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## The EVENING LIGHT WATCHMAN



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### Why Will You Be Lost?

As we travel here and there  
Seeing thousands in despair  
Going on the downward road  
With no thought of future's abode,  
We plead with them with all our heart,  
But they don't want to do their part.

They seem to think, the way they act,  
That salvation is not the fact;  
But they'll find that they're mistaken  
Because the wrong road they have taken.  
They will see, it is too late,  
When they stand outside the Gate.

We now warn you, while on earth  
To accept Jesus, "The New Birth."  
Don't put it off until too late  
Or you will miss Heaven's estate.  
The Day is coming—it won't be long  
Till Jesus will come back for His own.

If you have not heeded his command,  
You will sink at his left hand.  
Here is one that loves your soul,  
Please don't miss that eternal goal.  
Jesus is knocking at your heart today.  
Don't spurn his mercy and turn him away.

My friend, if you fail to get saved,  
Hell is going to be your grave.  
Don't harden your heart and then be lost,  
Consider your soul and count the cost.  
So for God do take your stand  
And live the life the Bible demands.

Murphey Allen.

### THE NEW BIRTH

First we want to notice some things that are substituted for the new birth: 1. Confessing Christ, 2. Baptism, 3. Conviction, 4. Good works, 5. Reformation of life, 6. Hitting the sawdust trail, 7. Church

membership. One may do one or all of these and yet not be born again. So many take conviction for salvation, and by so-doing fail to get a real born again experience. Jesus said, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God." St. John 3:3. When one takes conviction for conversion, he is in a worse condition than before he professed. He then becomes discouraged, and it is harder for him to make another start.

Being born again is a real experience wrought in the heart. It is just as real as when a child is born into one's family. The one is a spiritual birth; the other a literal or natural birth. In either birth, there has to be a begetting. In the spiritual birth one is begotten by the Word of God (James 1:18.) First, the word of God is planted in the heart. The sinner hears the word of God preached; he accepts it as the word of God. It tells him that he must repent of his sins and quit the practice of sin, and be willing to make all wrongs right as far as it is possible for him to do so. Then he must ask the Lord to forgive all the past and by doing this and believing that the Lord does forgive, he is born by the word. (1 Pet. 1:23), which says, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God; which liveth and abideth forever." Then His Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are a child of God. (Rom. 8:16). By being born of God, we partake of His divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4). Hereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Then a new life starts. (2 Cor. 5:17). The love for the sinful things of the world is gone (1 John 2:15). The new birth is no human work, but a divine work wrought in the heart by the grace of God, "For by grace ye are saved through faith." Eph. 2:8.

We read in Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost. One is born of God (John 1:13), then he is a child of God, born into God's family, heir of God, joint heir with Christ.

He then loses his identity with the world (James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-16; John 15:19).

There is no condemnation as long as one walks after the Spirit (Rom. 8:1). One cannot live for Christ and still go on in the old life (Eph. 4:17).

One that has really been born again is risen from the dead state of sin and is now alive in Christ, and his affections are on things above (Col. 3:1, 2).

In the new birth one also has His image (Rom. 8:29), for we are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone (Eph. 5:30). We would then bear his name (1 John 3:1, 2). Since we are born into the family of God, He, himself, keeps His family record (Psa. 87:5, 6; Eph. 3:14, 15), and puts His Spirit within us (Ezek. 36:26-29). One who is born again has some suffering to go through (2 Tim. 3:12). To be born again, the entire life of the man or woman is changed out of one life into another life (Col. 1:13, 14).

The one who is born again has access to God, and can let his requests be made known to God (Phil. 4:6, 7). What a blessed privilege to one who has been born again, praise the Lord. Also the one who has been born again has the promise of casting all his cares upon the Lord—"for He careth for you." "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist, stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." 2 Peter 5:7-10. The one who is born again has all the above promises and many more, thanks be unto our God forever and forever.

The one who has been born again has been made alive. Eph. 2:1-3, "And you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins, wherein in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air; the Spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience; among whom also we all had our conversation in time past: in the lust of the flesh and of the mind and were by nature the children of wrath even as others. But God who is rich in mercy for his great love where with he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ. By grace ye are saved." Eph 2:8.

This is what it means to be born again, or to be a child of God.

—U. G. Nave.

### — oOo — AIM HIGH

AIM HIGH—make heaven your home, give up worldly pleasures for future glory. Accept Christ and reap the difference (eternal life). Lay up for yourself treasures in heaven for where your treasure

is there will your heart be also. (Matt. 6:20-21). Endure hardship. Temptation and sin victoriously met will double our spiritual strength, and ever enable us to put on the whole armour of God.

Many think of Christ as ages ago or in years to come and forget His every day presence. It is not years and distances between God and man, it is SIN. Much more sudden than the whistle of a train, our Lord will arrive. Repentance will then be too late. Read Luke 13:27-28. We will then be united with those of our own choosing—to spend eternity as we ourselves have arranged.

Compare if you can, (you) yourself holding a clear title to all property, real and personal, in any or all states in the U. S. A., to Matt. 6:33, plus the promise in Romans 8:17, and see how small your holdings would be compared to the above Scriptures. Matt. 6:33, if heeded, would save the world for Christ. If not heeded, very shortly after death, we might be making similar requests mentioned in Luke 16:19-31 by the rich man to Abraham and, of course, the answer would be similar.

Into a burning building you would not walk. WHY expose yourself to that which is a million times worse and eternity times longer?—in Luke 16.

A dark room, cave or tunnel would ever remain so if light were not admitted. The same with our lives. Christ is the Light, the Life and the Way, BUT nothing is ours if we will not accept it.

Heaven is not a place assigned by a stern judge. Neither is hell a place we are sentenced to go. We do our own choosing, for one of the above places. You're invited, not compelled to choose the BEST. You are compelled to choose one, will it be eternal REST?

—R. D. Cramer.

### — oOo — "More Love, O Christ To Thee, More Love To Thee"

Since the great and distressful calamity is covering the universe, every sober-thinking person's heart is touched—some seriously touched and others less. Some are stirred about their material possessions; others, their political standing, etc. Those who are down to business for the Master are deeply concerned about their spiritual progress and the rescuing of other souls. God's holy writ tells us of these times. Yea, we understand how it came in existence. The Spirit teaches us it is the lack of Love—the opposite of love is Hate. Sometimes a friend or neighbor may come into your home and begin to tell some of their affairs. They do not mind telling how they hate this one or that one. It makes one shudder. It puts nation against nation, divides homes, and friends.

God is love. "As the hart panteth after the water brook so panteth my soul after thee, O God."

In 1 Pet. 1:22, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently." O church of God, and saints of the Most High, let us ask the Lord to increase our love for each other. If we do this we will also have love for lost souls. The unfeigned love (without hypocrisy) is the kind that will cause us not to be ashamed of the Lord (his people). We will read the remainder of the verse thus: I must see that I love my brother and sister with a warm heart. This warm love will draw everyone together who has it. My soul is crying, "More love to thee, O Christ, More love to thee. O, that every one knew the depth of loving the Lord with all the heart, etc. I am sure it first must begin with the brethren before it reaches the Lord.

—A Worker.

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**"OUGHT"**

By the late Commissioner S. L. Brengle  
 "Men ought always to pray and not to faint."  
 (Luke 18:1)

That little 'ought' is emphatic. It implies obligation high as Heaven and deep as Hell, and is inescapable: Jesus said, "Men ought always to pray," and added, "and not to faint." Men ought to pray. They ought to pray "always," and they ought not to faint or grow faint-hearted and cease praying.

A thousand times that text has encouraged me to pray. I confess I do not always feel like praying. There are times when my feelings are numb, when I do not seem to have access to the Heavenly Father in prayer, when I find it difficult to pray; and, judging by my feelings, there is no one listening to my prayer. And then, these words have stirred me to pray; I ought to pray—I ought always to pray—and I should not grow faint in praying.

Prayer is more than saying words. It's the expression of earnest desire. Sometimes I have felt that my desires were not in earnest, and then I have searched myself and have realized that while emotionally my desires were not earnest, volitionally they were—down in the depths of my being, deeper probably than my emotions, I desire the things for which I was praying.

I have been helped to pray with this assurance. "Your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Paul tells us in Colossians 4:12, that Epaphras "labored fervently always in prayer for his brethren, that they might stand perfect and complete in all the will of God."

Prayer, then, is a form of work. In my early years I worked, and worked hard, and often went to my work not feeling a bit like working, but I expected results from my work regardless of my feelings. The farmer ploughs his field often when he doesn't feel

like it, but he confidently expects a crop from his labors, and he realizes that he ought to plough his fields. Now, if prayer is a form of work and our labor is not in vain in the Lord, then we ought to pray regardless of our feelings.

If we can pray fervently with warm emotions, all the better; but if we cannot, we should still pray and not grow faint-hearted.

Only recently, when I knelt for morning prayers, I felt a sort of deadness in my soul—no fervor, no access in prayer—and just then the "accuser of the brethren" became very busy; he reminded me of things that had long since been under the Blood and shot fiery darts at me. I could only cry to God for help. Then the blessed Comforter reminded me that the Blood had long since covered my sins and washed me clean from their guilt and pollution, and reminded me that I must not cast away my confidence, that my great High Priest was pleading my case, and that I must come boldly to the throne of Grace. This I did, and the enemy was routed. My emotions were liberated, my spirit was free, and, oh, what a blessed time of communion I had with my Lord and I found prayer easy. If I had fainted instead of fighting the good fight of faith, the battle would have been lost, gloom would have settled upon me like a thick cloud and enshrouded my soul, and I could not have reaped because I had not sown; I could not have received wages because I had not labored fervently in prayer.

William Bramwell, a minister of the Gospel, whose ministry was mightily used in the saving and sanctifying of souls and who was mighty in prayer, said that he never went to secret prayer without reluctance, with feet that dragged, with a spirit that drooped, but as he labored in prayer his spirit revived and he found it oftentimes difficult to cease praying and his feet became like hind's feet. Let us pray!

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We have a few more books of the 1941 Faith and Victory papers in stock and if any one wants one of these books, they are available for 35 cents post paid. This book contains the eleven issues of the 1941 Faith and Victory paper and will furnish a large quantity of good reading. It would be good to get one for a friend.

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We also have the little book printed entitled, "Life Sketches of Mother Sarah Smith." This is a wonderful little book and tells what God has done through a woman who was consecrated to him and his service. It is ten cents post paid to you.

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Word of Appreciation

Being unable to thank each individual personally, I wish to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks and deepest appreciation to all who sent a donation for my wheel chair. I am sure the Lord will bless each one.

I like it just fine and I can wheel myself in the house very well in it.

Your sister in Christ Jesus,

Myrtle Glass.

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

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**WE**

We may tell what's right for a thousand years:  
We may preach and pray, and plead with tears:  
But if we fail to prove, by our daily walk,  
We'll be laughed to scorn, for our idle talk.

—Erle Forbes

**Editorials**

In the last issue of Faith and Victory paper we were asking the saints to advertise the sample tracts and paper through their local Print shops and it seems that some have done so as we have been getting orders for many more samples than usual and some that ordered also said that they had seen the add in their local paper. There has not been near the response to this advertising that we had expected, however, it has enabled us to get the Gospel to many more souls than otherwise we could have reached. God is always pleased with us putting forth effort to get the truth to men whether we see much visible results or not. We shall always be glad for these sample tracts to be advertised by any of our readers who wish to be doing something to further the cause of God. If the advertisement was put in some of the National papers which reach hundreds of thousands of people there would, no doubt, be a great many more orders come in for the tracts. We are thinking of doing some of this ourselves as the Lord wills for we are anxious to get the gospel of Christ to all we can in hope that some may be saved. We must work while it is day for the night will come when no man can work. What we do must be done while we are in this body and each of us should be, "All out and out for the Lord" and against Satan, the enemy of all righteousness.

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Satan would not allow you to do anything much in the way of getting the truth to souls if you did not resist him and show confidence and faith in God. Jesus said that Satan was a murderer from the begining and abode not in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own for he is a liar and the father of it. This is a sorry recommendation and there could be no statement that is nearer the truth, therefore, who would want to serve the devil? and yet we see nearly all people bearing the fruits of Satan in one form or another. Preachers will even teach that all sin more or less and according to their statement then all are servants of the devil for Jesus says, "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin," and in 1 John 3:8, we read, "He that committeth sin is of the devil." Satan's servants commit sin and the servants of the Lord do not commit sin. God does not tell his servants by what they profess but by what they are. If they are his, he abides in them and preserves them and keeps them from all sin; those that are not his are the servants of Satan and they will sin. Whomsoever the Son makes free is free from all sin. Paul says, "I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ;" and he goes on to say, "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." 1 Thess. 5:23, 24.

If a man's spirit, soul and body is preserved blameless, how much of him would there be left to sin? God says he is faithful to do this for us.

According to the scripture, preachers and others

who deny that God makes us free from sin and preserves us free from sin are antichrists. In 1 John 4:1 we read that many false prophets are gone out into the world. If many false prophets were in the world at that time and they have been multiplying ever since, just think of the multitude that there is in the world at the present time.

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In John 4:3 we read, "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, (present tense) is not of God. In other words, if the spirit of Christ has not come into your fleshly body and is dwelling there now, you are not of God no matter what you profess and "this is that spirit of antichrist." In 2 John and the seventh verse we read, "For many deceivers are entered into the world who confess not that Jesus is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." Jesus Christ is just as much come in the fleshly body now as when he walked the shores of Galilee with his disciples. Everyone that is truly saved and retains the spirit of Christ is a member of his body which is the Church and this church or body is housed in fleshly bodies which make up the body, the Church, and that body, to function properly must be together. Paul says, "In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Eph. 2:22.

God through Christ has reconciled us together and has made in himself of twain, one new man, so making peace. Eph. 2:15. Paul also says in the 30th verse of the fifth chapter of Eph., "For we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones." Those who have their body presented to him as a living sacrifice, in whom the Lord is living, ruling and governing have become a part of the fleshly body of Christ which is come (present tense) in the world or in the flesh. In 1 Cor. 12:27, Paul says, "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." Each member being gifted to function properly in the body, the Church as it has pleased Him. In speaking of our literal bodies, Paul says, "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many are one body (he adds) so also is Christ. It takes all the members functioning together to make up the natural body so it can perform its work and duties perfectly and it also takes all the members of Christ's Body, which is the Church, united and working together to perform all the works and to manifest the greatness of God as Christ did, for those who possess the spirit of Christ are his body. Paul says, "But now are they many members, yet one body." 1 Cor. 12:20.

Reader, do you really believe that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh? If you really do believe this you will loosen yourself from all earthly things, and yielding yourself fully into the hands of God you will be "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." Eph. 4:3. You will become humble enough to fit into your place in the body and there labor to the edifying of the whole body. By so doing you will prove that you do believe that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh; otherwise you will be

classed by the sacred scriptures as antichrist. Read 1 John 4:2,3 and also 2 John, 7th verse.

Many professors believe that Jesus Christ was in the flesh with the disciples and that he was crucified but that belief is only in the past tense and does not prove them to be Christ's at all. Many other will say Christ has come in them, in their fleshly bodies, but that does not make them his for many spirits get into people in these last days and play God to them. A person could claim and believe both these statements and yet be antichrist.

When the 120 received the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost they were the "Kingdom of God come with power." Mark 9:1 and Matt. 16:28. Christ had come in the flesh, they had become the body of Christ which is the Church, each one was gifted to function in his proper place and the body of Christ which is the Church began to work and mighty signs and wonders began to be done and the gospel began to be preached by the working power of the Holy Ghost. Others believed and thus the gospel began to spread and grow.

Reader, do you believe that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh?

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#### GUTHRIE EASTER SUNDAY MEETING

The Easter Sunday Meeting held at Guthrie was greatly blessed of God. Quite a number of saints came in from other parts of the state and the Guthrie saints were all refreshed and encouraged with their fellowship. A school bus load came in from Boley, Okla. which added more fire to the already gathered crowd. The building was fairly well filled and it seemed as though an assembly meeting had surely begun.

After the Sunday School was over the Lord used Bro. McMillan of Boley to bring the message. The Lord anointed him in a very precious way and the saints surely did enjoy the truth given. After this message the sisters spread the dinner which was a treat to the outer man and graciously satisfied the need.

In the afternoon the Ordinances were observed, the the supping of wine and the breaking of the bread which represents the Saviour's poured-out blood and his broken body. 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. This is a very sacred Ordinance as it brings afresh to our memory the suffering and the great sacrifices the Lord has endured to purchase our redemption.

The saints also washed one another's feet, which is in harmony with the teachings of Jesus recorded in St. John the 13th chapter, for Jesus said to the disciples, "If I then your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye ought also to wash one another's feet." He also said in the next verse, "I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done. The Lord blesses the saints when they obey his instruction in this humble way which gives a picture of saved people being servants one to the other. The Lord

used Bro. W. W. Crawley to officiate in this service and he was much blessed of God. There were 69 happy saints that took part in the Ordinance Services. It gives us much joy to mix and mingle and feel the sweet, heavenly fellowship of the dear saints of God. They are the Lord's peculiar people that are zealous of good works. Titus 2:14. We certainly appreciated the saints who came in and spent Easter Sunday with us here at Guthrie and we invite you back again.

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## Campmeeting Notices

The 35th annual camp meeting of the Church of God will be held on the general southern camp ground at Hammond, La., from June 26 to July 5, inclusive. The camp ground is located one mile southwest of the Illinois Central depot, and about 5 blocks west of the New Orleans highway, No. 190. It is run on the free-will offering plan and we invite every one who wants to attend an old-fashioned camp-meeting, where you may get help to soul and body. We are expecting the Lord to send Spirit-filled ministers who preach the truth in all of its fullness. Provisions are made for two separate sleeping apartments on the camp ground, one for men and the other for women. If you can do so, bring your straw ticks, and bed linens, straw furnished free, also sleeping quarters. Meals served on the ground. We should be glad for all saints who feel led of the Lord, to come and be with us. And those wanting to send means or provisions, or desiring further information, address Bro. Max Williamson, Hammond, La., Secy.-treas. or Ray Key, residing minister.

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The Dover Camp-meeting of the Church of God will be held Aug. 28th to Sept. 6, 1942, at Dover, Okla.— Lord willing. Particulars later. —Ulysses Phillips.

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The second Annual Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held at Union City, Indiana, beginning August the 14th 1942 at the corner of Carter and Union streets and will continue ten days, closing August the 24th. The Church of God meeting place is located on the line of Indiana and Ohio, on the Indiana Route No. 28, 32 and 227 and on Ohio state Route No. 47 and 71. All are welcome to attend this meeting. We are expecting Ministers to be present from many different states to preach the Bible truth with love, mercy and judgment. We expect God's presence here to save souls, sanctify believers, and to heal the sick and suffering.

Those wanting tents can rent them on the grounds. For further information, write to Sister Mae Nottingham 360 North state line street, or Opal Williams, 117 North street, Union City, Indiana. Three services daily, 10:30 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Meals served at 360 North State Line, Street in Bro and Sister John and Mae Nottingham's home. All who come will be cared for.

This meeting will be supported by free will offerings. Those desiring tents should bring straw ticks and bed clothing. Sister Opal Williams—Pastor

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We desire to begin our meeting here in Green Pastures, Okla. July 17 and continue ten days. This is a new field. Everybody come prepared to help. It will be run on free-will offerings. Send all donations to H. V. Sanders, R. 1, B. 166A, Choctaw, Okla. and J. E. Love, R. 1, B. 208, Choctaw, Okla. Pray much for us.

Bro. E. W. Sanders.

## Obituaries

James Howard Anthony was born in Climax, Pa., came to Calif. later settled in Los Angeles. He was converted during a series of meeting in Los Angeles at the chapel of the Church of God; was baptized by the writer. Died March 10, 1942 at the age of 73, leaving a wife some children, and a host of friends to mourn his departure. Bro. Anthony loved the Lord and died in the triumph of a living faith in God. Text: Heb. 9:27; interment, Inglewood Park Cemetery. Funeral conducted by writer.

E. M. Zinn.

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L. C. Slate was born in Kentucky March 19, 1856 and died at his home three miles east of Neosho, Mo. March 30, 1942; age 86 years and 11 days. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. W. H. Porter of Webb City, Mo. and Bro. Bowers of Monett, Mo. at the Webb City, Undertaking Co. Bro. Slate had been a minister in this reformation the greatest part of his life until he became too old and his mind wasn't so good. We had known him for 24 years and he was always interested in the work of the Lord, and has been of great help to us spiritually and we can never forget him and the many words of encouragement he gave us. We are sure he has gained the home he so often spoke to us about. We surely believe he heard the words of the Lord, "Enter thou into rest."

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Church.

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Bro. Andrew Hawkins departed this life April 3, 1942 at the age of 72 years. He was born in the state of Texas and married Mrs. Rosie Williams in the state of Ark. and later they moved to Hoffman, Okla. His loving wife preceded him in death over three years. Bro. Hawkins has gone to be with the Lord whom he loved so dearly. He was a devoted Christian. He loved to talk about the Lord and read his precious Word. He kept the faith until death. He trusted in the Lord for both soul and body. He is not dead; he just fell asleep.

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In Memory of Mother J. E. Wilson who passed away one year ago the 6th of April, by her son, John W. Wilson

Mother, whom we all loved so well  
Is gone forever to Heaven to dwell.  
While we all miss her here below,  
She is better off up there we know.

While she was upon her bed with pain  
She would say, "Come and sing."  
And many times while in pain would say,  
With her faith in Jesus, "John, pray, pray."

She was upon this earth many a day,  
But her time came to go away.  
While she is gone to be here no more;  
May we all meet her on that golden shore.

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## ALL YOUR NEED

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19. We so often apply this as meaning our temporal need. Although this is true, as I can testify to my own experience, I am sure it means spiritual and physical as well as temporal. Just when or where or how we need, the Lord will supply. It may be to ease or take away a sudden pain or sickness in our

bodies, or it may be how to answer someone concerning the hope that is within us. Then, too, it may be a need to overcome some fear or trial. We can not name all the needs; but we have the promise. Let us believe it so that we may live to His glory. I feel especially for the young people of our land today, and pray that we do nothing that will bring a reproach on the name of our Saviour, but always remember that He will supply just what we need to do His will.

A verse of a poem I once had often comes to my mind:

"In these days of tribulation,  
Wickedness prevades the air;  
And the battles we engage in  
Must be won thru fervent prayer!"

—Hazel E. Creson.

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**PURE RELIGION**

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. James 1:27.

A pure religion is a religion without any impurity in it. There is only one kind of pure religion and that is the Bible kind, the New Testament religion, the kind that James is speaking about. All other kinds of religion are impure and there are many kinds of impure religions in the world today. This Bible religion is pure because its source, the fountain from which it flows, is pure. Religion, like a stream, is as pure as its fountain. If the fountain is unclean, the stream will be unclean. If the fountain is pure, the stream will be pure. The fountain from which this pure religion flows is Jesus Christ. He is the blessed spring from which flows the sparkling waters of pure religion. All who accept this pure religion develop a character like the religion they embrace; pure in heart and life. Thank God, I have found this pure stream of sparkling water where I may drink and live.

"I am drinking at the fountain,  
Where I ever would abide;  
For I have tasted life's pure river  
And my soul is satisfied.  
There's no thirsting for life's pleasures,  
Nor adorning rich and gay;  
For I have found a richer treasure,  
One that fadeth not away."

This pure religion of the Bible is unlike all other kinds of religion. It did not originate from man but came down from heaven. It is of Divine origin. The Old Testament Saints did not see this religion only in type and shadow, for they drank of that spiritual rock that followed them and that rock was Christ. It will lift fallen man to a higher and nobler life. Compare the life of a Christian with the life of someone that is living an impure religion of the world

or, in other words a sinning religion, and see the difference. There is nothing impure in the kingdom of God.

Every religion has an influence, either good or bad and this religion has a pure influence. It produces pure desires and purposes in our lives. The early Church embraced this pure religion and the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul, and with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace was upon them all. Acts 4:32,33.

"To keep himself unspotted from the world"—The course of this world is downward; leading to everlasting punishment. To gain heaven we must go the opposite direction for the world will spot your affections if possible. It is not so hard for one to get their affections on the things of the world, if we allow ourselves to become a little careless in our Christian experience, the enemy of souls is right there to lure us on and the first thing we know we find ourselves yielding to worldly pleasures. Oh, let us not do as Peter did when he started to walk on the water, for as soon as he took his eyes off of Jesus he began to sink. Then let us keep our eyes on Jesus and we will not see the threatening waves as Peter did. Then we will have no fear. Dear ones let us remember the text, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Amen.

Jeff Turner

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**THE BRUISED HEEL**

The Coming One was to bruise the serpent's head, but while doing so the serpent would bruise His heel. This prophecy had a literal fulfillment in the life and death of the Lord Jesus. His ministry was a complete triumph over the devil, but it was not without its bruising. All that Satanic hate could do was done to crush the Mighty Conqueror. What was true of the Lord Jesus in this regard will, to some degree, be produced in the lives of His followers. The Messiah came to destroy the works of the devil! That meant battle, and wherever there is conflict, suffering is inevitable.

Satan strikes back just in proportion to the severity of the attack made on him. Those who hinder his work but little will not be troubled very much with sore heels, but those who walk with God will often be thrust through by the "Fiery darts" of the wicked one. This is the explanation of the fact that the most devout people are most furiously assailed by the devil. He is after those who are after him. He who is familiar with the history of the Church knows that oftentimes the holiest have been the least understood and the most persecuted. The bruising is there just in proportion to the soul's loyalty to God and consequent hostility to the devil.

Why such bruising? Simply because the more we strive to do for God the more malignant Satan's at-

tacks. He makes his fiercest thrust at those nearest the Lord, and therefore most dangerous to him. There is only one way to escape them and that is to draw back, but it is a thousand times better to go forward with the bruising than to retreat without them.

At times the devil will stir up the families and households of those who oppose him most. Alas! alas! how sad is the history of those that yield to the assaults of the enemy and go back. But it is not so with all; some make each trial the occasion of greater blessings. They fight triumphantly, even with sore heels, and God delivers them. —Sel.

"He has no enemies, you say!

My friend, your boast is poor;

He who hath mingled in the fray

Of duty that the brave endure,

Must have made foes. If he has none,

He has hit no traitor on the hip;

He has cast no cup from tempted lip;

He has never turned the wrong to right,

He has been a coward in the fight."

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## HEED THE CALL

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches [congregations of the church of God]. And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; [how awful to be wrapped up in carnal satisfaction] and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see." Rev. 3:13 to 18.

The 13th verse says, "He that hath an ear [disposition of heart] let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." (congregations). And in the next verse (14th) comes the message to the angel (or minister) of the congregation at Laodicea, that we have under present consideration. Concerning this congregation, in the 15th verse comes the stinging denunciation, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. What a condition of inexpressible sadness it is to get in this state of lukewarmness! to have a name that thou livest and art dead (Rev. 3:1). O soul, can you not

see it?

Has God called you to "go work in my vineyard?" Did you go? Did you go awhile and quit? Or did you think the Lord was just joking, and did not mean anything when he told Paul to tell you, "The gifts and calling of God are without repentance?" (Rom. 11:29). Or did you think you could just work for him if you wanted to and it would be all right? Or if you had hurriedly or unwisely taken upon you some earthly obligation that is now hindering you, you think this will be a lawful excuse, that his mercy will cover it, and you will be all right to meet him in flagrant disobedience to his call? For you say he called you and you were looking for Him soon. I am not saying He didn't call you, perhaps He did, He has called many people. Dear one, I say to you as a true friend, if He has called you, you had better work some way to do His bidding and start preaching the WHOLE TRUTH, if you, like the prodigal son, have "come to yourself" and repented of quitting. For the One who cannot lie and can speak a world into existence, or out, in the twinkling of an eye has said, "Hear what the SPIRIT saith." This is a call to obedience. Obedience is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams (1 Sam. 15:22). While sacrifice in its place is good, yet we are unable to make any sacrifice great enough to get us to heaven. The willing and obedient are the only ones who have the promise of eating the good of the land (Isa. 1:9).

It is sad to have to acknowledge the fact that today millions, enrolled in the religious world, are living in Rev. 3:17, which says, "Because thou saist, I am rich and increased in goods and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor and blind, and naked."

May the dear Lord help his beloved children, is my earnest prayer. —J. H. Pierson.

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Kinta, Okla.—To the dear saints, I feel led to write my testimony. I am saved and satisfied, and yet I have a desire to follow Jesus all the way. I can truly say I am glad I counted the cost. The dear Lord has healed my body many times and to him I give all the praise.

John 14:15, 16 says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments and I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter that he may abide with you forever." Dear readers, let us keep in mind that if we do not obey the words of the Lord he will not abide with us. Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily besets us and run the race with patience. Jesus is light and in him is no darkness at all. When I began reading the Word of the Lord and really wanted to learn about the dear Lord, I found that the Lord would not dwell in an unclean temple, so I decided to give up all of my ways and take the Lord's way and live a saved life. I knew that if the Lord had power to blot out my sins, he had the same power to keep me from sin if I was willing. So I thank the dear Lord I am yet willing to run all the way. Pray much for me that I will stay humble at the feet of Jesus and be found doing the little things that he would have me do. Emma Walters.

# « Young People's Section »

## *Channels For God's Love*

Make channels for the stream of love  
That every heart be filled  
Through God's unceasing stream of love  
His mercy unto us revealed.

Make channels, broad and deep and wide.  
God will surely fill each heart  
With love abundant—undenied,  
With truth and grace in every part.

But if at any time we cease  
Such channels to provide,  
Our hearts for want of God's dear love  
Would soon be parched and dried.

So let us dig our channels deep  
Living by His grace each day;  
Surely the heart of each He'll keep  
Safe in His kingdom—sure in His way.  
Virginia Wittenborn.

## *Editorials*

The word "salvation" has a deep meaning, and it is sweet music to the ears of one who has been or desires to be delivered from the slavery of sin. Herewith we quote a few choice paragraphs on the theme of salvation.

"Salvation is the song that was to be sung by the redeemed in that day. 'Behold now is the day.' Our salvation has come. 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.' Salvation means deliverance. A prophecy concerning the Christ—our salvation—says: 'He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and opening of the prison to them that are bound.' Isa. 61:1. Christ our Savior came to deliver us from the prison-house of sin.

"Salvation cleanses the soul, removing the stains, making it as white as snow. Washing in 'niter and much soap' will not prove effectual, but the blood of Jesus will remove every stain. Sin reproaches, but the salvation of Jesus exalts. It lifts man up from the coarse, degrading, shameful life of sin, and exalts him to integrity, nobility, and purity. It removes the discontentments, uneasiness, condemnations and fears, and brings joy, peace and rest. Salvation breaks the strong fetters of sin and man rejoices in the beautiful light and liberty of this gospel day. The scepter is wrested from the cruel tyrant, sin, and righteousness in quietness and peace sways the scepter and man rejoices. Sin is dethroned.

and Christ is crowned King of glory, and his triumphant reign is in the heart and life of man. Sin no longer has dominion. Christ hath made us free.

"Salvation removes the awful sting of death and allows man to approach the last hour

"Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch  
About him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.' 2 Cor. 6:2. The present dispensation, or gospel day, is the salvation age. It is the accepted time, or the time which God has accepted for the salvation of man. That there is another dispensation of time beyond this present Christian era in which man can be saved is Satan's falsehood to cause man to neglect salvation in this 'accepted time,' beyond which he knows there is no escape. 'Today if ye will hear his voice harden not your hearts.'

"The apostle Paul says, 'The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.' Titus 2:11. It 'hath appeared.' This is the time when salvation has appeared unto all men, and all men must accept it in this time or lose it forever. There is no cleansing beyond the gates of death, but in this life we are commanded to make ready. Beyond controversy salvation is a present attainment, and it saves to 'the uttermost,' making man fit for heaven. The salvation to which the apostle Paul had attained made him 'ready to be offered up.'"

Reader, you may have salvation if you will. "Choose ye this day whom you will serve." —L.D.P.

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Louin, Miss.—Dear saints and readers of "Faith and Victory": Greetings in the sweet love of Jesus. I'm glad today that I can report victory in my soul and I'm determined to live true at any cost. These are perilous times and the saints of God need to let their light shine brightly so the outside world can see nothing but Jesus in our lives. Nations have forgotten God is the reason we are in war. It's so hard for our boys to be killed like they are. We read in 2 Chr. 7:14, "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Dear reader, the world prays so very little. Oh! how we need to pray. Your sister in Christ, Novella Pugh

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Neosho, Mo.—To all the Saints: It has been some time since I've sent a testimony to the paper, so I feel the Lord would be pleased for me to do so. I am certainly thankful for victory 'today.' It means much to know the Lord for yourself.

I often think of the advantage we have over the people who lived under the law. They were only permitted to hear from the Lord through others, but now we can know personally the Lord's will concerning us.

The saints here are surely enjoying the blessings of

the Lord. There is one special thing that we are very thankful for. That is, the unity and peace we have among ourselves. While the enemy is roaring around causing so much disturbance, we are refusing to listen to any accusation he might bring. There is one thing we all know, that if the world can't see unity among us, they'll never be able to see it. So it is up to us as individuals to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit. The devil has very cunning ways of asking us to compromise. To explain what I mean, I'll tell the experience I had with him a few days ago.

I have been taking a business course for the last few months; so one of my teachers told me that I was now capable of handling a better position, and he could recommend me if I would only give up a part of my religious belief. Of course such offers look attractive to us, but on second thought I realized that all we ever possess here is perishable, so I told him that there were things in life far more important than money, and I could not surrender the truth for things that cannot satisfy. In connection with this I thought of the answer Ealok received from the prophet: "If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond what the Lord hath said." I know that the world is not seeking for truth, but I am very glad to be separated from the world, and am determined to never go back to the things I once loved, but live to repay the debt I owe to the Lord. Yours for the truth, Anna Feters.

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Duarte, Calif.—Dear saints: Greetings to all the dear saints scattered abroad, especially the young saints. May God bless and be with you every one.

I am thankful that I can say I am yet saved and encouraged to go on for Jesus. I see very few young people standing up for Jesus and how it encourages me to hear them testify and to read their testimonies in the "Faith and Victory." I am 20 years old and accepted the Lord for my personal Savior almost a year ago and have been encouraged to go on for him ever since. Pray for this little community of Duarte. I am glad to say I have no desire whatsoever of going back to a lost world. Pray that the Lord will have full sway in my life.

Yours in the Lord, Edward V. Davenport.

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Kentucky State Reformatory—Dear Christian friends: I have received the gospel tracts which you sent me of recent date. We will put them to work for the Lord and accomplish all we can. We are always thankful for the love and help of our Christian friends out in the free world. I know I can never repay you nor convince you what your work has meant to us and how much it has been appreciated by us. Some day Jesus will say to you faithful ones: "Well done, good and faithful servants, when I was in prison you visited me," etc.

—Denver Tolliver

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Los Angeles, Calif.—Dear saints of God, The "Faith and Victory" paper was in my morning mail. We are always so glad when it comes, for encouragement comes with it. I want to thank the Lord for all His goodness to me and my family. Through his mercy we are saved and have a deep peace in our home. My aim is to read and study God's word much and with His help to walk in the light as He reveals it, to keep humble and submissive at all times. I have certainly found it true, "Seek and ye shall find." For when I study the Bible, I pray first for God to help me to get understanding of what I read.

Pray for me that I may have a complete Christian experience Virginia Elwell.

Van Nuys, Calif.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and saints of God: I would like to tell you how much we like the paper, "Faith and Victory." It makes us so happy to see the standard held so high. May God give us all grace to live up to it!

I would like to testify that I have been saved and I can hardly express my love and gratitude for our precious Savior. He lifted me from sin and moral degradation and now gives me grace to live each day for Him.

I want to say to the unsaved young people who may think that it is asking too much to give up all friendship with this world: Oh, dear young people, there is no pleasure to be found in this world to equal the pleasure of serving Him! There is no joy to equal the joy He bestows on those who love Him! There is no satisfaction like the deep soul satisfaction with which he fills faithful hearts. There is no work in this world that pays so well as work done for our dear Lord. The best part of it is—His blessings are all freely given.

We are thanking Him for blessing our home and saving it from the fate that befalls most worldly homes of today. He blessed our children and healed our little girl of an infection. He strengthened her body until she has changed from a weak, pale little girl to a strong, healthy one. Best of all—He fills our hearts so full of His song of joy that all things become pleasure through living in Him. I ask your prayers that I may ever be true and faithful. And remember, young people, let us keep the standard flying high! Virginia Wittenborn

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Ky. State Penitentiary, Fddiville, Ky.—Dear saints: May God bless your soul and comfort you in the truth of His holy Word is my prayer. The Lord impressed these things into my mind and had me to write them. He loved the people so much that he gave his only Son Christ Jesus to die to save us from sin and to arise to keep us in all righteousness, also be our true teacher. God always has loved us, but he hates sin. If we want to be as God, then we must love the things that he loves and hate the things that he hates. Do you think my Lord wants us to do as we want to? The answer is, no. Why? Because our ways are always wrong, but God's way is always right. Take my word for it and follow Jesus. I found it out since I became a prisoner a few years ago. If I only knew Jesus as I know him now, then I would be free today. Yet the fact is, I am free from all sin. This freedom is the best of them all. Thank God, I got salvation in time. It's surely wonderful to be saved in Jesus and know it. Crime does not pay, but it pays to serve Jesus. You have tried everything else, now try Jesus and you will love it as I do. There are days I like to be all alone in my cell, then I can tell all my trouble to Christ my Lord and get help. You can do the same if you mean business. It is worth it. We must call upon him in righteousness and in faith. Jesus' coming is near; so is trouble at hand, as war, etc. Our days are short and our time is just a few short days. The people need to learn more about Jesus. God almighty wants us, also the sinners, to do as he says. When we are not following Jesus, we are going wrong and on a road that leads to everlasting burning hell. When we get off his way that leads to a sweet heaven, then we are doing wrong and are hell-bound unless we repent. You should go to Jesus and do it now before it is too late, my sinner friend. Christ says so, and tells us how to do it. God is our refuge and our strength and a very present help in trouble. God will hear and answer and will deliver if we only trust him and will be with us in trouble. May God help you and the others and continue to pray for us all. David R. Anderson.

Tacoma, Wash.—Bro Fred Pruitt, and all Gospel Workers: May the heavenly Father bless you all, soul and body and keep you faithful to the end, and may his encouraging power be always upon you to stand against the wiles of the enemy.

I thank the blessed Lord for this wonderful sonship through Jesus Christ our Lord that permits us to have power over sin, hell, and devil and makes us conqueror through his precious blood. Oh, how good our God has been to us in calling us out of sin and bondage of Satan into the glorious Gospel light and his Kingdom. I feel so unworthy when I think that Jesus died even for me, and lets me feel his peace and fellowship. Truly, to him belongs glory and praise for ever and ever.

We know that we live in the last days and only God knows what may come next. We people out here on the coast don't know what may befall us suddenly and woe to men and women who are not prepared to meet a ho'y God in peace; and yet they are not much concerned about their eternal soul's welfare. What more can be done than that which has been done? There seems to be nothing that stirs those Christ rejecters and some of the best sermons won't touch their hearts any more—and there is so little real serious Holy Ghost preaching. You find so much foolish talk in those so-called gospel meetings, precious time lost by exhibiting self instead of Christ. The looser the meetings are, the easier the people will come, for where the preaching of God's judgment to sinners is withheld, there will of course be a lack of conviction also.

I truly thank my God that he ever gave me light on his church and kept my feet from straying into Babylon. I have proved many things but kept that is good and scriptural, the church of the living God. May our God keep and strengthen his people to follow only him who alone is able to guide us home and keep us undefiled unto his coming.

We thank you for your sincere prayers in behalf of wife. The Lord witnessed to his Word and delivered her from those terrible headaches. The Lord heals and is a mighty deliverer of soul and body. He also touched my body a short time ago and delivered me from a serious blood disorder. To him belongs the glory alone! May our heavenly Father strengthen the faith of his saints mighty in these last days to be kept by faith as there is little of Apostolic faith upon the earth and we know that without faith it is impossible to please God. I feel often to pray the Lord to remove doubt out of the hearts of his children then they will be able to believe the Lord and his promises. For I believe every child of God, when born again by his Spirit has enough faith to do great things for him, but doubt enters the heart for different reasons, and makes the faith of none effect. We know that James saith (5:16) "The effectual, fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much."

The papers are an encouragement to us and I believe to all the readers. Peace and joy and love be with you all from the Father.

Your saved Bro. and Sister, O. V. Koehler.

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Choctaw, Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and the saints: I am glad that I can say that I am saved to sin no more. We are busy in Green Pasture, Okla. We just closed a few nights meeting and are glad to let you know that the Lord gave a good meeting from the first day until the last night. Eight got saved and took a stand for the whole truth. We could see people all over the house weeping and crying. The ministers were Sister Ank of Oklahoma City, Bro. T. E. Love and Bro. J. T. Johnson of Tulsa, Okla. E. W. Sanders

Detroit, Michigan—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt, and all the dear saints: Greetings to all of you in the dear name of Jesus. I was led by the Lord to write you my testimony. The dear Lord has wonderfully blessed me in my soul and body and I am encouraged to follow him all the way. I have learned that keeping encouraged means so much to me. I was down in bed sick and could not help myself. Husband and children had to help me up and down. I thought of writing to the dear saints for prayer. A thought came to me, "the saints are praying for you, just have faith in the dear Lord." The dear Lord touched and healed my body and I am able to do my work. Praise His holy name! Since I have learned the wondrous secret of abiding in the Lord I mean to let my light shine now, and become willing to give up old self, and to suffer for his name, and to go all the way with the dear Lord. Pray much for your sister in the one body. Ellen Clardy.

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Webb City, Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I thank the Lord today for victory over the devil and that I am decided to live for the Lord. I am glad to know that you are going to reprint the book, "Life Sketches of Mother Sarah Smith," and the "Religious Controversy." I think both are good. I am encouraged with the print shop. I would be glad to see the paper printed every week, and it could be if all of the saints would take an interest.

I would like for the saints to pray for my boys. They are in the draft. The youngest will have to go soon if the Lord don't over-rule. My trust is in the Lord. I know that he can do all things.

If any of the saints come this way, I would be glad if they would stop with us. May the Lord bless you and your work. Your brother, W. A. Hughes.

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Osyka, Miss.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and family: Have been planning to write you for some time, but have been so busy trying to get a crop under way that I neglected it. We are so thankful to the dear Lord that we are saved and living for Him. Although the trials and tests are severe at times, we are thankful for victory.

We had a very trying trial here in February. Robert Nelson, our second boy, took critically ill in the night of Feb. 9. The next day the fever was so high that he went into a very hard spasm. We began to call on the Lord really in earnestness asking Him to deliver, which He did. Prayer was answered in behalf of the spasm, for the dear Lord didn't let any more come on him, although he was threatened. But the real test had just begun. Pneumonia had set up. We called on the Lord for about four weeks before he was really delivered, although the Lord would answer and witness that he heard. It was a long time before the child could even sit up. But all the glory of healing belongs to the Lord, for we trusted Him completely. We have no intention of resorting to remedies of any kind. The Lord has been our healer for a number of years. The child is almost as strong as he was before he got sick. I had promised the Lord if he would heal the child that I would send in a testimony of the healing power of God. We have had a number of bad spells of sickness from which we have been healed.

Our baby, a little girl three and one-half years old, has had erysipelas three times and the Lord healed her instantly each time.

Pray for us that we stay true to the Lord in these perilous times. Folks must have a real determination to live for the Lord now or they will surely be shaken off, for the shaking is going on.

My wife has quite a time with her feet. Pray for her. Yours in the Lord, Orris Lea and family.

Fremont, Mo.—To the Faith Pub. House: Enclosed find 25c for which please send me the "Faith and Victory" paper for one year. I hope this will not be too late to get the April number as I don't want to miss the paper, it means so much to me. I am very hard of hearing and bad crippled and don't get to go to church so you see your paper takes the place of a sermon for me. I want all you people at the print shop and all the readers of the paper to pray for me that if it is the Lord's will I may get my hearing back. I know he can heal my ears. I hope and pray that the time will soon come when I can hear again and have the privilege of going to meeting. May the Lord bless you all at the print shop that you may carry on the good work.

Your sister in Christ,

Lula Freeman

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Okeene, Okla.—Greetings in Jesus' dear name: I feel I should send you a few lines to tell you how much—yes, how deeply—I appreciated the "Faith and Victory" paper for the months gone by, 1941. My heart overflowed with joy as I read and pondered its precious message to this lost world. Thank God for such a paper and the truth that is being printed on its pages. I thank the Lord I am still saved and am still battling against sin and darkness. My boy has gone to the war and he sent me some money so I thought of the "Faith and Victory" paper. Find enclosed, 50c for the renewal of my subscription. I enjoy it very much. May God bless you and keep you on the solid Rock Christ Jesus.

Your sister,

Avie Breckenridge.

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Lansing, Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you and family and to all who stand for the faith once delivered to the saints. Thanks be unto God. We do not have to follow the tide of worldliness that is sweeping over the world sapping out spiritual life even among the people that used to stand for the restored truth of God of 1880 now gone on the rocks and purchased the name "Babylon" with all other sects. God is now sending them the call to "come out of her my people." Every honest soul among them should and must say forever, "Good-bye Babylon," with rules and regulations and an incorporated name just like other sects. Thank God for the present restored Light of the morning in this last hour of time—11th hour of this gospel age, the evening time shining forth in the morning light. This is no time for preachers to have a desire to be called Reverend and Doctor of Divinity, when souls are on their way to eternal damnation and with the short time that we have left to snatch them from eternal burnings, and the wrath of God upon the nations of the world. The nations are blighted by sin with greed and hatred for each other and are about ready to gather together against the camp of the saints, and the beloved city of God. But just as God protected the camp of the saints in Noah's day, so God will catch away his people to meet him in the air, and utterly destroy the population of the earth. As it was in the days of Noah, so shall the day of the coming of the Son of man be. Edward Fagan.

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Tryon, Nebr.—Dear saints of God at the faith home, greetings in Jesus name: May God ever keep you by his power that the gospel go forth in the "Faith and Victory." I am sending one dollar for my paper. I don't see how I could get along without it. It blesses my soul as I read the good testimonies. I can report victory in my soul this morning with a determination to go all the way. May the Lord bless you. Use the remainder of dollar for God's cause. Iva Shriver.

Chicago, Ill.—Dear Brother Pruitt: I pray this letter find you in good health. I have a few names for the "Faith and Victory" list, am sending you the money for them. I thank God for all his goodness toward us. I do hope some one gets their eyes opened and heart filled. Only God can do it. I am still saved and in the church and so happy about it I'm bubbling inside. I accepted the Lord as my Savior in 1940 and joined the Baptist church and was baptized. Didn't like it there, so went all over the city searching and didn't know what for. Went to a Pentecostal church and was baptized. Still wasn't satisfied until one day through Sister Badal I was introduced to the little flock on Division St. It's wonderful to be peaceful and happy in the Lord. I praise His holy name. Pray for me and my loved ones. My brother is under deep conviction and needs much prayer. Remember him, please, in a special way.

Your sister in Christ,

Mary Wizenick.

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Weslaco, Tex.—Bro. Pruitt and office workers: May the Lord ever bless each one. I do enjoy reading "Faith and Victory" paper. Find enclosed one dollar for the paper for one year and use the rest where most needed.

I would like your prayers that I get back to the Lord. I love the truth. Mrs. M. J. Clark

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Olla, La.—Faith Pub. House: I feel that it would be to the glory of God this evening for me to write my testimony. I also promised God a short time ago if He would heal me of a very bad affliction, I would write my testimony.

This leaves me still saved and encouraged to live for the Lord. I am determined by the help of God to never turn back to the things of this old world. Truly, the pleasures of this old world hold no charms for me. I have left all the world to follow my blessed Redeemer who shed His own precious blood on the cross that we might be free from the curse and bondage of sin.

It makes our hearts ache to see people go on unheeding the pleadings of our dear Savior.

A short time ago I took very ill, was almost smothered to death it seemed. Something was pressing on my heart. I could hardly walk across the room, I was so weak. There must have been a cancer or tumor somewhere in my stomach or bowels. I did not know whether I would live or die. I knew God could kill a cancer as well as any thing else. The folks at home had been praying that God would give me relief, but the smothering would come back. They finally decided to go to Midway for the saints. They came and anointed me and prayed the prayer of faith and the Lord wonderfully touched my body. The next morning I could walk around all over the house. I ate my breakfast, fixing it myself. I also slept good that night and had not been able to lay down for about two days and nights before. What a wonderful God we serve, praise his dear name.

I often think of people that are afraid to trust God for the healing of their bodies, surely, they are not close enough to God. If we get where we ought to be we would not be afraid to trust Him fully. There is nothing too hard for him to do; His hand is mighty.

Dear ones, it is such an encouragement to read the testimonies in our Faith and Victory paper. We need more workers in this great harvest field as souls are going into eternity by the multitudes without God. There truly is plenty of work for the children of God to do. Let each one of us get busy and do all we can; live close to the Lord and let Him have his way with us. It seems I can do so little and I would like to do more for the Lord in bringing lost souls to Him. Pray for


me and my family that we live close to the Lord. I have some children that are unsaved; pray for them. I have a son in the army in Illinois at the present time. Mothers who have sons in the army do not know what time they may be loaded on ships and started for other countries and shipwrecked, lost and drowned. Let us all live true to God and do all we can to help save America.

I desire the prayers of all God's children that I live a life in this world that will stand the test when we are weighed in the balances of God's word. I am your blood-washed sister in the one true Bible way,  
—Mellie Estess.

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### SUNDAY: THE DAY OF ACCLAIM

Sunday, May 3, 1942

Daily Readings and Meditations  
April 27 to May 2

- M. The triumphal entry. Mark 11:1-11.
- T. Thy kingdom cometh Zech. 9:9, 10.
- W. The festal throng John 12:12-19.
- T. The King and his kingdom John 18:33-37.
- F. Weeping over Jerusalem Luke 19:41-44.
- S. The New Jerusalem Rev. 21:1-5, 22-27.

Printed Portion .....Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:41-44.

Mark 11:1. And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethpage and Bethany at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples,

2. And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him.

3. And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither.

4. And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him.

5. And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt?

6. And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go.

7. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him, and he sat upon him.

8. And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way.

9. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

10. Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

11. And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

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

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

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

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

Golden Text: "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." Mark 11:9.

Practical Truth: Christ expects us to give him our whole-hearted allegiance as Lord and King.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

To acclaim means to demonstrate hearty approval of something by outbursts of joy. Read this prophecy which was written B. C. 487: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." God's Word must be fulfilled, and if man will not yield himself to God so He can use him to fulfill the good part then He will use him to fulfill that which he probably would not choose to fulfill. The upper classes and rulers of the Jews as a whole rejected Jesus. Those who did believe on him were afraid to confess him before others for fear they would lose their standing with men. These had long looked for the promised Messiah, and no doubt thought they would be given places of honor in his kingdom. But their hearts were not right with God. They loved the praise of men more than the praise of God, therefore were not subject to the will of God, and God could not use them to fulfill the good part of the prophecies; so He used them to fulfill the prophecies which describe the rejection and slaying of Jesus, while fishermen, tax collectors and such like were chosen to fill places of honor in the kingdom because they were humble and willing to be used as clay in the Potter's hands.

Judging from the threats to destroy Jesus, which came from Jerusalem, anyone (besides Jesus) might have doubted that he could find enough people in Jerusalem to praise him and laud him as King, but Satan can control only that which God permits him to.

It was God's will for these people to wave palm branches before Jesus as he entered the city; but we do not read where Jesus commanded this to become a custom for the church to follow as some seem to think today. Palm branches are symbols of victory. It is a

hypocritical action to carry palm branches to symbolize victory when in reality the King who alone can bring victory into a heart is denied entrance. Repent, confess, and forsake your sins, let Jesus make a triumphal entry into your heart—triumphing over sin—and every day will be a day of acclaim, and palms of victory will be in your heart, which will truly honor your King.

By rejecting Jesus, the Jews sealed their own doom. It is said that Titus did not intend to destroy Jerusalem, but was driven to it because of the obstinacy of the Jews. Whatever the second causes may have been, we know that he did it because Jesus said that their enemies would cast a trench around them, keep them in on every side and "lay thee even with the ground."

The hearts of people today are being hardened against God because he is permitting such a terrible war. This is the wrong attitude to take and they can never receive help from him until they repent of it. God is punishing the nations for rejecting His Son, and the more the people persist in being stubborn and rebellious, the greater the punishment will be. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God.

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#### MONDAY: THE DAY OF AUTHORITY

Sunday, May 10, 1942.

##### Daily Readings and Meditations

May 4 to 9.

- M. Jesus' right to command Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:17-23.
- T. Jesus exercises his authority Mark 11:12-26.
- W. Opposers silenced Mark 11:27-33.
- T. The temple cleansed Matt. 21:12-17.
- F. A house of prayer Isa. 56:6-8.
- S. Respect for authority 1 Pet. 2:13-25.

Printed Portion .....Matt. 21:12-22.

Matt. 21:12. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers and the seats of them that sold doves.

13. And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

14. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

15. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple and saying Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased,

16. And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

17. And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there.

18. Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered.

19. And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.

20. And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!

21. Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.

Golden Text: "Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people." Isa. 56:7.

Practical Truth: Christ's supreme authority did not end when he left this earth. He now exercises his authority through the church, his spiritual body.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In spite of the growing opposition and hatred of his enemies, Jesus continued to do the works of Him that sent him. Surely he knew that in driving out the traders and money changers from the temple he would excite the anger of the rulers and chief priests even more, because it would cast reflection on them because they had failed to do their duty in keeping the temple clean and it would seem that he had more authority over the house of God than they. Of course, we know he did have, but they would not recognize his authority and did not want it displayed before the people, by whom they expected to be honored and respected. Yes, he knew what he was doing; but he had not been sent to this world of sin to make friends with it, but to reprove it and call it to repentance of its evil ways. He could not compromise with the devil along any line.

In this, as well as in other things—such as being loving and merciful—he set us an example. We must not tolerate sin in the temple of God (our bodies are now the temples of God) in any degree even though we must love the sinner. Ministers and those whom he has sent to declare his gospel to a lost and dying world, must not compromise with sin, even though when they exercise their authority against it they are signing their death warrant, as it were, or causing ties to be severed between themselves and those they hold most dear here on earth.

Notice how God used the children to accomplish his purpose. It is doubtful if these children even knew the meaning of what they said. If He could use children to praise him, would it not be proper and right for those whom he has redeemed from sin to praise Him? Surely they have something to praise Him for. Yet it is a lamentable fact that multitudes who claim him as their redeemer would be horrified at the sound of praise in their solemn assemblies; but these same people can go to a ball game and almost lose control of their senses and shout until they are hoarse. Is that spirit not closely related to the spirit that caused the priests and scribes to be sore displeased in this lesson?

Much could be said about the "hypocrite fig tree," which made a good appearance with its leaves but produced no fruit, but we believe Jesus' main object in cursing it was to show his disciples the power of faith. Man is so prone to let material realities about them stop their progress in the work of the Lord. In exercising his authority over the fig tree, Jesus verified a former statement—"With God all things are possible."

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#### TUESDAY: THE DAY OF CONFLICT

Sunday, May 17, 1942.

##### Daily Readings and Meditations

May 11 to 16.

- M. The suffering servant Isa. 53:1-12.
- T. God's message rejected Jer. 25:1-7.
- W. His own received him not John 1:1-11.
- T. Rebellion against Jesus John 7:37-52.
- F. The wicked husbandmen Mark 12:1-12.
- S. The stone rejected Matt. 21:42-46.

Printed Portion .....Matt. 22:41-46; 23:1-11.

Matt. 23:41. While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

42. Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David.

43. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,

44. The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?

45. If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?

46. And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

23:1. Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,

2. Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:

3. All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.

4. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

5. But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,

6. And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,

7. And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.

8. But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

9. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

10. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.

11. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

Golden Text: "The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner." Mark 12:10.

Practical Truth: Christ was opposed, and his followers may expect some opposition too.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

To understand more fully all that took place on this day of conflict, read Matt. 21:23 to 23: 39. The conflict which gave this lesson its title began when the chief priests and elders demanded to know where Jesus received his authority to cleanse the temple (driving out the money changers) and teach the people as he had done the day before. They were greatly angered because of His teachings, because they knew that He had meant them when he told of the wicked husbandmen, and the slighted invitation. Their questions were for the purpose of entrapping him, but again they had failed; then Jesus asked them a question which they were unable to answer, because of their lack of conception of a divine Messiah. No ancestor would speak of a human descendant as "lord," for that term applied to one greater than they, which they would not consider a son. But Jesus was divine, and "in spirit" it was right for David to call him lord though he were a son according to the flesh.

We recently had a lesson about "false teachers or prophets," and the latter part of this lesson only adds to it. Discuss some of the things which Jesus condemned in this lesson which would apply today. He mentioned the practice of binding rules on others which they would not keep themselves. How about the preacher who wants his flock to "do as I say and not as I do"? Did you ever see a religious leader—preacher or teacher—who was more concerned about making a good impression on the people—by their choice of words personal appearance, or delivery—than they were about promoting God's cause among men? What did Jesus say that would condemn

this practice? The scribes and pharisees wore garments to attract attention to themselves in order to be esteemed as great and wise. Would Jesus' criticism of the practice condemn robes for preachers, priests, and choirs, and costly or attractive array? What did he say about titles of honor? Does this not include titles that we hear so often today: "Rev.," "D. D.," etc.

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#### THURSDAY: THE LAST DAY WITH THE DISCIPLES

Sunday, May 24, 1942.

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

May 18 to 23.

M. The upper room Luke 22:7-13.

T. The Lord's Supper Luke 22:14-20.

W. The betrayer John 13:21-30.

T. Peter's denial foretold Luke 22:31-34.

F. The bread of life John 6:41-51.

S. Reverence for the Supper 1 Cor. 11:27-34.

Printed Portion ..... Luke 22:14-30.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Golden Text: "This do in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19.

Practical Truth: "The Lord's Supper is an enduring memorial of Christ's death for the world (sinners)."

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The subject of the last observance of the Passover Supper and the instituting of the Lord's Supper and Feet

Washing is a familiar subject to most of us, so we believe it is unnecessary to comment on it here. This same lesson was studied last year, and if you have the 1941 Faith and Victory papers these comments can be found in the March issue. It is important that we know why Jesus instituted the new ordinances, but comments upon the subject are not as valuable as the observance of it in the proper way. So let us observe it in the spirit of Him who instituted it.

The path of humility was the only one traveled by Jesus while here on earth, and those who are going another way are not following in his steps who did no sin neither was guile found in his mouth. Striving for pre-eminence is a characteristic of the Gentile (unregenerated heart) and not of one who is crucified with Christ; and it will only result in denial of help and blessings from God. There are examples in the Bible of people who could have been great but were humbled and rejected of God because they became great in their own sight. Can you name some?

The second temptation which came to Jesus in the wilderness was Satan's offer of all the kingdoms of the world. Think what would have happened if he had yielded. Many who have once been part of the Church of God have suffered hunger and various kinds of hardships rather than to yield to Satan's offer of food; but, alas! have yielded to the second temptation, the kingdoms of the world—worldly honor.

Christ urged his disciples to seek a life of service and not one of greatness. They had been faithful to follow him during his life of fleshly privations and temptations of various kinds when others rejected him. He expressed his gratitude for their fidelity and promised a reward—partaking of the heavenly feast in the kingdom ("the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."), sitting on thrones (positions or places of authority), judging the tribes of Israel. It was their privilege to speak and write the Word of God (New Testament) which is a savor of life unto life or of death unto death—preliminary judgment.

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#### FRIDAY: THE DAY OF SUFFERING

Sunday, May 31, 1942.

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

May 25 to 30

- M. Thy will be done Mark 14:32-42.
- T. The betrayal Matt. 26:47-56.
- W. Jesus arrested Mark 14:53-56.
- T. The basis of the accusation Luke 23:1-9.
- F. Jesus condemned Mark 15:1-15.
- S. The will of God Heb 10:1-10.

Printed Portion ..... Mark 14:32-34, 44-46; 15:1-5.

Mark 14:32. And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

33. And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy;

34. And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.

44. And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him and lead him away safely.

45. And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Master, Master; and kissed him.

46. And they laid their hands on him, and took him.

15:1. And straightway in the morning the chief priests he'd a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him

away, and delivered him to Pilate.

2. And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering said unto him, Thou sayest it.

3. And the chief priests accused him of many things: but he answered nothing.

4. And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee.

5. But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled.

Golden Text: "Not my will, but thine, be done." Luke 22:42.

Practical Truth: Christ was willing to endure suffering and shame in our behalf.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Perhaps Jesus could have selected a new place for prayer that night—one unknown to Judas, and his enemies could not have found him; but he had not come to this world to hide from Satan, but to overcome him. God had power to deliver his Son out of Satan's hands, but it was his plan that his Son should suffer for the sins of the world that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, and now the hour had come for the fulfillment of that for which he had come into the world, so why run from it? He had trained his followers, openly rebuked Satan and destroyed much of his work, fulfilled types and prophecies, and now the only part of his mission to earth that remained was endurance. It was the hour of his enemies and the power of darkness, and Satan's wrath poured out upon him. Neither could he have the consolation in this hour of suffering that others have had—the presence of Jesus in the trial. He had to go through it alone. He was taking the place of sinners, or bearing their punishment for them, and their punishment was separation from God. So it was that during the time when he was being crucified that God could not look upon him, who had been made sin for us. None other can cry as he did, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" If we can say "MY God," we have the promise that he will never leave us nor forsake us. We shall study Jesus' sufferings in the next lesson but these things are mentioned here to show why his soul was exceedingly sorrowful unto death. God in mercy hides our future sufferings from us, but Jesus knew before they came what his sufferings would be.

We never think of Judas in connection with anything that is good; but always as a thief or a traitor. Truly, it had been better for him had he never been born, and his unhappy ending should serve as a red-light signal to all who would follow in his steps today. Satan and his agents are still offering their price to anyone who will sell or betray Jesus. Sometimes His servants sell Him for less than thirty pieces of silver. They sell Him for a little worldly pleasure, worldly honor, work, money, unwillingness to forgive others, to get revenge on another, etc. Regardless of the price, the offence is the same in the case of present-day Judases as it was in this Judas. Jesus is worth more than any price the devil can pay for him.

The chief accusation brought against Jesus was that he claimed to be a king. He did not deny that he was, but said his kingdom was not of this world. If it had been he would not have been treated as he was. The Jews were waiting for a worldly king to come and break the Roman yoke and would have helped him do it, but because he refused this honor and chose the humility of refusing to be of this world, and reproved their unfruitful works of darkness, the world hated him.

# BIBLE LESSONS

AUGUST, 1942.

## ABRAM: A PIONEER IN FAITH

Sunday, August 2, 1942.

### Daily Readings and Meditations

July 27 to August 1.

- M. Pioneering in Faith Gen. 12:1-9.
- T. God's covenant with Abram Gen. 17:1-9.
- W. God keeps his covenant Acts 7:1-10.
- T. The triumph of faith Heb. 11:8-12.
- F. Obeying God's call Mark 2:13-17.
- S. Justified by faith Rom. 4:1-8.

Printed Portion .....Gen. 12:1-9; Heb. 11:8-12.

Gen. 12:1. Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3. And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee; and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4. So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

5. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

6. And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh, And the Canaanite was then in the land.

7. And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.

8. And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord.

9. And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

Heb. 11:8. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

9. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

10. For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

11. Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

12. Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea-shore innumerable.

Golden Text: "Fear not Abram: I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward." Gen. 15:1.

Practical Truth: True faith in God, such as led Abraham to a strange land, will help to make one's religious experience vital, and will lead to spiritual conquests.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The design of scripture is not to give us a record of the great and noble deeds of the patriarchs and others, and the rise and fall of earthly kingdoms; but it is to show us how God has dealt with the human race to accomplish His purpose.

Our last Sunday's lesson took place just after the flood which had destroyed those who had forgotten God and given free vent to their fleshly lusts. In it God promised not to destroy all flesh again with a flood. But sin was still in the heart of man leading him along the downward road, and they soon forgot God again.

The call of Abram was a spiritual revival. God chose him to be the ancestor of the children of faith, and the founder of the Jewish nation which He used to illustrate His providence and grace.

Obedience to God's call meant that Abram must sever connections with all that he held dear in this world and move out on the promises of God. According to outward appearances, no temporal reward could come from such a course, but Abram believed God, who had promised to make of him a great nation, and confer great blessings upon him. In this short space we cannot explain all that we understand that this promise implied; but briefly, it meant that all the nations of the world would be blessed by the coming Messiah, who would be Abraham's posterity. Even unsaved people can realize some of the blessings which the nations of the world enjoy because of the coming of Christ, but only the saved can realize how much his coming meant in giving "whosoever will" freedom from the bondage of sin. Do you wonder how this could have been a blessing to Abram? The rewards of his faith consisted partly in his receiving the fulfillment of the promises in which he believed, though some of the promises could be fulfilled only after his death. It is written, "It is more blessed to give than receive." To Abram was given the great privilege of conferring this great blessing upon others. A true child of God receives his greatest comfort and happiness from the knowledge that he is being used of God for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God and the good of precious souls.

His name was changed from Abram, which means a high father, to Abraham, which means the father of a multitude.

The country to which he was called is typical of the spiritual country which God's children possess today. Abram had two calls. In obedience to the first, he with his father and other relatives left Ur, the country of idol worshippers and moved as far as Haran which was a move toward Canaan, but his father died and evidently his relatives were content to settle there, so God called Abram to move on to the land of Canaan. People today must leave sin, the country of idol worshippers, then they are justified; but they must make another move, leave all behind and go to the land of Canaan, then they are sanctified. Obedience to God involves hardship and sacrifice, but rewards received from Him more than compensate for these. As Paul said, "The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

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### ABRAHAM'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Sunday August 9, 1942.

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

August 3 to 8.

- M. Abraham prays for Sodom Gen. 18:23-33.
- T. Daniel's intercessory prayer Dan. 9:15-19.
- W. Value of intercessory prayer James 5:13-18.
- T. Prayer for wisdom in a church Eph. 1:15-23.
- F. Intercession for love in the church Phil. 1:3-11.
- S. Christ's intercession for his disciples John 17:9-15.

Printed Portion .....Genesis 18:23-33.

Gen 18:23. And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24. Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city; wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

25. That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

26. And the Lord said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

27. And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes:

28. Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five: And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it.

29. And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there, And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake.

30. And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

31. And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.

32. And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

33. And the Lord went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

**Golden Text:** "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16.

**Practical Truth:** Prayer in behalf of others is unselfish praying and has an influence upon God.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The incidents in today's lesson took place about three hundred years after last Sunday's. Many things had happened, but Abraham loved God and according to Rom. 8:28, "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose"; so all things had worked together for good to Abraham. In all his trials his generosity, courage and faithfulness to God were revealed.

The Lord temporarily appeared to Abraham in human form to tell him that He was about to destroy the wicked cities, Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham had lived for God faithfully and now God would not hide from him the thing which he intended to do. "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him." For the sake of the righteous and the honest-hearted, God bears with the nations until they become so corrupt that He can stand it no longer. History reveals to us the fact that the fall of great nations has been brought about by their own corruptions. The wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah had grown so great that it had become proverbial. "Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous" they are represented as crying to God for vengeance.

Abraham drew near to God and offered the intercessory prayer recorded in this lesson. Can we not learn a good lesson from this? Even though we live for God and serve Him, there are times when we must draw near to Him. For what purpose could we more profitably draw near to Him than to ask Him to have mercy and spare the righteous in the present crisis when the people of the world are being destroyed because of wickedness? Read again the words of the Golden Text and come more frequently to the throne of grace, for prayer alone can save America. The sins of America are loudly calling to Heaven for punishment, and it will certainly be sorely punished unless there are enough Abrahams to intercede.

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### ISAAC PRACTICES PEACE

Sunday, August 16, 1942.

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

August 10 to 15.

- M. Isaac practices peace Gen. 26:18-25.
- T. A treaty of peace Gen. 26:26-33.
- W. Blessings of peace 1 Pet. 3:8-12.
- T. Love to enemies Matt. 5:38-48.
- F. Peace in the church Psalms 122:1-9.
- S. Peace in the heart Col. 3:12-17.

Printed Portion .....Genesis 26:18-31.

Gen. 26:18. And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

19. And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.

20. And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him.

21. And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah.

22. And he removed from thence, and digged another

well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

23. And he went up from thence to Beersheba.

24. And the Lord appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

25. And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the Lord, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

26. Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army.

27. And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?

28. And they said, We saw certainly that the Lord was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee:

29. That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now the blessed of the Lord.

30. And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink.

31. And they rose up betimes in the morning, and swore one to another: and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

Golden Text: "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." Matt. 5:9.

Practical Truth: It is worth while to make sacrifices in order to live peaceably.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Seven chapters of Genesis are between last Sunday's lesson and today's. Some important events are recorded in these chapters, and probably the most important is the birth of Isaac, the son that God had promised to Abraham.

The Bible does not give as much space to record the deeds of Isaac as it does the other Patriarchs, but enough is given to show God's dealings with him, and to show that his promises to Abraham were slowly (as man would count slowness) but surely being fulfilled.

God blessed Isaac and caused him to prosper in a material way. But prosperity had its dark side even as it does today. It made him a mark of envy. The Philistines envied him and carried their envy into action by filling the wells that he had inherited from his father with earth, which was contrary to the covenant they had made with Abraham. But Isaac was patient and peaceful in the midst of these persecutions. When persecuted in one place, he would move to another, and the Lord stayed with him.

It takes more courage to practice peace than it does to fight back and try to get even when persecuted. But strife is costly and Isaac took the sensible and godly course. In olden days when a feud would start, oftentimes whole tribes were wiped out by those who tried to get even. But Isaac's method of dealing with his enemies finally won them. They were at last tired of their mischief and asked for a treaty.

Let us as children of God, learn a lesson from this. When one serves the Lord, he will be persecuted by the enemy's servants in many different ways. Jesus warned his disciples over and over again to expect persecutions, so we should not be surprised when they come. But

we do need to live close to the Lord and read his word to find out how to deal with those who persecute us. Jesus told us to be as wise as serpents and harmless as doves, and when we are persecuted in one city to flee to another. He gives us the privilege of fleeing to avoid trouble, but never to fight back. He will fight our battles for us if we hold our peace. When we have been tried sufficiently, our enemies will become weary of persecuting and, like the Philistines, when they see God is with us, they will realize we are stronger than they and desire a treaty with us that we will not harm them.

Read again the story of the three Hebrew children who were thrown into the fiery furnace in Daniel 3rd chapter.

#### JACOB'S VISION OF GOD Sunday, August 23, 1942.

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

August 17 to 22.

- M. Jacob's vision Gen. 28:10-17.
- T. Jacob's vow Gen. 28:18-22.
- W. God's omnipresence Psa. 139:1-10.
- T. Finding God Acts 17:22-28.
- F. Joy in God's presence Psa. 16:1-11.
- S. Saul's vision Acts 9:1-9.

Printed Portion .....Genesis 28:10-22.

Gen. 28:10. And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

11. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows and lay down in that place to sleep.

12. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13. And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

14. And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all families of the earth be blessed.

15. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

16. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not.

17. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18. And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19. And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at first.

20. And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

21. So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God:

22. And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

Golden Text: "I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest." Gen. 28:15.

**Practical Truth:** A sense of the presence of God gives added meaning and inspiration to life.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In our lesson today we find Jacob on his journey where his foreparents lived. Because Jacob had deceived Esau concerning his birthright, fear came upon him and his mother thought he might be put to death by his brother so his mother made arrangements with his father that Jacob should go back to his own people to choose a wife. This seemed to Isaac a good idea so he immediately bade Jacob to depart on his journey.

Jacob took no camel to ride nor servants to accompany him so he must have become weary and lonesome. In this condition we find him in our lesson. Night overtook him and with a stone for a pillow, yet he was in plain view of God's eye. Truly God's eye runs to and fro throughout the whole earth. Also he never sleeps nor slumbers.

The vision—Without vision God's people perish. A vision of Jesus, his love, compassion and tender mercies surely will help and inspire us to press on.

Think of Stephen's vision, also Paul's and many others of the disciples.

While it is good to know of the vision of these men and receive courage from them, yet the real question is: How is our vision? have our spiritual eyes become dim?

John said, "Behold the Lamb of God." Thank God, with the eye of faith we NOW behold him in all his glory and power. We see a king seated at the right hand of God making intercession for us. Our high priest can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities.

One of these days the cord which holds us here will be loosed and we will soar away to meet our Saviour and these visions will turn into realities.

Sunday, August 30, 1942.

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

August 24 to 29.

- M. Jacob's distress Gen. 32:1-8.
- T. Jacob's prayer for help Gen. 32:9-12.
- W. Gideon's prayer for help Judg. 6:36-40.
- T. Samuel's prayer for help 1 Sam. 7:5-11.
- F. Prayer and trust Psalms 27:1-6.
- S. God the deliverer Psalms 34:1-9.

Printed Portion .....Genesis 32:2-12, 27-29.

Gen. 32:2. And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

3. And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

4. And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now:

5. And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and men-servants, and womenservants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight.

6. And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.

7. Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed, and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands;

8. And said, If Esau come to one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.

9. And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and

God of my father Isaac, the Lord which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:

10. I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.

11. Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children.

12. And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

27. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

28. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29. And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

**Golden Text:** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalms 46:1.

**Practical Truth:** Man's extremity is God's opportunity.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jacob had in this lesson come to the crisis in his life. He had just escaped from the persecutions of his father-in-law and now was soon to meet with the one whom he had stolen his father's blessing and bought his birthright. To all appearances he would be a fiercer enemy and much harder to deal with than his father-in-law had been, for he sought his life. But he feared God and the angel of the Lord encamped round about him. Human strength amounts to nothing when the Lord sends his forces against it. At the time when he most needed it God allowed him to see the forces that were on his side. "The angels of God met him," to give assurance of God's protection and guidance, for he was soon to need it. Often God sends a special blessing to his children when a great trial is just ahead.

When informed that his brother was coming to meet him with a large force, two forces met within the heart of Jacob: fear of man and trust in God. These two cannot long dwell in the same heart, for one will give way to or overcome the other.

Jacob did all he knew to do in his desperate situation, then, left alone with God sought the needed help from Him. He appealed to him as the covenant God and Father, he pleaded God's gracious promise to himself that he would deal well with him, and confessed his own unworthiness and God's goodness. To remind God of his promises is one of the privileges of prayer. Can you think of other Bible characters who did this?

The wrestling with the angel that night was primarily spiritual, but it also involved a physical struggle. God could have crushed his physical body, but he only touched his thigh and crippled him to give proof of his power and to show that he did not prevail because he would not as long as Jacob held on to him. It is God's way to allow mankind to prevail with Him until they have gained the victory. Jacob prevailed and secured the desired blessing. On his death bed he said, "The angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads," so not only did he obtain the promise of help from God to prevail with man (his brother), but old things passed away and all things became new in his life. Jacob the "supplanter" became Israel, "He who striveth with God."

Have you ever prayed until you prayed through?