. God our Creator Gen. 1:26-28.
- T. God merciful and gracious Exodus 34:4-7.
- W. A dispenser of benefits Psa. 103:1-8.
- T. A source of strength Isa. 40:27-31.
- F. God's fatherly care Matt. 6:25-34.
- S. God to be worshiped John 4:19-26.

Printed PortionGen. 1:26-28; Matt. 6:24-33.

Gen. 1:26. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and

subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Matt. 6:24-33.

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

25. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26. Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27. Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28. And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29. And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31. Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Where withal shall we be clothed?

32. (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek;) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you

Golden Text: "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name."—Matt. 6:9.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

During this Quarter we shall study truths concerning God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, man, sin and salvation. God is the creator of all mankind, but only those can call Him Father who have been born of his spirit.

"In our image, after our likeness" refers to man's soul. He made man in his image, capable of knowing, loving and serving him. He had created the world and all the animals, but man was his masterpiece. Everything previously created was for his subsistence, pleasure, and comfort, to be governed by man. In this we can see God's parental interest in the welfare of His children. By right of creation every human being belongs to God. Oh, that man would realize this and give to God that which rightfully belongs to him! Man's body is still as God created it, but his soul has been changed by sin from the image of God into the image of the devil. He cannot serve two masters, and can be of no use to God until he forsakes sin and Satan, pleads for mercy, and is washed and made again in the Image of God by the blood of Jesus. It is only then that man is a true child of God. Jesus called those whose souls were still sinful "children of the devil."

Children of God have no cause for worry about temporal matters, for God their Heavenly Father daily verifies His promise to preserve, feed, clothe, and uphold them. In mercy He sends many blessings to those who do not serve Him; but they do not possess the assurance of never failing parental care as do those who have sought first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR
Sunday, October 12, 1941.

Daily Readings and Meditations
 October 6 to 11.

- M. A friend of sinners Luke 19:1-10.
- T. A ministering servant Matt. 20:20-28.
- W. God's justifying grace Rom. 3:19-26.
- T. The love of God in Christ Rom. 8:31-39.
- F. Christ died for all 2 Cor. 5:11-19.
- S. The exalted Savior Phil. 2:5-11

Printed Portion Matt. 20:25-28; Luke 19:1-10.

Matt. 20:25-28.

25. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

26. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

27. And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

28. Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Luke 19:1. And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

2. And, behold, there was a man named Zaccheus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

3. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.

4. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way.

5. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zaccheus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house.

6. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

7. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

8. And Zaccheus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

9. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

10. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Golden Text: "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

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We read in last Sunday's lesson that man was created in the image of God, pure and holy, but when he disobeyed God, he lost his purity and became sinful. Sin is of such a nature that it could not be passed over by a just God without something being done about it, for the "wages of sin is death;" "The soul that sinneth it shall die." God's word tells us that without the shedding of blood there is no remission for sin. Under the Law animals were sacrificed for the sins of the people, but the sacrificing of animals did not make a change in their hearts to keep them from sinning again, for there was no power in the blood of animals to take away sin. It was necessary for a sacrifice to be made through which

the power of sin could be broken and the hearts of the people changed, insomuch that they could again live pure and holy lives, having been delivered from the bondage of sin.

There was no blood in heaven, and none on earth was able to be this perfect sacrifice, for one could not be a sacrifice for sin who needed to be redeemed from sin himself. But Christ, God's only Son, who existed with the Father before he came to earth was willing to lay down "the glory which I had with thee before the world was," come to earth and take upon himself the form of a servant, a body of flesh and blood, and take upon himself the consequences of our sins through his death upon the cross. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Christ had power on earth to forgive sins, but many thought they were good enough already and refused to humble themselves and take the lowly way of the cross which Jesus taught.

Christ gave his life a sacrifice for all, but only those who accept it will be benefitted by it. One can not truly believe Jesus is the Son of God and claim to accept Him as their personal Savior and at the same time show by their actions that His teachings are not all to be obeyed. True belief will cause one to act. Zaccheus is a good example of how one can be saved. Seek Jesus and you will find him seeking for you. Receive him joyfully and be not ashamed of him before your friends. Forsake sin, pay back that which you have stolen, and Jesus will say to your heart as he did to him, "This day has salvation come to thy house."

THE HOLY SPIRIT OUR HELPER

Sunday, October 19, 1941.

Daily Readings and Meditations
 October 13 to 18.

- M. Author of life John 3:1-9.
- T. Power for service Acts 2:1-13.
- W. Helping our infirmities Rom. 8:26-30.
- T. The Comforter John 14:8-18.
- F. The Teacher 1 Cor. 2:6-13.
- S. The Holy Spirit a gift 1 Thess. 4:1-8.

Printed Portion John 3:5-8; Acts 1:8; Rom. 8:26-28; Gal. 5:22-26.

John 3:5. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Acts 1:8. 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 Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Rom. 8:26. Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God,

28. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Gal. 5:22. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law

24. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Golden Text: "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Romans 8:14.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

When Jesus was upon the earth he taught the people the way of truth, but he could only be in one place at a time. His influence was far reaching, but not as much so as when he ascended to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit to teach men and to bring to their remembrance the things that he had taught them. The Holy Spirit could be everywhere at one time. He strives with the hearts of sinners and convicts them of sin. It was His convicting power that caused Peter's audience to be "pricked to the heart" on the day of Pentecost. When a sinner yields to God, the Spirit is present to give him assurance of sins forgiven, and is with him to guide him into all truth and to lead him on to the deeper work of sanctification or baptism of the Holy Ghost, at which time He takes up his abode in the heart and does His office work there. He gives power to witness for God, helps in prayer, sheds the love of God abroad in the heart, purifies the heart ("and God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith" Acts 15:8, 9), and is the source of spiritual victory and strength.

No outward sign can be relied upon as the evidence that one has been baptized with the Holy Ghost, for the devil can imitate such signs, but as the nature of a tree determines the kind of fruit it brings forth, so it is with the one in whom the Holy Spirit has taken up his abode. He bears the fruits of the Spirit, described in the last part of our lesson. This is the only safe sign to go by. The devil can imitate part of them part of the time, but he can not produce the real fruit, and in trying circumstances it is easy to distinguish between imitations and the real fruit of the Spirit.

oOo

CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING BEVERAGE ALCOHOL

Sunday, October 26, 1941.

Daily Readings and Meditations

October 20 to 25.

M. The right way to live Deut. 5:28-33

T. Pride before destruction Isa. 28:1-6.

W. Sinning against one's soul Hab. 2:9-17.

T. A king's folly Dan. 5:22-28.

F. Civic responsibility Rom. 13:5-14.

S. Heavenly citizenship Phil. 3:17-21.

Printed Portion Deut. 5:32, 33; 11:26-28; Isa. 28:1-6; Hab. 2:12.

Deut. 5:32. Ye shall observe to do therefore as the Lord your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

33. Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord

your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

Deut. 11:26. Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;

27. A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day:

28. And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I commanded you this day to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

Isa. 28:1. Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!

2. Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.

3. The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet:

4. And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up.

5. In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people,

6. And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.

Hab. 2:12. Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and stablisheth a city by iniquity.

Golden Text: "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Prov. 14:34.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It may seem to some that the temperance lessons should not come so frequently to take up time and attention in our Sunday Schools; but as long as alcohol is allowed to corrupt the health and morals of our fellow-citizens, we should lift up our voices and use our influence against it. As long as it is continually a temptation set before our youth, we should continually give warnings and reasons for resisting the temptation.

"The recognition that a public safety problem is connected with liquor is at least as old as Isaiah. In our lesson he condemns the drunkards of Samaria and declares that their sins will lead to the destruction of their beautiful city. God will give them over into the hands of a mighty invader. Their safety lay in sobriety and righteousness, but these had been left behind and they were on their way to ruin. . . . There is a civic responsibility to maintain standards of public decency and to afford people, especially the young, reasonable protection from the allurements of those who would prey upon them to their moral degradation. Liquor predisposes many people to commit immoral acts, and even crimes of which they would not otherwise be guilty."

Those who opposed prohibition declared that to make intoxicating drink legal would solve the grave drink problem and that the taxes derived therefrom would bring back prosperity. In other words, "Let us do evil, that good may come." This is the same as building a city with blood and establishing a city with iniquity. The Lord pronounces a woe upon the nation that would stoop to such an act. How can we ask God to bless America with such an evil existing, when he has pronounced a woe upon it?